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सामान्य अनुदेश :

- 1) परीक्षार्थी प्रश्न-पत्र के पहले पृष्ठ पर अपना अनुक्रमांक अवश्य लिखें।
- 2) प्रत्येक प्रश्न के सामने उसका अंक भार अंकित है।

General Instructions :

- 1) Candidate must write his/her Roll Number on the first page of the Question Paper.
- 2) Marks for every question are indicated alongside.

Instructions :-

- (1) All the questions are compulsory.
- (2) Write the correct serial number of each question as mentioned in the question paper.
- (3) For questions having more than one part the answers to those part must be written together in continuity.
- (4) 'Don't exceed the prescribed word limit.

Section – A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions -

The most important day I remember in all my life is one on which my teacher Anne Mansfield Sullivan, came to me. I am filled with wonder when I consider the immeasurable contrast between the two lives which it connects. It was the third of March 1887, three months before I was seven years old. On the afternoon of that eventful day, I stood on the porch, dumb, expectant. I guessed vaguely from my mother's signs and from the hurrying to and fro in the house that something unusual was about to happen, so I went to the door and waited on the steps. The afternoon Sun penetrated the mass of honey suckle that covered the porch and fell on my upturned face. My fingers lingered almost unconsciously on the familiar leaves and blossoms which had just come forth to greet the sweet southern spring. I did not know what the future held of marvel as surprise for me. Anger and bitterness had preyed upon me continually for weeks and a deep languor had succeeded this passionate struggle.

Questions -

[10×¾=7½]

- (I) What are the two lives that are being contrasted?  
(A) Helen's and Anne's (B) Helen's and her parents  
(C) Before and after her education (D) Before and after Anne came
- (II) What was the similarity in the great ship that groped her way toward the shore and Helen?  
(A) Both were directionless (B) Both were waiting  
(C) Both had a long life ahead (D) Both were sinking
- (III) What is honeysuckle?  
(A) A type of flower (B) A type of plant (C) A type of leaf (D) A type of honey
- (IV) Find from the passage the word similar in meaning to 'Vast'.  
(A) Fake (B) Emulate (C) Immeasurable (D) Real
- (V) What was something unusual that was about to happen?
- (VI) What about spelling the "doll" delighted Helen?
- (VII) When do you think Helen was born?
- (VIII) "Seizing the new doll ..... floor".  
What emotion of the child does it reflect?
- (IX) What does "a deep languor had succeeded this passionate struggle" mean?
- (X) Find from the passage the word which is opposite in meaning to "Vigour".



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Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the following questions -

In the Mahabharat, there is an interesting episode to illustrate the nature of purity. The Pandavas and Kauravas were Drona's disciples. They were once summoned by the preceptor Drona for a test. The eldest of the Pandavas, Yudhisthira was asked to bring one bad person from the society. The eldest of the Kauravas, Duryodhana was asked to fetch one good person from the same society in Hastinapura. After a thorough search both the cousins returned empty handed. The pure minded Yudhisthira found everyone to be pious and pure. The impure mind of Duryodhana found everyone to be evil and impure. As in mind, so the vision.

Purity of mind makes our vision, words and deed pure. It has also the power of purify people. It promotes health-bodily and mental. Evil has no place in presence of purity. Nor can it face purity, as darkness cannot face the sun. It only gets changed into purity. Fools who came to scoff remain to pray in the presence of purity. Villain who come to harm stand in adoration in the presence of purity. The purity of body is physical health, of speech in unsullied truth and of heart is unselfish love.

**Questions -**

- (I) What was Yudhisthira asked to fetch from Hastinapura?  
(A) Something to offer to his guru (B) One bad person  
(C) One good person (D) None of these
- (II) What was Duryodhana asked to fetch?  
(A) Something to eat (B) One bad person  
(C) One good person (D) None of these
- (III) Who becomes votaries of peace in the presence of purity?  
(A) Villains (B) Murderers (C) Killers (D) Fools
- (IV) Find from the passage the word similar in meaning to the following "Reverence".  
(A) Pious (B) Adoration (C) Preceptor (D) Fetch
- (V) Why are we fond of purities?
- (VI) What is the purity of body, speech and heart?
- (VII) What changes are noticed in villains in the presence of purity?
- (VIII) Why did both the cousins returned empty handed?
- (IX) Why did Drona summon his disciples once?
- (X) Find from the passage the word which is opposite in meaning to "Impedes".



[10×¾=7½]

Q.3 Write a task in 100-120 words giving description of an event on "An Educational Tour" based on the hints given below -

- (1) An educational tour.  
(2) Jodhpur-Mehrangarh Fort, Jaswant Thada, Umaid Bhawan Palace, Balsamand Lake, Mandore Garden.  
(3) Mumbai - Taj Hotel, Gateway of India, Shree Siddhi Vinayak Temple, Elephanta Caves.  
(4) Knowledge and experience.

**OR**

Write a task in 100-120 words giving description of a process for "Planting A Sapling" on the hints given below -

- (I) To plant a sapling.  
(II) Dig a hole.  
(III) Treat the soil.  
(IV) Fix the sapling.  
(V) Add water

Q.4 Write an article on "Be Indian, Buy Indian". (Around 100-120 words)

**OR**

Write a report in 100-120 words under heading of "Morning Prayer Session in a School."

Q.5 You are Riddhi living in Rajat Vihar, Jaipur. Write a letter to the Collector of your district complaining about the frequent electricity failure during examination time.

**OR**

Imagine that you are Dhruv and monitor of your class XI reading in Govt. Senior Secondary School, Nimbali. There are no proper library facilities in the school. Write an application of complaint to your Principal.



