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अंग्रेजी सामान्य

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions :

- (i) All questions are **compulsory**.
- (ii) Read the questions carefully and answer them.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- (iv) Internal choices are given as per the blue-print.

SECTION - A (Reading)

Unseen Passage

1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

It is an admitted fact that union or cooperation is strength; disunion is weakness. A united family, a united community, a united society, a united nation is strong; but those who are disunited or split up into fractions or groups, are all weak. Take the case of a football or hockey team. If the members of the team play together and cooperate with one another, they will form a strong team. But if each member plays his own game, they will surely be defeated, however strong the individual players may be. The same is true of an army. To win a battle, an army must work as one man. Napoleon's motto was "Divide and conquer". He tried



to split up the armies fighting against him. Then he would overcome them one by one. Divided they were weak. A united team, a united army, a united nation is strong. "United we stand; divided we fall".

Questions :

- (i) What is the factor that assures strength ? 1
- (ii) What happens if each member of a football team plays his own game ? 1
- (iii) What moral does the passage carry ? 1
- (iv) Divide and conquer was the motto of _____ 1
- (a) Churchill (b) Hitler
- (c) Stalin (d) Napoleon
- (v) Give a synonym of winner. 1

2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions below it :

Helen Keller lost her eye-sight and hearing at the age of two because of an illness. She became deaf. She also lost the ability to speak, for we learn to speak by imitating what we hear. At first, it seemed impossible that she would never understand others or be understood by them. Hers was thus a lonely world. But she was helped by a wonderful teacher named Miss Sullivan who had herself been blind as a child but recovered her eye-sight by an operation. Miss Sullivan volunteered to help Helen and taught her to speak, read and write. Helen later went to a university and gained a degree. She then spent the rest of her life working to help the blind and the deaf.

Questions :

- (i) How do we learn to speak ? 1
- (ii) How did Miss Sullivan help Helen ? 1
- (iii) What did Helen do for the blind and the deaf ? 1
- (iv) When did Helen Keller lose her eye-sight and hearing ? 1
- (a) At birth (b) At the age of two (c) At the age of four
- (v) Which word in the passage means 'One who is not able to see' ? 1
- (a) Deaf (b) Sight (c) Blind



3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

It is a fact universally acknowledged that means justify the end. Therefore we all must remember that one of the keys to success is to pay as much attention to the means as to the end. The duty of every human being is to help others and do something good to the world and society. Religious texts teach us that the giver and receiver both are equally blessed. It is our duty to be thankful to God that we have been allowed to exercise our power of benevolence and march in the world and thus become pure and perfect. The natural course of events dictates that every action has to reach its concluding phase. The act once performed is bound to bear fruit. No power in the universe can stop it from bringing its results.

Questions :

- (i) What should be the relationship between means and end ? 1
- (ii) What is the secret of success ? 1
- (iii) Who is more blessed – the giver or receiver or both ? 1
- (iv) The fact is _____ acknowledged. 1
- (a) fully (b) universally
- (c) truly (d) really
- (v) Give the noun form of 'perform'. 1
- (a) performment (b) performance
- (c) performance (d) performing

SECTION - B (Writing)

4 You are Ravi Sharma studying in Govt. Higher Secondary School Rewa. 6
Write an application to your Principal to issue you your transfer Certificate.

OR

You are Ritu Patel residing at 54, Bank Colony, Lal Bagh, Jabalpur. Write a letter to your friend Sandhya asking her to attend your elder brother's marriage.



- 5 Read the following passage carefully and do as instructed in (a) and (b) below the passage :

The need for money originates from the fact that different people in society produce different things. This means that they depend on each other for goods and services. Let us take the case of a farmer who produces more food than he requires and a carpenter who lives by selling tables and chairs he has made. It will be obvious that unless some means of exchange will be for them to use farmer's goods, the farmer will not be able to get rid of his surplus food and carpenter will starve. Clearly the simplest means of exchange will be for them to use barter, in other words to exchange a certain amount of goods (farmer's grain) for a certain amount of another. (carpenter's table or chair) obviously barter can work only in a very simple society. In an advanced society, we cannot go around for the things we need.

Questions :

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it and supply a suitable title. 4
- (b) Now write a summary looking at the notes. 3
- 6 Develop an article on the topic 'Save Water' with the help of the given phrases : 7
- (i) Collect rain water on roof-top.
- (ii) Store rain water in underground tanks.
- (iii) Turn off taps while brushing teeth.
- (iv) Collect water after washing fruits, vegetables and cereals for gardening.
- (v) Do not overuse bore-well.
- (vi) Wash vehicles with water in a bucket.
- (vii) Reuse water after washing clothes, utensils etc.

OR

Write an essay in 200 words on any **one** of the following topics :

- (i) Wonders of Science
- (ii) Any great Leader
- (iii) The festival you like most
- (iv) My hobby.



