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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100


- Note :**
- (i) This Question Paper consists of **two** Sections, viz., 'A' and 'B'.
  - (ii) **All** the questions from Section 'A' are **compulsory**.
  - (iii) Section 'B' has **two** options. Candidates are required to attempt questions from **one** option only.
  - (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

**SECTION - A**


- 1** Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :
- (a) Papa, my grandmother is semi-literate. Yet she is at peace with her pots, pans, her flowers and garden, her Bhagvad Gita and scriptures. My mother, highly qualified, is highly strung, tense and nervous. Do you think literacy makes us, restless, afraid and frustrated ?
- (i) Pick out the expressions which tell that the writer's mother is more qualified than his grandmother. 1
  - (ii) What difference does the writer see in his mother's nature and his grandmother's ? 1
  - (iii) The writer has raised an important issue in the above extract. What is it ? 1
  - (iv) Pick out the words from the given extract which are similar  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$  in meaning to the following expressions :
    - the holy books of a particular religion
    - worried and unable to relax. 

**OR**

The doctor also noticed the long deep scar on the man's cheek, bright and red-looking as though it were of recent origin. He thought of Mrs. Ott Sorly and reached for his watch. His fingers went deep into his pocket before he realized that his watch was not there.

- (i) What did the doctor notice on the man's cheek ? 1
- (ii) What was the doctor thinking of as he reached for his watch ? 1
- (iii) What did the doctor realize as his fingers went deep into his pocket ? 1
- (iv) Pick out the words from the extract which are similar in  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$  meaning to the following expressions :
  - the cause of something
  - that happened only a short time ago. 




- (b) New clothes had never been made for Bholi. The old dresses of her sisters were passed on to her. No one cared to mend or wash her clothes. But today she was lucky to receive a clean dress which had shrunk after many washings and no longer fitted Champa. She was even bathed and oil was rubbed into her dry and matted hair. Only then did she begin to believe that she was being taken to a place better than her home !
- (i) Pick out two expressions which suggest that Bholi was a neglected child. 1
- (ii) 'Bholi was lucky that day'. Quote evidence in support of the given statement. 1
- (iii) What did Bholi begin to believe ?  1
- (iv) Pick out the words from the extract which are similar in meaning to the following expressions :  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- to repair something that has been damaged
  - forming a thick mass especially because it is dirty.

**OR**

They stood under a peepal tree, facing each other My sister, tall, broad shouldered, was looking down at my mother. Aradhana pulled out the flowers from her hair. She cried, "You deceived me, you and Papa. All of you. I hate you. I hate all of you, everybody, everything." I ran towards her. "No Aradhana," I pleaded, "Don't say that, please don't say that."

- (i) Who stood under the peepal tree ? 1
- (ii) Pick out the expressions which suggest that Aradhana was very angry. 1
- (iii) What did the narrator tell Aradhana ? 1
- (iv) Pick out the words from the extract which are similar in meaning to the following expressions :  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- to make somebody believe something that is not true
  - an act of asking for something that you want very much, in an emotional way.

**2** Answer any **three** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : **2×3=6**

- (a) If Nan-Kaka had not noticed the hole on his ear where would Gavaskar be living ?  
(My First Steps)
- (b) What are the advantages of using wind energy ?  
(Fuel of the Future)
- (c) What did the writer miss when he lost his sight ?  
(My Son Will not A Beggar be)
- (d) What does Gerrard do for a living ?  
(If I Were You) 



- 3 Answer the following in about 60 words : 6  
Give three reasons why Tembu was not afraid of anything.  
(The Tiger in the Tunnel)

**OR**

What aspects of ancient India fill Nehru with pride and wonder ?  
(India – Her Past and Future) 


- 4 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Where the mind is without fear  
and the head is held high  
Where knowledge is free  
Where the world has not been broken  
up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;  
Where words come out from the  
depths of truth;

