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ENGLISH

SET - A

(202)

Time : **3** Hours] [Maximum Marks : **100**

Note : (1) This question paper has **four** sections : A, B, C and D.
(2) All the questions are **compulsory** except those where internal choice is given.

SECTION - A : Reading

Marks : 15

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the best option provided below questions (i) and (ii). **8**

One afternoon, some fishermen were passing by a pond and found it full of fish. Since they were already returning after catching fish they decided to come back the next morning. Three fish were swimming on the surface when they heard the fishermen discuss their plans.

The first fish panicked. She assembled all other fish and told them what they had heard. She said, "Tomorrow morning the fishermen will arrive to catch us. It will not be wise for anybody to stay here any longer ! I will leave with my family at the earliest." The second fish agreed, "I shall follow you my friend for what you say is correct. It will be unwise to remain here anymore !"

But the third fish disagreed. He laughed at the two fish, and said, "See how cowardly these two are ! This pond belonged to our forefathers, and it is our home now. For so long no harm has ever come to the fish of this pond. Moreover, if death has to come, let us rather die bravely in our own home !".

Thus, the fish got divided into two groups. The group that wanted to stay laughed at the other group. However, by evening, the families and followers of the first two fish started their journey to a different pond through a small outlet.

The next morning the fishermen arrived as they had planned, and trapped all the fish that remained in the pond. Not a single fish was spared, and the fishermen were overjoyed with the big haul of fish that they had caught.

(i) The three fish came to know of the fishermen's plan when : **1**

(A) they met the fishermen (B) they overheard their plans
(C) the fishermen told them (D) the fishermen caught them

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(ii) The first fish was _____. 1

(A) foolish (B) coward

(C) weak (D) wise

(iii) Why did the third fish not want to leave the pond ? Give 2 reasons. 2

(iv) Who was the wisest ? Give a reason. 1

(v) What lesson do you learn from the story ? 1

(vi) Find words in the passage which mean the same as : 2

(a) Bring together.

(b) Members of your family who lived before you.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the best option provided below questions (i) and (ii). 7

Once, a guru who was walking along with his disciples, noticed an old woman carrying a heavy load on her back. The bag on her back was very heavy and she was walking painfully. She could hardly walk. The guru did not ask any of his disciples to help the woman. Instead he himself walked up to the woman and said, "Let me carry your load for you." The woman did not know who it was who volunteered to carry her heavy load. She had tears in her eyes and gladly gave the load to the guru. The guru carried the load on his back with a smile, and accompanied her up to her cottage. He then took out a silver coin. Giving it to the woman, he said, "Mother, please bless me."

The guru showed true nobility of the heart. The ones who are truly great are humble like the guru. We too must resolve to serve those who are needy. We must be gentle and kind to all forms of life-human and animal. The greatest happiness comes from wiping the tears of the poor or feeding the hungry, giving water to the thirsty or helping the weak and sick. At night before going to sleep we must ask ourselves if we have done any good deed that day. We must also reflect upon the teachings of great leaders and thinkers like Mahatma Gandhi, Swami Vivekanand and Shri Aurobindo. If we follow in their footsteps we will find ourselves better human beings.

(i) The guru carried the old woman's load because : 1

(A) he thought she needed help in carrying it.

(B) he wanted to teach his followers a lesson.

(C) she was crying for help but no one cared.

(D) she asked him for help in carrying it.

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(ii) Why did the guru give a silver coin to the woman ? **1**

(A) He wanted to show the woman that he was kind.

(B) He wanted to help her as she was poor.

(C) He wanted to be blessed by her.

(D) He had many silver coins with him.

(iii) What lesson does the behaviour of the guru teach us ? **1**

(iv) Write any two ways in which we can give happiness to others. **2**

(v) Why does the writer say : "At night before going to sleep we must ask ourselves if we have done any good deed that day." ? **1**

(vi) Find a word in the passage which means the same as: fate **1**

SECTION - B : (Writing)

Marks : 25

3. Read the telephone conversation given below : **4**

Shyama	:	May I speak with Taruna ?
Arun (Taruna's brother)	:	I'm afraid she is not at home. She has gone to her aunt's house.
Shyama	:	When will she be back ?
Arun	:	She'll be back tomorrow.
Shyama	:	Please inform her that our inter - school English play competition will be held at Government Senior Secondary School, Naraina on 15th April. She has to attend rehearsal for the play on Saturday at 10.00 am. in the school.
Arun	:	Thanks Shyama. I'll leave a message for her.

You are Arun, Taruna's brother. Write a brief message to be left for Taruna.

