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2026
English

316 (CA)

Time : 3 Hours, 15 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions –

- i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- ii) All questions are **compulsory**.
- iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

Section – A (Reading)

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

Machines were made to be man's servant, yet he has grown so dependent on them that they are on a fair way to become his master. Although most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And machines are very stern masters. They must be fed with coal and given petrol to drink, and oil to wash with and they must be kept at the right temperature. If they do not get their meals, they grow sulky and refuse to work or burst with rage and blow up and spread ruin and destruction all round them. So, we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in good temper. Already we find it difficult either to work or play without machines, and a time may come when they will rule us as we rule the animals.

- a) "Machines were made to be man's servant." What does it suggest? (3)
- b) Why should the machines be kept at the right temperature? (3)
- c) In what condition do the machines blow up and spread ruin and destruction? (3)
- d) What can be the result if the machines are not kept in good temper? (3)
- e) (i) What meaning do you infer from 'they will rule us as we rule the animals'? (1)
- (ii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'Calmness'? (1)
- (iii) Rewrite the underlined segment after replacing the word 'attentively' with another similar meaning word. (1)

Section – B (Writing)

Q. 2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 150 words : (10)

- Fight against Corruption.
- Problems that Encircle Youths.
- Qualities of an Ideal Leader.

Q. 3. Suppose, you are Vivek and live in a village. Now, write a letter to the District Magistrate of your district complaining him about the negligence of the block level officers in applying and implementing the government's development schemes in your village. (10)

OR

You are Anjani and you have passed High School. Now, write an application to the Sports Teacher of your college requesting him to issue certificate of games, you participated successfully.

Section – C (Grammar)

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

a) Which of the following underlined words is a synonym of 'Feeble' ?

- He is a very strong candidate for the post, published.
- Sheela is too weak to go to station. ✓
- He found himself in a comfortable situation.
- Satyam is suitable for the post.

b) Which of the following is a pair of antonyms ?

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| (i) Defect – Fault | (ii) Liberal – Generous |
| (iii) Gallant – Brave | (iv) Bright – Faint — |

c) 'Through thick and thin' means

- All the time
- Only in the favourable situation.
- In all situations, favourable or unfavourable ✓
- At the right moment ✓

d) The leader, who cannot be approached is –

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| (i) Reachable | (ii) Permissible ✓ |
| (iii) Incredible | (iv) Inaccessible — |

e) Which of the following sentences is **correct** ?

- (i) Nandita spoke to her father about her studies. ✓
- (ii) He avoided to meeting me.
- (iii) Krishna is worried on his father's illness.
- (iv) I am fond in talking to you.

Q.5 a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech : (2)

- (i) He said to the teacher, "Sir, will you not teach me tomorrow ?"
- (ii) He said, "Good bye, my friends."

b) Combine any one of the following as directed : (2)

- (i) He admitted his error. He expressed his regret. (Simple Sentence)
- (ii) The servant had a duty to perform. The duty was difficult. (Complex sentence)

c) Transform any one of the following as directed : (2)

- (i) It is time to shut the shop. (Passive voice)
- (ii) He doesn't care for his studies. (Affirmative sentence)

d) Correct any one of the following sentences : (2)

- (i) Shelley has written many poetries. <https://www.upboardonline.com>
- (ii) Vikas invited me for dinner.

e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : (2)

- (i) Coarse - Course
- (ii) Alter - Altar



Q. 6 Translate the following passage into English : (5)

छात्रों, तुमने बाल गंगाधर का नाम अवश्य सुना होगा। जब वे बड़े हुए तो उन्हें अपने देश की दशा देखकर बड़ा दुःख हुआ। उस समय भारतवर्ष अंग्रेजों की दास्यता में जकड़ा हुआ था। उन्होंने दृढ़ प्रतिज्ञा की, कि वे देश को स्वतंत्र करायेंगे। इसके लिए उन्होंने पूरे देश का भ्रमण किया और सभी प्रकार के व्यक्तियों से बातचीत की। अंग्रेजों ने उन्हें बड़ा कष्ट दिया और कई वर्षों तक उन्हें जेल में रखा।

Section – D (Literature)

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

- a) Why did M. Hamel say to his children to be very attentive while teaching the last French lesson ?

OR

Who was Caroline ? What did she write in her diary ?

b) What do the bangles symbolise as told in the lesson 'Lost Spring' ?

OR

Why did the head of the make-up department of the Gemini studios, leave ?

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

(7)

- a) What incident did Douglas face at the pool? What was its effect on his life ?
 b) Who was Rajkumar Shukla? For what reason did he decide to meet Gandhiji ?

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

(3 × 2 = 6)

And such is the grandeur of the dooms
 We have imagined for the mighty dead;
 And lovely tales that we have heard or read;
 An endless fountain of immortal drink,
 Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- a) About whom have we heard or read the lovely tales ?
 b) From where does the immortal drink pour ?
 c) Name the poem and the poet of the above lines correctly.

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

(4)

- a) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
 b) Keeping Quiet
 c) A Roadside Stand

Q. 11 Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

(4 + 4 = 8)

- a) When did Maharaja decide to give up tiger hunting altogether ?

OR

How was the Professor's wife, at whose house Sadao met Hana ?

- b) What did Charley say about Galesburg Illinois ?

OR

What was the reply of Zitkala-Sa to Judewin, when she said that they had to submit?

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

(7)

- a) Describe 'Grand Central Station' as narrated by Charley in the lesson 'The Third Level'.
 b) How did Annan motivate Bama to move ahead in her life leaving behind social discrimination ?