- (a) Explain : 'Mind is without fear and head is held high'. 1  
(b) What does the poet mean by "Where knowledge is free" ? 2  
(c) What does the expression, 'narrow domestic walls' convey ? 2

**OR**

They searched for him; he was not found.  
They clicked their tongues  
With every movement that the scorpion made  
his poison moved in Mother's blood they said  
May your suffering decrease  
the misfortunes of your next birth, they said

- (a) What does the phrase 'clicked their tongues' express ? 1  
(b) What according to them would happen if the scorpion continued  
to move ? 2  
(c) What was their wish for the poet's mother ?  2


- 5 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

A personal event that fundamentally changed the way I viewed the world was an accident that almost killed our son. I will not repeat the story here, except to say that the most important lesson for me was that people I didn't even know reached out to me and to my family. They lifted us up in their hearts and in their prayers with compassion of such intensity that I felt it as a palpable force, a healing reaching out of those multitudes of caring souls and falling on us like a mantle of divine grace.

Since then, I have dwelled on our connections to one another and on the




fact that as human beings, we are astonishingly similar in the most important parts of our existence.

- (a) What is the 'personal event' that is referred to in the above passage ? 2  
What was its impact on the writer's mind ?
- (b) The writer says that there was a most important lesson. What was it ? 2
- (c) Pick out only two expressions which indicate that people's intense 2  
compassion was very uplifting for the writer.
- (d) There have been two thoughts foremost in the writer's mind since 2  
that personal event. What are they ? 

6 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

I was born in the year 1632, in the city of York, England, of a good family. My parents named me Robinson Crusoe. I had two older brothers, one of whom was killed in a war.

My father, who was a merchant and very old, had given me a good education, and wanted me to become a lawyer. I, however, would be happy with nothing but becoming a sailor, and so my father called me one morning into his room, and lectured me very harshly about my seafaring desires. Then he said that he would do very kind things for me if I would stay and settle at home.

- (a) Who is the narrator and what did he want to become ? 2
- (b) What was the narrator's father and what did he want him to become ? 2
- (c) What did the father tell the narrator when he called him into his 2  
room one day?
- (d) Pick out the words from the above passage which are similar in 1+1=2  
meaning to the following expressions :
- connected with work or travel on the sea.
  - in an unkind manner. 

7 Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow :

By the 1920s, radio provided a major form of entertainment for many people around the world. Then, in 1926, a Scottish engineer named John Logie Baird developed the first successful television set. The earliest black and white TV broadcasts were made by the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) in 1936. The first major event to be broadcast internationally was the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Colour television began in the USA in the same year.

- (a) By the 1920s, radio provided  (i)  for many people  (ii)  world. 1
- (b) Then in 1926, a Scottish engineer named  (i)  developed the  (ii)  1  
television set.
- (c) The earliest black and white  (i)  were made by the  (ii)  in 1936. 1
- (d) The first major event  (i)  was the coronation of  (ii)  in 1953. 1



- 8 Read the passage given below and make a summary in about 100 words : 5

Throughout history, winners and heroes have experienced periods in their lives that could be described as their desert experiences, when they've been confused and discouraged. Why, therefore, does it come as a surprise to us when we experience similar times in our lives ? Times that are dry and arid, when we feel discouraged, times of stress when events in our lives are taking place so fast that we don't know the questions, much less the answers.

Life is difficult, but it doesn't have to be hard. Life comes to us in a series of challenges, and the attitude with which we choose to perceive these challenges and the mind-set with which we prepare for these challenges determines whether our lives are hard or whether our lives are rewarding.

- 9 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate passive form of the verbs given in brackets : 3

My friend was very happy. Her son's meritorious services (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (recognise) at last. He (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (decorate) with a gallantry medal. The event (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) by the family members with pomp and show.

- 10 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets : 4

When he (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (mention) his brother's fate, I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (see) the tears run down his face, and then he (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (break) off his lecture saying he was so sad that he (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (can speak) about him no longer.

