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(PART-II – ENGLISH)

(FIRST YEAR)

520/120/121: PROSE AND COMPOSITION

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 100 marks

I. Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 100 words each. (3 × 5 = 15)

1. How does C.E.M. Joad define civilization?
2. Describe Jock's encounter with a black cat.
3. What, according to Nehru, is the only way to do homage to Mahatma?
4. Why did the cheque of Daiches bounce?
5. 'History should be read in a perfect manner'. – explain the statement.
6. Write a brief note on how J.B. Priestley felt when he wore the crimson silk pyjamas.

II. Answer any TWO of the following questions in about 300 words each. (2 × 15 = 30)

7. Summarize strong's advice to those who read for pleasure.
8. Sketch the character of Ennie.
9. Describe Neville Cardus' admiration for cricket.
10. Comment on Ferryman's choice of peculiar companions.
11. Analyse the element of humour in Hilaire Belloc's "The B.B.G".
12. Explain Rebhndranath Tagore's experiences in England.

III. Answer any ONE of the following questions in about 300 words each. (1 × 15 = 15)

13. Discuss the part played by buddy in the novel "Great Expectations".

14. Narrate the story of Miss Havisham as told by Herbert Pocket.
15. Give an account of Pip's meeting the convict until the latter's capture.

IV. Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 100 (3 × 5 = 15) words each.

16. Discuss the suitability of the title "Possession".
17. Highlight the Mother's emotional attachment to her son in "The African Child".
18. Discuss how the premature retirement affects the life of Sharma in "The Gold Watch".
19. Comment on the attitude of the Zamindar towards Gafur and his fall in "Drought".
20. Consider Martin Luther King a peaceful warrior.
21. Give an account of Francis Morton's attempts to stay away from the party.

V. Make a Precise of the following passage in about One-Third (1 × 10 = 10) of its Length.

22. Holi is one of the most important festivals of the Indians. It is held to celebrate the advent of spring. The spring is the best of all seasons. Flowers are blossoming in the fields and Nature looks gay and beautiful. People neither shiver with cold nor perspire with extreme heat in this season. It is the season of joy and mirth.

This festival commemorates the victory of Lord Krishna over the demon Merbasura. A story goes about this festival that Lord Krishna killed the demon, Merbasura, to protect the people of Brindaban from his cruelties. After the fight Lord Krishna played with the blood of the demon among his lovers and friends.

Holi is celebrated throughout India. All people join in celebrating this festival irrespective of caste, age and sex. The Vaishnavas specially celebrate this festival. They worship Lord Krishna along with Radha swinging together. All day long the people indulge in Holi. They cover themselves with *gulal* and squirt coloured water at one another. Small children buy syringes (*pichkaris*) and rejoice discharging coloured water at passers-by. Sometimes there are accidents which lead to free fights. Many times it becomes the cause of communal riots in India.

Young boys are seen parading the streets with blackened faces and coloured clothes. They make everyone, who may come across them, the target of their joke. They spare no one. Filthy abuse, obscene songs, coarse jokes spoil the beauty and gaiety of this happy and festive occasion. We must reform this festival and observe it in the right form and spirit-the enjoyment of spring.

Holi is almost a national festival in fact, In all countries, spring is enjoyed in one form or the other. After Holi, boys and men embrace one another as a mark of friendship and good-will. At night they enjoy themselves with dance and music.

USAGE -A

23. a) **Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.** (5)

Suddenly she came _____ a little three -legged table, all made _____ solid glass; there was nothing _____ it except a tiny golden key, and Alice's first thought was that it might belong _____ one of the doors of the hall; but, alas! Either the locks were too large, or the key was too small, but _____ any rate it would not open any _____ them. Later she noticed a little door. She tried the golden key in the lock, and _____ her great delight it fitted. The door led _____ a small passage. She waited there _____ three hours. Finally she found a garden. In the garden, she walked _____ the two rows of plants.

(OR)

- b) **Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.** (5)

_____ ideal teacher takes great pains with his lessons. He never goes to _____ class unprepared. He does justice to _____ students so far as their studies are concerned. He gives them _____ best in his. He is _____ honour to his profession and _____ asset to _____ school. The school is proud of such _____ teacher, and he is proud of _____ school. Such ideal teachers are _____ crying need of India.

USAGE -B

Rewrite as directed any FIVE of the following (5 × 2 = 10)

24. This is a news to me. (Correct the sentence)
25. Sharmi does not pray daily. (Add a question tag)
26. Father usually _____ (drink) coffee in the morning but today he _____ (drink) tea. (Complete the sentence using the correct tense form of the verbs given in the bracket)
27. Please wait for me. (change into a negative sentence)
28. I have a parrot. It can talk. (Combine the sentences using a suitable relative pronoun)
29. Akshay likes sweets and fruits. (Change the voice)
30. He says, "I knew the way home". (Change into reported speech)

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