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FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- All questions are compulsory.*
- Your answer should be to the point, try to stick to the word limit given.*

SECTION - A READING

20 Marks

1. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **12 marks**

1. Rahman was a young and soft-spoken employee who worked in a BPO. He was also an active volunteer in our Foundation. He would not talk without reason and would never boast about his achievements. Rahman was a perfectionist. So any assignment given to him was done exceedingly well. He worked for the Foundation on the weekends and was very kind to the children in the orphanage. I really liked him.
2. One day, Rahman came and asked me, "Ma'am, if you are free this Sunday, will you come to my house ? My mother and sister are visiting me. Incidentally, my mother is also from Dharwad. My family has read your columns in Kannada and your books too. When I told them that I am working with you, they expressed their desire to meet you. Is it possible ?"

3. That Sunday, I took some flowers along. Rahman's newly-constructed apartment was on Bannerghatta Road near the zoo. When I entered his home, I met his wife Salma. She was a smart and good-looking girl. She worked as a teacher in the kindergarten nearby.
4. Then, he called out to his Avva. A mother is usually referred to as Avva in North Karnataka. An old lady with grey hair came out of the kitchen. Rahman introduced her, "This is my mother." I was a bit surprised – she was not quite what I had expected. She was wearing a huge bindi the size of a 25-paise coin and an Ikkat sari with lots of green bangles on both arms. She kept the sari pallu on her head.
5. Rahman's sister entered from another room. She was so different from Rahman. Rahman was fair and very handsome. His sister was tall and dark. She was wearing a cotton sari with a smaller bindi than her mother. Rahman said, "This is my sister, Usha. She stays in Hirekerur." Rahman smiled and said, "You must be surprised to see my mother and sister. I want to share my story with you."
6. "Thirty years ago, Kashibai and Datturam lived in the outskirts of our village with their six-month-old daughter, Usha. They looked after the 10-acre field of their landlord, Srikant Desai. The field was very large and was too much for them to handle. So, they requested the landlord to get another family to stay with them.
7. Srikant found a suitable family. Fatima Bi and Husain Saab came to the village. They occupied one portion of the house. Husain Saab and Datturam got along very well. However, Kashibai and Fatima Bi didn't see eye to eye at all. It all started with a hen. Kashibai's hen would come to Fatima Bi's portion of the house and lay eggs. Fatima Bi wouldn't return the eggs because she thought that her hen had laid them. Both the ladies shared a common well and would fight because both wanted to wash their vessels and clothes at the same time ... As time went by, Kashibai's daughter Usha turned two years old. Fatima Bi enjoyed seeing Usha play. Fatima Bi liked henna a lot. Every month, she coloured her hand with henna from the plant in the field and Usha always joined her. She would come home and tell her mother, 'Why can't you also colour your hand like Fatima Kaku?' This comment irritated Kashibai.
8. "When Fatima became pregnant, she became even lazier. Few days later, there was a festival in the village and Datturam and his family went to attend it. When they came back, Fatima Bi was not there. She was already in the hospital in critical condition and had delivered a son. The house was in complete silence. But the silence was deafening to Kashibai's ears. The next day, they learnt that Fatima Bi was no more ...

9. "One night, the child started crying non-stop and Kashibai could not take it ... Her motherly instinct made her go next door and tap on Husain Saab's door. When Husain Saab opened the door, she told him, 'Husain Saab, give me the baby. I am a mother. I know how to handle him.' She picked up the baby boy, held him in her pallu and brought him to her house holding him tightly to her chest. The baby boy stopped crying immediately ... When Rahman was ten years and Usha was twelve years old, Husain Saab fell ill and all his savings were spent on his treatment. Meanwhile, Kashibai purchased two she-buffaloes and started a milk business. "That year, Husain Saab died. Rahman was left all alone. Without a second thought, Datturam and Kashibai took him in.
10. "Datturam and Kashibai bought two cycles for both the kids. Rahman and Usha cycled to high school and later they also rode their cycles to the same college ...
11. "Rahman got a job in a BPO in Bangalore and left home. He met Salma at a friend's wedding and fell in love with her."
12. I looked at the wall in the dining room and for the first time I noticed two pictures in Rahman's house, one of Mecca and the other of Krishna.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the following questions :

- (a) What was the author's reaction on meeting Rahman's mother ? Give a reason for your answer. **(2 marks)**
- (b) Do you think the families of Datturam and Husain were close ? Give two reasons for your answer. **(2 marks)**
- (c) How did Rahman become a member of the Datturam family ? **(2 marks)**
- (d) What do you think Rahman learnt from his upbringing ? **(2 marks)**

1.2 Pick out the words/phrases in the passage which mean the same as the following words/phrases : **(4 marks)**

- (a) a thorough person **para 1**
- (b) longing/wish **para 2**
- (c) not have same opinions **para 7**
- (d) remark **para 7**

2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : **8 marks**

It doesn't take a genius to figure out that most of the vitamin D synthesis and absorption happens when you are outdoors. Staying indoors just to avoid tanning and UV exposure is not a wise idea. In fact, spending a few quality minutes outdoors, like taking your pet for a walk, or practicing yoga asanas in the lawn helps you soak up the much needed vitamin D that keeps your immune system strong.

