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**Section-A**

**(READING COMPREHENSION)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Man has been constructing buildings for ages now. However, some buildings have become popular because of their peculiar design or their importance in the culture of a particular society. For instance, the Taj Mahal is not only important because it was constructed as a mark of love of a king for a queen but also as a fine piece of architecture. Such buildings are called man-made wonders (opposite to natural wonders). One such man-made wonder (one of the seven wonders in the world) is in Europe. It was basically a clock or (bell tower). It is

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called TORRE PENDENTE DI PISA (The leaning tower of Pisa, in Italy). Pisa is eighty kilometres from Florence, Central Italy, and ten kilometres from the Ligurian sea. The tower is famous for the settling of its foundation, causing it to lean 17 feet (5.2 m) from the perpendicular. It is because of this leaning that the tower is popularly known as the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Its construction was begun in 1174 as the third and final structure of the city's cathedral complex. It was designed to stand 185 feet (56 m) high and was constructed of white marble. Three out of its eight storeys were completed when the uneven settling of the building's foundation in the soft ground became noticeable.

Bonanno Pisano, the engineer in charge sought to compensate for the lean by making the new storeys slightly taller on the short side. But the extra-masonry caused the structure to sink still further work was suspended several times as engineers sought solutions, but the tower was ultimately topped out in the 14th century still leaning.

Questions :

- (i) Why have some buildings become popular in the world ?
- (ii) The word 'wonders' mean :
- (A) Peculiar
- (B) Strange
- (C) Puzzle
- (D) A thing causing great surprise and admiration
- (iii) The total number of storeys in the tower is :
- (A) Three
- (B) Five
- (C) Eight
- (D) Thirteen
- (iv) Give the opposite of 'uneven'.
- (v) Use the word 'extra' in your own sentence.
- (vi) Where is the 'Leaning Tower of Pisa' situated ?

(vii) The word 'Lean' means :

(A) Sink

(B) Thin

(C) Slope

(D) Slope in one direction

(viii) The tower was completed in the :

(A) 12th century

(B) 13th century

(C) 14th century

(D) 20th century

(ix) Name of the seven wonders of the world situated in Europe.

(x) In 'The Various Schemes', the word 'various' has been used as :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adverb

(D) Adjective

1×10=10

**Section-B**

**(LANGUAGE SKILLS)**

2. Attempt *five* of the following :

(a) Traffic Jamming has created havoc on the city roads. Write a letter to the Traffic Commissioner about this menace and to take measures to relieve the people of this problem.

(b) A massive fire broke out due to short circuit in the residential area, creating a lot of damage to the nearby buildings; though there was no loss of life. As a reporter with the Kashmir times, write a report about it for the newspaper. (150–200 words)

(c) Your school is organizing a cultural programme in the vicinity against smoking. 'No smoking' is the slogan. Design a poster pointing out the hazards created by smoking. (50 words)

(d) Write a paragraph on 'Importance of Female Education'.  
(80–100 words)

(e) Your friend arranged a picnic party and you were also invited. You had lot of fun and enjoyment during the event. Write a diary entry about the event (60–75 words). And also write an e-mail thanking your friend for arranging such a nice programme (20–30 words).

(f) Little buds school has advertised a Post of English Teacher for primary classes. Draft a resume that will go along with your application for the post. (100–120 words)

(g) Your cousin recently came back from his abroad tour of Australia. Write a dialogue that took place between you two on your first meet after the tour.

(h) The emerging role of media in the mindset of teenagers is very strong and lasting. Write an article on this thought for your school magazine. (150–200 words)

6×5=30

**Section-C**

**(GRAMMAR)**

3. Supply two articles, two conjunctions and two prepositions at their respective places in the following passage :

(a) ..... old house ..... my uncle can be occupied  
..... a friend of mine who belongs to ..... remote  
village ..... it is empty ..... he gets some better  
arrangement.

(b) Use the verbs given in the brackets in the correct form :

Yesterday morning I ..... (get) up and ..... (look)  
out of the window to see what the weather ..... (be) like.

(c) Supply appropriate modals in the blanks :

..... I give you my address ? If I ..... give you my  
address, you ..... write to me any time you like.  $1 \times 12 = 12$

4. Do as directed :

(a) We could go out. It stopped raining.

