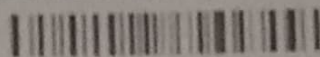


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Instructions :

- (i) Read all the questions carefully.
- (ii) Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against them.

SECTION - 'A'
(Reading)

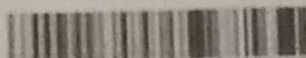
1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below : (1×10=10)

According to fitness experts, if you think muscles are just for gym enthusiasts, think again! Latest research conducted at the University of Texas in the US says that a 30-minute workout a day could turn you into a genius. We show you five ways how working out can make smarter. Says fitness expert, "Exercise improves your mood. It works as an antidepressant and thus helps lift your mood instantly. Apart from this, it also helps you to concentrate on things that do on a daily basis. So, working out on a daily basis can actually make you smarter and more confident about yourself."

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Did you know the more you move, the more energised you feel? Well, we all think that moving around too much or exercising a lot can make you feel tired and dizzy. But regular activity improves your muscle strength and boosts your endurance. It gives you the energy to think clearer and come up with new ideas. If you move around for a good 15 minutes, it will make your body produce more energy at the cellular level. An author said exercise improves your brain in the short term by raising your focus for two to three hours afterwards. For example, if you have a presentation to make at work or have to make a speech, try to work out an hour before. It is believed that you will be at your peak when you perform. Exercise is known to trigger endorphins, which improve the functioning of your brain. Thus, after you've exercised, your ability to sort out priorities improves, allowing you to block out distractions in life and also concentrate better on the tasks at hand.

Do you know that your brain retains more when your body is active? In an experiment published in a journal, students were asked to memorise a string of letters and were then allowed to run, lift weights or sit quietly. The students who worked out were more accurate with their answers than those who chose to sit quietly after memorising.

Have you ever heard of the saying, 'If you want something done, give it to the busy person'. When you're productive and efficient, you are bound to succeed. It is also said that workers who exercise once mid-day between working hours, tend to contribute more than what others do. They are also more productive at work.

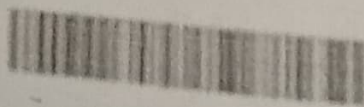
Question :

(i) How does exercise improve muscle strength ?

- (a) by raising our focus
- (b) by making us healthy
- (c) by boosting endurance
- (d) by regular activity

(ii) How does our focus sharpens ?

- (a) through making a speech
- (b) through working out an hour before an important task



(c) through pumping of blood

(d) through brain ageing

(iii) What does endorphins improve ?

(a) functioning of brain

(b) blocking distractions

(c) increasing concentration

(d) all of these

(iv) How is memory improved ?

(a) by sitting quietly

(b) by memorizing notes

(c) by regular work out

(d) by eating junk food

(v) What does the word 'endurance' in the passage mean ?

(a) creation

(b) tiredness

(c) ability to continue

(d) power

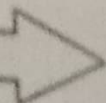
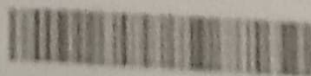
(vi) What is the main idea of the passage ?

(a) Importance of productivity

(b) Importance of physical exercise

(c) Importance of priorities

(d) all the above



(vii) Which of the following is true about the passage

- (a) Exercise makes a person young
- (b) Exercise keeps a person active
- (c) Exercise improves memory
- (d) both (b) and (c)

(viii) How can we get our work done ?

- (a) by work out
- (b) by exercise
- (c) by an active and productive person
- (d) by keeping calm

(ix) Which of these is the correct synonym of the word 'distraction' ?

- (a) disturbance
- (b) difference
- (c) dimension
- (d) concentration

(x) "It is believed that you will be at your peak when you perform."

Which of the following gives the correct meaning of the underlined word in the above sentence ?

