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ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Common for All Groups and Vocational Stream)

(Evening Session)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

- Note : (i) You must write the subject-code / paper-code 001/C in the box provided on the title page of your answer-book.
- (ii) Make sure that the answer-book contains 28 pages (including title page) and are properly serialled as soon as you receive it.
- (iii) Question/s attempted after leaving blank page/s in the answer-book would not be evaluated.
- (iv) No extra sheet will be provided. Answer the questions to the point.
- (v) Draw a line at the end of the answer to each question.
- (vi) Do not write on the backside of the title page.
- (vii) While writing answers, the question numbers should be written correctly.
- (viii) All questions are compulsory. Attempted questions should be done continuously and in proper sequence.
- (ix) Five marks have been allotted for good handwriting.

Section A

(Reading Comprehension)

(16 Marks)

1. (A) Read the given passage and answer the questions given below : 10×1=10

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the eleventh President of India, was a great scientist, teacher and writer. He had written many books like 'Ignited Minds,' 'India 2020,' 'Mission India' and 'Wings of Fire'. Here is an extract from 'Wings of Fire', the autobiography of Dr. Abdul Kalam.

My parents, Jainulabdeen and Ashiamma were widely regarded as an ideal couple. I normally ate with my mother, sitting on the floor of the kitchen. She would place a banana leaf before me, on which she would serve rice, sambhar, pickles and fresh coconut chutney. The famous Shiva temple, which made Rameshwaram so sacred to pilgrims was about a ten-minute walk from our house. My father would take me to a very old mosque for evening prayers. I had not the faintest idea of the meaning of the Arabic prayers chanted, but I was totally convinced that they reached God. When my father came out of the mosque after the prayers, people of

different religions offered bowls of water to my father who would dip his fingers in them and say a prayer. This water was then carried home for invalids. I also remember people visiting our home to offer thanks after being cured. My father always smiled and asked them to thank Allah, the benevolent and merciful. The high priest of Rameshwaram Temple, Pakshi Lakshmana, was a very close friend of my father. One of the most vivid memories of my childhood is of the two men, each in his traditional attire, discussing spiritual matters. When I was old enough to ask questions, I asked my father about the relevance of prayer. "When you pray," he said "you transcend your body and become a part of the cosmos which knows no division of wealth, age, caste or creed."

Choose the correct option : (i to vi)

- (i) Abdul Kalam's father always smiled and asked the people to thank Allah who, according to him, was _____
- (a) merciful (b) benevolent
(c) none of the above (d) both (a) and (b)
- (ii) Abdul Kalam's mother served him food on a _____ leaf.
- (a) papaya (b) banana
(c) peepal (d) none of the above
- (iii) _____ discussed spiritual matters with Pakshi Lakshmana.
- (a) The high priest of Rameshwaram Temple
(b) Abdul Kalam's father
(c) Abdul Kalam
(d) A very close friend of Kalam's father
- (iv) Which one of the following statements is *not* true about Abdul Kalam ?
- (a) Abdul Kalam did not have the faintest idea of the meaning of the Arabic prayers.
(b) Abdul Kalam was pretty sure that the prayers reached God.
(c) Abdul Kalam was a great scientist, journalist and writer.
(d) Abdul Kalam was the eleventh President of India.
- (v) Which one of the following is the meaning of 'convinced' ?
- (a) hesitant
(b) completely sure about something
(c) doubtful
(d) scared
- (vi) Which word in the above-mentioned passage means 'kind, helpful and generous' ?
- (a) cosmos (b) sacred
(c) transcend (d) benevolent

- (vii) Why, according to Jainulabdeen, were prayers important ?
- (viii) How far was the Shiva Temple from Abdul Kalam's house ?
- (ix) Enumerate the books written by Abdul Kalam.
- (x) What would Abdul Kalam's father do when people offered bowls of water to him ?

