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**SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**( FOR CANDIDATES WITH PRACTICAL MARKS )**

*Full Marks : 80*  
*Pass Marks : 24*

**( FOR CANDIDATES WITHOUT PRACTICAL MARKS )**

*Full Marks : 100*  
*Pass Marks : 30*

*Time : 3 hours*

**( FOR ALL CATEGORIES OF CANDIDATES )**

*General Instructions :*

- (i) This question paper comprises of three Sections A, B and C.
- (ii) The Candidates are advised to attempt all questions of Sections A, B and C respectively.
- (iii) Allocated marks are indicated against each.
- (iv) Question Nos. **1** to **35** are to be answered by all Candidates.
- (v) Question No. **36** is to be answered by **Candidates without Practical Marks.**
- (vi) Questions meant for Visually Impaired Candidates should be answered by them only.

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**SECTION—A**

**( PHYSICS )**

( Marks : 26 )

Choose and write the correct answer from the following :

1×4=4

1. When you stand in front of a mirror, your image is always erect, of the same size and laterally inverted. The mirror may be
  - (A) plane
  - (B) convex
  - (C) concave
  - (D) concavo-convex
  
2. The retina consists of
  - (A) 20000 nerve endings
  - (B) 200000 nerve endings
  - (C) 70000 nerve endings
  - (D) 30000 nerve endings
  
3. An instrument is connected in series in an electric circuit and has a low resistance. Name the instrument.
  - (A) Voltmeter
  - (B) Ammeter
  - (C) Electric meter
  - (D) Dioptrimeter

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4. An electric device which converts electric energy into mechanical energy is called
- (A) ammeter
  - (B) electric generator
  - (C) electric motor
  - (D) transformer

Answer the following short answer-type questions : 2×4=8

5. State the laws of reflection of light. 1+1=2
6. Why is red-coloured light used as a universal signal for danger? Explain. 2
7. (a) What is induced current? 1  
(b) Name the physicist who discovered the phenomenon of electromagnetic induction. 1
8. (a) Define the term resistivity of a material. 1  
(b) Four resistors of  $1\ \Omega$ ,  $2\ \Omega$ ,  $3\ \Omega$  and  $4\ \Omega$  are connected in series. Calculate the resistance of the circuit. 1

Answer the following short answer-type questions : 3×3=9

Answer *either* **PART—A** or **PART—B** from each question

**PART—A**

9. (a) State three differences between real and virtual image. 3

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**PART—B**

- (b) (i) State the relationship between the focal length and the radius of curvature of a convex mirror. 1
- (ii) What happens to the magnification when the image is (1) virtual and (2) real?  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (c) When light undergoes refraction, what happens to its frequency? 1

**PART—A**

10. (a) Why is tungsten metal selected for making filaments of incandescent bulbs? 3

**PART—B**

- (b) Name two devices which work on the heating effect of electric current.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (c) An electric bulb of resistance  $400 \Omega$  draws a current of  $0.5 \text{ A}$ . Calculate the power consumed by the bulb and potential difference at its ends. 2

**PART—A**

11. (a) How can the intensity of the magnetic field of a solenoid be increased? (Any *three* points)  $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$

**PART—B**

- (b) If a single coil of large number of turns is used in a motor, it is found that the motion of the coil is not smooth but jerky. Why is it so? How can this jerky motion be converted into a smooth circular motion?  $1 + 2 = 3$

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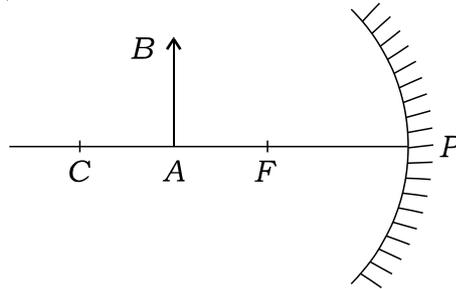
Answer the following long answer-type question :

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Answer either **PART—A** or **PART—B** or **PART—C**

