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(Section - A, B, C, D & E)

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[Maximum Marks : 80

Instructions :

- 1) Write in a clear legible handwriting.
- 2) This question paper has five Sections A, B, C, D & E and Question Numbers from 1 to 57.
- 3) All questions are compulsory. Internal options are given.
- 4) The numbers to the right represent the marks of the question.
- 5) Draw neat diagrams wherever necessary.
- 6) New sections should be written on a new page. Write the answers in numerical order.

SECTION - A

- Read the following paragraph and select the correct answer from the options given below : [2]

During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March. The weather is perfect, with some showers thrown in for good measure. The air breathes of invigorating coffee. Coffee estates and colonial bungalows stand tucked under tree canopies in prime corners. The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent.

- 1) When does the season of joy commence in Coorg?
 - (A) From March
 - (B) From September
 - (C) During monsoons
 - (D) From March till September
- 2) Which of the following statements is false?
 - (A) Coorg has coffee estates and colonial bungalows.
 - (B) People of coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent
 - (C) During the monsoons it pours enough to keep many visitors away
 - (D) Coorgi people are calmly dependent



- **Read the following paragraph and answer the questions :** [3]

Early in the New Year of 1956 I travelled to Southern Iraq. By then it had crossed my mind that I should like to keep an Otter instead of a dog and that Camusfearna, ringed by water a stone's throw from its door, would be an eminently suitable spot for this experiment when I casually mentioned this to a friend, he as casually replied that I had better get one in the Tigris marshes, for there they were as common as mosquitoes and were often tamed by the Arabs.

- 3) Which animal did the author decide to keep instead of a dog?
- 4) What would Camusfearna be suitable for?
- 5) Who tamed the otters in Tigris Marshes?

- **Fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in the bracket. Write only the answers.** [5]

(bitter, overwhelmed, patched, decade, inauguration)

On the day of the (6), I was (7) with a sense of history. In the first (8) of the twentieth century, a few years after the (9) Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth the white-skinned peoples of South Africa (10) up their differences.

- **Answer any Three of the following questions in five to six sentences each :** [6]

- 11) Valli refuses to look out of the window on her way back. Explain with reference to the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'.
- 12) What does the post master do after reading the letter? Why does he sign the letter as 'God'?
- 13) Narrate in your own words the two legends associated with the origin of tea.
- 14) How did Mandela's 'hunger for Freedom' change his life?
- 15) What does Kisa Gotami understand the second time that she Failed to understand the first time? Was this what the Buddha wanted her to understand?

SECTION - B

- **Read the following verse and answer the questions given below :** [3]

I sit inside, doors open to the veranda writing long letters
in which I scarcely mention the departure of the Forest from the house.
The night is Fresh, the whole moon shines in a sky still open
the smell of leaves and lichen still reaches like a voice into the rooms.

Questions :

- 16) What does the poet not mention in her letter?
- 17) Describe the night and the moon.
- 18) With what is the smell of leaves and lichen compared?



■ **Select the correct figure of speech from the options given below:** [2]

- 19) The fog comes on little cat feet
 (A) Euphemism (B) Climax
 (C) Personification (D) Oxymoron
- 20) He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.
 (A) Antithesis (B) Hyperbole
 (C) Metaphor (D) Simile

■ **Answer any Three of the following questions in Five to Six sentences each :** [6]

- 21) Why does the poet of The Ball Poem say, "I would not intrude on him"? Why doesn't he offer him money to buy another ball?
- 22) What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid and an orphan?
- 23) Narrate the life story of custard the dragon in your words.
- 24) What is a "dust of snow"? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet's mood changed?
- 25) Mention the significance of the declaration by an old religious man in the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.

■ **Read the passage and answer the questions :** [3]

How foolish people are when they own valuable things, Horace thought. A magazine article had described this house, giving a plan of all the rooms and picture of this room. The writer had even mentioned that the painting hid a safe!

But Horace found that the flowers were hindering him in his work. He buried his face in his handkerchief.

Then he heard a voice say from doorway. "What is it? A cold or hay fever?"
 Before he could think, Horace said, "Hay fever," and found himself sneezing again.

- 26) Why does Horace think the owner of valuable things to be foolish?
- 27) What hindered Horace in his work?
- 28) Name the illness Horace is suffering from.

■ **Read the passage and answer the questions :** [2]

Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer.

- 29) What kind of person Griffin was?
- 30) How did Griffin try to take revenge from his landlord?



SECTION - C

■ Rectify the errors :

[4]

	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Corrections</u>
31) The thud and jingle on	_____	_____
32) the tradition baker's bamboo	_____	_____
33) heralding his arrival in a morning	_____	_____
34) Can still be hear in some places	_____	_____

■ Punctuate the following passage appropriately.

[2]

_____(35)____ you seem to have done your homework before coming _____(36)____ "Pranjol _____(37)____ s father said in surprise _____(38)____"

■ Fill in the blanks with proper article/s, conjunction/s and preposition/s. Write only answers.

[4]

[who, with, because, about]

It was _____(39)____ a mother duck and a father swan _____(40)____ three baby ducklings _____(41)____ were bitten to death by father _____(42)____ they quacked too much.

43) Convert the following into indirect form of narration.

[3]

"Hey, lady," said the conductor, "aren't you ready to get off? This is as for as your thirty paise takes you."

"No," Valli said, "I'm going back on this same bus."

"Why, is something the matter?" asked the conductor.

■ Do as directed :

44) Assam has the largest concentration of plantation in the world.