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4. You live in Jaipur. Your school celebrated its annual day on 20th January. The chief guest was the well-known writer, Chetan Bhagat. The principal presented the annual report and prizes were given away for academics and sports. The school students presented a cultural show which everyone liked. 7

You are Ashok. Write a report of the annual day celebrations of the school in about 100 words for publication in the local newspaper.

5. You live in Shakarpur in Delhi. The colony is not clean. Garbage is seen lying here and there. Write a letter to the President of the Residents' Welfare Association of your colony complaining about lack of cleanliness in your colony and making a few suggestions for its cleanliness. You are Ravina. 7

Your letter should cover the following points :

- overflowing garbage dumps
- dirty streets, market and drains
- steps RWA and residents should take
- refer to Swachch Bharat

6. Given below are three situations. Choose **any one** situation and write a paragraph on it in about **100** words : 7

(a) You visited a shopping mall/shopping complex/busy market with your friends. It was New Year's Day and the shops were beautifully decorated. Write a paragraph describing the decorations, people and activities there.

(b) You are very fond of playing games and win many prizes. Write a paragraph about the enjoyment games give you and your future plans to take up sports as your career.

(c) One day while walking to the bus stop, you met a boy who told you about his family problems. Describe your experience of meeting the boy and what you did to help that boy in a paragraph.

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SECTION - C : (Grammar)

Marks : 30

7. (a) Read the following paragraph. Rewrite the paragraph by filling in the blanks. The first sentence of the report is given for you as an example : **3**

Whenever you face hurdles in your path, or you face difficult problems, look for God's help. To cross the hurdles of life you need inner strength. You can get this strength by appealing to God for his help. You must ask him to give you strength. After that you must make efforts to overcome your fears.

Whenever you face hurdles in your path, or difficult problems are faced by you (example), look for God's help. Inner strength (i) _____ of life. You can get this strength if an appeal is made to God for his help. He must be (ii) _____ strength. Efforts (iii) _____ to overcome your fears.

(b) Rewrite the following pairs of sentences by combining each pair to one sentence. Use the appropriate words chosen from the ones given in the box. One has been done as an example for you. **3**

(**Note :** there are more words than you may require. You may have to make some changes in the sentence.)

as soon as, because, when, in order to

Example : (a) I could do well in my examinations.

(b) My mother guided me.

I could do well in my examinations because my mother guided me.

(i) (a) I set off on a trip to Manali.

(b) My summer vacation started.

(ii) (a) We are planning a trip to Kerala.

(b) We will go to meet our relatives.

(iii) (a) The street play started.

(b) A big crowd gathered on the street.

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8. Read the following passage. There are some numbered blanks in it. For each blank four options have been provided. Choose the correct ones to fill in the blanks. The first blank has been filled as an example. **6**

One day while I was walking in the park, I noticed a (example) little girl. She was barefoot. There were (i) _____ people in the park but no one was looking at (ii) _____. The next day, I decided to go back to the park and see if the girl was still (iii) _____. She was in the park. I (iv) _____ walking towards her and noticed that her back was bent. Perhaps that was the reason why (v) _____ avoided her. I went closer to her and smiled (vi) _____ her. She too smiled at me.

E.g.	A	a	B	an	C	the	D	any
(i)	A	much	B	most	C	many	D	little
(ii)	A	she	B	him	C	them	D	her
(iii)	A	there	B	somewhere	C	here	D	anywhere
(iv)	A	began	B	begin	C	beginning	D	begins
(v)	A	anyone	B	someone	C	everyone	D	no one
(vi)	A	for	B	at	C	to	D	with

9. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks : **3**

Reena : It is my mother's birthday on 18th December.

Anila : (i) How _____ ?

Reena : I am planning to take her out for a movie.

Anila : (ii) Which _____ ?

Reena : I will take her to see the movie PK.

Anila : (iii) Who _____ ?

Reena : My father and sisters will also go with us.

10. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words. The first blank has been filled as an example. **3**

Anita and her friend are planning to meet their friends.

Anita : Let's arrange a get together of all our friends. We must meet them. (Example).

Saloni : Great idea ! But where (i) _____ we meet ?

Anita : We can meet at my house. I (ii) _____ ask mother to arrange some food for us.

Saloni : I (iii) _____ could also ask my mother to make a few dishes for us.

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11. You hear the following dialogue between Suman and her mother. Complete the report by filling in the blanks : **6**

Suman : Mother, I want to join some coaching classes.

Mother : Why ? You are intelligent and hard working.

Suman : But I need to get very high marks. And my teachers expect me to top.

Mother : In that case you should join Bansal's classes.