(B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 6×1=6

Brain drain, also referred to as human capital flight, is the action of having highly skilled and educated people leaving their country to work abroad. It has actually become one of the serious concerns for the developing nations. While many people believe that immigration is a personal choice that must be understood and respected, others look at this phenomenon from a different perspective. What makes those people leave their country, their own people, should be seriously considered and a distinction between pull and push factors must be made. The push factors include low wages and lack of satisfactory working and living conditions. Social unrest, political conflicts and wars may also be the determining causes. The pull factors, however, include intellectual freedom and substantial funds for research. Brain drain has a negative impact on the economic prospects and competitiveness of sender countries. It reduces the number of dynamic and creative people who can contribute to the development of their country. Likewise, with more entrepreneurs taking their investments abroad, developing countries are missing opportunities of wealth creation.

- (i) What do you mean by the term 'Brain drain' ?
- (ii) Enumerate the push factors that lead to Brain drain.
- (iii) Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.
Every citizen must _____ to the development of the nation wholeheartedly.

(iv) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in Column B :

| <i>Column A</i> | <i>Column B</i> |
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| conflicts | decrease |
| reduce | disputes |
| | increase |

- (v) The term 'brain drain' is also referred to as _____ .

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| (a) capital flight | (b) human capital flight |
| (c) pull factors | (d) push factors |
- (vi) Brain drain has terrible consequences on the economic development of the _____ .

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| (a) sending countries | (b) receiving countries |
| (c) developed countries | (d) undeveloped countries |

Section B
(Writing Skills, Grammar and Translation)

(26 Marks)

2. Write a precis of the following paragraph in your own words :

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Chandigarh is a city of attractions for tourists. One of the favourite places of all the tourists is the Sculpture Garden near Sukhna Lake which is spread over an area of 40 acres. After the name of its creator, it is named Nek Chand's Rock Garden. Nek Chand started creating it secretly in his spare time in 1957. He spent the first seven years mostly in collecting the waste material on his bicycle and recycling it in a hut made in the jungle. The garden was developed secretly by him, but it was accidentally discovered by the authorities in 1975. It was opened for public view in 1976. Every day, it is visited by hundreds of tourists who are mesmerized by the beautiful sculptures of soldiers, dancing women, animals, birds and cascading waterfalls. A characteristic feature of the Rock Garden is that all the sculptures are made of stone, recycled ceramics, industrial waste, broken household items like crockery, bangles, tubes, cycle parts, tiles and toilet fixtures, etc. Another interesting feature is that one has to pass through many doorways, archways and concrete lanes leading to courtyards and chambers. Nek Chand planned the layout of the garden based on the fantasy of a lost kingdom. Nowhere in the world do we see such beauty created out of waste.

3. Attempt any *one* of the following :

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Suppose you are Mohan and you are a student of Government Senior Secondary School, Moga. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him to condone the shortage of lectures in your case.

OR

You are Rimpay. You live at House No. 65, Model Gram, Ludhiana. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of your district requesting for a park for children in your city.

4. Attempt any *one* of the following :

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Suppose you are Tegh. Write an e-mail to Gurbir, your friend, asking him to join you for dinner at your home on the weekend.

OR

Explain the following Newspaper Headline in 15 - 20 words :

PANEL TO FRAME DIESEL RULES FOR TRACTORS

5. (A) Translate any two of the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi : 2×1=2
- (i) Let him go.
- (ii) Has he cast his vote ?
- (iii) The child was not crying.
- (B) Translate any two of the following sentences into English : 2×1=2
- (i) ਉਹ ਬਾਇਟ ਅੱਜ ਆ ਜਾਵੇ । / वह शायद आज आ जावे ।
- (ii) ਮੈਂ ਬੇਈਮਾਨ ਨਹੀਂ ਸੀ । / मैं बेईमान नहीं था ।
- (iii) ਪੁਲਿਸ ਨੂੰ ਬੁਲਾਓ । / पुलिस को बुलाओ ।
6. Do as directed :
- (A) Change the given sentences into Passive Voice : 2×1=2
- (i) The hunter has shot the animal.
- (ii) Help me, please.
- (B) Change the given sentence into Indirect Speech : 1×1=1
- My sister said to me, "I don't like mangoes."
- (C) Fill in the blanks using suitable Determiners. 3×1=3
- (i) He has _____ friends at all.
- (ii) Do you have _____ change in the purse ?
- (iii) _____ sun sets in the west.
- (D) Fill in the blanks as directed : (Use the words given in the brackets) 2×1=2
- (i) _____ (steal) is a punishable offence. (Fill in the blank with a Gerund)
- (ii) I plan _____ (open) a new factory. (Fill in the blank with an Infinitive)
- (E) Rewrite the given sentences as directed : 2×1=2
- (i) Rewrite the given sentence after removing 'too'.
He is too happy to tell.
- (ii) Rewrite the given sentence using 'No sooner than'.
As soon as I stepped out of my office, it started raining heavily.

