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### **General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A & B. All the questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

### **Part A (20 Marks)**

Q.1. Read the passage given below:

Jacob hated finishing things almost as much as he loved starting them. As a result, he had gotten into a million hobbies and activities, but he never stuck with any of them long enough to get any good.

He begged his mother for months for a guitar so that he could play Black Eyed Peas songs to Angie, a girl he liked, but after he finally got one for Christmas, he found out that guitars don't play themselves. He took a few lessons, but strumming the strings hurt his fingers and he didn't like holding the pick, so now the five-hundred dollar guitar lives under his bed.

After reading an ad in the back of one of his comic books, Jacob decided that he wanted a Wonder-Sweeper 5000 metal detector, so that he could find buried pirate treasure. So he mowed lawns all summer and didn't spend his money on ice-cream like his younger brother, Alex. He saved it all in a shoe box in his closet. Then he shoveled driveways all winter, and he didn't spend his money on candy and chips like his classmates. By the time spring came he had saved \$200, and he purchased the Wonder-Sweeper 5000 metal detector. He beeped

it around the park for a while, but he soon found out that no pirates had ever set sail in his neighborhood, and if they had they didn't leave any treasure. Even though he found a key ring, forty-seven cents, and all the bottle caps he could throw, he buried the metal detector in his closet.

Given Jacob's history with hobbies, it was no surprise that Jacob's father was *reluctant* to buy him a magician's kit for his birthday. "Geez, Jacob... You sure you wouldn't rather I got you more guitar lessons?" He suggested. Jacob was insistent. "Dad, you've got to get me the magician's kit. This time I'll stick with it for real. I promise! Come on, Dad," Jacob begged. Jacob's father sighed and then replied, "Oh, I don't know, Jacob. Things are awfully tight right now." But Jacob's father was reminded of his own youth long ago, when he quit football and started karate practice before hardly getting his equipment dirty. So when Jacob's birthday came around, Jacob was both surprised and pleased to find the magician's kit that he had desired so badly with a big bright bow on it.

Jacob opened up the box and unwrapped the many parts in the kit. As he did so, he imagined sawing his pet cat in half and putting it back together to the amazement of his friends and family. He took the many fake coins, trick cards, and rope pieces of varying length on the kitchen table and imagined pulling rabbits out of his hat and turning them into pigeons with a mysterious puff of smoke. As Jacob continued pulling plastic thumbs, foam balls, and giant playing cards out of the magic kit, a commercial on the TV caught his attention. "*Hey kids! Have you ever wanted to go to space? Experience what it's like to be an astronaut? Do you want to explore the universe? Well, now you can.*" As the commercial continued playing, Jacob walked away from the magic kit on the kitchen table and stared at the TV screen longingly. "*For only \$195 you can go to space camp and live life like an astronaut for a whole weekend. Enroll now for a once in a life time experience.*" Jacob's cry rang throughout the house as he yelled, "MOM!" He now knew what his true purpose in life was.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six that follow:

(5 Marks)

1. According to the text, why does Jacob stop playing the guitar?

- a. It hurt his fingers. b. He'd rather play drums. c. It was too easy. d. He failed Maths.

2. To whom did Jacob want to play Black Eyed Peas songs?

- a. Alex b. Angie c. Mom d. Dad

3. According to the passage, why does Jacob decide that he wants a metal detector?

- a. He sees a man at the park with one. b. His father had one as a child.  
c. He saw a TV commercial for one. d. He read an ad for one in a comic book.

4. How does Jacob get the items that he wants in the story?

- a. He asks his mom. b. He asks his dad.  
c. He shovels driveways and mows lawns. d. He does all of these things to get what he wants.

5. When did Jacob buy the metal detector?

- a. In the fall b. In the summer c. In the spring d. In the winter

6. True or False: The metal detector was a good investment for Jacob.

- a. True b. False

Q.2. Read the passage given below:

In the sixteenth century, an age of great marine and terrestrial exploration, Ferdinand Magellan led the first expedition to sail around the world. As a young Portuguese noble, he served the king of Portugal, but he became involved in the quagmire of political intrigue at court and lost the king's favor. After he was dismissed from service to the king of Portugal, he offered to serve the future Emperor Charles V of Spain.

A papal decree of 1493 had assigned all land in the New World west of 50 degrees W longitude to Spain and all the land east of that line to Portugal. Magellan offered to prove that the East Indies fell under Spanish authority. On September 20, 1519, Magellan set sail from Spain with five ships. More than a year later, one of these ships was exploring the topography of South America in search of a water route across the continent. This ship sank, but the remaining four ships searched along the southern peninsula of South America. Finally they found the passage they sought near a latitude of 50 degrees S. Magellan named this passage the Strait of All Saints, but today we know it as the Strait of Magellan.

One ship deserted while in this passage and returned to Spain, so fewer sailors were privileged to gaze at that first panorama of the Pacific Ocean. Those who remained crossed the meridian we now call the International Date Line in the early spring of 1521 after ninety-eight days on the Pacific Ocean. During those long days at sea, many of Magellan's men died of starvation and disease.

