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**TIME: 3 HRS.**

**M.M.: 80**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- 1. This paper is divided into three sections-A- Reading, B- Writing and Grammar, C-Text-books . All the sections are compulsory.**
- 2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.**
- 3. Don't exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.**

**1. SECTION A : (READING SKILLS) (26 marks)**

**1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: 10 M**

There are two problems which cause great worry to our educationist – the problem of religious and moral instruction in a land of many faiths and the problem arising out of a large variety of languages. Taking up the education of children, we see that they should be trained to love one another, to be tender to the lower animals, and to observe and think right. The task of teaching them how to read and write and to count and calculate is important, but it should not make us lose sight of the primary aim of moulding personality in the right way.

For this, it is necessary to call into aid, culture, tradition, and religion. But in our country we have, in the same school, to look after boys and girls born in different faiths and belonging to families that live diverse ways of life and follow different forms of worship associated with different denominations of religion. It will not do to tread the easy path of evading the difficulty by attending solely to physical culture and intellectual education. We have to evolve a suitable technique and method for serving the spiritual needs of school children professing different faiths. We would thereby promote an atmosphere of mutual respect, a fuller understanding, and helpful co-operation among the different communities in our society. Again we must remain one people and we've therefore to give basic training in our schools to speak and understand more language than one and to appreciate and respect the different religions prevailing in India. It is not right for us in India to be dissuaded from this by considerations as to overtaking the young mind. What is necessary must be done. And it is not in fact too great a burden. Any attempt to do away with or steamroll the differences through governmental coercion and indirect pressure would be as futile as it would be unwise. Any imposition of a single way of life and form of worship on all children or neglect of a section of the pupils in this respect or barren secularization will lead to a conflict between school and home life which is harmful. On the other hand, if we give due recognition to the different prevailing faiths in the educational institutions by organizing suitable facilities for religious teaching for boys and girls of all communities, this may itself serve as a broadening influence of great national values.

A- Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

Besides teaching students how to read and write and to count and calculate, our primary aim should be of \_\_\_\_\_.

- i. giving them vocational training
- ii. moulding their personality in the right way
- iii. providing them free meal
- iv. giving extra focus on their career

- B. Comment on the problems which cause great worry to our educationist as mentioned in paragraph one.
- C. List two ways in dealing with education of children to solve the afore mentioned problems.  
(Clue: what should be taught to them)
- D. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'unsympathetic', from words used in paragraph one.
- i. personality
  - ii. instruction
  - iii. sight
  - iv. tender
- E. How can a student's personality be moulded in the right way?
- i. By teaching them to think and do right
  - ii. By teaching them about culture, tradition, and religion
  - iii. By teaching them to count and calculate
  - iv. By teaching them to read and write
- F. Based on your understanding of paragraph two, list one major problem that we face in schools today that these had over the fishing nets being used in present times.
- G. How can the spiritual needs of children be met?
- H. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following:  
Changes that need to be brought in schools are \_\_\_\_\_.
- I. What would lead to a conflict between school and home?
- i. Government Coercion
  - ii. Indirect Pressure on young minds
  - iii. Giving a choice of a single way of life/worship
  - iv. Barren Secularization
- J. Select the most suitable title for the above passage.
- i. Religion and Moral Policing
  - ii. Finding ways of religious and moral education
  - iii. Problem of religious and moral instruction
  - iv. Teaching religion in educational institutions

**2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**

1. Millions of tons of small waste from plastic bags, bottles and clothes in the world's ocean present a serious threat to human health and marine environment. This is a warning issued by the U.N. in a report on the most dangerous environmental problem facing the world today. Global plastic production has increased considerably in years nearly by 38%.
2. A poor waste management means when we have finished with our takeaways contains cigarette butts and party balloons, they are worn down into trillions of even small particles by the waves. Therefore, there is a growing presence of these micro plastic in the world's oceans.
3. It was estimated in 2010 that millions of tons of plastic was washed into the seas have since shown up in the stomachs of whales, plankton and other marine life. Richard Thompson, professor of marine biology said that in laboratory experiments the proof that micro plastic can cause harm to organisms.
4. More than a quarter of all fish now contained plastic, according to a recent study why analysed the guts of fish sold in California. Scientist fear that chemical sin plastician also chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in natural environment could each poisoning and many disorders in marine lie if consumed in huge quantities.

5. Even human could be adversely affected by the plastic. People could even be breathing in plastic micro-particles suspended in the air with the risk of harmful effect on the lungs similar to air fumes.
6. Volunteers around the world collect trash and tally up what they find on the fall in Ocean's Conservancy's Annual International Coastal Cleanup. The result item-by-item, location-by-location Ocean Trash Index provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways around the world, according to Ocean Conservancy.



