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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 :-

All questions are compulsory.

Section – A

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below - [1×6=6]

Rajasthan, the legendary "Land of Kings", is the crown jewel of incredible India. This vibrant desert state is a living museum of a rich historical heritage that captivates domestic and international tourists. The state's unique charm lies in its architectural and cultural diversity. Majestic forts like Amer and Mehrangarh, alongside historical palaces, showcase archaeological wonders of a bygone era. Meanwhile, the shifting sand dunes of Jaisalmer offer mesmerizing camel safaris. The essence of the state is beautifully expressed through its soulful folk music, colourful traditional attire and delicious local cuisine. Central to the entire experience is the legendary traditional hospitality of its spirited people, deeply rooted in the philosophy of "Padharo Mhare Desh". A journey through Rajasthan seamlessly blends ancient grandeur with cultural warmth.

(i) Why is Rajasthan called the "Land of Kings"?
- (A) Because it has many modern cities
- (B) Because of its rich historical heritage and majestic forts
- (C) Because it is the largest state in India
- (D) Because of its forests

(ii) What do the shifting sand dunes of Jaisalmer offer tourists?
- (A) Boat rides (B) Mountain climbing
- (C) Camel safaris (D) Wildlife safaris

(iii) Which of the following is not mentioned as a part of Rajasthan's cultural experience?
(A) Folk music (B) Traditional attire (C) Local cuisine (D) Classical dance

(iv) What philosophy is associated with the traditional hospitality of Rajasthan?
- (A) Atithi Devo Bhava (B) Padharo Mhare Desh
- (C) Satyameva Jayate (D) Jai Hind

(v) Choose the synonym of the word "mesmerizing" as used in the passage -
(A) Boring (B) Fascinating (C) Ordinary (D) Unpleasant

(vi) Choose the antonym of the word "ancient" -
(A) Old (B) Historical (C) Modern (D) Traditional

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Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below - [1×8=8]

Environmental protection has become an urgent civic responsibility to preserve our planet and ensure the survival of future generations. Rapid industrialization and unchecked deforestation have led to severe environmental degradation, accelerating global warming and disrupting the delicate ecological balance. To combat this crisis, society must embrace the core principles of sustainable development. This requires strict pollution control, efficient waste management and a complete banning of single use plastics to protect ecosystems.

Additionally, organizing massive afforestation drives is vital for biodiversity conservation. Ultimately, reducing our carbon footprint and protecting finite natural resources must become a priority. By actively supporting local green initiatives, every citizen can contribute toward healing the Earth and restoring its ecological harmony for a cleaner, greener tomorrow.

(i) Why has environmental protection become an urgent civic responsibility?
(ii) What are the major causes of environmental degradation mentioned in the passage?
(iii) What measures are suggested in the passage to protect ecosystem?
(iv) Why are massive afforestation drives important for the environment?
(v) What can individuals do to reduce their impact on the environment?
(vi) How can sustainable development help in protecting the Earth and future generations?
(vii) Choose the word from the passage that means "important".
(viii) Choose the opposite of "slow" from the passage.

Section – B (Writing)

Q.3 You are Riya/Rajat, a student of class 10. Write an email to the Traffic Police Officer, requesting strict measures to control rash driving and traffic violations near your school. Mail ID is trafficpolice.jaipur@gmail.com. [1×4=4]

OR

You are Aman/Ananya, a resident of Jodhpur. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner, complaining about nonfunctioning street lights in your area and requesting immediate action.

Q.4 Write a story with the help of given outlines in about 80 words. Give a title and a moral to it - [1×4=4]

A hare ..... of his speed ..... make fun of a .... tortoise challenge him to a .... race begin ..... hare run ..... reach far ahead ..... decide to ..... under a tree ..... tortoise continue ..... hare wake up ..... tortoise ..... already ..... the finishing line.

OR

A hungry fox ..... through a forest ..... a bunch of ..... hanging from a vine ..... try to ..... them ..... jump again and again ..... cannot ..... them ....., tired ..... walked away ..... the grapes are ..... .

Q.5 Write a short paragraph in about 100 words on any one of the following - [1×4=4]

"A Visit to a Zoo"

OR



Section – C

Q.6 Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verb given in the brackets - [4×½=2]

(i) My mother ..... (cook) dinner at the moment.
(ii) He ..... (finish) his work before his friends arrived.
(iii) I ..... (meet) my friend tomorrow.
(iv) Listen! Someone ..... (knock) at the door.

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Q.7 Rewrite the following sentences changing into indirect speech - [2×1=2]

(i) Anita said to Pooja, "I shall come tomorrow".

(ii) She said to him, "Can you help me?"