Studies have demonstrated the efficiency of vitamin D in preventing disorders such as osteoporosis, Alzheimer's disease and many grave diseases like cancer and heart disease.

Holistic medicine speaks of prana, the life force energy playing a vital role in maintaining health and wellness. This prana is replenished and energized by breathing fresh air for just a few minutes. Breathing in a pollution free environment is known to have innumerable benefits to your body, not to mention your mind too.

Staying indoors for most of the time probably means spending more time at the computer or the TV. Obesity and eye problems start at your couch and if you work out at your treadmill indoors, think again. Walking on freshly watered grass and jogging in public parks is more likely to keep your eyes healthy.

Psychologists have researched on how sun exposure is capable of bringing about mental clarity. What they discovered is huge. People getting sun exposure daily are 20 times more efficient at their workplaces and are more cheerful than those staying indoors.

People practising outdoor activities are much less prone to stress and depression, and are more agile and have better memories than the others.

Sun exposure has its own unknown ways of boosting your mood and energy levels, and no one can argue with that. Living life survives on the earth due to the presence of sunlight, and that's a reason enough to prove that spending a few minutes in the sun improves your stamina and stability.

Musculo-skeletal stability is highly boosted and blood pressure is more easily maintained by regular outdoor activity.

- (a) Make notes on the passage given above in any format using recognizable abbreviations. Give a suitable title to the passage. **5 marks**
- (b) Write a summary based on the notes you have made in about 80 words. **3 marks**

SECTION – B

WRITING

25 Marks

3. Bright Sports Club of Chitra Public School, Jaipur has invited you to act as the referee of the Inter-house hockey match to be held at their school. You are Sharad/Rekha, Captain of the hockey team of your school. Write a polite note to the President of the Club declining the offer/invitation. (50 – 80 words) **5 marks**

OR

You are Kartik / Kirti who has got admission in a college in Delhi. As you are unable to get hostel accommodation you have decided to look for a flat near your college, which you wish to share with two of your friends. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of a newspaper giving all relevant details. (50 – 80 words)

4. You are Drishti / Dennis, Secretary of the History Club of Adyar Public School, Chennai. The members of your club wish to go on a trip to Jaipur and Ajmer. Write a letter to A-One Tours and Travels, 56 N.T. Road, Chennai, asking for information about transportation, accommodation, sightseeing, cost etc. and also mention your requirements. Write the letter in 80 – 100 words. **10 marks**

OR

You are Ashish / Aparna, a student of class XII, Sainik School, Raipur. You read the following news item in 'Bharat Samachar' and wish to write a letter to the Editor expressing your views on the decision of the government and suggesting measures on how to ensure that every child has the right to full-time quality education as well as the right to be protected from work (125 – 150 words).

Decision for total ban on Child Labour Draws Applause

Social activists and organisations working in the area of child welfare have welcomed the proposal cleared by the Union Cabinet on Tuesday to amend the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986, making employment of children below the age of 14 a cognizable offence, and imposing a ban on employment of children below 14 years in any industry – hazardous or non-hazardous.

5. You are Ria / Rahil of S.N.D.P. School, Jodhpur. You recently attended a workshop on Conflict Resolution. Some of the facts discussed were very relevant and you would like to share them with the other children in the school assembly. Write a speech in about 200 words using the points given in the handout you received during the workshop. **10 marks**

Conflict Resolution

When You feel intensely angry

Ask Yourself

Is there another way to deal with it ?

Am I prepared for the consequences ?

When faced with conflict

Compromise-Negotiate- Seek advice

WALK AWAY and live to see another day !

OR

You are Sheena / Sidharth of Government Senior Secondary School, Dehradun. As part of the Independence Day celebrations you interviewed students from classes – XII and XI. You asked them what patriotism meant to them. You made a note of some opinions and want to include them in the article that you have been asked to write for the Independence Day Special of your school newsletter. Write the article in about 200 words.

Notes :

- Following the rules
- Being proud of one's country
- Fight against corruption
- Be awakened citizens and move forward
- Have civic and social sense
- Be honest and sincere

SECTION – C

GRAMMAR

20 Marks

6. Rearrange the following sentences sequentially to make complete sense. **1 × 5 marks**

- (a) It can also lead to psychological and social distress.
- (b) Nail biting, thumb and finger sucking are minor irritants among children.
- (c) When the habits persist and interferes with a child's daily functioning, a doctor needs to be consulted.
- (d) However, excess of these activities may sometimes cause damage to teeth.
- (e) They may be harmless to the child's overall development.

