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Instructions -

- (1) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (2) *Marks are indicated in front of each question.*

SECTION – A

(Reading)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below. [1×5=5]

Once a rich lady became blind. She called in an eye-specialist. The doctor promised her to cure her within a fortnight. She agreed to pay a large fee. The doctor operated upon her eyes and bandaged them. The doctor came every day. He gave her some medicine and removed some furniture. This went on 14 days. On the fifteenth day, the doctor removed the bandages and said, "Now you can see. Please pay my fees."



The lady was cured. Her eyesight had been restored, but she was shocked to see that all the pieces of costly furniture were missing. She refused to pay the fees on the plea that she could not see her furniture in her room, which meant that her sight had not been restored. The doctor filed a suit against her for not paying his fees. The court heard both the parties. On knowing the reality, the judge dismissed the doctor's case. He was charged with theft and sentenced to prison for cheating and stealing.

Questions -

- (i) What happened to the rich lady?
- (a) She became deaf. (b) She became blind.
(c) She became fat. (d) She became dumb.
- (ii) What did the doctor promise her?
- (a) To cure her within a month
(b) To cure her within six months
(c) To cure her within a fortnight
(d) To cure her within one year
- (iii) The lady refused to pay the fee to the doctor because -
- (a) she cheated the doctor.
(b) she was not cured.
(c) the doctor did not fulfill his promise.
(d) she could not see her furniture in her room.
- (iv) How did the judge punish the doctor?
- (a) By sending him to prison
(b) By imposing fine on him
(c) By asking to return furniture to the lady
(d) By ordering him to pay the cost of furniture with interest
- (v) What is the synonym of 'robbery' used in the passage?
- (a) Gift (b) Offering
(c) Theft (d) Bestowal

Q.2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below. **[1×5=5]**

Nature is beauty and beauty is Nature. Everywhere Nature is beautiful in one way or the other. The beauty of Nature has been a source of inspiration and delight to mankind. It is an endless source of joy. Dew drops on the green grass look like pearls. Sunrise is a lovely scene of Nature. Setting sun, starry night, silvery light of the moon, snow-covered mountains, deep and dark forests, scent and fragrance of flowers are some of the beauties of Nature. The chirping of birds has a music of its own. In spring, Nature is at its best. Blooming flowers of different hues fill the air with fragrance. The beauty of Nature soothe our eyes, gladden our hearts and ennoble our souls.



Questions -

- (i) The beauty of Nature has been a source of -
(a) sorrow and distress (b) inspiration and delight
(c) torture and torment (d) distress and anguish
- (ii) What is an endless source of joy?
(a) Beauty of Nature
(b) Buildings and houses
(c) Drawings and paintings
(d) Market places
- (iii) Nature is at its best in -
(a) summer (b) winter
(c) autumn (d) spring
- (iv) What kind of music is mentioned in the passage?
(a) Music of drums (b) Music of rivers
(c) Music of birds (d) Music of flute
- (v) The opposite of 'ugly' is -
(a) unpleasant (b) beautiful
(c) hideous (d) unattractive



SECTION – B

(Writing)



- Q.3 Read the following passage and make notes on it and also give a suitable title to it.

[3+1=4]

Internet is an example of a computer network. The purpose of computer networking is to build communication between computers. This communication includes exchange of data and information with the help of software applications installed in computer systems. A computer network can be formed between two or more computers linked together in a room or a building, a town, a city and across the globe. A computer network can also include peripheral devices, such as printer, scanner and so on. The computers or devices within a network that originate route and terminate the data are called nodes. The computers in a network can work independently and communicate with each other too. Hosts, such as personal computers, mobile phones, servers and networking hardware are different types of nodes. The computers are interconnected through different media, such as cables, telephone lines, radio waves or infrared light beams. Every network has a control centre which allows the different nodes to communicate.

- Q.4 You are Vijay Verma, studying in Govt. HSS. Gwalior. Write an application to your Principal for three day's leave on account of illness.

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OR

You are Pooja Kohli, residing at B/89, Golden Avenue Jabalpur. Write a letter to your friend thanking her for the birthday present.

- Q.5 Write an essay on anyone of the following topics in 150 words.

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- (i) My Hobby
- (ii) Trees : Our Saviours
- (iii) Science in our daily life.
- (iv) My Best friend



- Q.6 Look at the picture given below and write a short paragraph in about 75 words.

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SECTION – C

(Grammar)

- Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option given in the brackets.