Section C
(Literature Textbook)

(38 Marks)

10×1=10

7. Objective type questions :

- (i) Jacopo was lively as a _____ .
(a) monkey (b) deer (c) squirrel (d) lamb
- (ii) Fill in the blank :
The mechanic was _____ . (In Celebration of Being Alive)
- (iii) Who was Prohor ?
(a) General's driver (b) General's cook
(c) General's son (d) General's brother
- (iv) Which day was the most difficult for the children ?
(The School for Sympathy)
- (v) State whether the following statement is true or false :
Bholi had four sisters. (Bholi)
- (vi) What price did Datta quote for the frame selected by the customer ?
(The Gold Frame)
- (vii) _____ won Mulk Raj Anand the Sahitya Academy Award.
(The Barber's Trade Union)
- (viii) Name the writer of the chapter, 'On Saying Please'.
- (ix) What did Philip want to become when he was a child ? (The March King)
- (x) State whether the following statement is true or false :
Anne Mansfield Sullivan was Helen's mother. (The Story of My Life)

8. (A) Read the following lines and answer the questions that follow : 4×1

When I consider how my light is spent,
Ere half my days, in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent

- (i) What is the meaning of the word 'talent' in the line - 'And that one talent which is death to hide' ? <https://www.punjabboardonline.com>
- (ii) Write the rhyme scheme of the above-mentioned four lines of the stanza.
- (iii) Name the poem and the poet.
- (iv) Name the figure of speech used in the line - 'When I consider how my light is spent'.

OR

He is your field which you sow with love and reap with thanks giving.
And he is your board and your fireside.
For you come to him with your hunger, and you seek him for peace.
When your friend speaks his mind you fear not the "nay" in your own mind,
do you withhold the "ay".

- (i) What is the most important thing that one can give to a friend ?
- (ii) What is the figure of speech used in the second line of the given stanza ?
- (iii) When we shower our friends with love, what do we earn in return from them ?
- (iv) Name the poem and the poet.

(B) Give the central idea of any *one* of the following poems : 1×3=3

- (i) Once Upon a Time
- (ii) Prayer of the Woods

9. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 20 to 30 words each : 3×2=6

- (i) What made the narrator repent and feel sorrowful ? (The Story of My Life)
- (ii) What do the people with brave and positive attitude teach us ?

(In Celebration of Being Alive)

- (iii) How were the 'convicts' punished when they failed to work properly ?

(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)

- (iv) Why did the parent-teacher meeting end fruitlessly ?

(Hassan's Attendance Problem)

- (v) Why was the passenger hurled out of the lift ?

(On Saying Please)

10. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 20 to 30 words each : 2×2=4

- (i) What was Datta's experience about his customers ? (The Gold Frame)
- (ii) What was the real aim of Miss Beam's school ? (The School for Sympathy)
- (iii) Why was Sulekha called Bholi, the simpleton ? (Bholi)

11. Answer any *one* of the following questions in 60 to 70 words : 3

Write the theme of the chapter, 'Thinking out of the Box : Lateral Thinking'.

OR

Write the character sketch of John Philip Sousa.

(The March King)

12. Answer any *one* of the following questions in 60 to 70 words : 3

Justify the title of the story, 'A Chameleon'.

OR

Write the character sketch of Chandu.

(The Barber's Trade Union)

13. Good Handwriting 5