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### Section - C (Grammar)

- Q.6 Fill in the blanks with correct determiners - [4×¾=3]  
(I) Sri Lanka is.....island. (a/an/the)  
(II) There is.....milk so you can't make tea. (little/A little/the little)  
(III) .....the books in the library are worth reading? (Many/Many of)  
(IV) She doesn't have.....friend. (some/any)
- Q.7 Fill in the blanks by choosing correct form of verbs given in the brackets - [4×¾=3]  
(I) An honest man always .....the truth. (tell/tells)  
(II) The baby.....because it is hungry now. (is crying/was crying)  
(III) The rain.....when she arrived. (had stopped/has stopped)  
(IV) If I.....a bird. I would fly in the sky. (was/were)
- Q.8 Fill in the blanks with suitable modals - [4×¾=3]  
(I) Mourad.....have bought the horse. (Past inability)  
(II) You are ill. You.....take rest. (advice)  
(III) I.....do better next time. (promise)  
(IV) .....I come in, Sir? (permission)
- Q.9 Fill in the blanks with correct preposition - [4×¾=3]  
(I) Pay attention.....your studies. (at/to)  
(II) Shyam is fond.....sweets. (of/for)  
(III) He is looking.....a job. (at/for)  
(IV) I bought a pen.....ten rupees. (with/for)

### Section - D (Text Book)

- Q.10 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows -

My grandfather and I were good friends. My parents left me with her when they went to live in the city and we were constantly together. She used to wake me up in the morning and get me ready for school. She said her morning prayer in monotonous sing song while she bathed and dressed me in the hope that I would listen and get to know it by heart, I listened because I love her voice but never bothered to learn it. Then she would fetch my wooden slate which she had already washed and plastered with yellow chalk, a tiny earthen ink-pot and a red-pen, tie them all in the bundle and hand it to me. After a breakfast of thick, stale chapatti with a little butter and sugar spread on it. We went to school. She carried several stale chapattis with her for village dogs.

#### Questions -

- (I) What did he eat in breakfast?  
(II) What made the author live with his grandmother in the village?  
(III) Why did the author's grandmother say her morning prayer in a sing-song manner?  
(IV) For whom did his grandmother carry stale chapattis with her?  
(V) How did the author's grandmother prepare him for school?  
(VI) Find out the words from the passage which mean the following -  
(A) continuously (B) bring

#### OR

The first indication of impending disaster came at about 6 p.m. with an ominous silence. The wind dropped and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growing roar and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realised that it was not a cloud but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves with a frightful breaking crest. The roar increased to a thunder as the stern moved up the face of the wave and for a moment 'I thought we might ride over it'. But then a tremendous explosion shook the deck. A torrent of green and white water broke over the ship, my head smashed into the wheel and I was aware of flying overboard and sinking below the waves. I accepted my approaching death and as I was losing consciousness.

#### Questions -

- (I) What happened before the great disaster?  
(II) What kind of wave was it that struck the ship?  
(III) How did the wave strike the ship?  
(IV) What happened to the writer when the wave struck?  
(V) How did the writer feel when he was face to face with death?  
(VI) Find out the words from the passage which mean the following -  
(A) Big (B) Standing erect



Q.11 Attempt Any Three questions and answer -

- (I) Why did the grandmother hate music? (The Portrait of a Lady)
- (II) What was the Pharaoh's curse? (Discovering Tut)
- (III) What is the condition of forest in India? (The Ailing Planet)
- (IV) What was the purpose of the worker's voyage? (We are not afraid to die)



[3×1=3]

Q.12 Answer these questions in about 50-60 words. (Any Two)

- (I) Discuss the qualities of compassion in the author's grandmother. (The Portrait of a Lady)
- (II) Why was the mummy of Tut in very bad condition? (Discovering Tut)
- (III) How are the earth's principal biological system being depleted? (The Ailing Planet)
- (IV) What do you know about the valley of king? (Discovering Tut)

[2×3=6]

Q.13 Explain Any One of the following stanzas with reference to the context.

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

[1×3=3]

OR

"She stokes it full, the flirts out to a branch end.  
Showing her barred face identity mask.  
Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whispering.  
She launches away, towards the infinite."

Q.14 Answer Any Two of the following questions -

- (I) What is strange for the poet to tell? (The Voice of the Rain)
- (II) What shows that it is the autumn season? (The Laburnum Top)
- (III) Explain the phrase 'laboured ease of loss.' (A Photograph)

[2×2=4]

Q.15 Answer Any One from the following questions in 60-80 words -

Summarise the ideas contained in the poem "The Voice of the Rain."

[1×3=3]

OR

Why is the goldfinch compared to an engine? (The Laburnum Top)

Q.16 Answer Any One from the following questions in about 50 to 60 words -

Describe the character sketch of Mourad. (The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse)

[1×3=3]

OR

Justify the title of the play "Mother's Day".

Q.17 Answer Any Three from the following questions in about 20-30 words -

- (I) Who is Cyril? (The Mother's Day)
- (II) What kind of lady was Mrs. Dorling? (The Address)
- (III) Where did they hide the horse and why? (The Summer of Beautiful White Horse)
- (IV) How did Mrs. S become Victim of war? (The Address)

[3×1=3]

Q.18 Choose the correct alternatives -

- (I) How far did John Byro walk to reach the author's house?  
(A) Eight miles (B) Ten miles (C) Five miles (D) Thirteen miles
- (II) How does the narrator describe the living room of "The Address"?  
(A) Lavish (B) Muggy smell (C) Well-arranged (D) Pathetic
- (III) What metal was the cutlery of Mrs. S's house made of?  
(A) Brass (B) Stainless steel (C) Copper (D) Silver

[3×1=3]

