

**GENERAL ENGLISH**

Duration: 3 hours

Total marks: 75

Instructions: 1. All questions are compulsory. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Rewrite the following sentences in their correct form :

10 marks

- Some of the toys is broken.
- Help the poors.
- One should keep his promise.
- One of my favourite hobby is reading.
- I asked the way to him.
- What you would like to drink?
- She is senior than him.
- Lucy s lawyer like her father.
- It belongs to a friend of him.
- Put your coat on before you go out.

2. A. Change the following sentences into Indirect or Reported speech:

2 marks

- I said, "I am ill."
- Kiran said, "Man is mortal".

B. Change the following sentences into Direct Speech:

2 marks

- She admitted that she was mistaken.
- The teacher advised the students to work hard.

3 A) Change the following sentences into Passive voice:

2 marks

- He rang the bell.
- The boy flew the kite.

B) Change the following sentences into Active voice:

2 marks

- A book was written by me.
- The house was built by him.

4. Write a dialogue of about 15 lines on any one of the following situations:

5 marks

- Two friends discussing their ambition.

OR

- Two friends watching a cricket match in the stadium.

5. A. Answer any one of the following in about 300 words:

10 marks

- Explain the main themes of the novel 'Lord of the Flies'.
- Attempt a character sketch of Ralph.
- "Discuss the significance of the title of the novel " Lord of the Flies".

B. Answer any two of the following in about 100 words each:

5 marks

- Write a note on the Beast.
- Character of Simon.
- Significance of the conch shell.
- Character of Piggy.

6. A. Use any two of the following legal terms in sentences of your own so as to convey their meaning :

2 marks

- Trial.
- Charge sheet.
- Debt.
- Illegal.

B. Explain any two legal terms:

10 marks

- Fraud.
- Mortgage.
- Bail.
- Kidnapping.

7.

Comprehension Skills

5 marks

Africa was indeed the dark continent in those days, for although Europeans had touched the coast the whole interior was unknown. Three great rivers, the Nile, the Zambesi, the Congo poured out of that primeval darkness but no white man had ever discovered their origin. Out of that darkness poured that terrible stream of human misery, the slaves which the Arab and Portuguese traders secured: men, women and children whose freedom had been bartered for bright beads or other trifles in this merciless trade.

David Livingstone realised that if anything were to be done for the Africans, the slave trade must be stopped. Somebody must clear wide paths of civilization through the Dark Continent and the way must be made for protective flag and fair trade. Trade and flag were the means of salvation for millions of human beings.

The mill-boy turned missionary moved into a new phase. He became the greatest explorer in Africa. He penetrated the unknown. He thus left a path for others to follow.

1. What was known as the Dark Continent?
2. Why was it called the Dark Continent?
3. Name the three rivers mentioned in the passage.
4. What does the phrase 'merciless trade' refer to?
5. Who became the greatest explorer ?

8. a. Write a report about the increasing number of robberies in your locality.

5 marks

OR

- b. Write a report on a historical site visited by you.

9. Read the following passage and make notes:

5 marks

The problem which most preoccupies the public mind at the present moment is that of scientific warfare. It has become evident that if scientific skill is allowed free scope, the human race will be totally destroyed. To this problem there are two possible reactions: there are those who say, "Let us create social institutions which will make large scale war impossible; there are others who say, "Let us not allow war to become too scientific. I do not think that there will long continue to be human beings unless methods are found for permanently preventing large scale wars.

The law and the police prevent man from committing crimes. But the relation between nations are not governed by law and cannot be until there is a supernational armed force strong enough to enforce the decisions of a supernational authority. In the past, although the wars resulting from international anarchy caused much suffering and destruction, mankind was able to survive them. Today, however, the risks of war have become so great that the continued existence of our species has either become or will soon become impossible in the face of the new methods of scientific destruction.

OR

- b. Discuss the importance of note-making and note-taking.

10. a. Write a letter to your father asking him to permit you to go for a college hike.

5 marks

OR

- b. Write a letter to your friend who has won a gold medal in sports.

11. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any one of the following:

5 marks

- a) Value of sports.
- b) Our college canteen.
- c) Importance of good manners.
- d) A memorable dream.