7. Boyance Slat, a Dutch student has developed a technology that could sift dangerous plastic particle out of the ocean and sell them for profit or re-cycling. Richard Thompson recommended that people avoid using products with micro beads and to make sure they dispose of all plastic products in a appropriate way by, if possible.
  - i. Select the option that is true for the two statements given below.
    - (1) More than a quarter of all fish now have plastics present in them.
    - (2) Millions of tons of plastic waste is present in the world's oceans.
    - a. (1) is the result of (2)
    - b. (1) is the reason for (2)
    - c. Both (1) and (2) are true
    - d. (1) contradicts (2)
  - ii. According to the passage, Richard Thompson is a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ provides the only snapshot of marine debris littering coasts and waterways.
  - iv. Through what does the cigarette butts and party balloons worn down into smaller particles?
  - v. We can find out that more than a quarter of all fish contained plastics in them by:

- a. the stark warning issued by the UN in a report on the most dangerous environmental problems facing the world today.
  - b. collecting trash and tallying up what they find each day.
  - c. laboratory experiments performed by Richard Thompson a profession marine biology.
  - d. analysing the fish sold in California.
- ii. Choose the correct set of statement which is NOT TRUE.
- (I) Plastic could have similar effects like car fumes.
  - (II) Chemicals which attach themselves to plastic in natural environment could cause poisoning in marine life.
  - (III) Humans will never be adversely affected by the plastic.
  - (IV) In 2001, Millions of tons of plastic was washed into the sea.
  - (V) There is a growing presence of micro plastics in the world's oceans.
- a. (II), (V)
  - b. (I), (V)
  - c. (I), (II)
  - d. (III), (IV)
- ii. What amount of paper bags in the index are diffused into the oceans?
- iii. Fill in the blank with with the correct option.  
There are \_\_\_\_\_ beverage cans found in the index.
- a. 337,865
  - b. 339,875
  - c. 339,445
  - d. 333,347

### 3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Leadership does not exist without followership. A leader has to be accepted by the group which the former is supposed to lead. To gain acceptability, the leader should cause an emotive impact on the group members.

The strength of character exhibited by leaders makes them dear to their followers. A leader is one who effectively inspires followers to achieve worthwhile things. What character of the leader motivates the followers? It is not pomp and show, neither flattery nor sanctioning more incentives. Pomp and show create a sense of awe and the leader is deified rather than emulated. Flattery is unrealistic and cannot serve as a long term motivational tool. A leader's style should be one that can be emulated by all irrespective of cadre, class and calibre. Simplicity in one's day-to-day conduct is the only thing that can be adopted by all. When the leader is simple, he is counted as one belonging to the group of which he is the leader. That's enough to motivate the people. Motivation is the innate quality that enables an individual or group to contribute unlimitedly with limited means. It is the proud prerogative of enlightened human beings.

A leader needs to assume the role of a guide; quintessential of fulfilling the role is knowledgeability. Technical and administrative knowledge of the guide in balanced quantity and of right kind are essential. Technical knowledge is too vast to be acquired by a leader. At best he is either 'Jack of all' or 'Master of few'. But he has to master the human relations aspect of administration in all detail. And when the leader is good at this, his guidance is sought and accepted, then he fulfils the role of a guide. The leader is a negotiator within and outside the organisation.

The leader shapes people and moulds character. To achieve this the leader should maintain equanimity. Equanimity is keeping oneself poised and balanced at all times. A leader is simply great if he can mould his followers with his frame of mind. He does this by his own example.

- a. On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations (wherever necessary-minimum four) and a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it.
- b. Write a summary of the passage in about 80 words.

### Section B – Grammar (7 Marks)

Answer any SEVEN of the following questions:

#### 4 A. Fill in the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow.

Most Indian schools fail to ensure their students' adequate playtime and fitness regime. Two out of every five school, going children \_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_ have a healthy Body Mass Index (BMI) and 50% of children \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_ adequate lower body strength. Some schools \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_ found to offer three or \_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_ physical education periods per week.

- a. (i) does (ii) does not (iii) don't (iv) do
- b. (i) lack (ii) lacked (iii) have lacked (iv) had lacked
- c. (i) was (ii) are (iii) is (iv) have
- d. (i) much (ii) many (iii) more (iv) less

#### B. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration.

Ram : What a cold day it is! I think this must be the coldest day of the season.

Shyam: I don't mind the cold. It is the summer that bothers me.

Ram: Well! I am only worried about my mother.

Ram explained that (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and was positive that (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ Shyam replied that he didn't mind the cold, it was the summer that bothered him.

Ram stated that he was worried about his mother.

