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ENGLISH

Time : Three hours 15 minutes]

[Max. Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into **four** sections – A, B, C, and D.
- (iii) **All** questions from all the sections are **compulsory**.
- (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A
(Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Many people complain that they have broken down through over-work. In the majority of such cases, the break-down is more frequently the result of foolishly wasted energy. If you would secure health, you must learn to work without friction. To become anxious or excited or to worry over needless details is to invite a breakdown. Work whether of brain or body, is beneficial and health-giving and the man who can work with a steady and **calm** persistency, freed from all anxiety and worry, and with his mind utterly **oblivious** to all but the work he has in hand, will not only accomplish far more than the man who is always hurried and anxious, but he will retain his health, a boon which the other quickly forfeits.

- (a) What do many people complain about ? 3
- (b) What is the cause of breakdown ? 3
- (c) Who will be able to retain his health ? 3

- (d) What is useful and health-giving ? 3
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'loss of health' ? 1
- (ii) Which word in the passage is opposite to the word 'curse' ? 1
- (iii) Write the adverb form of the word 'complete'. 1

SECTION B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any **one** of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10
- (a) Necessity is the Mother of Invention
- (b) The Problem of Unemployment
- (c) Price Rise in Our Country
3. Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper about the frequent breakdown of electric supply in your locality. 10

OR

Write a letter to the Divisional Officer (Post Office) to open a new branch of Post Office in your town.

SECTION C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 5×2=10
- (a) One who looks at the dark side of things is called :
- (i) optimist (ii) brighten
- (iii) bright on (iv) pessimist
- (b) The phrase 'pick holes in' means :
- (i) find fault with (ii) to insult someone
- (iii) to puncture (iv) to attack
- (c) The synonym of 'severe' is :
- (i) nice (ii) acute
- (iii) curious (iv) accidental
- (d) 'He is a member of an union.'
- Which word in the above sentence is an error ?
- (i) member (ii) of
- (iii) an (iv) union

(e) The antonym of 'Modern' is :

(i) old

(ii) ancient

(iii) present

(iv) out of date

5. (a) Change any **one** of the following into Indirect speech : 2

(i) He said to me, "Please, give me your book for two days."

(ii) They said to us, "Why are you not playing ?"

(b) Combine any **one** of the following as directed : 2

(i) The sun rose. The boys went to school. (Simple sentence)

(ii) He is poor. He is not dishonest. (Complex sentence)

(c) Change any **one** of the following as directed : 2

(i) Besides making a promise, you kept it. (Compound sentence)

(ii) Did you not write a letter ? (Passive Voice)

(d) Correct any **one** of the following sentences : 2

(i) Being a holiday we did not go to school.

(ii) If he will come, I shall teach him.

(e) Use any **one** of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to bring out the difference in their meanings : 2

(i) access; excess

(ii) career; carrier

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

प्राचीन काल में विक्रमादित्य नाम का एक राजा इस देश में राज्य करता था। वह बड़ा न्यायी राजा था। आज भी लोग उसके न्याय की प्रशंसा करते हैं। एक दिन कुछ लड़के एक गाँव के पास एक जंगल में खेल रहे थे। वहाँ उन्होंने एक मिट्टी का ढेर देखा जो पत्थर से ढका था। उनमें से एक लड़का उस पत्थर पर बैठ गया। उसने अपने साथियों से कहा, "तुम लोग अपने मुकदमे मेरे पास लाओ। मैं न्याय करूँगा।"

SECTION D (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

4+4=8

(a) Why did the peddler consider the world as a rattrap?

OR

What did M. Hamel say about the language and its importance ?

- (b) What does garbage **mean** to the elderly people ?

OR

How does the author **feel** just before he becomes unconscious ?

8. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80 words : 7

- (a) How did Gandhiji reach Champaran and **what** did he do there ?
(b) Give a character sketch of the peddler in the story "The Rattrap".

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3×2=6

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.
Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

- (a) What lesson can the Earth teach us ?
(b) What remains alive when everything seems to be dead ?
(c) What does the poet ask us to do?

10. Write the central idea of any **one** of the following poems : 4

- (a) My Mother at Sixty-Six
(b) A Thing of Beauty
(c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8

- (a) Why could Charley never find 'The Third Level' again ?

OR

Why did the Maharaja start hunting tigers ?

- (b) What was the chief aim of the 'Students on Ice' programme ?

OR

Why was Sadao sent to America ?

12. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80 words : 7

- (a) Give a character sketch of Hana on the basis of the lesson 'The Enemy'.
(b) Which story does Mr. Lamb tell Derry and why ?