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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions :

- 1) There are 5 sections in this question paper.
- 2) Total of 69 questions are there. Internal and general options are given.
- 3) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 4) Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
- 5) Number the answers correctly.
- 6) Write in legible handwriting.

SECTION - A

- Read the following passage and select the appropriate answer. [5]
[Each question carries one mark]

“I am thinking of this stranger here,” said the young girl. “He walks and walks the whole year long, and there is probably not a single place in the whole country where he is welcome and can feel at home. Wherever he turns he is chased away. Always he is afraid of being arrested and cross-examined. I should like to have him enjoy a day of peace with us here - just one in the whole year.”

The ironmaster mumbled something in his beard. He could not bring himself to oppose her.

“It was all a mistake, of course,” she continued. “But anyway I don’t think we ought to chase away a human being whom we have asked to come here, and to whom we have promised Christmas cheer.”

- 1) From the following, what is true about the stranger that the girl is talking about?
 - (a) He is not welcomed at any place.
 - (b) He is mostly chased away.
 - (c) He is afraid of being arrested and cross-examined.
 - (d) All of the above.

- 2) 'The ironmaster mumbled something in his beard.' This means he spoke _____ .
- (a) to himself without being audible to others
 (b) fiercely to scare the young girl
 (c) loudly enough to be understood
 (d) without thinking logically
- 3) The ironmaster was _____ to host the stranger by the young girl.
- (a) threatened
 (b) urged
 (c) persuaded
 (d) demotivated
- 4) What promise was made to the stranger by the young girl?
- (a) Freedom from poverty
 (b) Pleasure of the festivities
 (c) Protection from police
 (d) Permanent shelter
- 5) Pondering over the given passage, we can affirm that the young girl is _____ .
- (a) dominating and rude
 (b) kind and compassionate
 (c) selfish and greedy
 (d) disrespectful and uncaring

■ Fill in the blanks with appropriate options given in the brackets.

Write only the answers : [0.5 mark each]

[5]

(women⁶, working¹⁰, glass-blowing¹⁴, it¹², without¹³, engaged⁸, furnaces¹⁵, among⁹, for⁷, like¹¹)

Every other family in Firozabad is 06 in making bangles. It is the centre of India's 07 industry where families have spent generations

08 around furnaces, welding glass, making bangles 09 all the 10 in the land 11 seems. Mukesh's family is 12 them. None of them know that it is illegal for children 13 him to work in the glass 14 with high temperatures, in the dingy cells 15 air and light.

- Answer the following questions in about six to seven sentences each. Each carries three marks (Any Three) :

[9]

- 16) How was M. Hamel's last class strikingly different from his previous classes?
- 17) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water? Was he successful in doing so? Give reason.
- 18) Rajkumar Shukla played an important role in the Champaran episode. Explain.
- 19) Kothamangalam Subbu is described as a many - sided genius. List four of his special abilities.
- 20) Do you think Umberto Eco likes being interviewed? Give reasons for your opinion.

SECTION - B

- Read the following stanza and answer the questions :

[4]

[Each carries One mark]

Here far from the city we make our roadside stand
And ask for some city money to feel in hand
To try if it will not make our being expand,
And give us the life of the moving-pictures' promise
That the party in power is said to be keeping from us.

Questions :

- 21) Where do the people make roadside stand?

- 22) What do the people ask for?
- 23) Mention the kind of life people desire to live as mentioned in the given stanza.
- 24) Who keeps the people away from their desired life?

■ **Choose the correct figures of speech from the options given below : [Each carries One mark]**

[4]

25) Life is what it is about.

- (a) Epigram (b) Synecdoche
(c) Alliteration (d) Repetition

26) Some shape of beauty moves away the pall.

- (a) Simile (b) Pun
(c) Personification (d) Climax

27) The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead.

- (a) Tautology (b) Anti climax
(c) Litotes (d) Transferred Epithet

28) Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

- (a) Litotes (b) Climax
(c) Simile (d) Metonymy

■ **Answer the following questions in about Four to Five sentences each. Each carries two marks (Any Four) :**

[8]

29) What do the parting words of Kamala Das and her smile signify?

30) Why does Neruda emphasize upon the necessity of quiet introspection?

31) Do we experience things of beauty for short moments or do they make a lasting impression on us? Explain with reference to, 'A Thing of Beauty.'

- 32) How are the 'City folk' depicted in 'A Roadside Stand'?
- 33) Interpret the symbols found in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers.'
- 34) Both 'My Mother at Sixty-Six' and 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' are about human relationships. Bring out the differences in emotions experienced by Kamala Das and Aunt Jennifer.

