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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 :

Money plays an important role in fulfilling the basic needs of human life. It helps, pave the way to various pleasures of life. But one of the most inexplicable mysteries that has puzzled the selfish rich is their failure to find happiness where they expected to find it. The bitterest disappointment that comes to people who

had made fortunes is that their hard-earned wealth could not bring happiness which it promised. They find that love and affection do not feed on material things and the heart would starve in the midst of the greatest luxuries of the world. They find that money can buy all the worldly pleasures, power and pelf but has little power to satisfy the yearnings and hunger of the heart and mind. There are a number of women, living in palatial homes in this country who are starving for happiness and peace in their life. They would be ready to exchange all their luxuries for the love of a good man, without a dollar. One finds love, affection and peace in common, simple and greedless life.

- a) Where and how does money play an important role ? 3
- b) What has puzzled the selfish rich ? 3
- c) How does money fail to bring happiness in life ? 3
- d) Where does one find love, affection and peace ? 3
- e) i) Which word in the passage is opposite to 'sell' ? 1
- ii) Which word in the passage means 'without greed' ? 1
- iii) Rewrite the underlined segment after replacing the word 'yearnings' with another similar meaning word. 1

SECTION - B**(Writing)**

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10
- a) Measures needed to ensure free and fair Competitive Examinations.
 - b) Widespread unemployment and its effective solutions.
 - c) Merits and demerits of Privatization of school education.
3. Suppose you have been living in a flood-hit area. After inundations are over, conditions are quite insanitary. Write a letter to the District Magistrate complaining against the insanitary conditions in your locality. 10

OR

Write a letter to your Principal for providing proper games and sports facilities as it is inadequate.

SECTION - C**(Grammar)**

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 5 × 2 = 10
- a) Which of the following underlined words is a synonym of 'industrious' ?
 - i) My friend is very diligent.
 - ii) Sita is a lazy girl.
 - iii) Ramu is courageous.
 - iv) Shyam is an intelligent student.

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

- i) Idle — Lazy
- ii) Just — Fair
- iii) Victory — Defeat
- iv) Obvious — Clear

c) "He did not carry out my order" means

- i) He did not listen my order
- ii) He was not attentive to my order
- iii) He did not hear my order
- iv) He did not obey my order.

d) A girl who is unusually intelligent is

- i) wise
- ii) genius
- iii) sluggish
- iv) foolish

e) Which of the following sentences is correct ?

- i) I will do this work yesterday.
- ii) She did not went there.
- iii) When did he arrived at home ?
- iv) Why did you not go to school today ?

5. a) Change any *one* of the following into indirect speech : 2
- i) Ramu said, "Alas ! I am undone."
- ii) The teacher said, "God is everywhere."
- b) Combine any *one* of the following as directed : 2
- i) Owing to illness, he could not go to market.
(Into Complex sentence)
- ii) Krishna died in the village where she was born.
(Into Simple sentence)
- c) Transform any *one* of the following as directed : 2
- i) You can never forget me. (Into Interrogative sentence)
- ii) Seema is the tallest of all the girls. (Into Comparative degree)
- d) Correct any *one* of the following sentences : 2
- i) Linguistics are my favourite subjects.
- ii) No news are good news.
- e) Use any *one* of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : 2
- i) Confident — Confidant
- ii) Check — Cheque

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

शिक्षा विद्यार्थियों की रुचि के अनुसार ही होना चाहिये । यदि उसमें साहित्यिक प्रतिभा है तो उसे विज्ञान या वाणिज्य पढ़ाना व्यर्थ है । हाई स्कूल तथा इण्टरमीडिएट स्तर की शिक्षा सबके लिये अनिवार्य होनी चाहिये । प्रतिभाशाली छात्र ही विश्वविद्यालय के लिये उपयुक्त हैं । माध्यमिक शिक्षा का स्तर ऐसा होना चाहिए कि विद्यार्थी एक योग्य नागरिक एवम् सामान्य कार्य के लिये सक्षम बन सकें ।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

a) What did the inhabitants of Seemapuri do for their livelihood ?

OR

How did the rattrap seller make rattraps ? What for did he make them ?

b) What did Mr. Hamel teach the boys at school ?

OR

What did the garbage mean for children of Seemapuri ? What did they find in it ? <https://www.upboardonline.com>

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

a) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water ? How did instructor help to make him a fearless swimmer ?

b) What did Gandhiji do to bring about changes in the plight of the peasants of Champaran ?

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

3 × 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 does the 'earth' teach us ?
- b) What remains alive when everything seems dead ?
- c) Name the poet and the poem from which this extract has been taken.
10. Write the central idea of any *one* of the following poems :

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



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

4 + 4 = 8

- a) What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill ?

OR

Who was Dr. Sadao ? Where was his house situated ?

b) What prediction had the astrologer made about the tiger king's death ?

OR

What made Derry impressed by Lamb ?

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

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a) What does the third level refer to ?

b) How did Bama react when she came to know about untouchability ?

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