**PART—A**

12. (a) What is a rainbow? How is a rainbow formed? 1+1=2
- (b) What happens to the ray of light when it travels only from rarer to denser medium? 1
- (c) Draw the following diagram in your answer-book and show the formation of image of the object *AB* with the help of suitable rays :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$



[ For Visually Impaired Candidates only  
in lieu of Question No. 12(c) ]

- (c) (i) What do you understand by the term accommodation of eye? 1
- (ii) What kind of lens is used in the spectacles of a person suffering from myopia? 1

**PART—B**

- (d) How many electrons constitute one unit of electric charge? 1

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(e) Name the factors which determine the electric resistance of a conductor.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(f) What is an electromagnet? Give any two uses of electromagnet.  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 2$

**PART—C**

(g) How can a continuous flow of current be obtained? What are the sources of energy? Name the devices required for continuous flow of current.  $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$

(h) Name the factors affecting angle of deviation in a prism.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

**SECTION—B**

( **CHEMISTRY** )

( Marks : 26 )

Choose and write the correct answer from the following :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

**13.** What is the ratio of hydrogen to oxygen in water?

(A) 2 : 1

(B) 1 : 2

(C) 1 : 3

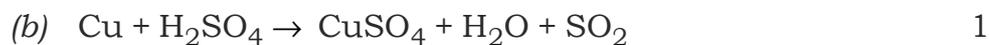
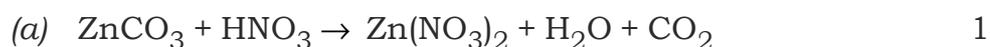
(D) 3 : 1

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14. Plaster of Paris on mixing with water forms fine crystals of
- (A) gypsum
  - (B) anhydrous calcium sulphate
  - (C) calcium hydrogen sulphate
  - (D) anhydrous sodium carbonate
15. Which one of the following does not increase while moving down the group of the periodic table?
- (A) Atomic radius
  - (B) Metallic character
  - (C) Valency
  - (D) Number of shells in an element

Answer the following short answer-type questions : 2×3=6

16. Balance the following chemical reactions :



17. (a) State the modern periodic law. 1  
(b) Name two metalloids.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

18. Give the general name of the class of compounds having the general formula  $\text{C}_n\text{H}_{2n-2}$ . Write the name of the first member of this homologous series. 1+1=2

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Answer the following short answer-type questions : 3×4=12

Answer *either* **PART—A** or **PART—B** from each question

**PART—A**

- 19.** (a) What happens chemically, when quicklime is added to water? Give the chemical equation. 1+1=2
- (b) Complete the equation : 1
- $$\text{Ca(OH)}_2 + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow ?$$

**PART—B**

- (c) (i) What is a neutralization reaction? Give one example in the form of an equation. 1+1=2
- (ii) State two ways to prevent the rusting of iron. 1

**PART—A**

- 20.** (a) (i) Why does tooth decay start, when the pH of mouth is lower than 5.5? 2
- (ii) An aqueous solution has a pH value of 7.0. Is this solution acidic, basic or neutral? ½
- (iii) Write the name of the acid present in apples. ½

**PART—B**

- (b) (i) What are basic salts? 1
- (ii) What is the chemical name and formula of washing soda crystals? What happens when washing soda crystals are exposed to air? 1+1=2

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**PART—A**

21. (a) (i) Give any two names of strategic metals.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (ii) Define metallurgy. 1
- (iii) What is anodizing? 1

**PART—B**

- (b) Draw the geometric diagram for the formation of NaCl from sodium and chlorine by transfer of electrons. 3

**[ For Visually Impaired Candidates only  
in lieu of Question No. 21(b) ]**

- (b) Write any three properties of ionic compounds. 3

**PART—A**

22. (a) (i) Write the structural formulas of ethanol and propanoic acid.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (ii) Write the IUPAC names of the following :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
1.  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$
  2.  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$
  3.  $\text{HCHO}$
  4.  $\text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3$

