

# **Series-C**

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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.

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- (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) This question paper has 28 questions. All Questions are compulsory.
- (v) This question paper contains four sections, Section-A : MCQ, Section-B : Reading Skills, Section-C : Creative Writing Skills and Section-D : Literature.
- (vi) Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- (vii) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

(viii) All questions given in Section A (Multiple Choice Questions) are to be attempt on OMR sheet provided with Answer book.

### **SECTION-A**

#### **(Multiple Choice Questions)**

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

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1. Letter written to the editor reach .....

  - (a) a limited audience
  - (b) the editor only
  - (c) a large number of readers
  - (d) an individual.

  
2. Notice writing is .....

  - (a) a formal means of communication
  - (b) an informal means of communication

(c) neither (a) nor (b)

(d) Both (a) and (b).

3. An advertisement is a message carried in the various forms of 'media' such as a .....

(a) Newspaper and Magazines

(b) Radio and Television

(c) Poster and Neon signs

(d) All of these three.

4. Comprehension means .....

(a) to read a paragraph and evaluate it

(b) to read a paragraph and learn it

(c) to read a paragraph and write it

(d) to read a paragraph and read it loudly.

5. Who is sitting beside the poetess?
- (a) Her mother
  - (b) Her brother
  - (c) Her father
  - (d) Her sister.
6. Why does the poet ask us to count upto twelve and keep quiet?
- (a) To move to and fro
  - (b) To keep moving
  - (c) To introspect ourselves
  - (d) To play our vehicles.
7. A thing of beauty gives us :
- (a) everlasting joy
  - (b) sorrow
  - (c) imagination
  - (d) sadness.

8. The poem 'Aunt Jennifer's tigers' is depicting  
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- (a) the oppression of women by men
- (b) the oppression of women by tigers
- (c) the oppression of men by tigers
- (d) the oppression of tigers by men.

9. What did Franz notice that was unusual about the School that day?

- (a) There were lots of Noises
- (b) Everyone was dancing
- (c) The sounds of teachers great ruler tapping on the table could be heard
- (d) It was as quiet as Sunday morning.

10. What is Saheb looking for in the Garbage dumps?

- (a) He is looking for food.

(b) He is looking for some silver coin or currency note.

(c) He is looking for shoes.

(d) He is looking for some toy.

11. What made the peddler accept Edla Willmansson's invitation?

(a) The girl was very attractive.

(b) The girl was very rich.

(c) Her manner was very friendly.

(d) Her manner was very rude.

12. Why do you think the servants thought Gandhiji to be another peasant?

(a) Because Gandhiji was very tall.

(b) Because Gandhiji was very quiet and calm.

(c) Because Gandhiji was very clever.

(d) Because Gandhiji was very simple in his dress and manners.

13. What did the Astrologers foretell as soon as the tiger king was born?

(a) That he will become king.

(b) That he will marry in early age.

(c) That he will become a cruel king.

(d) That his death will come from a tiger.

14. Who was Dr. Sadao?

(a) He was a Shopkeeper.

(b) He was a famous Japanese surgeon and scientist.

(c) He was an Actor.

(d) He was a famous teacher.

15. Why did Derry come into the garden?

(a) He thought it was an empty place and no one lived there.

(b) It was full of Fruits.

- (c) It was full of Flowers.
- (d) There were a lot of People in the garden.
16. Who was Bama?
- (a) She was a Native American girl.
- (b) She was a Scholar.
- (c) She was a Tamil Dalit women.
- (d) She was an Upper caste lady.

## **SECTION—B**

### **(Reading Skills)**

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

- (i) All round development of the man is the aim of education. It should train not only the head, but also the hands and the heart. But our present system of education has miserably failed to achieve this aim. It suffers from many grave defects. It was

founded by the British for their convenience. Lord Macaulay was the father and founder of this system. He wanted it to produce clerks to help the British in running their administration. It must be changed and overhauled.

- (ii) The greatest defect in our present system of education is that it is too theoretical. An educated man has only bookish knowledge. He knows nothing about practical things. He finds that his education has not made him fit to do any useful work for his society.
- (iii) The present system of education does not teach us the dignity of labour. A student is not taught or trained to do things with his hands. Manual or physical labour find no place in education. Educated young men are fit only to be clerks in office. They look down upon manual labours. They

consider it below their dignity to work with their hands in fields or factories.

(iv) Vocational education is the need of the hour. We need more technicians, engineers and doctors. But, the number of vocational institutions-Engineering and Medical colleges, Polytechnics and ITI's is limited. A large number of young men and women, who can do well as technicians are deprived of technical or vocational training.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions :

(A) Complete the following statements :

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(i) ..... is the true aim of Education.

(ii) The need of the present system of education is .....

(B) Answer the following questions briefly:

3×1=3

- (i) What do you mean by all round development?
- (ii) Who founded the present system of education?
- (iii) What is the greatest defect of our present system of education?

