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Time Allotted : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 70

The Figures in the margin indicate full marks.

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

Group-A (Very Short Answer Type Question)

1. Answer any ten of the following :

[ 1 x 10 = 10 ]

- (i) Name two elements of sensible writing.
- (ii) What do you mean by comprehension?
- (iii) What is meant by word blends? Give an example.
- (iv) We must eat or we cannot live. (Change to simple)
- (v) Many peoples attended the funeral of the great man. (identify and correct the errors)
- (vi) What is meant by descriptive writing?
- (vii) What is email?
- (viii) "Eu" in Greek means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ix) I am certain you have made a mistake. (Change to Compound)
- (x) Do you know the importance for clean water? (identify and correct the errors)
- (xi) What are the four types of introduction to an academic essay?
- (xii) When do we write a compaint letter?

Group-B (Short Answer Type Question)

Answer any three of the following :

[ 5 x 3 = 15 ]

1. What is a simple sentence? Give examples.
2. What is meant by redundancy?
3. What is meant by classifying?
4. What are the 5 main parts of an email?
5. What is a preposition? Name any three types of prepositions.

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Group-C (Long Answer Type Question)

Answer any three of the following :

[ 15 x 3 = 45 ]

1. Put in semicolons, colons, dashes, quotation marks, Italics (use an underline), and parentheses where ever they are needed in the following sentences.

Correct the punctuation error and rewrite the sentences:

[ 15 ]

1. The men in question Harold Keene, Jim Peterson, and Gerald Greene deserve awards.
2. Several countries participated in the airlift Italy, Belgium, France, and Luxembourg.
3. There's no room for error, said the engineer so we have to double check every calculation.
4. Judge Carswell later to be nominated for the Supreme Court had ruled against civil rights.
5. In last week's New Yorker, one of my favorite magazines, I enjoyed reading Leland's article How Not to Go Camping.
6. Yes, Jim said, I'll be home by ten.
7. There was only one thing to do study till dawn.
8. Montaigne wrote the following A wise man never loses anything, if he has himself.
9. The following are the primary colors red, blue, and yellow.
10. Arriving on the 8 10 plane were Liz Brooks, my old roommate her husband and Tim, their son.
11. When the teacher commented that her spelling was poor, Lynn replied All the members of my family are poor spellers. Why not me?
12. He used the phrase you know so often that I finally said No, I don't know.
13. The automobile dealer handled three makes of cars Volkswagens, Porsches, and Mercedes Benz.
14. Though Phil said he would arrive on the 9 19 flight, he came instead on the 10 36 flight.
15. Whoever thought said Helen that Jack would be elected class president?

8. (a) What is Subject-Verb Agreement? Give an example. [ 3 ]  
 (b) Mention two rules of subject-verb agreement. [ 2 ]  
 (c) Go through the following sentences, analyse if the underlined verb agrees with its subject and make changes if necessary. [ 10 ]
1. One of the plates are broken.
  2. The seven children from Chennai has been selected for the final round of the quiz.
  3. Neither the children nor the teacher has reached yet.
  4. Sheena and her sister is here to see you.
  5. A lot of food choices was given.
  6. My parents lives in New Zealand.
  7. Don't you think 4 days are a little too long?
  8. Do anyone know where the lift is?
  9. The little girl do not like mangoes for some reason.
  10. You has brought all that I had asked for.
9. Discuss in details the four styles of sensible writing. [ 15 ]
10. (a) Write an e-mail to the editor of a newspaper regarding the poor conditions of the government hospitals in Kolkata. Give your suggestions for improvement. <https://www.makaut.com> [ 10 ]  
 (b) Write a precis of the passage given below: [ 5 ]
- There is an enemy beneath our feet—an enemy more deadly for his complete impartiality. He recognises no national boundaries, no political parties. Everyone in the world is threatened by him. The enemy is the Earth itself. When an earthquake strikes, the world trembles. The power of a quake is greater than anything man himself can produce. But today scientists are directing a great deal of their effort into finding some way of combating earthquakes and, perhaps at some time in the near future, mankind will have discovered a means of protecting itself from earthquakes. An earthquake strikes without warning. When it does, its power is immense. If it strikes a modern city, the damage it causes is as great as if it has struck a primitive village. Gas mains burst, explosions are caused and fires are started. Underground railways are wrecked. Buildings collapse, bridges fall, dams burst and gaping crevices appear in busy streets. If the quake strikes at sea, huge tidal waves sweep inland. If it strikes in mountain regions, avalanches roar down into the valley. Consider the terrifying statistics from the past 1755: Lisbon, capital of Portugal—the city was destroyed entirely and 450 killed; 1970: Peru—50,000 killed. In 1968, an earthquake struck Alaska. As this is a relatively unpopulated part, only a few people were killed. But it is likely that this was one of the most powerful quakes ever to have hit the world. Geologists estimate that during the tremors, the whole of the state moved over 80 feet farther west into the Pacific Ocean. Imagine the power of something that can move an entire subcontinent! This is the problem that the scientists face. They are dealing with forces so immense that man cannot hope to resist them. All that can be done is to try to pinpoint just where the earthquake will strike and work from there. At least some precautionary measures can then be taken to save lives and some property.
11. Fill the blanks with the suitable prepositions [ 15 ]
- 1) The dog ran \_\_\_\_\_ the road.
  - 2) The river flows \_\_\_\_\_ the bridge.
  - 3) The work was done \_\_\_\_\_ haste.
  - 4) He is afraid \_\_\_\_\_ the dog.
  - 5) I am fond \_\_\_\_\_ music.
  - 6) He goes \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ church.
  - 7) He died \_\_\_\_\_ his country.
  - 8) The steam-engine was invented \_\_\_\_\_ James Watt.
  - 9) The burglar jumped \_\_\_\_\_ the compound wall.
  - 10) The village was destroyed \_\_\_\_\_ fire.
  - 11) What is that \_\_\_\_\_ me?
  - 12) It cannot be done \_\_\_\_\_ offence.
  - 13) He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ Urdu.
  - 14) They live \_\_\_\_\_ the same roof.
  - 15) I have not seen him \_\_\_\_\_ Wednesday last.

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