

Series-A

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ENGLISH

Time Allowed—3 Hours Maximum Marks—80

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.

Special Instructions :

- (i) You must write Question Paper Series in the circle at top left side of title page of your Answer-book.

(ii) While answering your Questions, you must indicate on your Answer-book the same Question No. as appears in your Question Paper.

(iii) Do not leave blank page/pages in your Answer-book.

(iv) Read the instructions carefully.

(v) The paper is divided into four section :

Section–A (Multiple Choice Question)

16 marks

Section–B (Reading) 17 marks

Section–C (Writing) 17 marks

Section–D (Literature) 30 marks.

(vi) Each Question is compulsory to attempt.

(vii) There is an internal choice in the question.

(viii) Section–A (Multiple Choice Questions) answers are to be given in OMR sheet only.

SECTION-A

(Multiple Choice Questions)

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1. Answer the following MCQ's by selecting the correct option :

(i) Name the author of the chapter "Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom" : 1

(a) Zenani

(b) Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela

(c) Thabo Mbeki

(d) G.L. Fuentes.

(ii) Who was the commander in Chief of Mars Space probe ? 1

(a) Think Tank

(b) Noodle

(c) Captain Omega

(d) Lieutenant Iota.

- (iii) Which river gets its water from the hills and forests of Coorg ?
- (a) Krishna
 - (b) Kaveri
 - (c) Narmada
 - (d) Tapi.
- (iv) "Lencho was an OX of Man". What does this line suggest ?
- (a) Lencho was very intelligent.
 - (b) Lencho was very lazy.
 - (c) Lencho believed in God.
 - (d) Lencho was very hard working.
- (v) The poet of the poem "A Tiger in the Zoo" is :
- (a) T.S. Eliot

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(b) John Berryman

(c) Leslie Norris

(d) Robert Frost.

(vi) What was Tricki given at the Surgery ? 1

(a) A lot of eggs

(b) Medicine

(c) No food but plenty of water

(d) Sweet dishes.

(vii) Who is the scientist in the story "Footprints without Feet" ? 1

(a) Horace Danby

(b) Richard Ebright

(c) James Herriot

(d) Griffin.

(viii) What was the Real name of 'Bholi' ? 1

- (a) Radha
- (b) Sulekha
- (c) Lakshmi
- (d) Surekha.

(ix) Mohan says, "The teacher is ill." 1

(Change into Indirect Speech)

- (a) Mohan says that the teacher was ill
- (b) Mohan says that the teacher has been ill.
- (c) Mohan said that the teacher is ill
- (d) Mohan says that the teacher is ill

x) I said to him, "Work hard." 1

- (a) I advised him to work hard.
- (b) I advised him that work hard

(c) I advised him work hard.

(d) I advise him to work hard.

(xi) The cat was Drinking milk. 1

(Change the Voice)

(a) Milk is being drunk by the cat.

(b) Milk has been drunk by the cat.

(c) Milk was being drunk by the cat.

(d) Milk was been drunk by the cat.

(xii) I know him. (Change the Voice) 1

(a) He is known by me.

(b) He is known to me.

(c) He has known to me.

(d) He was known to me.

(xiii) Fill in the blank with correct modal verb. 1

..... you live long !

- (a) Will
- (b) Can
- (c) May
- (d) Might

(xiv) Choose the proper non-finite verb to complete the sentence : 1

It is easy other.

- (a) advise
- (b) advising
- (c) to advise
- (d) advised.

(xv) Use the correct preposition :

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Never quarrel your friend.

(a) to

(b) with

(c) upon

(d) of

(xvi) Fill in the blank with the correct use of
Tense.

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He a car yesterday.

(a) has bought

(b) buy

(c) bought

(d) shall buy

SECTION—B

(Reading)

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2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Most of us were taught that generosity is about giving freely, and putting other's needs before our own. While there is nothing wrong with this definition, it remains somewhat incomplete. To think of generosity only in terms of giving can limit us.

Being truly generous is as much about being open to receiving graciously from others. Allowing the other to 'give' to us – whether it be a compliment, an act of kindness, emotional support or even material help in times of need is, interestingly, as much of an act of kindness as extending ourselves to give to others. .

Correspondingly, we need to be aware of a possible 'greed of giving' that can sometimes be a thinly disguised power trip! It's time we began to understand generosity as a kind of two way street. With all the talk about how 'selfish' we are today, it's pretty amazing to see how many people have real difficulty being able to receive.

There may be at least four reasons why people have trouble receiving. May be they simply haven't learned how to graciously receive a gift or assistance from another. Or it could be that they don't want to feel under obligation to the giver. It's also possible they consider receiving a weakness, and want to always come across as the strong or defining part of a relationship: to receive, for some, is to

acknowledge that they have needs, or are vulnerable, and they find this very hard or perhaps, most sadly, they don't feel they deserve what they receive.