(Combine the two sentences by using 'if')

(b) A man answered my call. He told me you were not at home.

(Combine the two sentences by using 'who')

(c) She said to me, "Are you going to attend the party ?"

(Report in indirect speech)

$1 \times 3 = 3$

**Section-D**

**(LITERATURE)**

5. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :

(20-30 words each)

Today the world is a little more my own

No need to remember the pain

A blue frocked woman caused, throwing

words at me like pots and pans, to drain

That honey-coloured day of peace.

'Why don't you join the others, what

A peculiar child you are !

On the lawn, in clusters sat my schoolmates sipping

Sugarcane, they turned and laughed;

Children are funny, things, they laugh  
In mirth at others tears, I buried  
My face in the sun-warmed hedge  
And smelt the flowers and the pain  
The words are muffled now, the laughing  
Faces only a blur. The years have  
Sped along, stopping briefly  
At beloved halts and moving  
Sadly on. My mind has found  
An adult peace. No need to remember  
That picnic day when I lay hidden  
By a hedge, watching the steel white sun  
Standing lonely in the sky.

*Questions :*

- (i) Explain the line 'the world is a little more my own'.
- (ii) Why did the other children laugh at the poet ?
- (iii) How different is the world today than it was in the childhood days to the poet ? 2×3=6

6. (a) In once of a time 'Goodbye' and a 'Glad to meet you' are an instances of :

- (i) pep talk
- (ii) double-talk
- (iii) idle talk
- (iv) talkativeness

(b) Quote an example of Metaphor from the poem 'When Autumn Came'. 1×2=2

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7. Attempt *two* of the following in **40–50** words each :

(a) What frightens the poet when he sees his smile in the mirror ?

(Once Upon a Time)

(b) How different is the world today to the poet ?

(Punishment in Kindergarten)

(c) What message does the poet want to convey through the following lines :

Oh, God of May have mercy

Bless these withered bodies

With the Passion of your resurrection

Make their dead veins flow with blood again

Give some trees the gift of green again

Let one bird sing.

(d) What does the apple picking refer to ? Why has the poet given this title to his poem ?

3×2=6

8. (a) In the story "After Twenty Years", the age of Bob at the time of departure for west was :

(i) 18 years

(ii) 20 years

(iii) 22 years

(iv) 16 years

(b) In the story 'The Sniper', the sniper belonged to free staters party.

α (True/False)

1×2=2

9. Attempt *two* of the following in (20–30 words) :

(a) What happened to Mriganko Babu on his way back to Calcutta ?

(b) Why did the Sniper consider it risky to smoke ?

(c) What was Zaman's reaction to Najab's absence from the village ?

Why ?

2×2=4

10. Attempt *two* of the following in **60–80** words each :

(a) In the end Jimmy got his own friend arrested. Would you call him a true friend ? Why ? Discuss.

(b) Narrate Mriganko Babu's encounter with the Scarecrow in your own words.

(c) What major idea is the writer trying to get across to the readers in the story 'The Sniper' ? Discuss.

(d) The department had never taken Barnaby seriously. Discuss.  $2 \times 4 = 8$

11. Attempt *two* of the following in **20–30** words each :

(a) Why does the writer feel that Leh is different from Antarctica and the Sahara ?

(b) How are the writers and composers different from statesmen ?

(c) How was C.V. Raman a proud Indian ?  $2 \times 2 = 4$

12. Attempt *two* of the following in **60–80** words each :

(a) “Your freedom ends where my nose begins.” Discuss it in the light of “The Rule of the Road”.

(b) Comment on the contents of the speech delivered by Dr. C.V. Raman at Agra University.

(c) The author of ‘Leh’ decided not to enter the Rani’s palace. Discuss.

(d) Forgetting is sometimes considered as a gift in some people. Do you agree ? Discuss. 2×4=8

13. Attempt *one* of the following in **100–200** words :

(a) In contrast to Mrs. Bouncer, both Cox and Box are simpletons. Discuss.

(b) Describe the scene when both Box and Cox started preparing their breakfast but none of them could eat anything. 5×1=5