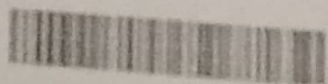
- (a) top of mountain
- (b) highest point
- (c) specific time
- (d) maximum

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

The function of education is to prepare young people to understand the whole process of life. The end of education is not merely to pass some examinations and get a job and earn one's livelihood. If education is to make people understand life, then surely life is not merely a job or an occupation; life is something extraordinarily wide and profound, it is a great mystery, a vast realm in which we function as human beings. If we prepare ourselves only to earn a livelihood, we shall miss the whole point of life. To understand life is much more important than to get a degree or pass an examination for a job. Life, with all its subtleties, is such a vast expanse. It has its extraordinary beauty, its sorrows and joys. It also has its hidden things of the mind such as envies, ambitions, passions, fears, fulfilments and anxieties. The birds, the flowers, the flourishing trees, the heavens, the stars, the rivers and the fishes therein-all this is life. When we are young we must seek and find out what life is all about. Thus we cultivate intelligence with the help of education. Intelligence is the capacity to think freely, without fear, without a formula, so that we begin to discover for ourselves what is real and what is true. Anyone who is gripped with fear will never be intelligent. Most of us have fear in one form or another. Where there is fear there is no intelligence. Thus what education should do is help us understand the need of freedom. Unless we are free we will not understand the whole process of living. When we are free we have no fear. We do not imitate but we discover.

Questions :

- (1) Make notes on the above passage in points.
- (2) Give a suitable title to the passage.

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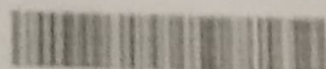
SECTION - 'B'
(Writing)

3 You are Harsha sport secretary of your school write a notice for your school notice board about the sports meet to be held in the next week.

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Design an attractive and effective poster against the use of drugs.



4 You are Yashasvi Shrivastava studying in Govt. C.M. Rise School, Guraiya, (M.P.). Write an application to your Principal for issuing you your Character Certificate.

OR

You are Praveen Mahajan, residing at 23 Janki Nagar Indore. Write a letter to friend Jaideep describing him about your preparation for the upcoming Board examinations.

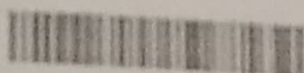
5 With the help of the following words given below produce a write up on 'NSS Camp' (in about 120 words)

- (A) NSS Camp in Rampur village
- (B) 100 volunteers
- (C) Planting of trees
- (D) Cleaning of drains
- (E) Adult literacy classes

OR

Write a short paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 120 words.

- (A) Importance of Games and Sports
- (B) Impact of Global Warming
- (C) Man, Computer and Mobile
- (D) Importance of English
- (E) Power of Press in Democracy



SECTION - 'C'
(Grammar)

6 Fill in the blanks : (any five)

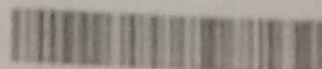
(1×5=5)

- (i) Suresh is _____ boy who has got a place in the merit list. (a / an / the)
(ii) How _____ time do you take to reach your school ? (many / much / any)
(iii) He is good _____ English. (at / to / in)
(iv) English is _____ in many countries. (speaking / spoken / speak)
(v) We _____ to respect our elders. (should / must / ought)
(vi) He could not win the match, _____ he played well. (if / though / else)

7 Do as directed : (any five)

(1×5=5)

- (i) He did not study well. He failed. (Combine the pair of sentences using 'because')
(ii) A dog bit my friend. (Change into negative)
(iii) As soon as the Sun rises, I wake up. (Rewrite the sentence using 'no sooner _____ than')
(iv) If it rains, we will not play. (Rewrite the sentence using 'unless')
(v) I am sure of it. He will come today.
(Combine the pair of sentences into a complex sentence having a noun clause.)
(vi) They were too slow to win the race. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so _____ that')



SECTION - 'D'

8 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below (1×5=5)

When I passed the town hall, there was a crowd in front of the bulletin-board. For the last two years all our bad news had come from there-the lost battles, the draft, the orders of the commanding officer-and I thought to myself, without stopping, "What can be the matter. Now? "Then, as I hurried by as fast as I could go, the blacksmith, Watcher, who was there, with his apprentice, reading the bulletin, called after me, "Don't go so fast, bub: you'll get to your school in plenty of time! "I thought he was making fun of me, and reached M Hamel's little garden all out of breath.

