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GENERAL ENGLISH

Paper VIII

समय : 1½ घण्टे

पूर्णांक : 100

- Notes : — (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Read the questions carefully and answer them.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- (iv) Internal choices are given as per the blueprint.

Section A

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it : 5

Trees are of importance not only to man but also to birds and animals. The branches give shelter to human beings, birds and animals. Forests give shelter to numerous wild animals. We value trees for their usefulness and beauty. They give us wood for fuel, building houses, making furniture etc. Besides this they refresh our eyes and our mind. In ancient times,

the Rishis had their Ashramas amidst forests. They and their pupils lived in these Ashramas. Birds and animals lived there too. Thus the pupils got a chance to live amidst nature and learn to love its beauty. Today we do not have this close relation.

Questions :

- (a) Where did Rishis have their Ashramas ?
- (b) How are trees useful to birds and animals ?
- (c) Why do we value trees ?
- (d) Give one word for 'A large number of' from the passage.
- (e) The adjective form of 'beauty' is :
 - (i) beautiful
 - (ii) beautifully
 - (iii) beautify

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it : 5

The famous Taj of Agra stands on the right bank of the river Yamuna. It is one of the most splendid buildings of the world. It was built by Shah Jahan, the then Emperor of India, in the memory of his beloved wife, Mumtaz Mahal. Built of pure white marble, it took about twenty thousand workmen and twenty long years to complete it.

In front of the Taj Mahal can be seen fountains with straight paths on either side, tall dark cypress trees, smooth lawns and planned beds of flowers.

Questions :

- (a) Where does the Taj stand ?
- (b) What can be seen in front of the Taj ?
- (c) Who built the Taj ?
- (i) Humayun (ii) Akbar
- (iii) Babur (iv) Shah Jahan
- (d) Find out the word opposite to 'left'.
- (e) Give the noun form of 'famous'.

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

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Vibhishana was the younger brother of King Ravana. He gave Ravana a wise advice which other courtiers, equally brave, could not dare to, Ravana was enraged at the advice given to him by Vibhishana and kicked him and turned him out of his kingdom. Vibhishana had the third kind of courage which enables to speak out the truth and stick on it. So he had moral or mental courage. Almost all the great leaders and preachers had this kind of courage. This courage enables a man to walk on the right path.

Questions :

- (1) Who was Vibhishana ?
- (2) What kind of courage did Vibhishana display ?
- (3) Who gave Ravana a wise advice ?
- (4) Find out the word from the passage opposite to 'elder'.
- (5) Give the adjective form of 'courage'.

Section B

4. You are Rahul Sharma, a student of class IX in Govt. Higher Secondary School, Indore. Write an application to your Principal requesting him/her to grant you two days' sick leave. 6

Or

You are Ajay Mishra, residing at 16, Railway Colony, Ujjain. Write a letter to your friend Rajat and invite him to spend summer vacation with you.

5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

According to Abraham Lincoln, "Democracy is the government of the people, by the people and for the people."

Many political scientists use the term 'Democracy' not only as a form of government, but also as a kind of state. Democracy, as a kind of state means such a state in which the supreme political power rests with the

people. This power is used by the people while determining their form of government and while electing their representatives. Thus people are the ultimate decision makers in all political matters. In this respect democracy is considered to be a type of state. In other words, a democratic state allows people to freely set up their political institution. If they do not function properly and effectively, they can be charged or replaced by the people.

Questions :

- (i) Make notes on the passage given above. 3
- (ii) Make the summary and title of the above passage based on your notes. 4
6. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on "To make clean India" with the help of the verbal inputs given below : 7
- (1) Cleanliness is based on our health.
 - (2) To put the garbage in the dustbin.
 - (3) To develop the habit of cleanliness.
 - (4) Cleanliness is a national mission.
 - (5) Two hours in a week should be given in this mission.
 - (6) Use of cotton bag only.
 - (7) Awareness in the society.
 - (8) Separate toilet for girls in schools.
 - (9) Water available to maintain the cleanliness.

Or

Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics in about **200** words :

- (i) Any Festival
- (ii) A visit to a historical place
- (iii) An ideal teacher
- (iv) My Hobby
- (v) Wonder of Science.