[5]

[Find the correct use of comparative degree]

- (A) No other place in the world has so large concentration of plantation as Assam.
 (B) Very few places in the world have as large concentration of plantation as Assam.
 (C) Assam has larger concentration of plantation than any other place in the world.
 (D) Assam had larger concentration of plantation than many other places in the world.

45) There is no one who can help us.

[Make Interrogative]

- (A) Is there one who can help us?
 (B) Is there anyone who can help us?
 (C) Was there anyone who can help us?
 (D) Is there everyone who can help us?



46) I should call Paris control soon.

[Add a question tag]

(A) should I?

(B) don't I?

(C) shouldn't I?

(D) didn't I?

47) Those eaters of loaves might have vanished but the makers are still there.

[Make Complex]

(A) In spite of those eaters of loaves having vanished, makers are still there.

(B) Those eaters of loaves might have vanished yet the makers are still there.

(C) Those eaters of loaves might have vanished and the makers are still there.

(D) Though the eaters of loaves might have vanished, the makers are still there.

48) When she entered her house she found her mother awake.

[Use No sooner ----- than]

(A) No sooner did she enter her house than she found her mother awake.

(B) No sooner does she enter her house than she found her mother awake.

(C) No sooner did she entered her house then she found her mother awake.

(D) No sooner does she enter her house than she Finds her mother awake.

SECTION - D

■ Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : [4]

ये तु सर्वाणि कर्माणि मयि संन्यस्य मत्पराः ।

अनन्येनैव योगेन मां ध्यायन्त उपासते ॥ (12.6)

[Meaning : Those who dedicate all their actions to me, regarding me as the Supreme Lord, worshiping me and meditating on me with absolute devotion]

The meaning of this verse is that-we should perform all our actions or endeavours with the spirit that the 'God is the witness' and perform our duties with an unshakeable determination that our action is to be dedicated to the 'Supreme Father God' so that action should be done, effortlessly with a holy spirit for example, any food that comes to our dish from the kitchen is a meal, but when we offer the same Food to God, it becomes prasad (Gift or blessing from God). When we cook daily, we should offer God; if we prepare food for the Lord with devotion, the cooking will effortlessly be full of purity and virtuous intent. Bhakti, hence, is the union of mental dedication with physical effort in all our Karma.

Questions :

49) How should we perform all our actions?

50) What is 'Bhakti'?



स्वधर्ममपि चावेक्ष्य न विकम्पितुमर्हसि ।

धर्म्याद्धि युद्धाच्छ्रेयोऽन्यत्क्षत्रियस्य न विद्यते ॥ (2.31)

[Meaning : Given your Swadharm, you should not harbour fear in your heart, for there is no other better duty for a Kshatriya other than to fight for Dharm]

Subhash Chandra Bose, a formidable warrior, earned the nickname 'Netaji'. He always carried the Gita with him and practised studying it every morning after his daily routine. Through the study of the Gita, he cultivated qualities such as steadfastness, courage and fearlessness. Inspired by Netaji's bravery, his comrades fought feverently untill the end; our hero drew strength from the essence of the Gita.

Questions :

51) What is the duty of a Kshatriya?

52) Which qualities did 'Netaji' cultivate from the study of Gita?

OR

■ **Read the following poem and answer the questions.**

[4]

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.
Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.
The waves beside them danced; but they
Out - did the sparkling waves in glee
A poet couldnot but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed - and gazed - but - little thought
What Wealth the show to me had brought:
For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or pin pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Questions :

49) Where did the poet wander?

50) What did the poet see?

51) With what are the daffodils compared?

52) Where do the daffodils flash?



- 53) You are Yatri/Yatrik. You went for a memorable journey with your Family to North East of India. Write a diary entry of your experience on the same. [4]

OR

- 53) You went for an audition round for one-day Radio Jockey. Prepare a dialogue between you and the judges that provides them information about your communication skills. [4]

- 54) You are Juhi Nanavati, owner of a bakery shop that serves healthy and hygienic cakes, cookies and bread. Prepare an advertisement for the same. [4]

OR

- 54) On behalf of the Principal of Milestone Public school, Ahmedabad, draft a notice to inform the students about an Eco-tour, planned for developing an environmental awareness among the students, with all the necessary details. [4]

OR

- 54) Your schools is observing 'Road safety Awareness week'. As a part of various activities, prepare a poster listing out various Road safety and traffic awareness measures. [4]

SECTION - E

- 55) You are Sonal/Shalin shah, the Press Reporter, 'Ahmedabad Times'. Your area is badly affected by flood this year. Write a report appreciating the rescue work during the flood by volunteering youths. [4]

- 56) You have purchased some decoration materials from a reputed online site for your home during Diwali. On opening the package it was found that some articles were damaged. Draft an Email to their customer care department requesting to replace the materials as per their policy. [6]

OR

- 56) You are Ananya Patil. Your friend is going to give Board Exam this year. Write a letter to your Friend appreciating his/her efforts and wishing good Luck. [6]



57) Write an essay on any one of the following in about 200 words : [8]

(A) India of my Dream

[Ancient time - development after independence - education - advancement in different fields - conclusion]

(B) Can AI Replace Human Brain?

[What is AI? - Use of AI in different Fields - education health, transaction etc- advantages - danger of dependency - unemployment - human brain power - conclusion]

OR

57) Write a story in about 200 words based on the inputs given below, giving a suitable title : [8]

A teenage boy Rahul - addicted to gadgets - too much social media - victim of cyber bullying - sleepless nights - loosing interest in academics - complaints from school - parents worried - anxiety and Frustration - consults a counsellor - realization and introspection - academically improves - becomes a happy and cheerful child.



SECTION - B

