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ENGLISH (Core)

[For all Groups I, II, III]

(Only for Fresh/School Candidates)

Time allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ *hours]*   *[Maximum Marks :* **80**

- *Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are* **16** *in number and it contains* **16** *questions.*

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General Instructions :

   (i)   *This question paper is divided into* **Two** *main Parts :* **A** *and* **B***.*

   (ii)   **All Parts are compulsory.**

   (iii) *Attempt all the parts of a question together.*

   (iv) *Stick to the word limit wherever prescribed.*

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PART – A

[Multiple Choice Questions]

(Reading Skills)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions from the options given below each question :

Gifts or presents are synonyms for each other as words but if we go deep into their connotative meaning they differ from each other. The word 'gift' seems to be more frequently used than 'present'. Both the words can be used as noun as well as verb. Though they can be used as other parts of speech also e.g. gift pack, gift card, gift box etc. Here we cannot say present pack, present card, present box etc. Similarly, we usually say his talent is god gifted or he/she is a gifted child. So, gifts can be talents also. They are abstract while presents are more concrete as in a sentence 'a gifted child delivered a speech and got a no. of presents from the people. It seems that giving a gift or a present is a proper way to congratulate someone. There is hardly anybody who doesn't like gifts. Whatever the occasion is gifts are exchanged frequently. Now a days, there is a fashion of return gifts also. When somebody gives us gifts we feel obliged and sometimes we have to work under pressure in return for the gift that we have received or promised by someone. This was the reason Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam never took a gift from anybody. He really set an example with such habits and his uncountable skills.

Questions :   1 × 5 = 5

(i)   Which word is more frequent in use ?

    (A)   Gift   (B)   Present

    (C)   Both   (D)   None

(ii) What is more concrete ?

    (A) Gifts   (B) Presents

    (C) Talents   (D) All of the above

(iii) What is considered a proper way to congratulate someone ?

    (A) sending message   (B) visiting someone

    (C) giving a gift   (D) inviting someone

(iv) What is the fashion now a days ?

    (A) return the gift   (B) receive the gift

    (C) give a gift   (D) giving a return gift

(v) Which example did Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam set ?

    (A) returning a gift   (B) never taking a gift

    (C) promising a gift   (D) giving a gift

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions from the options given below each question :

Earth is the only planet where life is possible. Though many people say that there are hundreds of earths in the universe but there is no solid proof yet. Some essential substances like air, water and land support life on earth. About 70% of the earth is covered by water and rest of it is covered by land. Similar to other planets earth also moves around the Sun in its fixed path. It takes 364 days and 6 hours to complete its round around the Sun. While taking a round around the Sun, the earth also rotates on its own axis. It completes its round on its axis in 24 hours which we call a solar day. When it is day time in our area, there is night time in the area opposite to us. So, with the rotation of

earth on its own axis, we experience day and night with human beings on earth, there are millions of other creatures on earth. So it is our prime duty to save our lovely planet earth from every type of wrong practice. If we save earth, we shall save our life only.

Questions : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(i)   Life is possible on earth only because of :

(A)   air   (B)   water

(C)   land   (D)   all of them

(ii) How much of the earth is covered by land ?

(A)   70%   (B)   30%

(C)   40%   (D)   100%

(iii) How much time does the earth take to complete a round around the Sun ?

(A)   364 days   (B) $364 \frac{1}{4}$ days

(C) $364 \frac{1}{2}$ days   (D)   365 days

(iv) How are days and nights formed ?

(A)   When the earth rotates on its own axis

(B)   When the earth takes a round around the Sun

(C)   When the earth stops taking rounds

(D)   All of the above

(v)   What is our prime duty ?

(A)   To save human beings   (B)   To save the Sun

(C)   To save the water   (D)   To save the earth

(Grammar)

3. *Do as directed* :   1 × 10 = 10

(a)   Fill in the blanks with the help of *correct* form of *verb* given in options :

(i)   Tomorrow it .... mere difficult to convince the employer for releasing the salary, I am sure.

(A)   may be   (B)   can be

(C)   shall be   (D)   will be

(ii)   For three years, I .... our country in all respects.

(A)   had been serving   (B)   have been serving

(C)   was serving   (D)   shall be serving

(iii)   Anybody who .... to take part in the function to be held in next month should give names to the coordinator.

(A)   wanted   (B)   wants

(C)   is wanting   (D)   want

(b)   Fill in the blanks with the help of suitable *determiners* given below each sentence :

(iv)   .... cup of tea refreshes us nicely early in the morning.

(A)   The   (B)   ×

(C)   Any   (D)   A

(v)   There are .... people who never take care of plants or trees; they only want flowers, fruits, wood and shade from them.

(A)   much   (B)   many

(C)   the   (D)   all the

(vi) He is .... honest boy who returned teacher's purse found outside the school.