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**PART—B**

- (b) How do acetic acid and ethyl alcohol react when warmed together in the presence of a small quantity of concentrated sulphuric acid? Write the chemical equation for the reaction taking place. Also write the role of concentrated sulphuric acid in the above reaction. 1+1+1=3

Answer the following long answer-type question : 5

Answer either **PART—A** or **PART—B** or **PART—C**

**PART—A**

- 23.** (a) (i) What is observed when a solution of potassium iodide is added to a solution of lead nitrate in a test tube? 1
- (ii) What type of reaction is this? 1
- (iii) Write a balanced chemical equation to represent the above reaction. 1
- (b) What are the constituents of bronze? Write its one use. 1½+½=2

**PART—B**

- (c) An element *P* belongs to group 2 and another element *Q* belongs to group 17 of the long form of the periodic table.

Answer the following questions : ½+½+½+½+1=3

- (i) How many valence electrons are there in *P*?

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- (ii) What is the valency of *P*?
- (iii) How many valence electrons are there in *Q*?
- (iv) What is the valency of *Q*?
- (v) Write the chemical formula of the compound of *P* and *Q*.
- (d) (i) Why does nitric acid not produce hydrogen when treated with metals? 1
- (ii) Why should water be never added dropwise to concentrated sulphuric acid? 1

**PART—C**

- (e) (i) What is concentration of ore? 1
- (ii) Describe, with a labelled diagram, the method of concentration of a sulphide ore.  $2\frac{1}{2}+1\frac{1}{2}=4$

**[ For Visually Impaired Candidates only  
in lieu of Question No. 23(e)(ii) ]**

- (ii) 1. What is allotropy? Name two allotropes of carbon. 1+1=2
2. Give two uses of ethanol. 1+1=2

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**SECTION—C**

( **BIOLOGY** )

( *Marks : 28* )

Choose and write the correct answer from the following : 1×3=3

- 24.** If salivary amylase is lacking in the saliva, which of the following processes in the mouth cavity will be affected?
- (A) Proteins breaking down into amino acids
  - (B) Starch breaking down into sugars
  - (C) Fats breaking down into fatty acids and glycerol
  - (D) Absorption of vitamins
- 25.** The movement of shoot towards light is
- (A) geotropism
  - (B) hydrotropism
  - (C) chemotropism
  - (D) phototropism
- 26.** Which of the following acts as blueprint of life?
- (A) DNA
  - (B) RNA
  - (C) Nucleus
  - (D) Chromosome

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Answer the following short answer-type questions :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

- 27.** (a) What are autotrophs? 1  
(b) Name any two autotrophic plants which also show heterotrophic mode of nutrition. 1
- 28.** Define chemotropism with an example. 2
- 29.** Give two differences between arteries and veins. 2
- 30.** Define the following :  $1+1=2$   
(a) Genetics  
(b) Evolution

Answer the following short answer-type questions :  $3 \times 4 = 12$

Answer *either* **PART—A** or **PART—B** from each question

**PART—A**

- 31.** (a) List any three differences between pollination and fertilization. 3

**PART—B**

- (b) State any two points of differences between inherited and acquired traits, and give one example for each type.  $2+1=3$

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**PART—A**

32. (a) (i) What are villi? Where are they present? What is their function?  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 2$
- (ii) What is excretion? 1

**PART—B**

- (b) Explain Mendel's law of independent assortment. 3

**PART—A**

33. (a) Draw a diagram showing germination of pollen on stigma of a flower and label the following on it :  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 3$
- Pollen grain, Male germ cells, Pollen tube and Female germ cell

**[ For Visually Impaired Candidates only  
in lieu of Question No. 33(a) ]**

- (a) Name the three types of blood cells present in plasma. Write the function of each.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

**PART—B**

- (b) (i) We suddenly withdraw our hand when a pin pricks. Name the type of response involved in this action and define it.  $1 + 1 = 2$

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(ii) Which structure in a neuron helps to conduct a nerve impulse—

1. towards the cell body;

2. away from the cell body?  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

**PART—A**

34. (a) State the role of the following in the human respiratory system :  $1 + 1 = 2$