■ Read the following passage and answer the questions :

[2]

[Each carries One mark]

The chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose in wonder. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech! Not only that, it also raises intelligent questions! Incredible! Rather like the bulletins issued by the war office, than facts. The chief astrologer took his finger off his nose and fixed his eyes upon the little prince. "The prince was born in the hour of the Bull. The Bull and the Tiger are enemies, therefore, death comes from the Tiger," he explained.

- 35) What surprised the chief astrologer?
- 36) How did the chief astrologer explain his prediction about the little prince?

■ Read the following passage (dialogue) and answer the questions :

[3]

[Each carries One mark]

Mr. Lamb: Mind the apples!

Derry : What? Who's that? Who's there?

Mr. Lamb: Lamb's my name. Mind the apples. Crab apples those are. Windfalls in the long grass. You could trip.

Derry : I.....there....I thought this was an empty place. I didn't know there was anybody here.....

Mr. Lamb: That's all right. I'm here. What are you afraid of, boy? That's all right.

Derry : I thought it was empty..... an empty house.

Mr. Lamb: So it is. Since I'm out here in the garden. It is empty. Until I go back inside. In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop. A day like this. Beautiful day. Not a day to be indoors.

Questions:

- 37) Why did Mr. Lamb ask Derry to 'mind the apples?'
- 38) What did Derry think before entering Mr. Lamb's garden?
- 39) Mention Mr. Lamb's reason for his being out there in the garden.

SECTION - C

■ **Rectify the errors : [Each carries One mark]**

[4]

	Errors	Corrections
There, I was <u>look</u> at the	[40] _____	_____ <u>ing</u>
clothes in Royce's window <u>then</u>	[41] _____	_____ <u>an</u>
someone came and <u>stand</u>	[42] _____	_____ <u>ing</u>
besides <u>me.</u>	[43] _____	_____ <u>her/you</u>

■ **Punctuate the following passage appropriately:**

[2]

[Each carries 0.5 mark]

44 Or an actress. Now there's real money in that. Yes 45 and I could maybe have the boutique on the side 46 Actresses don't work full time, do they 47”

- Rewrite the sentences using the correct meaning of the given idioms / phrases : [Each carries One mark] [4]

- 48) Seeing me sitting at my desk tearing up newspaper day in and day out, most people thought I was doing next to nothing.
(everyday, every other day, every alternate day)
- 49) He wanted to fix in his mind just how everything looked in that little school room. (forget, remember, acknowledge)
- 50) Years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream. (exciting and joyful work, tiring and dull work, helpful and cheering work)
- 51) Thus, piece by piece, he built a swimmer. (forcefully, recklessly, gradually)

- Convert the following into indirect speech : [4]

- 52) "Excuse me, but aren't you Danny Casey?" Sophie asked.
"Yes, that's right."
"I watch you every week, with my dad and my brothers.
We think you're great."

- Do as directed : [Each question carries one mark] [6]

53) This is your last French lesson.

[Choose the correct Interrogative Sentence]

- (a) Was this your last French lesson?
- (b) Isn't this your last French lesson?
- (c) Won't this be your last French lesson?
- (d) Will this be your last French lesson?

54) He would stop briefly at the temple and pray for a pair of shoes.

[Choose the correct Simple Sentence]

- (a) Stopping briefly at the temple, he would pray for a pair of shoes.
- (b) Briefly, he would stop at the temple and pray for a pair of shoes.
- (c) When he would stop briefly at the temple, he would pray for a pair of shoes.
- (d) Having stopped briefly at the temple, he had prayed for a pair of shoes.

55) I never went back to the pool.

[Choose the correct Affirmative Sentence]

- (a) I refrain from going back to the pool.
- (b) I seldom went back to the pool.
- (c) I frequently went back to the pool.
- (d) I refrained from going back to the pool.

56) His visit remained an unexplained mystery.

[Choose the correct Exclamatory Sentence]

- (a) How come his visit remain an unexplained mystery!
- (b) What made his visit remain an unexplained mystery!
- (c) What an unexplained mystery his visit remained!
- (d) How his visit remained an unexplained mystery!

57) Sophie, you are still at school, _____?

[Choose the correct Question Tag]

- (a) are you
- (b) aren't you
- (c) were you
- (d) weren't you

58) He's older than I am.

[Choose the correct Positive Degree Sentence]

- (a) I am not so old as him. (b) I am as old as him.
(c) He is as old as me. (d) He is not so old as me.