Later Magellan became involved in an insular conflict in the Philippines and was killed in a tribal battle. Only one ship and seventeen sailors under the command of the Basque navigator Elcano survived to complete the westward journey to Spain and thus prove once and for all that the world is round, with no precipice at the edge.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer ANY FIVE questions from the six that follow:

(5 Marks)

1. The sixteenth century was an age of great \_\_\_ exploration.

A. cosmic B. land C. mental D. common man

2. Magellan lost the favor of the king of Portugal when he became involved in a political \_\_\_.

A. entanglement B. discussion C. negotiation D. problems

3. The Pope divided New World lands between Spain and Portugal according to their location on one side or the other of an imaginary geographical line 50 degrees west of Greenwich that extends in a \_\_\_ direction.

A. north and south B. crosswise C. easterly D. south east

4. One of Magellan's ships explored the \_\_\_ of South America for a passage across the continent.

A. coastline B. mountain range C. physical features D. islands

5. Four of the ships sought a passage along a southern \_\_\_.

A. coast B. inland C. body of land with water on three sides D. border

6. The passage was found near 50 degrees S of \_\_\_.

A. Greenwich B. The equator C. Spain D. Portugal

Q.3 Read the extract and answer the questions:

(4 Marks)

But for Valli, standing at the front door was every bit as enjoyable as any of the elaborate games other children played. Watching the street gave her many new unusual experiences.

a) Why did Valli keep on standing at the doorway?

1. To watch the moving bus
2. To watch the happenings on the street
3. To find a playmate
4. None of the above

b) How did Valli feel while standing at the doorway?

1. felt joyous
2. felt sad
3. felt embarrassed
4. felt nervous

c) Find a word from the extract which means 'not very common'.

1. Elaborate
2. Bit
3. Unusual
4. street

d) How was Valli different from children of her age?

1. Not interested in playing any elaborate games
2. Very experienced
3. Very tall
4. Very fat

OR

The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,  
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,  
He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,  
And Custard gobbled him, every bit.

- a) What did the pirate do on seeing the dragon?
1. Fired at dragon
  2. Laughed at dragon
  3. Gulped some wine from his bottle
  4. None of the above
- b) What did Custard do to the pirate?
1. Swallowed the pirate
  2. Fired at the pirate
  3. Tore him to pieces
  4. None of the above
- c) Which word means the same as 'swallow'?
1. Gape
  2. Gulp
  3. Gobble
  4. grog
- d) Find from the extract a word which means a large bottle or similar container with a handle in which wine etc is sold or served.
1. Pirate
  2. Flagon
  3. Gobble
  4. Gulp

Q.4.A Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows: (Any Three)(3)

Waiter: What would you like to have, sir?

Customer: A coffee

Waiter: Which coffee do you like, cold or hot?

Customer: Cold coffee

The waiter asked the customer (a)..... . The customer replied that (b).....  
The waiter further (c)..... cold or hot. The customer replied that (d).....

Choose the answer from the box

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| <p>a) 1. what would he like to have<br/>2. what will he like to have<br/>3. what he would like to have<br/>4. what shall he like to have</p> <p>b) 1. coffee<br/>2. a coffee<br/>3. he likes to have a coffee<br/>4. he would like to have a coffee</p> <p>c) 1. enquired which coffee he liked<br/>2. enquired which coffee he likes<br/>3. enquired which coffee you like<br/>4. enquired which coffee you liked</p> <p>d) 1. he likes cold coffee<br/>2. he liked cold coffee<br/>3. he had liked cold coffee<br/>4. he is liking cold coffee</p> |
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Q.4.B Fill in the blanks with appropriate form of the verb: (Any Three) (3 marks)

Today, man (a)..... over dependant on technology. What is ironical is that man himself who (b)..... the machine but today it is the machine that (c).....man. Man appears to have (d)..... complete faith in his own abilities if it is not aided by technology.

- a) 1. is become 2. has become 3. has been 4. had become  
 b) 1. created 2. was created 3. had creates 4. creating  
 c) 1. was controlling 2. controlled 3. is controlling 4. Control  
 d) 1. losing 2. lost 3. lose 4. is losing

**PART B**

Q.5 The people in your village are suffering from acute water scarcity. No measures have been taken by the district authorities to improve the situation. Write a letter to your district collector in 100-120 words requesting him to solve the problem. (5 marks)

OR

Read the headline given below:

What ails the Indian youth?

Indian youth in the cities are getting more and more disillusioned with life and taking recourse to ways and means to making easy money. They indulge in anti-social acts like bag-snatching, drug peddling etc.

Based on the news item given above write an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words on the topic : **What ails Indian youth today?**

(5 marks)

**Q.6** Answer the following questions in 20-30 words each. (Any five) (2x5 =10)

- a) How did Kisa Gotami realize that life and death is a normal process?
- b) Which tea is considered the best tea and why?
- c) Why did Maddie and Peggy not get the reply to the letter written to Wanda?
- d) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
- e) What did the hack driver tell the narrator (the young lawyer) about Lutkins' mother?
- f) Why did Matilda not want to see her rich friends?

**Q.7.** Answer the following question in 100-120 words: (5 marks)

'Failure is a step towards success.' How did a failure in the first competition help Ebright in becoming a successful scientist?

OR

Forgiveness is the foundation of cordial relationship. Do you agree? How is the message conveyed in the play The Proposal?

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