

Time : 3 Hrs.

M.M.: 80

General Instructions :

1. Read the questions carefully.
2. Number the answers as given in the question paper.
3. Write in a neat and clear handwriting.
4. Write the answers in complete sentences.

SECTION-A (READING)

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

Maniratan had never been to school and was really afraid of this strange place. He didn't even send his son, Madhav to a school. Once Madhav was going to take the cattle into the field when he stopped in front of a school. He looked through the walls of the school. Inside, he saw a strange sight. The boys and girls were sitting on the floor in rows and the teacher was making strange marks on a big blackboard with a small white stick. He thought, "Staying at school must be better than staying at home or watching the cows. That's why these children like to come to school." He decided to observe those children for few days and find the secret of their happiness. So, one day when his mother was busy, he secretly slipped away and rushed to the school. He followed the same routine everyday and after two months, he could read and write a little. Next month, Maniratan suffered a great loss and had to borrow some money from his friend Nathu. Nathu showed a paper to Maniratan and said, "It says that I am lending you fifty rupees and you will pay me two rupees a month until you can pay back all the money." Madhav cried immediately, "Father, it's not true. I've been to school and I've learned to read and write. This paper says that in return for one hundred rupees, you agree to pay an interest of five rupees a month until you can pay back all the money." Maniratan was shocked to hear this. Then he decided to send Madhav to school regularly.

- (a) What did Madhav see inside the walls of the school? (1)
- (b) According to Madhav, why did the children like to go to school? (1)
- (c) Why did Madhav decide to go to school secretly? (1)
- (d) What did Nathu tell Maniratan about the deal mentioned on the paper? (1)

- (e) How did Madhav save his father from being cheated by Nathu? (1)
- (f) What did Maniratan decide to do at the end? (1)
- (g) Find the opposites of the given words from the passage : (2x½=1)
- (i) familiar (ii) borrow

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow : (6)

Oh tree, Why do you grow so tall
way up there in the sky?

Man, I love the heights that are clean and free
where the lonely eagles fly and the geese go by.

Oh tree, What do you use for food
to make you grow and grow?

Man, I live on a diet of nature's best from my
roots deep down below; I never go hungry

I wait and wait for the rain and snow.

Oh tree, How do you grow so strong?

Man, I live in the light of the sunshine and yearn
for the sky's deep blue; the clean sweet air
and the cold winds help me too.

Oh tree, How do you live so long, so longer than man?

Man, I've geared my days with the creator's ways
since ever the world began.

There is no death when life keeps faith with nature's
wonderful plan.

- (a) Why does the tree grow so tall? (1)
- (b) What does the tree eat? (1)
- (c) List two factors that help the tree to grow strong. (1)
- (d) Who has a longer life-span – a tree or a man? Why? (1)
- (e) What do you learn from this poem? (1)
- (f) Find words from the poem that mean the same as following : (2x½=1)
- (i) trust or belief (ii) solitary and alone

SECTION-B (WRITING)

- Q3. Mobile phones have become an instrument of gossip instead of being an important source of communication. Using this idea write an article in about 100-120 words on advantages and disadvantages of mobile phones. (5)
- Q4. Your school has invited an American troupe to stage Shakespeare's play 'Hamlet'. As the head of the 'Dramatic Society' of your school, write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the same. (5)
- Q5. You are the Head girl/Head boy of your school. Write an e-mail to the famous painter of your town, Mr. Ajit Roy inviting him to judge the Inter-house Painting Competition going to be organised in your school. (4)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q6. Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronouns : (4x½=2)
- This is the bank _____ was robbed yesterday. The robber _____ entered the bank had two pistols. He asked the cashier to put the money in a huge bag _____ his companion was holding. He even shot a man _____ mobile was ringing at that time.
- Q7. Complete the given passage with the help of suitable conjunctions : (4x½=2)
- A show was organised in the school auditorium. The parents _____ the guests were seated. The lights were switched off _____ the programme was about to begin. Children from primary classes presented a folk song _____ the seniors presented a play. _____ the function started a little late, it was a spectacular show.
- Q8. Fill in the blanks with suitable adjectives formed from the words given in brackets: (2x1=2)
- (a) Ruby and emerald are _____ stones. (price)
- (b) Nuclear explosion is not a _____ calamity. So, we can avoid it. (nature)
- Q9. Rewrite the sentences using the adverbs in the correct position : (2x1=2)
- (a) Let the farmers rest a little as they have finished ploughing the fields now. (just)
- (b) My mother is the only person on whom I can rely. (always)