(Any five)

[1×5=5]

- (a) My friend found.....one rupee coin on the road. (a/an/the)
- (b) The monkey is hanging.....the branch of a tree. (for/to/from)
- (c) A mango.....a one big seed. (has/have/does)
- (d) Rakhi bought.....chocolates from the market. (some/any/much)
- (e) The artist.....pictures. (paint/paints/painting)
- (f)pen do you like? (Who/Which/Where)

- Q.8 Do as directed. (Any five)

[1×5=5]

- (a) Shivam is playing with his toys.
(Change the Sentence into Negative)
- (b) Kiran painted the room.
(Change into Passive Voice)
- (c) The weather is very hot.
I can not go out.
(Combine the sentences using too.....to)
- (d) Neha drives the car perfectly.
(Change into Future Indefinite Tense)



- (e) The people cheered the player.
He scored the goal.
(Combine the sentences using 'who')
- (f) sat/ the/ on/ crow/ branch/ the
(Rearrange the words and make a meaningful sentence)



SECTION – D

(Literature)

Q.9 Choose the correct option -

[1×4=4]

- (i) What is "a book that can be displayed on a screen for educating or entertaining people" called?
- (a) A craft book (b) A telebook
(c) A drawing book (d) An art book
- (ii) What gift did Kezia prepare for her father?
- (a) A pin cushion (b) A pillow cover
(c) A flower vase (d) A pen holder
- (iii) What did Albert's classmates call him?
- (a) A crazy boy (b) Creative
(c) Brother Boring (d) A genius
- (iv) What kind of a house did the poet want to have at Innisfree?
- (a) A well-furnished house
(b) A bungalow
(c) A house made of wood and clay
(d) A villa

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below -

[1×3=3]

Einstein was highly gifted in Mathematics and interested in Physics, and after finishing school, he decided to study at a University in Zurich. But Science wasn't the only thing that appealed to the dashing young man with the walrus moustache.

Questions -

- (i) In which subject was Einstein highly gifted?
- (a) Mathematics (b) History
(c) Geography (d) Chemistry



(ii) Where did Einstein decide to study after finishing school?

- (a) A university in Texas
- ☒ (b) A university in Zurich
- (c) A university in Florida
- (d) A university in Delhi



(iii) Who does "the dashing young man" refer to?

- (a) Albert Fernandes
- ☒ (b) Franklin D. Roosevelt
- (c) Albert Einstein
- (d) Alfred Nobel

(B) Read the following stanza and answer the questions given below.

[1×3=3]

He came to the door of a cottage,
In travelling round the earth,
Where a little woman was making cakes,
And baking them on the hearth.

Questions -

(i) Who does "He" refer to in the stanza?

- (a) A boy
- (b) Saint Peter
- ☒ (c) A little woman
- (d) A girl

(ii) What was the little woman making?

- (a) Rice
- (b) Chapati
- (c) Pudding
- ☒ (d) Cakes

(iii) From which poem has the above stanza been taken?

- (a) The Road Not Taken
- ☒ (b) Rain on the Roof
- (c) A Legend of the Northland
- (d) Wind



Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any six)

[2×6=12]

- (i) What kind of teachers did Margie and Tommy have?
- (ii) How does Evelyn hear music?
- (iii) Where did Bismillah Khan play the Shehnai on 15th August, 1947?
- (iv) Who were the people in Kezia's family?
- (v) What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent office?
- (vi) "The sound was familiar one." What sound did the doctor hear?
- (vii) How did Abdul Kalam earn his first wages?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any two) [2×2=4]

(i) In the poem "No Men are Foreign", how does the poet suggest that all people on earth are same?

(ii) How did Saint Peter punish the old lady?

(A Legend of the Northland)

(iii) What should we do to make friends with the wind? (Wind)

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any two) [2×2=4]

(i) What are the things the child sees on his way to the fair?

(ii) What are the two strange things the guru and his disciple find in the kingdom of fools?

(iii) How does Toto come to grandfather's private zoo?

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. [3]

Kezia decides that there are "different kinds of fathers". What kind of father was Mr. Macdonald and how was he different from Kezia's father?

OR

Why does the world remember Einstein as a world citizen?

Q.15 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. [3]

Do you think Innisfree is only a place, or a state of mind? Does the poet actually miss the place of his boyhood days?

OR

Write the story of "A Legend of the Northland".

Q.16 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. [3]

Why do the courtiers call the Prince the 'Happy Prince'? Is he really happy? What does he see all around him?

OR

What is Behrman's masterpiece? What makes Sue say so?