Q.8 Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with the subject - [2×1=2]

(i) A pair of shoes ..... (be) lying under the bed.

(ii) One of my friends ..... (live) in Jaipur.

Q.9 Fill in the blanks with a suitable determiner - [2×1=2]

(i) There are ..... apples in the basket. (some/any)

(ii) I don't have ..... information about the incident. (much/many)

Section – D (Text Book)

Q.10 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow - [1×5=5]

Coorg or Kodagu, the smallest district of Karnataka, is home to evergreen rainforests, spices and coffee plantations. Evergreen rainforests cover thirty percent of this district. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure.

(i) Coorg is also known as -

(A) Mysore (B) Kodagu (C) Mangalore (D) Shimoga

(ii) How much area of Coorg is covered by evergreen rainforests?

(A) 20 percent (B) 30 percent (C) 50 percent (D) 70 percent

(iii) When does the season of joy in Coorg commence?

(A) From June to August (B) From March to May

(C) From September to March (D) Throughout the year

(iv) What is Coorg famous for?

(v) Write a word from the passage which means "begin".

OR

He wrote 'To God' on the envelope, put the letter inside and, still troubled, went to town. At the post office, he placed a stamp on the letter and dropped it into the mailbox.

One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address.

(i) What did Lencho write on the envelope?

(A) To postmaster (B) To God (C) To Post office (D) To Heaven

(ii) How was Lencho feeling when he went to town to post the letter?

(A) Happy (B) Still troubled

(C) Excited (D) Angry

(iii) The postman went to his boss laughing heartily because -

(A) he found money in the letter

(B) he saw a letter addressed to God

(C) Lencho made a spelling mistake

(D) the letter had no stamp

(iv) How did the post office employee react to the letter addressed to God?

(v) Find a word from the passage which means "worried or disturbed".

Q.11 Answer any two of the following questions in about 20-30 words - [2×1½=3]

(i) What is Mandela's dream for his country? [Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom]

(ii) What did the baker do in the morning? [Glimpses of India]

(iii) Who was Mijbil and where did Maxwell get it from? [Mijbil the Otter]

Q.12 Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words - [1×4=4]

How did Anne justify her being a chatterbox? [From the Diary of Anne Frank]

OR

A young seagull is afraid to fly. How does he conquer his fear? [Two Stories about Flying]

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[1×3=3]

Q.13 Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words -
Write a character sketch of Lomov. [The Proposal]

OR

Why did Chubukov think Lomov came to borrow money? [The Proposal] [2×1½=3]

Q.14 Read any one of the following extracts and answer questions that follow -

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.

(i) What did the pirate do when he saw Custard the dragon?
(ii) What happened to the pirate in the end?

OR

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

(i) What is the fog compared to in the poem?
(ii) How does the fog come according to the poem?

Q.15 Answer any two out of the following three questions in about 20-30 words - [2×1½=3]
(i) How can you tell a Bengal tiger? [How to Tell Wild Animals]
(ii) What is the message of the poem "The Trees"? [The Trees]
(iii) What kind of life does Amanda want? [Amanda]

Q.16 Answer any one out of the following questions in about 60 words - [1×3=3]
Why does the poet say ice is also enough to destroy the world? [Fire and Ice]

OR

Why does the tiger stare at the stars? [A Tiger in the Zoo]

Q.17 Answer any one out of the following questions in about 60 words - [1×3=3]
What happened after the party? [The Necklace]

OR

How did the invisible man first become visible? [Footprints Without Feet]

Q.18 Answer any two out of the following three questions - (20-30 words) [1½×2=3]
(i) Why did Hari return the money? [The Thief's Story]
(ii) How was Horace Danby cheated? [A Question of Trust]
(iii) Who was Think-Tank? [The Book that Saved the Earth]

Q.19 Choose the correct answer - [6×1=6]

(i) Who was Hari Singh in "The Thief's Story"?
(A) A policeman (B) A thief (C) A writer (D) A cook

(ii) Who is the scientist in "Footprints Without Feet"?
(A) Newton (B) Griffin (C) Ebright (D) Einstein

(iii) From whom did Matilda borrow the necklace?
(A) Her sister (B) Mme Forestier
(C) Her mother (D) Shopkeeper

(iv) Who was the ruler of Mars?
(A) Noodle (B) Think-Tank (C) Oop (D) Omega

(v) What did Mrs. Pumphrey give Tricki to eat?
(A) Only dog food (B) Cream cakes and chocolates
(C) Only milk (D) Chapati

(vi) What did Ebright start collecting in childhood?
(A) Butterflies (B) Rocks (C) Coins (D) All of them

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