- 11 Combine the following pairs of sentences using the connectors given against each pair : 4

- (a) (i) I entirely forgot the decision.  
(ii) I had made it in my distress. (which)  
(b) (i) I have put my ornaments.  
(ii) I can find them. (where)  
(c) (i) He ran very fast.  
(ii) I could not overtake him. (so)  
(d) (i) We are desirous.  
(ii) You should succeed. (that)

- 12 Report the following conversation in indirect speech : 4

Vinay : Good morning doctor.

Doctor : Good morning Vinay. How are you feeling today ?

Vinay : Except for a mild pain in the throat, I am much better.

Doctor : Let me see. There is a slight inflammation of the throat. Here, please take this throat paint.

Vinay : Thank you doctor. How many times should I apply it ?

Doctor : Twice a day only.



- 13 Write a paragraph of about **100** words on any **one** of the following topics : **5**
- (a) Should Teenagers be given unrestricted freedom ? Express your views for or against.
  - (b) Self discipline is the Essence of Victory. Comment.
  - (c) My Mother is An Ideal Woman.


- 14 Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting the hazards of reckless driving. **5**

- 15 The following passage has seven mistakes of spellings and other grammatical inaccuracies. Spot the errors and provide correct forms as shown below. One is done for you to serve as an example. **6**

at home people uses electronical mail to comunicate with there family and friends. Messeges can be send to the other side of the world in a few seconds.

<i>S No.</i>	<i>ERROR</i>	<i>CORRECT FORM</i>
1	at	At
2	_____	_____
3	_____	_____
4	_____	_____
5	_____	_____
6	_____	_____
7	_____	_____

- 16 Read the following passage carefully. Make notes in points only, using appropriate headings and subheadings. Also use recognizable abbreviations : **4**

It is very rare for a young student to make important scientific discoveries, but then Galileo was no ordinary student. Born on 15 February 1564, at Pisa, he showed at a very early age an unusual talent for science. His father was a skilful musician and mathematician, but believing that music and science would never make his son rich he resolved that Galileo should become a cloth dealer. But Galileo had not the least taste or ability for business, and he soon persuaded his father to let him study medicine and philosophy at the University of Pisa. 



## SECTION - B

- Note :** (1) Attempt any **one** of the two options.  
(2) Attempt **all** the questions from the same option.

### OPTION - I (E.S.P. FOR RECEPTIONISTS)

- 17 Frame requests for the following replies : 4  
(a) The coffee shop is next to the swimming pool.  
(b) The tariff for a single room in the general category is rupees two thousand per day.  
(c) Sorry Sir, I shall have the linen changed in your room.  
(d) Sure Sir, I shall have your breakfast sent in your room within half an hour.
- 18 What is the receptionist's office called ? 1
- 19 Write notes on the following : 6  
(a) Message Forms  
(b) Early morning Call sheet  
(c) Flight Schedule.
- 20 A receptionist has to do many duties. Mention only **four** of them. 2
- 21 What are the problems that a receptionist has to face while handling telephone calls ? How does she deal with them ? 2



### OPTION - II (E.S.P. FOR OFFICE USE)

- 17 Read the following greetings and decide whether they are formal or informal : 2  
(a) Hi Vicky, what's up ?  
(b) Good morning Sir,  
(c) Good Evening, Mr. Ming, what can I do for you ?  
(d) Hello Madhu, what a pleasant surprise !
- 18 As a secretary of 'The Cultural Club, New Delhi', write an e-mail addressed to the executive members of the club, informing them about the cancellation of the meeting which was scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2017. 2
- 19 What is a memo ? 1
- 20 Write a letter to the Director of Education, Old Secretariat applying for the post of a Post Graduate Teacher, Physics, which was advertised in a local daily. 4
- 21 What are the important points that one must remember while facing an interview ? 6

