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Note : First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

Instructions :

- i) This question paper is divided into four Sections — A, B, C and D.
- ii) All questions from all the Sections are compulsory.
- iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION - A

(Reading)

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

Early rising leads to health and happiness. The man who rises late, can have little rest in the course of the day. Anyone who lies in bed late is compelled to work till a late hour in the evening. He has to go without the evening exercise which is so

necessary for his health. In spite of all his efforts his work will not produce as good results as that of the early riser. The reason for this is that he cannot take advantage of the refreshing hours of the morning. (Some people say that the quiet hour of midnight is the best time for working. Several great thinkers say that they can write best only when they burn the midnight oil.) Yet it is true to say that few men have a clear brain at midnight when the body needs rest and sleep. Those who work at that time, soon ruin their health. Bad health must, in the long run, have a bad effect on the quality of their work.

- a) Why is early rising better than rising late? 3
- b) Why do some thinkers burn the midnight oil? 3
- c) What are the advantages of both morning hours and midnight hours? 3
- d) What is the effect of health of one's work? 3
- e) i) Which word in the passage is opposite of 'noisy'? 1
- ii) Give the antonym of 'several'. 1
- iii) Give the synonym of 'ruin'. 1

SECTION - B**(Writing)**

2. Write an article on any *one* of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10

a) India's performance at the Olympic Games.

b) Terrorism — a Threat to Mankind

c) How to Live a Long Healthy Life.

3. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper about the cleanliness of your city / village / town. 10

OR

Write a letter to the District Magistrate of your district requesting him / her to tackle the grim flood situation in **your** city / town / village.

SECTION - C**(Grammar)**

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 5 × 2 = 10

a) That which cannot be corrected is called

i) incorrectible

ii) incorrectable

iii) uncorrected

iv) incorrigible

- b) The phrase 'A bone of contention' means
- quarrelsome
 - with a reason
 - reason of quarrel
 - a disturbing man
- c) The synonym of 'frank' is
- foolish
 - shameless
 - wide spoken
 - candid
- d) The antonym of 'ancient' is
- old
 - ascent
 - descent
 - modern
- e) "Always speak a truth" :

Which word in this sentence is an error ?

- always
- speak
- a
- truth

5. a) Change any one of the following into indirect narration :

i) He said to me, "I shall help you today."

ii) He said to his friend. "Good morning ! How are you ?"

- b) Combine any *one* of the following as directed : 2
- i) He was so tired. He could not run. (Into a Simple sentence)
- ii) The thief was punished. The thief was fined. (Into a Compound sentence)
- c) Transform any *one* of the following as directed : 2
- i) Nainital is not so hot as Agra. (Into Comparative degree)
- ii) Their glory can never fade. (Into Interrogative sentence)
- d) Correct any *one* of the following sentences : 2
- i) Death is preferable than dishonour. <https://www.upboardonline.com>
- ii) If he will come, I shall go with him.
- e) Use any *one* of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : 2
- i) Empire — Umpire
- ii) Check — Cheque

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

चाय का उत्पादन सर्वप्रथम चीन में हुआ था। प्रारम्भ में इसका प्रयोग दवा के रूप में किया गया किंतु बाद में यह सर्वाधिक प्रिय पेय बन गया। अब यह अधिकांशतः भारत और श्रीलंका में पैदा होती है। अब तो सम्पूर्ण संसार में चाय पीने की आदत हो गई है। कठिन परिश्रम के बाद एक प्याली चाय ताजगी देती है।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4 + 4 = 8

a) What is the reason that made M. Hamel declare that the lesson which he was going to teach on that fateful day, was to be the last lesson ?

OR

b) Who was the rattrap seller ? How did he make rattraps ?

b) What was the meaning of garbage for children ? What did they find in it ?

OR

What did the instructor do to train Douglas ?

8. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words : 7

a) On what ground did the English owners of indigo plantation demand compensation from the share-croppers ?

b) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangle industry.

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

3 x 2 = 6

Perhaps the Earth can teach us

As when everything seems dead

And later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve

And you keep quiet and I will go.

a) What lesson does the Earth teach us ?

b) What remains alive when everything seems to be dead ?

c) What does the poet ask us to do ?

10. Write the central idea of any *one* of the following poems : 4

- a) A Thing of Beauty
 b) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
 c) My Mother at Sixty-six.

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11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4 + 4 = 8

- a) What did Dr. Sadao do to ensure the safe exit of the American soldier ?

OR

Describe the environment of Antarctica.

- b) What was the third level ? Where was it situated ?

OR

What was the astrologer's prediction about the Tiger King's death ?

12. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words : 7

- a) How is the study of Antarctica useful to us ?
 b) Who is Mr. Lamb ? What type of garden does he have ?