SECTION - D

- Read the following two passages and answer the questions : [5]
[Each carries One mark]

Soaked in the ethos of universal welfare, the Bhagavad Gita stands as a remarkable gift of Indian culture! What sets this book apart is its ability to impart profound wisdom succinctly. She enriches our minds with boundless waves of joy, tranquility and love. Through its simple and clear exposition, the book renders access to the profound insights of vedant to the ordinary populace.

Questions :

- 59) What does the Bhagavad Gita impart?
60) How are ordinary people benefitted through the simple and clear exposition of the Bhagavad Gita?

In the Puranas, there are descriptions of Vishnu's various avatars, including Matsya (in the form of a fish), Kurm (in the form of a tortoise), Vaman (dwarf), Parshuram, Ram, Krishna, Buddha and Kalki. These divine incarnations serve to protect the righteous and restore dharma. From these ten avatars, we can infer that God offers suitable solutions by taking on a befitting form based on the prevailing issues.

- 61) Describe the Matsya avatar of Lord Vishnu in one sentence.
62) Mention the purpose of the divine incarnations.
63) What do we infer from the given passage?

OR

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

[Each carries One mark]

We have to live differently or
We will die in the same old ways.

Therefore

I call on all Grand Mothers
everywhere on the planet to rise
and take your place in the
leadership of the world.

Come out of the kitchen, out of the fields.

Out of the beauty parlors, out of the television

Step forward and assume the role

for which you were created :

To lead humanity to health,
happiness and sanity.

- 59) What will happen if we do not live differently?
60) Where are the Grand Mothers usually occupied?
61) Mention the role that the poet wants the Grand Mothers to assume.
62) How can the Grand Mothers serve humanity?
63) Give a suitable title to the poem.

■ **Advertisement.**

64) A new gymnasium has opened in your area.

Draft an advertisement for the same for its promotion. [5]

[It should be enclosed in a box, have a title, appropriate content matter, address and contact number of the gym owner.]

65) Study the following information about the city of Jaipur and write seven to eight sentences about it. [5]

[Give a suitable title]

- Known as Pink City
- Capital of Rajasthan
- Founded in 1727 by Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh

- One of India's first planned cities
- City painted pink in 1876 to welcome the Prince of Wales
- Powerful symbol of hospitality
- City celebrates ancient principles and modern advancements

OR

Prepare notes for the following passage. Give a suitable title.

It is a funny place, this world of Capitalism, with its astonishing spread of ignorance and helplessness, boasting all the time of its spread of education and enlightenment. There stand the thousands of property owners and the millions of wage workers, none of them able to make anything, none of them knowing what to do until somebody tells them, none of them having the least notion of how it is that they find people paying them money, and things in the shops to buy with it. And when they travel they are surprised to find that savages and Esquimaux and Villagers who have to make everything for themselves are more intelligent and resourceful! The wonder would be if they are anything else. We should die of idiocy through disuse of our mental faculties if we did not fill our heads with romantic nonsense out of illustrated newspaper and novels and plays and films. Such stuff keeps us alive; but it falsifies everything for us so absurdly that it leaves us more or less dangerous lunatics in the real world.

- 66) A three-day 'Art and Craft' workshop is going to be organised in your school during the summer vacation. Write an e-mail to your friend inviting him/her to attend the workshop. Inform him/her about the dates, time, fees, etc. of the workshop. [5]

OR

Write an email to the in-charge of the Health Care Centre of your area requesting her/him to conduct a session/seminar on 'Health Awareness' in your school.

SECTION - E 20m

- 67) The Eco Club of your school had organised 'Tree Plantation Programme' in your school. Write a report for the same. [5]

OR

Write an article for school magazine on the topic, 'Power of Positive Thinking.'

- 68) You are Sudha / Sudhir S. Apply for the post of an Event Manager to The Director, Pure and Pious Celebrations Ltd., Opera Building, Main Market, Vadodara along with your resume. [7]

- 69) Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following topics : [8]

(A) Life Skills Learnt in School

[Introduction – meaning of life skills – types of life skills – discipline, problem - solving, communication, teamwork, time management, leadership qualities, decision-making, interacting skills, emotional intelligence, social bonding, etc. – its importance – relevant examples – your opinion]

(B) Sensible Use of Mobile Phones

[Introduction – importance of mobile phones – its pros and cons – when to use it and when not to use it – relevant examples – your opinion]

OR

On the occasion of Teacher's Day Celebration in your school, you are asked to deliver a speech in honour of teachers. Prepare a speech in about 250 words appropriate to the occasion.

Guidelines:

[Greetings – express gratitude – greet everyone present – importance of teachers in the life of students – responsibility of students and their behaviour towards teachers – good teaching – learning process – relevant examples – your opinion – expression of gratitude]