Section C

7. (A) Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in brackets
(any *five*) : 5

- (i) He is honest man. (a, an, the)
- (ii) There is water in the ink. (much, many)
- (iii) It not rain. (may, can)
- (iv) He is busy business. (against, without)
- (v) One of his brothers selected for KBC. (is/are)
- (vi) He is not suitable this post. (for, at, to)

(B) Fill in the blanks using the *correct* form of verbs given in brackets
(any *five*) : 5

- (i) He promised the money soon. (returning, to return)
- (ii) English is difficult. (Teach, Teaching)

- (iii) My father is a teacher. (retire, retired)
- (iv) It was dark. So I torch with me. (take, took)
- (v) He informs me when I can go there. The underlined clause is :
- (a) Adverb clause
- (b) Adjective clause
- (c) Noun clause
- (vi) I saw a train. (move, moving)

8. Do as directed (any five) :

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- (i) I bring medicine. (Make negative)
- (ii) There were houses on either side of the road. (Rewrite using 'both' in place of either)
- (iii) Run fast, you will lose the race. (Combine using 'otherwise')
- (iv) market/am/I/to/going. (Rearrange to make a meaningful sentence)
- (v) The student is very intelligent. He can come first.
- (Combine the pair of sentences using 'so...that')
- (vi) Mrs. Kumar lives in Bhopal.
- (Frame a question beginning with 'Where')

9. Translate into English (any five) :

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- (i) आप क्या चाहते हैं ?
- (ii) मेरी बहन कपड़े धो रही थी।

(iii) मैं प्रातःकाल जल्दी उठता हूँ।

(iv) वह एक ईमानदार व्यक्ति है।

(v) वे कल दिल्ली जाएँगे।

(vi) तुम किस कक्षा में पढ़ते हो ?

Section D

10. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions below it :

Advertisement can be termed as the backbone of the commercial World. If a company or a firm has to popularise its product, it has to advertise through various means as handbills, posters, print media and the television. Advertisements on the television make an instant appeal to people because of interesting visuals dramatising the product or service.

Questions :

- (a) What is the backbone of the commercial world ? 1
- (b) What does a company or a firm do to popularise its product ? 1
- (c) What are the various means of advertisement ? 1
- (d) Why do the advertisements on television make an instant appeal ? 1
- (e) Find out a word from the passage which means 'intended to make something liked by all'. 1

11. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it :

Kasturba Gandhi was the daughter of a prosperous bussinessman of Porbander. She was married at the very young age of thirteen to Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi. Her father was a strong believer in prevalent customs and traditions. He did not believe in educating her. After her marriage it was her husband who taught her to read and write.

Questions :

- (a) Who was Kasturba Gandhi ? 1
- (b) Who was she married to ? 1
- (c) At what age she got married ? 1
- (d) Who taught her to read and write ? 1
- (e) Find the word in the passage opposite to the word 'wife'. 1

12. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 6

- (i) Who was nominated as the head panch by the aunt ?
- (ii) What is the backbone of the commercial world ?
- (iii) Who was Baljit ?
- (iv) Which examination did Chaturbhuj Babu pass ?

13. (A) What did Kasturba address the woman of Vadhtal village ? 4

Or

How can advertisements have a harmful effect on people ?

(B) Answer any *two* of the following questions :

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(i) What kind of life did Kasturba lead ?

(ii) What factors make small children watch T.V. ads with interest ?

(iii) Which miracle was performed by the wise saint ?

14. Choose the right option and complete the sentences :

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(i) The story which has been retold in 'Fair Play' is of

(a) R. N. Tagore

(b) Prem Chand

(c) R. K. Narayan

(d) E. V. Lucas

(ii) D-area is in the game of

(a) Cricket

(b) Tennis

(c) Hockey

(d) Football.

(iii) Cheemi was

(a) a poor orphan

(b) the daughter of Parvati Kaki

(c) the maid-servant

(d) neighbour of Gauri Bhabhi

(iv) Karnawati was the queen of

(a) Udaipur

(b) Mewar

(c) Jhansi

(d) Aamer.

15. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Every moment has its duty,
Who the future can foretell ?
Then why put off till tomorrow
What today can do as well ?

Questions :

(i) What type of man does the poet want ? 2

(ii) What does the word 'foretell' mean ? 1

Or

My mother kissed me here;
My father pressed my hand
Forgive this foolish tear
But let that old oak stand

Questions :

(a) Who kissed him and pressed his hand ? 2

(b) Name the poet of the poem. 1

16. Answer any *two* questions :

(i) What is the sun ?

(ii) What will happen to the poet of 'Am I a Child' soon ?

(iii) Why does the poet want to protect the old oak from the woodman ?

17. Write the central idea of the poem 'O Light' ?

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Or

Write the central idea of the poem 'Village Song'.

18. Choose the *correct* option :

(i) The poem "Am I a Child" depicts the feeling of

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(a) an old man

(b) a child

(c) a youngster

(d) a lady

(ii) A teddy is a :

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(a) toy

(b) man

(c) girl

(d) baby.