7. You are Adil / Amy of Deepalaya School, Shimla. As a member of the Social Service Wing of the school, you visited 'Sandhya Chaya,' an old age home. You spent some time there and talked to one of the inmates, Shri Arjun Prasad. Write 5 sets of exchanges that you would have had with him. Use the inputs given below. The first one has been done as an example. **5 marks**

Family-Number of years at the home-Daily schedule-Interests and hobbies-Interaction with family

You : Good morning, sir. Can I sit here and talk with you, sir ?

Arjun Prasad : Sure. It is so nice to be able to interact with young boys and girls like you.

8. The following passage has **ten** errors. Identify the error in each line and write them along with the corrections as shown in the example. **5 marks**

A Industrial Revolution changed Europe's silk industry.

Incorrect Correct

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1. Due to innovations of spinning cotton, it became
2. much cheap to manufacture and therefore caused more
3. expensive silk productions to become less mainstream.
4. New weaving technologies, however, increased an efficiency
5. of production. An epidemic of several silkworm disease
6. caused production to fall, especially in France, when the
7. industry never recover. In the 20th century Japan and China
8. regained their early role in silk production, and China is now
9. once again the world's largest producer in silk. With its recent
10. economic reforms, the People's Republic of China is become the world's largest silk producer.

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9. You are planning to start a Travel Agency with your brother. Before you do so, you decide to find out about the preferences of people regarding travel and tourism. Write a set of 10 questions which you would use for your questionnaire to be given to the people visiting a Tourism Fair in your city. Use the input given below : **5 marks**

need for holidays – frequency – duration – choice of destination – urban/rural areas – travel abroad – travel mode – accommodation – food preferences – cost –

**SECTION – D
LITERATURE**

35 Marks

10. Choose any **one** of the following extracts and answer the questions that follow : **6 marks**

A poem should be equal to:

Not true

For all the history of grief

An empty doorway and a maple leaf.

For love

The leaning grasses and two lights above the sea.

(a) Name the poem and the poet. **1**

(b) Why should a poem be 'equal to : not true' ? **2**

(c) Pick out any one symbol from the above lines and explain it. **2**

(d) What is the purpose of using symbols in a poem ? **1**

OR

No doubt they will soon get well: the shock and strain

Have caused their stammering, disconnected talk

Of course they're longing to go out again' –

These boys with old scared faces, learning to walk,

(a) Who does 'they' refer to ? **1**

(b) What do the words 'no doubt' suggest ? **2**

(c) What has caused the condition described in the lines ? **1**

(d) Explain the contrasting image used in the last line of the stanza. **2**

11. Answer any **two** of the following questions in **80 – 100** words : **4 × 2 marks**
- (a) Separation is always painful. How has the poet expressed this statement in the poem, 'Curtain' ?
 - (b) What do you think the poet means by 'songs of spring' in the poem, 'Ode to Autumn' ?
 - (c) Sally is the only joy in the life of the narrator in the poem, 'Sally in the Alley'. Comment on the relevance of the statement with reference to the poem.

12. Answer **one** of the following questions in **80 – 100** words : **5 marks**
- Queen Mother : Go on to the bitter end.
Alexander : Will the end be bitter ?
- Why does Queen Mother feel that Alexander would have to 'go on to the bitter end' ? Was the end of Alexander bitter ? Give reasons for your answer.

OR

In the play, 'The Monkey's Paw', the Sergeant had said that wishes would be granted so naturally that it would appear as a coincidence. What were the coincidences that occur in the tragedy that befell the White family ?

13. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **80** words : **3 × 2 marks**
- (a) How did Mrs. Malik's feelings towards her house undergo change ?
 - (b) How was Lisa's experience at the front contrary to her expectations ?
 - (c) What role did the Censors of Piety, appointed by Asoka, play in his kingdom ?

14. Answer **one** of the following questions in about **100** words : **5 marks**
- After reading Einstein's view on education you decide to write a letter to your brother who teaches in a college telling him about the importance of motivation, its role in moulding students and warning him against the dangers of unhealthy motivation. Write the letter.

OR

After the evening at Appeville-Sous-Bois where Robinchon was a great success, Suzanne returns home and writes a page in her diary about the evening. Write the diary entry.

15. Answer the following question in about **100** words : **5 marks**
- 'Grief' is a poignant tale of the growing insensitivity of humans towards their fellow human beings, especially the old and aggrieved. How relevant is this theme in modern times ? Justify with relevant examples.