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ENGLISH
Full Marks - 100
Pass Marks - 33
Time - 3 Hours

All questions are compulsory.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

General Instructions :

i)   This question paper contains 13 questions in four Sections. You have to answer only 11 questions. There are two Groups in Section D. Answer either Group A (Q. No. 10 & Q. No. 11) or Group B (Q. No. 12 & Q. No. 13).

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ii)   All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.

iii)   All parts of a question must be written together.

iv)   Figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks.

v)   Strictly adhere to the word limit, if given, in each question.

vi)   Answers of the questions must be in the context of the instructions given therein.

Section - A

(Reading Comprehension)

(Marks : 20)

1.   Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow in your own language :

How does television affect our lives ? It can be very helpful to people who carefully

choose the shows that they watch. Television can increase our knowledge of the outside world; there are high quality programmes that help us understand many fields of study, science, medicine, the arts and so on. Moreover, television benefits very old people, who can't often leave the house, as well as patients in hospitals. It also offers non-native speakers the advantage of daily informal language practice. They can increase their vocabulary and practise listening.

On the other hand, there are several serious disadvantages of television. Of course it provides us with a pleasant way to relax and spend our free time, but in some countries people watch the 'idiot box' for an

average of six hours per day. Many children stare at a television screen for more hours each day than they do anything else, including studying and sleeping. It is clear that the tube has a powerful influence on their lives and that its influence is often negative.

Recent studies show that after only thirty seconds of watching a television, a person's brain 'relaxes' the same way that it does just before the person falls asleep,

Another effect of television on the human brain is that it seems to cause poor concentration. Children who view a lot of television can often concentrate on a subject for only fifteen to twenty minutes. They can pay attention only for the amount of time between commercials.

a) What are the advantages of watching television ? Name any three.   3

b) Name three disadvantages of television.   3

c) What happens after only thirty seconds of watching a television ?   2

d) How does television help with daily informal language practice ?   2

e) What is the average time most people spend watching television ?   2

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :

When fishes flew and forests walked

And figs grew upon thorn

Some moment when the moon was blood

Then surely I was born,

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With monstrous head and sickening

cry

And ears like errant wings

The devil's walking parody

On all four-footed things

The tattered outlaw of the earth

Of ancient crooked will

Starve, scourge, deride me, I am dumb

I keep my secret still,

Fools ! For I also had my hour

One far fierce hour and sweet

There was a shout about my ears

And palms before my feet.

a) When was the donkey probably born ? 3

b) Name three things to describe the donkey. 3

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c) Why does the donkey say it is dumb ? 1

d) What was the hour when the donkey was happy ? 1

Section -B

(Writing)

(Marks : 20)

3. Write an essay on any *one* of the following : http://www.jharkhandboard.com 10

a) My favourite political leader.

b) The game I like most.

c) Knowledge is power

d) Digital India.

4. A road accident took place and 4 people lost their lives. As a Press Reporter, write a report in 125-150 words. Sign yourself as Neeraj/Asha. 10

Section - C

(Applied Grammar)

(Marks : 10)

5. The passage has hot been edited. There are 5 errors. Write the incorrect word and correction as shown. 5

Error	Correction
can	cannot

The miseries of the world <u>can</u> be cured by physical help only. Until man's nature

change, his physical needs will always arises, and miseries will always be felt, and none amount of physical helps will remove them completely. The only solutions of this problem is to make mankind pure.

6. Change the following from Direct to Indirect speech : $1 \times 5 = 5$

a) She said to him, "Bring some water".

b) He said to me, "I don't like films".

c) The stranger said to her, "I arrived yesterday".

d) She asked me, "May I come in ?"

e) I asked my friends, "Do you want a party ?"

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Section-D

(Literature)

(Marks : 50)

7. Choose any *two* of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

$$4 \times 2 = 8$$

a) Fly, envious Time, till thou run out thy

race

Call on the lazy leaden-stepping hours,

Whose speed is but the heavy

Plummets pace;

i) Why is Time called envious ?   2

ii) What are the 'heavy Plummets' ?   1

iii) How are the hours 'lazy' ?   1

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b) She stood up in sudden terror. Escape !

She must escape !

Frank would save her. He would give

her life, perhaps love, too.

i) Who is 'she' ?   1

ii) Who is Frank ?   1

iii) Why does she think Frank would save her life ?   2

c) To be really free implies great sensitivity. There is no freedom if you are enclosed by self-interest or by various walls of discipline, As long as your life is a process of imitation, there can be no sensitivity, no freedom,

i) What are 'walls of discipline' ?   2

ii) How can we become free and sensitive ?   2

8. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 100 words each : 6 × 2 = 12

a) How did Tao Ying's son influence the way she led her life ?

b) Why does the act of giving water to a wayfarer become so important for Prakriti ?

c) According to Milton, how does posterity regard Shakespeare ? Is it a tribute ? How ?

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about 60 words each : 4 × 5 = 20

a) What did Frau Frieda tell the author ? What was his reply ?

b) What are the things that mark animate from inanimate things ?

c) Why does the author say that writing a science fiction is difficult ?

d) Why, according to Virginia Woolf, is an account of reflection more important than a description of reality ?

e) What does Bessie tell Harry about her father's plans for her ?

f) What is the relationship between a film-maker and his audience ?

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Note :   Answer either **Group-A** or **Group-B**.

Group-A

10. Answer any *one* of the following questions :

$6 \times 1 = 6$

  a) Draw a character sketch of Dr. Pal.

  b) How did the loss of the red ledger affect Margayya's business ?

11. Answer any *one* of the following in about 60 words : $\qquad$ $4 \times 1 = 4$

  a) Why did Balu run away to Madras ?

  b) How did Margayya try to give his son the best education ?

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Group-B

12. Answer any *one* of the following questions :

$6 \times 1 = 6$

  a) 'A Tiger for Malgudi is the story of the friendship between a tiger and a hermit.' Elaborate.

  b) Describe Raja's days as the king of the jungle.

13. Answer any *one* of the following questions :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

  a) Give your impression of 'A Tiger for Malgudi' in brief.

  b) Why does R. K. Narayan choose a tiger for his hero ?

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