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Note : (i) This question paper is divided into three sections :

- Section A : Reading Comprehension
- Section B : Writing Skills
- Section C : Literature Textbook

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

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[SECTION-A]

[Reading Comprehension]

Note : Read the passage given below and on the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the questions :

(Para-1) Hobbies help us grow as a person. The best way to have a new hobby is to try something new. All of us are unique, and this is the reason why our hobbies and interests are different. Once we find an activity we are passionate about it. We can explore that activity more. When you get hooked, you will realize that your hobby has become an integral part of your life. Having a hobby that we enjoy brings us joy and refreshes us. Hobbies help us to manage our leisure and unplanned time more productively. It also affords you the opportunity to learn new skills in your work. But these are not the only benefits of having a hobby.

(Para-2) It feels great to be skilled and good at something, doesn't it? And this is what that makes you confident. It can take sometime to develop your hobby so that you may be able to tell that you are skilled. But the journey of experiencing your hobby is very rewarding in itself. With the exposure to different types of activities these days, it doesn't matter which activity you choose. Whether you are pursuing a craft, sports, puzzles or skill development, your

hobby should be a diversion and a passion. Simultaneously, if your hobby gives you a sense of purpose, then you will be more confident, challenging yourself in your hobby and it helps you prepare for learning new things at work.

(Para-3) Hobbies give you an opportunity to enhance your life. Hobbies allow you to de-stress yourself while remaining mentally productive. Having hobbies promotes better health and may lower the risk of having high blood pressure. Enjoying a few hours of your hobby a week can also reduce the risk of depression and dementia. Hobbies refocus your mind on to something that you enjoy doing. Hobbies that include physical activities create chemical changes in your body that help to reduce stress.

(Para-4) Even if it doesn't involve physical activities, you can still reap the benefits of having a hobby. Getting a short break from work and doing something you are passionate about can rejuvenate your mind and help prepare you to handle challenges in the future in a better way.

(Para-5) Hobbies may provide an opportunity for you to socialize with people and that can be an additional benefit for your overall well-being. You can connect with people who enjoy doing the same things that you do. You can

meet new people, discuss your hobby and get connected to a bigger circle that may even help you turn your hobby into your profession. The internet provides numerous groups and forums to connect with people that enjoy doing the same things that you want to do.

(Para-6) Some hobbies require creativity and if you develop creativity through your hobby, it can be beneficial. Creativity can help you experience new things at school and work. The skill of being creative is essential in today's world.

Questions :

[I] Choose the appropriate option : [1×5=5]

Q.1 Our hobbies and interests are different because _____.

- (a) of our age
- (b) of our location
- (c) we are unique
- (d) of our culture

Q.2 The journey of experiencing a hobby is quite-

- (a) challenging for a person
- (b) rewarding in itself
- (c) demanding in itself
- (d) inspirational for a person

Q.3 When a person gets hooked on a hobby, he realises that—

- (a) it has become an integral part of our life
- (b) it has much more benefits than we realised
- (c) it is much more enjoyable to have a hobby
- (d) it is quite essential for us to learn some skills through our hobbies

Q.4 The skill of being _____ is essential in today's world.

- (a) confident
- (b) creative
- (c) sociable
- (d) opportunistic

Q.5 Creativity can be applied in—

- (a) hobbies
- (b) school and work
- (c) personal life
- (d) All of the above

[II] Answer the following questions in 1 sentence each : [1×5=5]

Q.6 What is the best way to acquire a new hobby?

Q.7 How do hobbies impact time management?

Q.8 Explain how a hobby providing a sense of purpose influences confidence.

Q.9 What role do physical activities play in stress reduction?

Q.10 What platforms provide opportunities to connect with people sharing similar interests?

[III] Pick up words from the passage which are similar to the following :

[1×2=2]

Q.11 Captivated (Para 1)

Q.12 Refresh (Para 4)

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

Fasting is said to bring a host of benefits, provided it is done under medical supervision. Doctors explain how to go about it. Food is to a body what fuel is to a motor vehicle. It provides energy, helps repair, rejuvenates and confers many other benefits. A lot of research has been done and is being done on fasting. When one fasts, the digestive system gets rests and all body mechanisms are cleansed.

While fasting, the natural process of toxin removal continues, the entry of new toxins is reduced. The energy usually used for digestion is redirected to immune system

and cell growth. Fasting helps you lose excess weight and water flushes out toxins, helps you heal at greater speed, cleanses your liver, kidney and colon, purifies your blood, clears the eyes, tongue and breath.

Another research says, fasting, even occasionally, helps in detoxification. Through fasting we restrict digestive activity and so energy is utilised to cleanse different systems. Fasting improves metabolism, sharpens the senses, calms the mind, improves general immunity, improves concentration and mental clarity. Fasting has tremendous benefits and impacts one at various planes : mental, emotional, physical and spiritual. Specially it helps in detoxification, repair and rejuvenation, gives rest to the gastro-intestinal system and promotes mobilization of excess fat.

The crucial point to note is the difference between fasting and starvation. Research suggests there are other benefits of fasting. It slows down the aging process and increases lifespan. On the other hand, starvation occurs when the body begins to use protein for fuel and may lead to death in some cases.