#### 5. Look at the sentences given below in a disorderly form.

Re-order (Rearrange) them to form meaningful sentences:

- i. We / live / eat / we / may / that / so
- ii. we / I / succeed / am / will / sure

### 2. Section – B Creative Writing Skills (16 Marks)

6A. You are R.V. Singh looking for an independent house in East Delhi on rent. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in Hindustan Times stating all your requirements and expected rent. 3M

OR

B. Your uncle has just established a tour and travel company and needs a classified advertisement to popularize it. Draft an advertisement giving all the necessary details. 3M

7A. As Cultural Secretary of Ryan's International School, Gurgaon, design a poster to announce the staging of a play in your school. 3M

OR

B. Publicly we proclaim that dowry is an evil. Privately we want our sons to fetch good dowries. Right from our school days we should be taught that demanding and even giving dowry is not only illegal but immoral too. Draw a poster in about 50 words highlighting dowry as a curse. You are Vikram/Sonia. 3M

8A. A recent health check-up in your school revealed that many among your classmates were suffering from weak eyesight. You feel concerned. Write a speech

in 150–200 words to be delivered in the morning assembly on how to protect your eyesight. Make use of the following clues– 5M

1. reading in bad light
2. bad posture
3. wrong direction, from which light is coming
4. excessive TV viewing
5. regular washing of eyes
6. eat more green vegetables
7. enough sleep

OR

B. Every year there are floods or droughts in the country. Victims suffer a lot. The government does a lot to help the people, but it is not enough. Society also must do its bit. Write a speech in 150–200 words to be delivered in the school morning assembly describing how the students can also help by collecting clothes, money and medicines from their neighbourhoods. You are Arun/Aruna .5M

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**9A Academic excellence is the only requirement for a successful career.** Write a debate either for or organist the motion. (120 – 150 words) 5M

OR

B. 'Private cars should be banned in the congested commercial areas of the cities.' Write a debate in 150– 200 words either for or against the motion.5M

### Section C

#### 1. Section C – Literature (31 Marks)

**10 Read the following extract given below and answer the following questions by choosing the correct option and writing the entire option:**

**(3X1=3 Marks)**

(A)The cardboard shows me how it was When the two girl cousins went paddling,  
Each one holding one of my mother's hands, And she the big girl - some twelve years or so.

1. What does the cardboard refer to here?

- (a) A sketch (b) A diary entry (c) A photograph (d) A card

2. 'It' here refers to:

- (a) the relationship between the poet and her mother  
(b) the poet's mother's childhood  
(c) the beach holiday  
(d) the poet's childhood

3. What does the word 'paddling' refer to as used in the above stanza?

- (a) Walking through shallow water in bare feet  
(b) A brisk walk  
(c) Walking along the pond  
(d) Walking through river with bare feet

OR

**B** Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt,  
She enters the thickness, and a machine starts up  
Of chitterings and a tremor of wings, and trillings  
The whole tree trembles and thrills.

Question 1. Who is 'she' in the second line? Where does she enter?

- (a) She is the baby goldfinch who enters the thickness of the Laburnum tree
- (b) 'She' is a squirrel who enters the thickness of the Laburnum tree
- (c) 'She' is a lizard who enters the thickness of the Laburnum tree
- (d) 'She' is the mother goldfinch who enters the thickness of the Laburnum tree

Question 2. What does 'machine' refer to in the extract?

- (a) It refers to the machine used to drill a hole in the tree
- (b) It refers to the machine used to cut the tree
- (c) It refers to the nest of the goldfinch where its young ones are staying
- (d) It refers to the nest of the squirrel

Question 3. Find a word from the extract which is the synonym of 'entire'.

- (a) Abrupt
- (b) Hole
- (c) Whole
- (d) Tremor

**11. Read the following and ANSWER ANY ONE EXTRACT given below from the following questions by choosing the correct one and writing the entire option:  
(3X1=3 Marks)**

(A) Archaeology has changed substantially in the intervening decades, focusing less on treasure and more on the fascinating details of life and intriguing mysteries of death. It also uses more sophisticated tools, including medical technology. In 1968, more than 40 years after Carter's discovery, an anatomy professor X-rayed the mummy and revealed a startling fact: beneath the resin that caked his chest, his breast-bone and front ribs are missing. Today diagnostic imaging can be done with computed tomography, or CT, by which hundreds of X-rays in cross section are put together like slices of bread to create a three-dimensional virtual body. What more would a CT scan reveal of Tut than the X-ray? And could it answer two of the biggest questions still lingering about him — how did he die, and how old was he at the time of his death?