Questions :

(i) Where had all the bad news come from for last two years ?

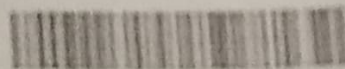
- (a) school
- (b) Prussia
- (c) Alsace
- (d) Bulletin-board

(ii) What did the blacksmith say to Franz ?

- (a) to read the bulletin-board
- (b) to complete his homework
- (c) to hurry to school
- (d) to not go so fast

(iii) What has M Hamel's 'little garden' been referred to in this extract ?

- (a) his home
- (b) his school
- (c) his country
- (d) his garden



(iv) Which of these means 'apprentice' ?

(a) mentor

(b) amateur

(c) engineer

(d) writer

(v) What was the motive of the blacksmith Watcher ?

(a) To ridicule Franz

(b) To boost the morale of Franz

(c) To dominate little Franz

(d) To make him realize the importance of his mother tongue

9 (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :

(1×3=3)

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, and unafraid.

Questions :

(i) The above extract has been taken from _____

(a) Keeping Quiet

(b) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers

(c) A Roadside Stand

(d) A Thing of Beauty

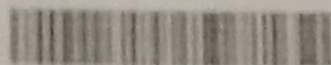
(ii) Who will go on prancing ?

(a) aunt

(b) tigers

(c) both a and b

(d) none of the above



(iii) The word 'terrified' means_____

(a) frightened

(b) excited

(c) tire

(d) pleased

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :

(1×4=4)

Early this year, I found myself aboard a Russian research vessel the Akademik Shokalskiy heading towards the coldest, driest, windiest continent in the world: Antarctica. My journey began 13.09 degrees north of the Equator in Madras, and involved crossing nine time zones, six checkpoints, three bodies of water, and at least as many ecosystems.

Questions :

(i) The above text have been taken from the chapter_____

(a) Evans Tries an O Level

(b) Memories of Childhood

(c) The Tiger King

(d) Journey to the End of the Earth

(ii) Who is 'I' in the above lines ?

(a) Tishani Doshi

(b) Kalki

(c) Pearl S Buck

(d) William Saroyan

(iii) What was Akademik Shokalskiy ?

(a) A Boat

(b) A Canoe

(c) A Watercraft

(d) All of these

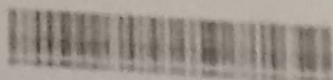
(iv) Where was the narrator travelling to ?

(a) Amsterdam

(b) Antarctica

(c) Australia

(d) America



10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (any five) (2×5=10)

- (i) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day ?
- (ii) Why did Saheb's parents leave Dhaka and migrate to India ?
- (iii) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water ?
- (iv) From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap ?
- (v) Why did Gandhi chide the lawyers of Muzaffarpur ?
- (vi) in the Poets and Pancakes, what do Pancakes refer to ?
- (vii) What were the options that Sophie was dreaming of ?

11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (any three) (2×3=6)

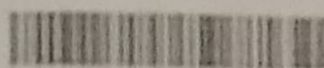
- (i) In the poem keeping Quiet What does the poet mean by saying 'victory with no survivors'?
- (ii) According to John Keats, How long do we experience things of beauty ?
- (iii) What are the different types of wars mentioned in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' ?
- (iv) Of what or of whom is Aunt Jennifer terrified with ?

12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (any two) (2×2=4)

- (i) Why doesn't Charley consider 'stamp collecting habit' a way of escapism ?
- (ii) In what condition did Dr. Sadao and Hana find the white man at the seashore ?
- (iii) What were the different names given to the King of Pratibandapuram ?

13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (any two) (3×2=6)

- (i) How did the order from Berlin change the atmosphere in the school ?



(ii) Subbu has been described as a many-sided genius. List four of his special abilities.

(iii) Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person?

14 Answer the following question in about 75 words.

Write the central idea of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'.

OR

'Life is what it is about; How is keeping quiet related to life?

15 Answer the following question in about 75 words.

How did meeting with Mr. Lamb become a turning point in Derry's life?

OR

What are the differences between Zitkala-sa and Bama?

