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ENGLISH

Time : 2½ hrs

Score : 80 marks

Instructions

1. 15 minutes is given as cool-off time.
2. This time is to be used for reading the question paper.
3. You are not supposed to write anything during the cool-off time.
4. Attempt the questions according to the instructions.

1-5. Read the excerpt from 'The Castaway' and answer the questions that follow.

Kiran's heart overflowed with pity on the homeless lad. She got two new suits of clothes, a pair of shoes and a bank note and wanted to place them into his box as a surprise gift.

When she unlocked the box, the lid suddenly sprang up with all those petty things jumbling. The gift would not go in. She started pulling out everything to place them in order. There at the bottom came a layer of linen and under it emerged the missing inkstand, goose and all. Kiran stood helplessly with the inkstand, puzzled.

Behind Kiran stood Nilkanta shocked as if he was hit by a heavy hammer on his head. His last hope of proving him not a thief hit the dust. Actually he took the inkstand as a revenge to throw it into the river. Now there is no way of convincing his mistress. He somehow managed to leave the room without Kiran noticing him. Kiran, with a deep sigh, placed them back in the box well, the gift on top of all and closed the box.

1. Who was mentioned as the homeless lad? (1)
2. What was the surprise gift that Kiran wanted to place in the box of Nilkanta? (1)
3. Why was Kiran puzzled when she opened the box? (1)
4. "His last hope of proving him not a thief hit the dust." Why did Nilkanta think so? (1)
5. What was the condition of Nilkanta when he saw Kiran opened his box? (1)

6-9. Read the following lines from the poem 'Poetry' and answer the questions that follow.

And it was at that age ... Poetry arrived
in search of me. I don't know, I don't know where
it came from, from winter or a river.
I don't know how or when,
no they were not voices, they were not words, nor silence,
but from a street I was summoned,
from the branches of night,
abruptly from the others,
among violent fires
or returning alone,
there I was without a face
and it touched me.

6. What does the phrase 'violent fires' indicate? (1)
7. 'Poetry arrived in search of me.' Identify the poetic craft employed in the line? (1)
8. 'There I was without a face.' Why did the poet think so? (1)
9. Find out an example of alliteration from the stanza. (1)

10. Read the following lines from the poem, 'Lines Written in Early Spring' and prepare a note of appreciation focussing on its theme, images and other poetic devices. (5)

I heard a thousand blended notes,
 While in a grove I sate reclined,
 In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
 Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
 The human soul that through me ran;
 And much it grieved my heart to think
 What man has made of man?

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
 The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
 And 'tis my faith that every flower
 Enjoys the air it breathes.

11-15. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

"I Have a Dream" is a public speech delivered by American civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom on August 28, 1963, in which he calls for an end to racism in the United States and called for civil and economic rights. Delivered to over 250,000 civil rights supporters from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., the speech was defining moment of the civil right movement.

Beginning with a reference to the Emancipation Proclamation, which freed millions of slaves in 1863, King observes that: "one hundred years later, the Negro still is not free". Toward the end of the speech, King departed from his prepared text for a partly improvised peroration on the theme "I have a dream", prompted by Mahalia Jackson's cry: "Tell them about the dream, Martin!" In this part of the speech, which most excited the listeners and has now become its most famous, King described his dreams of freedom and equality arising from a land of slavery and hatred. Jon Meacham writes that, "With a single phrase, Martin Luther King Jr. joined Jefferson and Lincoln in the ranks of men who've shaped modern America". The speech was ranked the top American speech of the 20th century in a 1999 poll of scholars of public address.

11. What issues does Martin Luther King's speech address? (1)
12. Where did Martin Luther King Jr deliver the speech? (1)
13. Who prompted him to speak "I have a dream"? (1)
14. "With a single phrase, Martin Luther King Jr. joined....." Which is the single phrase mentioned here? (1)
15. What was the effect of the Emancipation Proclamation? (1)

16. Answer any ONE of the following in about 120 words.

(7×1=7)

A. 'Adventures in a Banyan Tree' explores the theme of relationship between man and nature.

Prepare a write-up on how the boy experiences the beauty, harmony and coexistence in nature.
(Hints: grandfather's house – old banyan tree – boy's leisure time – his friendship with squirrel – fight between the cobra and the mongoose – white rat and squirrel)

OR

B. Vanka posted the letter to his grandfather and was anxiously waiting for the reply. After a few days, Vanka approached the postman to enquire about the letter. As an answer to his queries Vanka narrate his miserable experiences. Prepare the likely narrative.