(A) a

(B) an

(C) the

(D) ×

(c) Combine the following sentences with the help of suitable *conjunctions* given in options :

(vii) Did you know .... our exam will start in the month of April or May ?

(A) this

(B) it

(C) that

(D) which of

(viii) Parrots are such birds .... are liked by everybody.

(A) who

(B) those

(C) these

(D) which

(d) Fill in the blanks with suitable *prepositions* given below each sentence :

(ix) Students are suggested not to mark any answer with two options .... your answer sheet.

(A) at

(B) in

(C) into

(D) across

(x) All the students must sit .... the classroom for at least two hours as it is raining.

(A) outside

(B) upon

(C) inside

(D) before

(Literature Textbooks)

4. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow from the options given below the questions :

Somehow I managed to stretch canvas and secure waterproof hatch covers across the gaping holes. Some water continued to stream below, but most of it was now being deflected over the side. More problems arose when our hand pumps started to block up with the debris floating around the cabins and the electric pumps short-circuited. The water level rose threateningly. Back on dack, I found that one two square hand pumps had been wrenched overboard-along with the forestay sail, the jib, the dingies and the main anchor.

Questions : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(i)   From which chapter have these lines been taken ?

    (A)   The Portrait of a Lady

    (B)   We Are Not Afraid to Die ...... if we can All be Together

    (C)   Landscape of the Soul

    (D)   The Browning Version

(ii)   Who is/are the authors of these lines ?

    (A)   Khushwant Singh   (B)   Nani Palkhiwala

    (C)   A. R. Williams   (D)   Gordon Cook and Alan East

(iii)   What did he manage to do ?

    (A)   To stretch bedsheet   (B)   To stretch the rope

    (C)   To stretch canvas   (D)   To stretch the cloth

(iv) What problem occurred with the electric pump ?

    (A) They were lost   (B) They were short-circuited

    (C) They were burnt   (D) They were swept with water

(v) How did the hand pumps start to block ?

    (A) Started blocking with water   (B) Blocked with dust

    (C) Short-circuited and got blocked (D) Blocked with debris

OR

No, Sir. I'm not. In form the other day he made one of his classical jokes. Of course nobody laughed because nobody understood it, myself included. Still, I know he would have meant it as funny, so I laughed. Out of ordinary common politeness, and feeling a bit sorry for him for having made a poor joke. Now I cannot remember what the joke was, but suppose I make it. Now you laugh Sir.

Questions : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(i) From which chapter have these lines been taken ?

    (A) The Portrait of a Lady

    (B) We're not Afraid to Die .... if we can All be Together

    (C) Landscape of the Soul

    (D) The Browning Version

(ii) Who is the writer of these lines ?

    (A) Khushwant Singh   (B) A. R. Williams

    (C) Terence Rattigan   (D) Nick Middleton

(iii) Who is 'I' in the passage ?

    (A) Frank   (B) Author

    (C) Taplow   (D) Crocker Harris

(iv) What is the meaning of the form in the passage ?

    (A) Class   (B) Home

    (C) Church   (D) Ballroom

(v) Who is the teacher in the passage referred as 'Sir' ?

    (A) Crocker Harris   (B) Frank

    (C) Both of them   (D) None of them

5. Read the following stanza and answer the questions that follow from the options given below the questions :

All three stood still to smile through their hair

At the uncle with the camera, A sweet face,

My mother's that was before I was born.

And the sea, which appears to have changed less

Washed their terribly transient feet.

Questions : $1 \times 5 = 5$

 (i) Name of the poem is ....

    (A) A Photograph   (B) The Laburnum Top

    (C) Childhood   (D) The Voice of the Rain

(ii) Name of the poet of these lines is ....

    (A) Shirley Toulson   (B) Walt Whitman

    (C) Ted Hughes   (D) Markus Natten

(iii) Who was/were going to smile through their hair ?

(A) Dolly   (B) Betty

(C) Poet's mother   (D) all of them

(iv) What has changed less ?

(A) Poet's mother   (B) Uncle

(C) Sea   (D) Two cousins

(v) What was the poet looking at ?

(A) her mother   (B) at photograph

(C) at sea   (D) at camera

OR

And who art thou ? Said I to the soft falling shower,

Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated :

I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain,

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea.

Questions :   1 × 5 = 5

 (i) What is the name of the poem of the above lines ?

(A) A Photograph   (B) The Voice of the Rain

(C) Childhood   (D) The Laburnum Top

(ii) What is the name of the poet of these lines ?

(A) Ted Hughes   (B) Markus Natten

(C) Walt Whitman   (D) Shirley Toulson

(iii) Who is 'I' in the above stanza in 3rd and 4th lines ?

    (A) Earth   (B) Rain

    (C) Poet   (D) Poem

(iv) Who does 'thou' refer to in the stanza ?

    (A) Earth   (B) Rain

    (C) Poet   (D) Poem

(v) Where from does the shower rise according to the above stanza ?