- Q.13** On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make note on it in points only using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. [4]
- Q.14** Write a summary of the above passage and give a suitable title. [1+3=4]

[SECTION-B]

[Writing Skills]

- Q.15** Imagine you live in a residential area where loudspeakers are used frequently, causing disturbance and noise pollution. This is affecting your studies and overall peace in the neighbourhood. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police, requesting a ban on the use of loudspeakers in your area. [2+3+1=6]

OR

You are Vijay/Vijaya residing in Ward No. 8, Adarsh Nagar, Bilaspur. Write a letter to your friend about your future plans after you leave school.

- Q.16** You are Rohan/Rohini Sharma, a student of Class XII. Write a notice to be displayed on the school notice board regarding your lost library card (Card no. LIB/1234). Provide necessary details and request the finder to return or inform you. (Word limit 50-60 words) [4]

You are Rashmi/Ranjeet—Sports Incharge of Gandhi Memorial HSS, Surajpur. Write a notice for the selection of interested students to take part in the Inter-school Sports Meet. Last day of submission is 02/04/2024.

Q.17 Do as directed (any *ten*) : [1×10=10]

(i) Shut the door. (Change the voice)

(ii) The door is too high for the baby to reach.

(Change into complex sentence)

(iii) The servant said to his master, "Pardon me, Sir."

(Change the narration)

(iv) I made him go to school. (Underline the finite verb)

(v) Sneha is rich. She is not happy.

(Change into a compound sentence)

(vi) As soon as the bus arrived, the children rushed

to board it.

(Pick out the adverb clause)

(vii) Who has taken my pen? (Change the voice)

(viii)(a) This is the village.

(b) I was born here.

(Combine the pair of simple sentences into a single complex sentence containing an adjective clause)

(ix) The Principal said to Anil, "Did you beat Ravi yesterday?" (Change the narration)

(x) I won't pay it if he does not send me the bill again.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')

(xi) (a) He is an honest guy.

(b) I know this.

(Combine the pair of simple sentences into one complex sentence containing "Noun Clause")

(xii) It was a blue shirt.

(Expand the adjective phrase to form relative clause)

Q.18 Write an article in about 250 words on any *one* of the following topics :

[10]

(i) Grow more trees to reduce pollution

(ii) One Nation, One Election

(iii) The International Day of Yoga

(iv) Save Water—Are we doing enough?

(v) Science and Technology for Students and Children

[SECTION-C]

[Literature Textbook]

(Flamingo)

Note : Read the extract given below and choose the correct option :

No one can imagine how sad and monotonous life can appear to such a vagabond, who plods along the road, left to his own meditations. But one day this man had fallen into a line of thought, which really seemed to him entertaining. He had naturally been thinking of his rattraps when suddenly he was struck by the idea that the whole world about him—the whole world with its lands and seas, its cities and villages was nothing but a big rattrap. It had never existed for any other purpose than to set baits for people.

Questions :

Choose the correct alternative and answer the questions : [1×4=4]

Q.19 The vagabond plodding along the road, finds life _____.

- (a) exciting and adventurous
- (b) happy and wishful
- (c) sad and monotonous
- (d) painful but thrilling

- Q.20** The narrator found the whole world a rattrap _____.
- (a) as it offered riches and joys
 - (b) as it brought misery and pain
 - (c) as it caused terror and plight
 - (d) as it existed to set baits for people
- Q.21** The idea that struck narrator was _____.
- (a) that world is full of misery
 - (b) that the whole world is a rattrap
 - (c) that rattraps are present everywhere
 - (d) that it is a really big world
- Q.22** Find the meaning of the phrase 'hopeless situation' in the given extract :
- (a) bait
 - (b) vagabond
 - (c) rattrap
 - (d) meditation

Note : Read the extract of the poem given below and choose the correct option :

"It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness."

Questions :

Choose the correct answer :

[1×4=4]

- Q.23** Which moment has been described as exotic?
- (a) When everyone is still and quiet
 - (b) When everyone is praying
 - (c) When everyone is pleading others to be quiet
 - (d) Listening to the poet
- Q.24** Why, according to the poet, the moment will be exotic?
- (a) It will initiate non-violence
 - (b) It will foster peace and brotherhood
 - (c) As it will be something extraordinary
 - (d) All of the above
- Q.25** Explain 'without rush, without engines' :
- (a) Presently everyone seems to be in a hurry
 - (b) Mad noise of engines coming from different types of vehicles <https://www.cgboardonline.com>
 - (c) Everyone is involved in multiple activities to for material gains
 - (d) All of the above
- Q.26** Which figure of speech is used in the last line of the stanza?
- (a) Metaphor
 - (b) Personification
 - (c) Alliteration
 - (d) Simile

Note : Answer the following questions in about 2-3 sentences each : [2×3=6]

Q.27 What did M. Hamel tell the people in the class about French language? What did he ask them to do?

Q.28 What is Umberto Eco's best novel and what is the reason for the huge success of it?

Q.29 Why do you think Gandhiji considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life?

Note : Answer the following question in about 120-150 words : [6]

Q.30 Desire, determination and diligence lead to success. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?

OR

Compare and contrast Sophie and Jansie, highlighting their temperaments and aspirations.

(Vistas)

Note : Answer the following questions in about 2-3 sentences each : [2×2=4]

Q.31 Who is Mr. Lamb? Why does he leave his garden gate always open?

Q.32 How did Zitkala-Sa feel when her long hair was cut?

Note : Answer the following question in about *120-150* words : [6]

Q.33 Describe the efforts made by the Tiger King to achieve his target of killing a hundred tigers.

OR

Geoff Green, a Canadian explorer and educator, started to include high school students on the expedition “Students on Ice” Programme. Explain why.

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