(Hints: representative of victimized childhood – led a miserable life under the shoe maker- ill treated by senior apprentices – lack of proper food and sleep- helplessness- life with his grandfather)

Questions 17-19. Answer any Two of the following

(5×2=10)

17. Ali lost his sister's shoes and failed in his attempt to recover it. He returned home depressed and poured his feelings in his diary. How would it be?
18. The Literary club of your school decided to enact the play 'The Never Never Nest', a satire on the materialistic bent of mind of the modern man – 'Buy Now Pay Later' marketing system. Draft a notice highlighting the theme, actors etc.
19. After the terrible experience with the snake, the homeopath ran out from his house and reached his friend's house. There they had a conversation. Prepare the likely conversation between the homeopath and his friend.

Questions 20-23. Answer any Two of the following

(6×2=12)

20. As a filmmaker, Satyajit Ray was amazed at the performance of the animal actors in Hollywood film industry. He wrote a letter to his friend describing his experience. Prepare a likely letter.
21. Martha in the story 'The Scholarship Jacket' is sensitive as well as sensible in her disposition. Describe the character of Martha in the light of the story.
22. Mr. John was invited to address the delinquent and maladjusted youth in one of the rehabilitation centers in New York. In his motivational speech, he described his transformation from a delinquent youth to a social worker. Prepare the likely speech.
23. As a reporter, you are assigned to report the fabulous Ted talk, "The Danger of a Single Story" by Chimamanda N'gozi Adichie . Prepare the likely news report based on the speech.

Questions 24- 28. Study the table given below and answer the questions below

Country	Food & drink	Housing	Clothing	Entertainment	saving
France	25 %	31 %	7 %	13 %	24 %
Germany	22 %	33 %	15 %	19 %	11 %
UK	27 %	37 %	11 %	11 %	14 %
Turkey	36 %	20 %	12 %	10 %	22 %
Spain	31 %	18 %	8 %	15 %	28 %

24. Which is the largest expenditure item for France, Germany and UK?

(1)

25. Which country shows highest percentage on saving?

(1)

26. Name the two countries that spend the least on clothes? (1)
 27. Which is the country that spends the same amount on clothing and entertainment? (1)
 28. Name the country that spends the maximum income on food and drink? (1)

29. Read the conversation given below and complete suitably. (5)

Landlady : Good evening, sir.
 Sergeant : Good evening,(a)..... ?
 Landlady : The young man is dying, sir.
 Sergeant : He tried to commit suicide, (b).....?
 Landlady : Yes, He closed the door and opened the valve of the gas cylinder.
 Sergeant :(c).....?
 Landlady : He is upstairs.
 Sergeant : Why did he do it?
 Landlady : I don't know why he did it. If you arrange a doctor, (d).....?
 Sergeant : Is there any doctor available nearby?
 Landlady : Yes. You had better..... (e).....
 Sergeant : I shall bring the doctor immediately.

30. Read the following conversation and complete the following sentences. (2)

Akbar : Why did you spill these?
 Ali : My sister's shoes have disappeared.

You may begin like this,

Akbar asked.....
 Ali replied.....

31. There are certain errors in the passage given below. Edit them. (4)

Mr. Thorat's men had fix **(a)** a five foot iron rod to the ground, about thirty feet from the area whom **(b)** the tiger was supposed to walk. They took a thin, long wire and fixed won **(c)** end to the collar made of tiger skin that the tiger was already wearing. The other end were **(d)** tied firmly to the visible portion of the iron rod.

32. Read the following passage and supply the missing words. (3)

The third round followed the same course as the first (a)..... with one dramatic difference. The crow and the myna, still determined(b).....take part in the proceedings, dived at the cobra, but this time they missed each other.....(c)..... their mark.
 (than, for, as well as, to, but)

33. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of phrasal verbs given below. (4)

While Doctor Cronin was walking on the deck, he... (a).....a young man. The man wanted to (b)..... something to him. Usually the doctor doesn't ... (c)..... the ship contacts. So, he deliberately (d)..... the young man
 (Set up, put across, turned away, came across, put up with)

34. Prepare a profile of James Mercer Langston Hughes using the hints given below. Use appropriate linkers, wherever necessary. (6)

Birth : February 1, 1902, Joplin, Missouri
 Education : Columbia University, Lincoln University
 Career : Poet, novelist, columnist, dramatist

Known as : one of the innovators of Jazz Poetry, Leader of Harlem Renaissance
Well-known works : Montage of a Dream Deferred, The Negro Speaks of Rivers
Death : May 22, 1967, New York City

35. Read the following sentences and pick out an example for the given phrases (3)

The small Texas school that I went to, had a tradition carried out every year during the eighth grade graduation: a beautiful gold and green Jacket was awarded to the class valedictorian the student who had maintained the highest grade for eight years

a) Noun Phrase:

b) Relative Clause:

c) Prepositional Phrase:

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