(C) Find the words from the given choices having similar meaning as :

3×1=3

(i) Serious :

(a) grave.

(b) train

(c) achieve

(d) overhauled.

(ii) Fault :

- (a) Bookish
- (b) Defect
- (c) Practical
- (d) Theoretical.

(iii) Done with one's hand :

- (a) dignity
- (b) consider
- (c) labour
- (d) manual.

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

- (i) Liberty is not a personal affair only, but a social contract. It is an accommodation of interests. In matters which do not

touch anybody else's liberty, of course, I may be as free as I like. If I Choose to go down the strand in a dressing gown, with long hair and bare feet, Who shall say me nay? You have liberty to laugh at me but I have liberty to be indifferent to you and if I have a fancy for dyeing my hair, or waxing my moustache on wearing a tall hat, a frock coat and sandals, or going to bed late or getting up early, I shall follow my fancy and ask no man's permission. I shall not enquire of you whether I may eat mustard with my mutton. I may like mustard with my mutton. And you will not ask me whether you may be a protestant or a catholic, Whether you may marry the dark lady or the fair lady, whether you may prefer Ella wheeler Wilcox to Wordsworth or champagne to shandy-gaff.

**Or**

Write a report in about 125 words on 'One Day Cricket Match' played by your School against a local club. You are Vinay/Vaishali.

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(B) Answer the following multiple choice questions :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

(i) Lead Paragraph in the report :

(a) describe the planned future course of action

(b) notice for the competition

(c) mentions eyewitness accounts that add to the authenticity of the news.

(d) includes details of the incident in chronological.

(ii) Information about the 'reward' is mentioned in .....

(a) Notice for the Meeting

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes on it using a suitable format. Also suggest a suitable title. 4

(B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3

### **SECTION—C**

#### **(Creative Writing Skills)**

19. Your school is organising a tour to Mumbai and Goa during the winter vacation. Write a notice, giving detailed information to the students. You are Madhav / Madhavi, school pupil leader, St. Columbia's senior, secondary school Ameenabad, Sunder Nagar.

**Or**

You need a clerk for your office. Write a brief advertisement for the 'Situation Vacant' column of a local Newspaper. 4

20. 'Each one plant one' campaign was organised by your school to celebrate the 'Van Mahotsav Day' on 10th November. This year. As the secretary of the environment club, write a report on the celebrations for your school magazines.

**Or**

You are Neeraj / Neerja. As a volunteer social worker, you have organised a campaign on 'Say no to Polythene Bags' in your locality. Write a report for the publication in a magazine.

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21. You are M.A. B.Ed. from H.P. University and have qualified TET. Write an application to the principal of GBSSS Chamba for the post of Lecturer in English.

**Or**

Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper. Complaining about the Noise Pollution in your locality and drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to take steps to check the same. Sign yourself as Krishan / Kashish of 42 New lane model colony Solan. 6

22. You are Manoj / Meena. Write an article on 'Work is worship'.

**Or**

You are Mohan / Shyama of Govt. Sen. Sec. School Una (H.P) you are the head boy / girl of the School. The principal has asked you to write an article on 'The value of Games' for the School magazine. 6

## SECTION—D

### (Literature)

23. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3×1=3

Now we will count to twelve

and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth

let's not speak in any language,

let's stop for one second,

and not move our arms so much.

- (i) Name of the Poem and the Poet.
- (ii) What does the poet ask us to do?
- (iii) What does the poet not want us to do?

**Or**

..... and clear rills

**That for themselves a cooling covert make**

**'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake,**

**Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose blooms.**

(i) Name of the Poem and the Poet.

(ii) What do clear rills do?

(iii) What is the forest brake rich with?

24. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30 words each : 2×2=4

(i) What is the kind of pain and ache that the Poet feels?

(ii) What is the Sadness that the Poet refers to in the poem?

(iii) What was the Plea of the Folk who had put up the roadside stand?

25. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 20-30 words each : 2×2=4

(i) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?

(ii) Did the Peddler expect the kind of Hospitality that he received from the Crofter?

(iii) Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed? <https://www.hpboardonline.com>

26. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 words : 6

The People in the story, 'The last lesson' suddenly realise how precious their language is to them? What shows you this? Why does this happen?

**Or**

Why was Kothamangalam Subbu considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios?

27. Answer the following in about 125-150 words : 6

The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. What is the kind of behaviour that the person expects from others? Discuss with reference to the story, 'On the face of it'.

**Or**

Do you see an intersection of time and space in the story, 'The Third level'?

28. Answer any **two** of the following questions in  
about 20-30 words each :

2×2=4

- (i) What does 'The Third level' refer to in the story?
- (ii) Who is Mr Lamb? How does Derry get into his garden?
- (iii) What did the Royal infant grow upto be?