Answer the following questions :

- (i) What is the Traditional definition of Generosity ? 1
- (ii) Why is receiving an act of kindness ? 2
- (iii) What might people give us besides material help ? 2
- (iv) Why do some people find it hard to receive ? 1
- (v) How can we show generosity besides giving ? 1
- (vi) What does it mean to receive a compliment ? 2
- (vii) What is the opposite of 'receive' ? 1

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Discipline is the watch word of a proper social life. Men living in a society need to follow certain rules which may help a smooth functioning of the social set up and this following of the rules is what is called discipline. The institution or organisation which follows its rules is called a disciplined institution. Those who are members of such an institution or organisation also feel a sense of satisfaction and pride that they belong to a disciplined body. But to be disciplined means to adjust to curtailment of certain liberties in order to accommodate the liberty of brother members. We as social beings, have our liberties but have to keep our liberties under control and limits so that the liberty of the

others is not disturbed. A.G. Gardiner has rightly said. "Liberty is not a personal affair". While moving on the road, we have to follow the signals at the crossings, if we violate them the accidents are bound to occur. Even in personal life a disciplined routine keeps us healthy but, if we become reckless in our ways of life, we shall end in distress and disease. Therefore being a social man we have to follow the rules, the violation of which will bring chaos and confusion.

Answer the following questions :

- (i) What is the watch word of a proper Social life ?
- (ii) What is meant by discipline according to the passage ?
- (iii) What do members of a discipline Institution feel ?

- (iv) Why do we need to curtail certain liberties to be disciplined ? 1
- (v) Who said, "Liberty is not a Personal affair" ? 1
- (vi) What happens if we violate traffic signals, while moving on the road ? 1

SECTION—C

(Writing) 17

4. You are Mohit/Abha studing in Govt. S.S.S. Solan. Write an application to your Principal for change of Section.

Or

Write a letter to your Younger brother advising him to avoid bad company. 6

5. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics : 6

(a) Value of Trees in our life

(b) Importance of Games

(c) A house on Fire

(d) An Indian Festival.

6. You are Aastha/Arun of Mind Tree Public School, Sarahan. You have found a Geometry box in the school campus. Write a notice for your notice board informing the students about it.

Or

Write a brief note on 'The role of Technology in Modern Life'. 5

SECTION—D

(Literature)

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7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

I get along pretty well with all my teachers.

There are nine of them, seven men and two

women. Mr. Keesing, the old fogey who teaches maths, was annoyed with me for ages because I talked so much. After several warnings, he assigned me extra homework. An essay on the subject, 'A Chatterbox'. A Chatterbox-what can you write about that ? I'd worry about that later, I decided. I jotted down the title in my notebook, tucked it in my bag and tried to keep quite.

- (i) Who is 'I' in the above passage ? 1
- (ii) Why was Mr. Keesing annoyed with the writer ? 1
- (iii) What extra homework did Mr. Keesing assign to the writer ? 1
- (iv) What did the writer do after noting down the essay title ? 1
- (v) What does the word "tucked" mean in the phrase "Tucked it in my bag" ? 1

Or

A few moments later we all lifted our eyes in awe as a spectacular array of South African Jets, helicopters and troop carriers roared in perfect formation over the Union Buildings. It was not only a display of pinpoint precision and military force, but a demonstration of the military's loyalty to democracy, to a new government that had been freely and fairly elected. Only moments before, the highest generals of the South African defence force and police their chests bedecked with ribbon and medals from days gone by, saluted me and pledged their loyalty. I was not unmindful of the fact that not so many years before they would not have saluted but arrested me. Finally a Chevron of Impala jets left a smoke trail of the black, red, green, blue and gold of the new South African flag.

- (i) Name the chapter these lines have been taken from ? 1

(ii) What colors were in the smoke trail left by the Impala Jet ? 1

(iii) What did everyone lift their eyes to see ? 1

(iv) Why was the moment described in the passage important for South Africa ? 1

(v) Who Saluted and Pledged Loyalty to the Narrator ? 1

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire.

(i) Name the Poem and the Poet. 1

(ii) What are the two opinion about the end of the World ? 1

(iii) What does 'fire' stand for ? 1

(iv) Which element does the speaker favor as the cause of the World's end ? 1

Or

He senses first responsibility

In a world of possession. People will lake

Balls, balls will be lost always little boy,

and no one buys a ball back, Money is external.

(i) Name the Poem and the Poet. 1

(ii) Who is 'He' in the stanza ? 1

(iii) What first reonsibility does the boy sense in a world of Possession ? 1

(iv) What does the poet say about thi World ?

9. Answer any **two** questions of the following : 2×2½=5

(i) “Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful” why ?

(ii) Is Amanda an orphan ? Why does she say so ?

(iii) What is ‘Dust of snow’ ? What does the poet say has changed his mood ? How has the poet mood changed ?

(iv) What did the girl expect in the poem For Anne Gregory ? <https://www.hpboardonline.com>

10. How do you usually understand the idea of ‘Selfishness’ ? Do you agree with Kisa Gotami that she is being selfish in her grief ?

Or

How did the black aeroplane help the pilot of the old Dakota ?

Or

How does Anne feel about her father, her Grandmother, Mrs. Kuperus and Mr. Keesing? What do these tell you about her? 4

11. Why was the young seagull afraid to fly? Do you think all young birds are afraid to make their first flight or are some birds more timid than others? Do you think a human baby also find it a challenge to take its first step?

Or

What does the Buddha make Kisa Gotam understand and how?

Or

Give a brief character-sketch of Lomov.

12. Why does Think-Tank order his crew to leave the Earth?

Or

Horace Danby was a Meticulous Planner but still he faltered. Where did he go wrong and why ? 4

13. How did a book become a turning point in Recharad Ebright's life ?

Or

Give a brief character-sketch of Mr. Loisel. 4