Suman : I think I'll do that.

Report

Suman told her mother that she (i) _____ coaching classes. Mother asked her (ii) _____ classes. Mother told her (iii) _____ and hard working. Suman replied that she (iv) _____ and her teachers expected her to top. At this mother (v) _____ Bansal's classes. Suman said - (vi) _____.

12. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets : **6**

The boys were playing cricket. Kirat bowled. Ramu hit the ball hard. It (i) _____ (fly) into the sky. Nobody could (ii) _____ (see) it. The fielders ran here and there (iii) _____ (search) for it. The umpire declared it was a six. But the ball could not be (iv) _____ (find) for a long time. Then, Snowy, Ramu's pet dog came running holding the ball in his mouth. He had (v) _____ (see) it fall in a pit. What a faithful dog! Everyone (vi) _____ (pat) Snowy.

SECTION - D : (Literature)

Marks : 30

13. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : **1x4=4**

Sticks and stones may break my bones

But words can also hurt me.

Sticks and stones break only skin

While words are ghosts that haunt me. (The Truth)

(a) What are the 2 ways in which people can get hurt ? **1**

(b) What is more painful ? **1**

(c) How do 'sticks and stones' and 'words' hurt us in different ways ? **1**

(d) Why are words more painful ? **1**

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14. Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each : **2x2=4**

(a) What do the weavers weave in the night ? How does it look ? (Indian Weavers)

(b) What is the main idea of the poem 'A Prayer for Healing' ?

15. Complete the following statements by choosing the correct option :

(i) The father says he has learnt to : **1**

(A) shake hands with an artificial smile.

(B) smile with his heart.

(C) welcome people warmly.

(D) help people who are in need. (Once Upon a Time)

(ii) In the poem 'Tall Trees' the trees behave like human beings because they _____. **1**

(A) care for the birds.

(B) stand on the ground.

(C) shine in the night.

(D) are tall like them. (Tall Trees)

16. Read the following passages carefully and answer the questions that follow : **1x4=4**

A little distance from the Tarnaka crossroad you come across a quiet house called Needa (refuge). Attached to it is a small school where in the afternoons, you will come across many little girls who are domestic servants, ready to read. This is no non-formal education centre. Education is a very serious business here. The girls get to write their public exams, some of them join residential schools and some others go for higher studies.

(Caring for Others)

(a) Where is the school located ? **1**

(b) Who comes to Needa in the afternoons ? **1**

(c) What is special about the school ? **1**

(d) Find a word from the passage which is the opposite of 'non-formal'. **1**

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17. They had dug it two years before because the only water tap in the colony was not enough for the slum's growing population. There had never been any money for a wall around the well. The mouth of the well had gradually widened as the soil and rocks on the sides fell in. The bottom was narrow, muddy and filled with weeds. The well was dangerous; but it had been there for so long that no one worried about it. **1x4=4**

(Kondiba-A Hero)

(a) What is 'it' in the first line ? **1**

(b) In what way was it dangerous ? **1**

(c) Why did people not worry about it ? **1**

(d) Find the word in the passage which is the opposite of 'broad'. **1**

18. Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate option given below : **3**

(i) Why did Kezia say, "What did God make fathers for" ? - (The Little Girl) **1**

(A) She wanted to be with her grandmother only.

(B) She wanted her father to spend all his time with her at home.

(C) She felt that he was very harsh and angry with her all the time.

(D) Father did not allow her to go to see her mother who was in hospital.

(ii) Young professionals help Janki Iyer at Anand Bharti by - (Caring for Others) **1**

(A) giving money.

(B) teaching there.

(C) raising funds.

(D) caring for children.

(iii) Jijabai agreed to see the three sadhus because they - (The Return of The Lion) **1**

(A) were poor men.

(B) had come from very far.

(C) brought news of Shivaji.

(D) brought news of Aurangzeb.

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19. Answer **any two** of the following questions in **30 - 40** words each : **2x2=4**

(a) What kind of life did Ustad Bismillah Khan lead in spite of being a famous man ? (Ustad Bismillah Khan)

(b) What are the things Neema's grandfather told her about the neem tree ? Write about any 2. (The Village Pharmacy)

(c) "Do not make fun of the weak and the small". Why did Lord Rama say this to the monkeys ? (How the Squirrel got his Stripes)

20. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about **100** words : **5**

How did Dr. Kurien's show that by cooperating and working together we can all prosper ?

(Cooperate and Prosper)

OR

What kind of person was the old stone mason ? Why did he say to Salim, 'I know you will become one of the best stone masons India will ever have.' ? (The Last stone Mason)

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