    (A) Out of the land   (B) From the sky

    (C) Out of bottomless sea   (D) both (A) and (C)

6. Answer the following questions from the options given below (Any *five*) : 1 × 5 = 5

  (i) In the village, the writer's school was attached to ....

    (A) a house   (B) a church

    (C) a temple   (D) a city

  (ii) The name of the Island where the narrator Gordon Cook and his family landed was ....

    (A) Madagascar   (B) Sumatra

    (C) New Guinea   (D) Amsterdam

(iii) Where was king Tut from ?

    (A) China   (B) Germany

    (C) Egypt   (D) India

(iv) What was the name of the blacksmith in the story 'Landscape of the Soul' ?

   (A) Smariton Metsys   (B) Puriten Metsys

   (C) Quinten Metsys   (D) Swetten Metsys

(v) What was the world population in 1800 as is given in chapter 'The Ailing Planet' ?

   (A) One billion   (B) Two billion

   (C) Three billion   (D) Four billion

(vi) Taplow is a ....

   (A) Student   (B) Teacher

   (C) Owner   (D) Principal

7. Read the following questions and answer from the options given below the questions (Any *five*) : $1 \times 5 = 5$

 (i) Mourad brought a beautiful .... horse.

   (A) black   (B) red

   (C) white   (D) black and white

(ii) After the war, the narrator comes back to her native place in ....

   (A) Polland   (B) France

   (C) Holland   (D) Germany

(iii) Who is the writer of the story 'Ranga's Marriage' ?

   (A) William Saroyan   (B) Marga Minco

   (C) Masti Venkatesha Iyengar   (D) Patrick Pringle

(iv) Who was Mr. Braun ?

    (A) Alber's Maths teacher   (B) English teacher

    (C) History teacher   (D) Chemistry teacher

(v) Christine was Dr. Andrew's ....

    (A) sister   (B) teacher

    (C) wife   (D) girl friend

(vi) What is the name of Mrs. Pearson's son ?

    (A) Doris   (B) Harris

    (C) Cyril   (D) George

PART – B

[WRITING SKILLS]

8. You are Mr. Rupesh /Ms. Rupa living at 79, Ahir Colony, Jaipur. You lost your office file while travelling by metro. Write a notice to be published in 'lost and found column' of a local newspaper.   3

OR

You are Rishu, the Head boy/girl of your school. You had a meeting with Principal and Sr. teachers. Write a notice for your school notice-board informing the students about meeting and Covid-Vaccination to be given to the students developing necessary details.

9. Read the following conversation and write a message : 3

Shaily : Hello, May I talk to Sonu ?

Pradeep : It is Sonu's brother speaking. She is out to her teacher.

Shaily : O. K. will you give her a message ?

Pradeep : Yes why not ?

Shaily : Please convey her a message to reach in the college. The dance teacher will be available only between 12:00-2:00 p. m. I shall come to take her at 11:30 a.m. She must meet me at city station.

Pradeep : O. K. I shall surely convey the message.

OR

Read a telephonic conversation and write a message :

Punit : Hello, it is Rahul ?

Sumit : No, I am his brother Sumit.

Punit : Sumit I am his senior. Tell him that there will be a meeting tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. All the staff members will attend the meeting. The owner from Delhi is coming to inaugurate the new hall. He must also reach.

Sumit : O. K. I shall convey the message.

10. Write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting her to change your Section giving some reasons. Write yourself as Amit/Anita of Class XI. 5

OR

Write an application for the post of an Accountant in Sunrise Enterprises. Write to the Manager in neat and clean handwriting.

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11. Write a paragraph on any *one* of the following : 5

Environment Protection

OR

Health is Wealth

12. Write a character sketch of the Grandmother. (*The Portrait of a Lady*) 5

OR

How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted ?

13. Answer any *two* of the following questions in **30** to **40** words each : 2 × 2 = 4

   (i)   Why was the author disappointed with Darchen ?

   (ii)   What happened when Taplow laughed at the joke told by his master ?

   (iii)   How did the wave attack affect the wave walker ?

14. Answer any *two* of the following in **40-50** words each (Poetry) : 3 × 2 = 6

   (i)   Write the central idea of the poem *'A Photograph'*.

   (ii)   Write in brief the summary of the poem *'The Laburnum Top'*.

   (iii)   What does the poet say about his childhood in the poem *'Childhood'* ?

15. Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address ? 5

OR

"I have done something : oh, God ! I've done something real at last." Why does Andrew say this ? What does it means ?

16. Answer the following questions in **30-40** words each (Attempt any *two*) : $2 \times 2 = 4$

    (i)   How does Mrs. Fitzgerald advice Mrs. Pearson ?

    (ii)   What were Ranga's views about marriage ?

    (iii)   Write in brief character sketch of Uncle Khosrove.

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