SECTION - C (Grammar)

- 7 (A) Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of verbs given in brackets : 5
(any five)
- It was dark. So I _____ a torch with me. (take, took, taken)
 - _____ dogs seldom bite. (Barking, Bark)
 - He promised _____ the money. (to return, returns)
 - Strike the iron _____ it is hot. (after, till, while)
 - Work hard _____ you will fail. (or, but, so)
 - My brother is very strong. He _____ lift 80 kg of weight.
(may, can, ought to)
- (B) Choose the correct words from brackets and fill in the blanks : (any five) 5
- Mohan was very tired. So he _____ to bed early. (go, gone, went)
 - The sun _____ in the east. (rise, rises, rose)
 - Ravi is _____ football. (playing, played, play)
 - My brother is _____ S.D.O. (a, an, the)
 - Mr. Das is a rich person _____ not happy. (but, and, or)
 - We _____ obey the rules of the road. (must, have to)
 - He has been sleeping _____ evening. (for, since)
- 8 Do as directed : (any five) 5
- hobby / my / games / playing / is
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
 - He is very lazy. He cannot go for a morning walk.
(Combine the sentences using so that)
 - He does his duty. (Change into negative)
 - He is playing cricket. (Change into present perfect tense)
 - If you work hard, you will succeed. (Rewrite using unless)
 - He have gone to school. (Correct the sentence)
 - Bali Ram is my best friend. (Frame a question beginning with 'who')
- 9 Translate any five sentences into English : 5
- वह क्रिकेट खेल रहा है ।
 - मैं अंग्रेजी बोल सकता हूँ ।
 - क्या आप तैर सकते हैं ?
 - मेरी कक्षा में 50 विद्यार्थी है ।
 - राम और श्याम मित्र हैं ।
 - ईमानदारी सबसे अच्छी नीति है ।
 - वर्षा हो रही है ।



SECTION - D

10 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Once more the brave boy made up his mind. He would not be a cripple. He would walk. But unfortunately from the waist down he had no motor ability. His thin legs just dangled there, all but life-less. Ultimately he was released from the hospital. Everyday his mother would massage his little legs, but there was no feeling, no control, nothing. Yet his determination that he would walk was as strong as ever.

Questions :

- (a) The word in the passage similar in meaning to disable is _____ 1
- (i) dangle
(ii) cripple
(iii) determination
- (b) What had caused the disability to the boy ? 1
- (i) He suffered an accident while crossing the road.
(ii) A truck ran over him.
(iii) He got burnt.
- (c) By what name do we know the boy ? 1
- (i) Mahatma Gandhi
(ii) Roger Bannister
(iii) Dr. Glenn Cunningham
- (d) How did the mother help the boy to overcome his disability ? 2

11 Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Sardar Kishan Singh was on the verge of losing his nerve. He continued delivering his speech in a delirious manner, when the milkman ran towards them and gave the dreaded news that the execution was over. Sardar Kishan Singh

announced to the crowd, "Bhagat Singh has been executed. I am going to fetch his body. None of you should budge from here. I don't wish that in taking away the body of Bhagat Singh I shall have to take away many more".

Questions :

- (a) If I say don't budge from here, I mean – 1
- (i) don't move from here.
- (ii) don't buy from here.
- (iii) don't play over here.
- (b) From which lesson has the extract been taken ? 1
- (i) The Power of Determination
- (ii) Salutation to the Nation
- (iii) Children
- (c) Who was Sardar Bhagat Singh ? Sardar Kishan Singh's _____ 1
- (i) son
- (ii) brother
- (iii) friend
- (d) What news did the milkman give ? 2

12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words :

- (a) What was the opinion of the doctor about the burnt boy ? 3

OR

Why did Tcherviakov feel ashamed ?

- (b) What did Dr. Kalam want to become in Air Force ? 3

OR

What were the qualities of Subuddhi and Kubuddhi ?

13 Why did Pratap Singh call Bhama Shah "the Saviour of Mewar" ? (in 60 words) 4

OR

How did Rao Sakta react for Bhama Shah ?



14 Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

The hand of peace is frank and warm,
And soft as ring dove's wing;
And he who quells an angry thought
Is greater than a king.

Questions :

- (a) The extract has been taken from the poem _____ 1
(i) Children (ii) Anger (iii) Wind
- (b) Quell means : 1
(i) suppress (ii) succeed (iii) hungry
- (c) Which word rhymes with king : 1
(i) angry (ii) wing (iii) frank
- 15 What lies in the hearts of children ? 3
- OR**
- Who is noble, brave and wise ?
- 16 Answer any **two** of the following in 20 words : 4
(a) What does the poet want to know about the wind ?
(b) What happens when the poet looks at the children playing ?
(c) How does the wind work ?
- 17 Answer any **three** of the following in 30 words each : 9
(a) In what places malaria does not occur ? Why ?
(b) What is the first requirement of good etiquette ?
(c) Why did the woman start running ?
(d) What was the problem of the Soldier ?
- 18 Answer any **two** of the following questions in 30 words each : 6
(a) Who was Alfred Nobel ?
(b) Why did Gandhiji travel in third class ?
(c) Why did Panna Dhai sacrificed her son ?

