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ENGLISH (CORE)

(Compulsory)

Full Marks - 100

Pass Marks - 33

Time — 3 Hours

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Figures in the right margin indicate full marks.

All questions are compulsory.

General Instructions :

- i) *This question paper contains 12 (Twelve) questions altogether in 3 (three) Sections.*
- ii) *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.*
- iii) *All the parts of a question must be written together.*
- iv) *Strictly adhere to the word limit, if given in each question.*
- v) *Answers of the questions must be in the context of the instructions given therein.*

Section - A

(Reading Comprehension and Note Making)

(Marks : 20)

- ✓1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Long long ago, there was a boy called Sravana Kumar who dwelt in a forest with his parents. He loved and revered his parents who were old and blind. He looked after their comfort and served them with great love. Whenever they had to go anywhere, he would carefully place them in two baskets and carry them by tying the basket to the two ends of a strong pole. He would balance the pole on his shoulders and carry them that way. The parents considered themselves very lucky to have such a devoted son.

Once, Sravana Kumar carried them to a forest near Ayodhya. He built a small hut for their stay. One night, he found that there was no drinking water in the pot. As his parents were thirsty, he told them that he would go quickly and fetch water from the river. He ran to the river in the darkness with the pot in hand. He immersed the pot in the river and as the water filled into the pot there was a bubbling sound. Exactly at that time, Dasaratha, the king of Ayodhya, came to the forest for hunting.

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| a) Who was Sravana Kumar ? | 2 |
| b) How did he serve his parents ? | 2 |
| c) How did he carry his parents with him ? | 2 |
| d) Why did he run to the river in the darkness ? | 2 |
| e) Who was Dasaratha and where did he rule ? | 2 |
| f) Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following : | 2 |
| i) Respect greatly (para-1) | |
| ii) Put under water (para - 2). | |

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

Trees provide us with food. We burn them and cook food. Furniture is made of wood. Paper is also made out of trees. It is useful for all. Children play under it and travellers take rest under them. Men and animals inhale oxygen, which the trees breathe out, carbon dioxide which men breathe out is absorbed by green leaves. Sunlight breaks it down into carbon and oxygen. Carbon makes starch and oxygen is released.

Leaves breathe out vapour, which cools the atmosphere and also brings rain. Rain helps in many ways.

Trees protect soil and prevents floods, The rotten leaves produce germs and insects which are eaten by birds. Animals go there to eat bird and men to hunt. Nobody sees the roots because they suck water and mineral salts from the ground. Birds and animals carry seeds of the fruit they eat to other places. Trees and plants depend on one another. One uses barks and its juice for making medicine. In ancient times teachers, Rishis and Munis lived in the forest.

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make a note on it using heading and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. 5
- b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3

Section - B**(Advanced Writing Skills)**

(Marks : 35)

- ✓3. You are Vinita/Vishal, cultural secretary of Rajasthan + 2 High School, Sahebganj. An inter-house quiz competition is going to be organized in your school. Write a notice in not more than 50 words, informing the students to take part in it. 5

OR

You are Preeti/Prashant of Main Road, Ranchi. You want to sell your Maruti car. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of 'Hindustan Times', Ranchi giving all necessary details.

- ✓4. Your school has recently shifted the school library to a spacious hall with many facilities and draws more students, thus promoting reading habit among students. You are Deepika/Deepak, secretary, literary club of your school. Write a factual description of the new library in not more than 125 words. 10

OR

You are Rashmi/Rajesh, sports secretary of your school. Recently, annual sports day was organized in your school. Write a report on the event to be published in your school magazine in about 125 words.

- ✓5. You are Santoshi/Santosh, staying at Kanke, Ranchi. Your locality being away from the main city, the poor bus service adversely affects the life of residents. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Times of India', Ranchi, highlighting the problems and giving a few possible solutions. Your letter should not exceed 125 words. 10

OR

You are Jayashree/Jayant of Rajapara, Pakur. You purchased a Voltas Air-conditioner 2 months ago. It was working well initially and suddenly the cooling effect has been reduced and also there is a ratting sound. Write a letter to the Lakshmi Electronics, Pakur, asking for the repair/replacement of the A.C. unit.

- ✓6. Knowledge of English has become essential for all students today. Students who wish to get good job must have good command of the language. Write an article on 'The importance of English' in about 150 words. 10

OR

Write an article on 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' campaign in about 150 words.

Section - C

(Literature)

(Marks : 45)

✓7. Read the following extract and answer the following question :

Here far from the city we make our roadside stand
And ask for some city money to feel in hand
To try if it will not make our being expand,
And give us the life of the moving-pictures' promise
That the party in power is said to be keeping from us.

- a) Name the poem and the poet. 2
- b) Why do the people who are running the roadside stand ask for some city money ? 1
- c) What is the party in power doing for the rural poor ? 1

OR

Aunt Jennifer's finger fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull
The massive weight of uncle's weeding band
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- a) Name the poem and the poet. 2
- b) Why are the fingers fluttering ? 1
- c) Why can't the needle be pulled ? 1

✓8. Answer any *three* of the following questions in 35 words each : $2 \times 3 = 6$

- What does the poet realize with pain in the poem 'My mother at sixty six' ?
- Where is the small boy lost in the slum school ?
- What was the plea of the Folk who had put up the roadside stand ?
- What difficulty does Aunt Jennifer face while making her tigers ?

✓9. Answer any *five* of the following questions in about 35 words each :

$2 \times 5 = 10$

- How did Mr. M. Hamel behave as the last lesson came to an end ?
- How did William Douglas finally overcome his fear of the water ?
- What did the peddler think of the world and its people ?
- Why is Mukesh realistic about his dram ?
- How was the Champaran episode a turning point in Gandhiji's life ?
- What does Sophie dream of ?

10. Answer any one of the following in about 125 words : 10

'Survival in Seemapuri means rag picking.' Discuss.

OR

How did the swimming instructor 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas ?

✓11. Answer the following question in about 100 words.

What oppression and discrimination did Zitkala-Sa and Bama experience during their childhood ? How did they respond to their respective situations ?

OR

How did the Tiger King stand in danger of losing his kingdom ? How was he able to avoid the danger ? Explain.

✓12. Answer any *four* of the following questions in about 35 words each :

2 × 4 = 8

- a) How does the hundredth tiger take its final revenge upon the Tiger King ?
- b) What did Dr. Sadao and his wife do with the American soldier ?
- c) Why did Roger Skunk go to visit the owl ?
- d) What happened to Gondwana 150 million years ago ?
- e) Why does Mr. Lamb have a tin leg ?