Q10. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate past forms of the verbs given in brackets: (4x½=2)

The patients _____ (wait) for an hour for the doctor to arrive. The receptionist _____ (write) their names in order and _____ (say) that the doctor would reach any moment. Most of the people waiting there _____ (be) busy on their mobiles.

Q11. Change the following sentences as directed in the brackets : (2x1=2)

(a) Ira said, "Meghna has invited us to her sister's marriage". (change into indirect speech)

(b) The students said that they were preparing new models for the Science exhibition. (change into direct speech)

Q12. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : (4x½=2)

(a) My brother travels _____ Delhi and Jaipur for business purpose.

(b) The government has decided to build a bridge _____ the river.

(c) The carpenter worked hard _____ morning till night.

(d) Can you tell me the answer _____ this question?

Q13. Complete the following sentences : (2x1=2)

(a) A sack of cabbages _____.

(b) _____ is a famous monument.

Q14. Complete the given passage with the help of suitable articles : (4x½=2)

_____ new Chief Minister promised to put _____ end to the corruption. He even called _____ press conference to declare _____ strategies to be followed.

Q15. Change the degree of adjectives as directed without changing the meaning of the sentences : (2x1=2)

(a) Sports is more interesting than politics. (positive degree)

(b) That was the funniest film I have ever seen. (comparative degree)

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

(A) 'And, as he sipped and drank his share
Of honey from the flowered air.'

(3x1=3)

- (a) Who is referred to as 'he' in the above lines?
 - (b) Where was 'he' sitting?
 - (c) How did he react when he saw a caterpillar sitting on the garden wall?
- (B) "Will you please step in here, Sir? Mr. Rowland wasn't expecting you so soon."
- (3x1=3)
- (a) Name the speaker in the above lines.
 - (b) Who was Mr. Rowland expecting and why?
 - (c) What did the speaker ask the guest to do?

Q17. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words :

(2x2=4)

- (a) The lesson 'The Man Who Could Work Miracles' describes a number of miracles performed by Mr. Fotheringay. According to Mr. Fotheringay, what was a miracle?
- (b) In the beginning of the story 'The Rowland Ruby' a visitor entered Mr. Rowland's house. Who was he and how did he get rid of the butler?

Q18. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words :

(2x2=4)

- (a) In the poem 'The Butterfly and the Caterpillar' the butterfly felt that the caterpillar was ugly and disgusting. What argument did the caterpillar give to defend himself?
- (b) 'If' is a lovely poem by Rudyard Kipling. What message is conveyed through the poem?

Q19. Answer the given question in 80-100 words :

(5)

Mr. Fotheringay is the protagonist of the story 'The Man Who Could Work Miracles'. Write a detailed account of Mr. Fotheringay's qualities mentioned in the story.

OR

The story 'The Rowland Ruby' revolves around a precious gemstone which was about to be stolen by the crooks. What kind of a stone was it? How did the crooks come to know about it and what plan did they make to steal it?

(B-5)

Q20. Answer the following question in 30-40 words : (2)

In the beginning of the story 'The Seventeen Oranges', the narrator relished eating oranges but started hating them at the end. What brought this change in his liking?

Q21. Answer the given question in 80-100 words : (4)

The little children are fascinated by the work the grown-ups do. What does the child in the poem 'I Wish I Were' want to become when he grows up and why?

OR

Odysseus and his companions were captured by Polyphemus but Odysseus made a clever plan to escape from there. What plan did he make and how did he execute it?

Q22. Answer the following question in 30-40 words : (3)

Robinson offered to save the captain of the English ship but put few conditions to do so. What were those conditions?

Q23. Answer the given question in 80-100 words : (5)

How did Robinson recapture his ship and reach back home after thirty five years?

OR

Robinson was delighted to have Friday as his friend and servant. How did Crusoe save him from the savages?