(i) Diaphragm

(ii) Alveoli

(b) Name the conducting tissues of plants.  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

**PART—B**

(c) (i) What are plant hormones? 1

(ii) Name the four plant hormones.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

Answer the following long answer-type question : 5

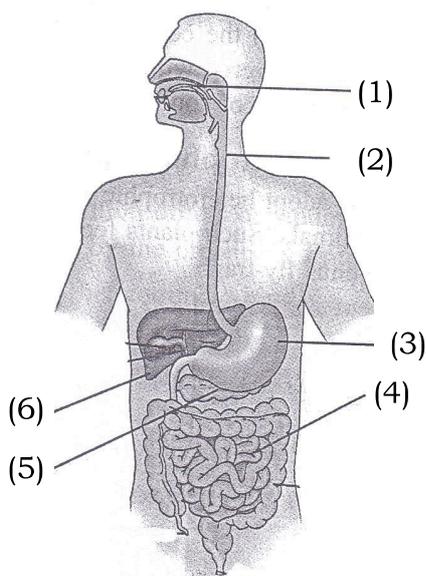
Answer either **PART—A** or **PART—B** or **PART—C**

**PART—A**

35. (a) Enumerate any two functions of blood.  $1 + 1 = 2$

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- (b) In the given diagram, name the parts (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6) :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$



[ For Visually Impaired Candidates only  
in lieu of Question No. 35(b) ]

- (b) Given below are six organisms. Mention their modes of nutrition :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

Frog, Tapeworm, Amoeba, Man, Mango tree,  
Decomposing bacteria

**PART—B**

- (c) (i) What are the six main points of Darwin's theory of natural selection?  $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$
- (ii) Write the full forms of IUCD and STDs.  $1 + 1 = 2$

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**PART—C**

- (d) Which animal or plant hormone is associated with each of the following?  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
- (i) Increased sugar level in blood
  - (ii) Changes at puberty in boys
  - (iii) Inhibits growth of plants
  - (iv) Rapid development of fruits
- (e) (i) Which are the two main types of reproduction in living organisms? 1
- (ii) Classify the following under these two types :  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
- Plasmodium, Flowering plants, Earthworm, Yeast

**[ For Candidates without Practical Marks ]**

- 36.** I. Answer any *three* of the following questions :  $2 \times 3 = 6$
- (a) Write any two functions of vitreous humour.  $1 + 1 = 2$
  - (b) What is a solenoid? 2
  - (c) Define non-luminous bodies. Give two examples of non-luminous bodies.  $1 + 1 = 2$
  - (d) Define resistance. Give its SI unit.  $1 + 1 = 2$

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(e) What is hypermetropia? How can it be corrected by the use of lens? 1+1=2

(f) State Fleming's left-hand rule. 2

II. Answer any *three* of the following questions : 2×3=6

(a) What is chemical decomposition reaction? Give one example. 1+1=2

(b) (i) What is saponification? 1

(ii) Give the general formula for soap. 1

(c) What are hydrocarbons? Give an example. 1+1=2

(d) State the differences between rusting and rust. 1+1=2

(e) Give two uses of bleaching powder. 1+1=2

(f) The atomic numbers of sodium and potassium are 11 and 19 respectively. Write the electronic configuration of each of them. 1+1=2

III. Answer any *four* of the following questions : 2×4=8

(a) Give two differences between respiration in plants and respiration in animals. 1+1=2

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- (b) Define the following : 1+1=2  
(i) Variation  
(ii) Offspring
- (c) (i) What is neuron? 1  
(ii) Name the covering in brain and the fluid  
present in between.  $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}=1$
- (d) Write any two functions of auxin. 1+1=2
- (e) Define multiple fission with an example. 2
- (f) Name the four whorls of a flower.  $\frac{1}{2}\times 4=2$
- (g) Name four basic requirements of photosynthesis  
other than sunlight.  $\frac{1}{2}\times 4=2$
- (h) Define the term analogous organs. Give an  
example. 1+1=2

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