**1. How has archaeology changed through the decades?**

- (a) Focuses more on treasure such as gold coins, precious gems.
- (b) Focuses more on physical findings such as tools and utensils.
- (c) Focuses on time factors more as the work is intricate.
- (d) Focusing less on treasure and more on the fascinating details of life and mysteries of death.

**2. What is the Cemetery of Tut called?**

- (a) Valley of the Kings
- (b) Tut's Resting Place
- (c) Resting Peace
- (d) Valley of Flowers

**3. What did Carter and his men do after cutting down his body?**

- (a) They sent it for X-Ray
- (b) They examined them carefully
- (c) They placed it on the layer of sand in a wooden box

(d) they clicked photographs

**OR**

**B. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:**

My grandmother always went to school with me because the school was attached to the temple. The priest taught us the alphabet and morning prayer. While the children sat in rows on either side of the verandah singing the alphabet or the prayer in a chorus, my grandmother sat inside reading the scriptures. When we had both finished, we would walk back together. This time the village dogs would meet us at the temple door. They followed us to our home growling and fighting with each other for the chapattis we threw to them. When my parents were comfortably settled in the city, they sent for us. That was a turning-point in our friendship. Although we shared the same room, my grandmother no longer came to school with me. I used to go to an English school in a motor bus. There were no dogs in the streets and she took to feeding sparrows in the courtyard of our city house.

- i. What role did the temple dogs play in the speaker's childhood, and how did this change when they moved to the city?
- ii. What significant event marked a turning point in the narrator's friendship with their grandmother?
- iii. Pick evidence from the passage that suggests there was a significant change in the protagonist's daily routine and environment when they moved to the city.

12A. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. 4M

That year we lived at the edge of town, on Walnut Avenue. Behind our house was the country: vineyards, orchards, irrigation ditches, and country roads. In less than three minutes we were on Olive Avenue, and then the horse began to trot. The air was new and lovely to breathe. The feel of the horse running was wonderful. My cousin Mourad who was considered one of the craziest members of our family began to sing. I mean, he began to roar.

- i. Complete the sentence appropriately.  
The phrase "he began to roar" suggests that \_\_\_\_\_.
- ii. List any two sensory details present in the extract.
- iii. Identify a line from the extract that supports the fact that the narrator and his cousin resided in a rural area.
- iv. What is the central idea of this extract?  
A. A boy's joyful ride with his cousin  
B. A boy's dark secret  
C. A boy's school picnic  
D. A boy's narrow escape from a fatal accident

**OR**

(A). I was home for a few days and it struck me immediately that something or other about the rooms had changed. I missed various things. My mother was surprised I should have noticed so quickly. Then she told me about Mrs. Dorling. I had never heard of her but apparently, she was an old acquaintance of my mother, whom she hadn't seen for years. She had suddenly turned up and renewed their contact. Since, then she had come regularly.

**1) The mother of the author was surprised because:**

- a. her daughter quickly noticed the changes in the house.
- b. her daughter has changed completely.
- c. her daughter was upset.
- d. her daughter did not inform about her visit.

**2) Which of the following is incorrect about Mrs. Dorling?**



- a. She was an old acquaintance of author's mother.
- b. She was a nice lady.
- c. She suddenly renewed contact.
- d. She was not seen by author's mother for many years.

**3) What does the word 'acquaintance' used in the passage mean?**

- a) person that you know but who is not a close friend
- b) A morose person
- c) A person who pretends to be a good old friend
- d) a person that you know and who is a close friend

**4) Which of the following aspects was noticed by the narrator?**

- a) Didn't witness anything different.
- b) Her mother was surprised.
- c) Room has changed with different items.
- d) Various things were missing

E.

**13. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words: 3X2=6**

I. What do you think are the reasons for the extinction of languages? **(Discovering Tut)**

II. To what is the bird's movement compared? What is the basis for the comparison? **(The Laburnum Top)**

**OR**

III. What preparations did the narrator and his wife make for their round-the-world sea voyage?

IV. The sea 'appears to have changed less' in comparison to the three girls who enjoyed the sea holiday. Comment

**14. Answer ANY ONE of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. 3M**

I. Under what circumstances did the narrator's mother allow their valuable possessions to be carried away? Answer in the context of the **The Address**.

II. Who was Doris? What was it that surprised her about her mother?

**15. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. 6M**

I. Elaborate upon the theme of **Discovering Tut: The saga continues**.

II. The poet **Shirley Toulson** has paid a tribute to her mother. Similar instances can be seen in **The Portrait of a Lady**. This made you think that writing about a loved one is much better than building their statues or drawing their portraits. Comment.

**16. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 120-150 words. 6M**

I. . Aram did not think they had stolen the white horse even though they kept it with them for a long time. Why did Mourad steal the horse? Why did they return it?

II. Give a brief character sketch of Mrs. Pearson.