

Time : 3 hrs

MM : 80

**General Instructions :**

- i) Read the questions carefully.
- ii) Number the answers as given in the question paper.
- iii) Write the answers in a neat and clear handwriting.
- iv) Write the answers in complete sentences.

**SECTION-A (READING)**

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (7)

Arun was really annoyed when all his efforts proved to be futile. He found it really difficult to pronounce the name of the mountain and asked his father to help. He said, "I wish there would not be any long words so that everyone could speak fluently." His father said, "There is nothing like that. Some of the most difficult words I have ever come across are really short." Arun asked, "Can you give any example?" Father replied, "A two letter word in English 'No' is one such word. We find it difficult to utter 'No' when it is most needed." Arun was surprised and said, "Oh Papa! Don't joke. It is one of the easiest words in English." He even repeated the word many times to prove that it was really easy. Arun's father said, "Well Arun, I wish you can speak it with the same ease when you actually ought to." The next morning Arun and Saurabh reached school. The boys come to know that their Science teacher was on leave. Saurabh offered to bunk the class and go to play cricket. He hoped that the teacher taking substitution would not notice their absence. Arun hesitated but couldn't say 'No'. He thought for a few seconds, felt tempted and finally joined Saurabh. Then something happened that the boys could never imagine. The substitution teacher marked the attendance and found Arun and Saurabh missing from the class. The two were taken to the task and were suspended for one week. The principal even called their parents and gave a warning to the boys. Arun's father said, "I hope you must have understood what I had said. It is difficult to say 'No' at times. Learn to speak the correct words at the right time."

- (a) Why was Arun annoyed? (1)
- (b) What was Arun's father's view about the difficult words? (1)
- (c) What did Saurabh plan to do? (1)
- (d) Why couldn't Arun refuse to play? (1)
- (e) What was the punishment given to the boys? (1)
- (f) The passage conveys an important message. Write it down in your own words. (1)
- (g) Find the words from the passage that mean the same as the given phrases :
  - (i) slightly angry
  - (ii) speaking smoothly and readily (2x½=1)

Q2. Read the given poem and answer the questions that follow :

(6)

I'm in bed with fever

but the fever's not high.

Beside my bed is a window,

and I like looking out at all

that's happening around me.

The cherry leaves are turning dark green

On the maple tree, winged seeds spin round and round.

There is fruit on the wild blackberry bushes.

Two mynah birds are building a nest in a hole

They are very noisy about it

Bits of grass keep falling on the windowsill

High up in the spruce tree, a hawk cuckoo calls :

'I slept so well. I slept so well!'

When the hawk cuckoo is awake, no one else sleeps.

That's why it's also known as the fever bird.

A small squirrel climbs on the windowsill

He's been coming every day since I've been ill

and I give him crumbs from my tray

A boy on a mule passes by on the rough mountain track

He sees my face at the window

and waves to me. I wave back to him.

When I'm better I'll ask him

to let me ride his mule.

(a) Why was the poet in bed?

(1)

(b) What were the two mynah birds doing?

(1)

(c) Why is the hawk cuckoo known as the 'fever bird'?

(1)

(d) Who came to see the poet daily and why?

(1)

(e) What did the poet decide to do when he would recover?

(1)

(f) Find the words from the passage that mean the same as the phrases given below:

(2x½=1)

(i) making a lot of noise

(ii) small fragments of bread etc.

### SECTION-B (WRITING)

Q3. Your friend eats a lot of junk food and falls ill very often. Write a letter telling your friend about the harmful effects of junk food and advise him/her to eat healthy food.

(5)

Q4. As a correspondent of a leading newspaper write a report in about 150 words about the bank robbery that took place in the Karol Bagh area last evening.

(5)

Q5. You plan to open a grocery store in your area. Draft an advertisement to inform the people offering discount on various products along with some special inaugural schemes.

