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2026
English

316 (BZ)

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) This question paper is divided into four sections: A, B, C and D.
- iii) All questions are **compulsory**.
- iv) Marks are allotted against each question.

Section – A (Reading)**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :**

With most of us, love is possessiveness. Where there is jealousy, envy, it breeds cruelty, it breeds hatred. Love can only exist and flower when there is no hate, no envy, no ambition. Without love, life is like the barren earth, arid, hard, brutal. But the moment there is affection, it is like the earth which blossoms with water, with rain, with beauty. One has to learn all this when one is very young, not when one is old, for then it is too late. Then you become prisoners of society, environment, of husband, wife, office. Find out for yourself if you can behave with affection. Can you go to your class punctually because you feel you do not want to keep people waiting? Can you be punctual for your meals because, again, you do not want to keep people waiting? Can you stop shouting while you are together because there are other people watching you, being with you?

- a) "Where there is jealousy, envy, it breeds cruelty, it breeds hatred." What does this statement suggest? (3)
- b) What is the impact of affection? (3)
- c) Why should the people not 'love and affection'? (3)
- d) Why should you go to your class and for your meals punctually? (3)
- e) (i) Find out the word from the passage which means 'Surroundings' (1)
- (ii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'Generosity'? (1)
- (iii) Rewrite the underlined segment after replacing the word 'exist' with another similar meaning word. (1)

Section – B (Writing)

2. Write an article on **any one** of the following topics in about 150 words : (10)
- Your views on One Nation One Election.
 - The Value of Books.
 - Qualities of a good Teacher.
3. Suppose you are Rahul and the law and order situation in your district is vulnerable. Now write a letter to the superintendent of police of your district requesting him to improve the law and order situation in your district. (10)

OR

Suppose you are a student of class XII and want to improve your grammar. Now, write an application to the librarian of your college requesting him to arrange a book on grammar written by a foreign grammarian.

Section – C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : (5 × 2 = 10)
- Which of the following underlined words is a synonym of 'Hazard'?
 - Principals require the safety of their students.
 - You are throwing yourself in a danger.
 - Book-sellers earn profit by selling books.
 - The C.M. was sad when he heard the loss of lives in accident.
 - Which of the following is a pair of antonyms?

i) Dissent–opposition	ii) Mourn – Lament
iii) Surpass – Excel	iv) Ascend – Descend
 - To hit below the belt means :

i) To strike above the head.	ii) To beat badly
iii) To strike unfairly	iv) To strike under the knee
 - The Government by a ruler who has unlimited power is :

i) Theocracy	ii) Supremacy
iii) Bureaucracy	iv) Autocracy
 - Which of the following sentences is correct?
 - He is unknown to me.
 - Sheela felt sorry in her mistake.
 - Sumit has been suffering from fever for the last night.
 - Nobody should laugh for him.

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

(2)

- i) He said to me, "Did you not abuse my brother yesterday?"
- ii) The captain said to them, "Bravo! You have done well."

b) Combine any one of the following as directed :

(2)

- i) Tagore was a famous Bengali poet. He is the author of the Gitanjali.
(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) Someone has picked my pocket. (Passive voice)
- ii) Do not commit mistakes. (Affirmative sentence)

d) Correct any one of the following sentences :

(2)

- i) The traveller admired beautiful sceneries.
- ii) Vikas wrote me from Kolkata.

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

(2)

i) Stationary – Stationery

ii) Emerge – Immerge



6. Translate the following passage into English :

(5)

हमारा देश 15 अगस्त, 1947 को स्वतंत्र हुआ था। अतीत के भारत और आज के भारत में बड़ा अंतर है। प्राचीनकाल में हम सम्यन् थे। देश में धनधान्य की कमी नहीं थी और लोग सुखी थे। आज सुख सुविधायें अनेक हैं, फिर भी देश में अन्धकार ही अन्धकार छाया हुआ है। हमारी बढ़ती जनसंख्या और साम्प्रदायिक दंगे ये दो प्रमुख समस्याएँ हैं जिन्हें हमें सुलझाना है।

Section – D (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words :

(4 + 4 = 8)

- a) "If at the end of the day, we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that give us no grain." What meaning do you infer from this statement?

OR

Why did Rajkumar Shukla come to the Congress session?

- b) Why did the author, W. Douglas, have an aversion to the water from the beginning?

OR

What was the ambition of the ironmaster who owned Ramsjo Iron Mill in those days?

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

(7)

- a) In what way did M. Hamel blame himself and others for the negligence of the study of French language?
- b) What was the position of Kothamangalam Subbu in Gemini Studios as described in the lesson 'Poets and Pancakes'?

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

(3 × 2 = 6)

It would be an exotic moment
Without rush, without engines,
We would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.

- a) How is the exotic moment described by the poet ?
- b) When would they all be together ?
- c) Name the poet and the poem of the above lines, correctly.

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

(4)

- a) A Roadside Stand <https://www.upboardonline.com>
- b) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
- c) My Mother at Sixty - six.

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

(4 + 4 = 8)

- a) What is called 'a first day cover' as narrated by Charley?

OR

When did Zitkala-Sa have to suffer extreme indignities?

- b) What part of history would it be to visit Antarctica now?

OR

When did Bama feel humiliated?

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

(7)

- a) What vow did the Maharaja take and how did he fulfil that?
- b) Describe the character of Dr. Sadao on the basis of the text read.