(4)

### SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q6. Fill in the blanks with the correct pronoun from the bracket : (4x½=2)
- (a) You are two years older than \_\_\_\_\_. (I/me)
  - (b) I practise \_\_\_\_\_ (that/what) I preach.
  - (c) My answer is the same \_\_\_\_\_ (that/as) yours.
  - (d) This is the horse \_\_\_\_\_ (who/that) won the race. (2x1=2)
- Q7. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (2x1=2)
- (a) Mr. Vajpayee is \_\_\_\_\_ first Indian leader who delivered \_\_\_\_\_ interesting speech in Hindi in the United Nations.
  - (b) She was \_\_\_\_\_ African by birth not \_\_\_\_\_ European. (2x1=2)
- Q8. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences : (2x1=2)
- (a) before / that / tidy / is / room / you / ensure / the / leave.
  - (b) citizen / rules / always / good / a / follows / the / of / country / the
- Q9. Change the underlined nouns into their plural form : (6x½=3)
- (a) My mother kept the sharp knife in the cupboard.
  - (b) The child was amazed to see the new aircraft.
- Q10. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : (3x1=3)
- Once a fox saw a crow sitting \_\_\_\_\_ a tree. The crow had a piece \_\_\_\_\_ cheese \_\_\_\_\_ its beak. The fox hit \_\_\_\_\_ a plan. He praised the crow \_\_\_\_\_ his sweet voice and asked him to sing a song \_\_\_\_\_ him.
- Q11. Change the following active sentences into passive voice : (2x1=2)
- (a) The guide has taken the tourists to a fort.
  - (b) Everyone regarded my father as the wisest person of our colony.
  - (c) The boys are watching the movie with great interest.
- Q12. Add suitable question tags to the given sentences : (2x1=2)
- (a) It was wonderful to watch her dancing on the stage.
  - (b) They didn't attend the workshop.
- Q13. Fill in the blanks with suitable quantifiers : (4x½=2)
- (a) Go and get \_\_\_\_\_ salt. You haven't put \_\_\_\_\_ in the vegetables.
  - (b) There isn't \_\_\_\_\_ hope of his success as he is facing \_\_\_\_\_ problems and is not able to cope with them.
- Q14. Fill in the blanks with suitable oxymorons : (3x1=3)
- (a) Their project work was almost \_\_\_\_\_ by the end of the week.
  - (b) A terribly \_\_\_\_\_ performance was given by the troupe of dancers.
  - (c) Neha attempted all the three questions from the section of modern \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (d) Raman was described as a clever \_\_\_\_\_ by the judges.

### SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

- Q15. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : (3x1=3)
- (A) "Within a fortnight from today  
Two wings will bear me far away."



- (a) Name the poem from which the above lines have been taken and also name its poet.
- (b) Who is being addressed in the above lines?
- (c) What will happen to the speaker 'within a fortnight'?
- (B) "Can't you do your sewing some other time, Beeji? I am trying to study, you know Vandita is coming tonight." (3x1=3)
  - (a) Who is referred to as 'I' in the above lines?
  - (b) What was Beeji sewing?
  - (c) Why did the speaker want to study before Vandita's arrival?

Q16. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)

- (a) What all efforts were made by the Loiseles to find the necklace? What was the result of all those efforts?
- (b) Why did Gopal Bhand willingly take up the job assigned to Raja Krishnachandra? What two things did he ask for to complete the task?

Q17. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)

- (a) What impact does the poem 'Heal the World' create on the readers?
- (b) The poem 'Butterfly and the Caterpillar' conveys an important message. Write the message in your own words.

Q18. Answer the following question in 80-100 words : (5)

Gopal Bhand proved himself to be a witty and confident person in the lesson 'Counting the Stars'. Explain with reference to the text.

OR

Nandu realised the real worth of her grandmother when she was admitted to the hospital. Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer.

Q19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words : (2)

Why did the author agree for Luncheon at Foyot's when he was financially unstable?

Q20. Answer the following question in 70-80 words : (4)

What story did the old woman narrate to Mr. Otis about the bloodstains on the floor in the library?

OR

Both Mr. Johansen and Annemarie showed their presence of mind and saved Ellen. Elaborate with reference to the lesson 'Saving My Friend, Ellen'.

Q21. Answer the following question in 30-40 words : (3)

'Robinson Crusoe was a good sailor and a successful merchant.' What things made him so?

Q22. Answer the following question in 80-100 words : (5)

Robinson was made a slave by the captain. How did he manage to escape?

OR

Being left alone on the island, Robinson started growing his own food. How did he grow and make his own food?