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- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains 6 questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the student will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer script during this period.

ENGLISH (Elective)*Time allowed : 3 hours]**[Maximum marks : 100***General Instructions :**

- Question Nos. 1-4 are compulsory.*
- Attempt either Question 5 or 6.*
- Your answers should be to the point. Stick to the given word limit.*

SECTION – A (Reading)**20 Marks**

1. (a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **12 marks**

The elephant's trunk is its most intriguing organ. Primarily it is a nose for breathing, it is also a hosepipe capable of sucking and blowing liquids when drinking and showering. It can collect dust to blow over the body. It serves as a trumpet and a sounding board. It picks up scent very easily. As a highly flexible working tool it is almost as much useful as a human hand. Elephants can tear up grass, bang the dirt off the roots, and convey it to their mouths with their trunks.

The trunk is used by the elephants to select fruits or break off branches. With great ease they can hoist huge logs or pick up small coins, placing both with delicate accuracy. Trunks are used to greet and caress fellow elephants. They can also function as weapons of attack, but in a serious situation an elephant will coil its trunk out of the way – it is too valuable to risk it being injured.

At what date people began taming and using elephants is lost in the mists of time. Perhaps orphan baby elephants were found and cared for in ancient Mesopotamia, the source of most of our domestic animals. They quickly became tame and lived like family pets. It is easy to imagine that people found they could ride on them and teach them to obey orders. Even adult elephants can be quickly trained.

Elephants have a prominent place in ceremonials in India. Maharajas emphasized their lofty role as they rode in state in lavish howdahs mounted on the backs of big elephants, moving with dignity among their cheering people, and followed by their family, courtiers and other nobles on dozens more elephants. Perhaps the greatest such spectacle was the annual Dussehra procession in Mysore. The procession is still a major attraction, although it is not quite so splendid in present-day India. Maharajas have been abolished, and an image of the local Goddess is mounted on the star elephant.

In the southern state of Kerala, elephants can be seen in many places. Hindu temples often keep elephants, which take part in ceremonials and parades. At the inauguration of industrial plants, decorated elephants are lined up with riders standing on their backs holding aloft great umbrellas.

Nothing compares to exploring the jungle on an elephant, observing other wild animals from close quarters. Guided mainly by the feet of the mahout, the great animal wades through rivers so deep you have to lift your feet to stay dry. The elephant raises its trunk above the surface to breathe, like the snorkel of a submarine. It pushes through grass towering above riders' heads, and a threatening branch in the forest is easily broken off on a brief command from the mahout.

Keeping domestic elephants is no longer common because roads have been built in formerly wild country where they were the only means of transport. But some people still keep them for old time's sake or as a status symbol. They may lend them or hire them out for a bridegroom to ride in the marriage procession to his bride's home.

- (i) How does an elephant use its trunk in a serious situation such as an attack ? 2
- (ii) How were the elephants domesticated ? 2
- (iii) With which organ of human body has the trunk been compared ? 1

- (iv) What importance do the elephants still have even after the abolition of Maharajas ? 2
- (v) Exploring the jungle on an elephant is considered incomparable. How ? Give two examples. 2
- (vi) Why do some people still keep elephants although it has become very uncommon ? 2
- (vii) Which place is the source of most of our domestic animals ? 1

(b) Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow : **8 marks**

Coming back to Miss Pushpa
 she is most popular lady
 with men also and ladies also.
 Whenever I asked her to do anything,
 she was saying, 'Just now only
 I will do it'. That is showing
 good spirit. I am always
 appreciating the good spirit.
 Pushpa Miss is never saying no.
 Whatever I or anybody is asking
 she is always saying yes,
 and today she is going
 to improve her prospect,
 and we are wishing her bon voyage.

Now I ask other speakers to speak,
 and afterwards Miss Pushpa
 will do summing up.

- (i) What is the possible occasion when the speaker makes this speech ? 2
- (ii) Who is Miss Pushpa popular with ? 1
- (iii) Which statement of Miss Pushpa shows her good spirit ? 1
- (iv) What type of person Miss Pushpa appears here to be ? 2
- (v) What does the word 'prospect' signify ? 1
- (vi) Explain : 'Miss Pushpa will do summing up'. 1

SECTION – B (Writing)

20 Marks

2. (a) Write an essay in 150 – 200 words on the following topic :
How to eradicate corruption prevalent in India ?

10 marks

OR

Will nuclear energy meet India's power requirements ?

- (b) As a press reporter prepare a report on the ravages caused by floods in your area. Make some suggestions about the relief measures undertaken for the affected people.

10 marks

SECTION – C (Applied Grammar)

10 Marks

3. (a) In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word alongwith the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. The first one has been done as an example. $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$ marks

I remember standing the east	e.g. standing <u>in</u> the
wing the building when my mother	(a)
lost clarity of voice went into	(b)
a whisper. The audience began laugh	(c)
and shout expressing their disapproval her	(d)
performance. mother was obliged to walk	(e)
off the stage. The manager who seen	(f)
me perform my mother's friends said	(g)
something about letting go in	(h)
her place. And in state of	(i)
anxiety confusion I remember him	(j)
leading me by the hand.	

(b) Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows :

1 × 5 = 5 marks

- Marjory : Where is the meeting to be held ?
Arthur : It is being held here.
Marjory : At our residence, Arthur ?
Arthur : That is what I said, Marjory.
Marjory : But why ?
Arthur : Because it is much too cold tonight for me to go out.

Marjory wanted to know (a) _____ to be held. Arthur replied that (b) _____ held there. Marjory was surprised and asked if (c) _____. Arthur confirmed that (d) _____. At this Marjory asked him (e) _____ holding the meeting there. Arthur explained that it was much too cold that night for him to go out.

SECTION – D (Literature)

40 + 10 = 50 Marks

4. (a) Choose any **two** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

4 × 2 = 8 marks

(i) The old chap had been advertising in the London papers for Harry Hagberd, and offering rewards for any sort of likely information.

- (a) Identify the 'old chap'. **1**
(b) What had 'he' been advertising in the London newspapers ? **2**
(c) To whom had he been offering rewards ? **1**

(ii) Frau Frieda did not think she could earn a living with her talent until life caught her by the throat during the cruel Viennese winters.

- (a) Who was Frau Frieda ? **1**
(b) What was her talent and how did she earn her living ? **2**
(c) Where is Vienna located ? **1**

(iii) 'Mama, tickets' Xiao Ye says. Children are often more conscious of rituals than adults. Without a ticket in his hand, the ride doesn't count as a proper ride.

- (a) Identify 'Mama'. 1
- (b) Why are children more conscious of rituals than elders? 2
- (c) Why did the child insist on buying a ticket for him? 1

(b) Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 100 words each.

6 × 2 = 12 marks

- (i) What is done to delude the enslaved masses and the master class under a republic or democracy?
- (ii) What was Dr. Margolin's attitude towards his profession?
- (iii) Describe the conflict of emotions felt by Eveline on the day she decided to elope with Frank.

(c) Answer any **five** of the following questions in about 60 words each.

4 × 5 = 20 marks

- (i) What makes for the differences between the time keeping of the various clocks? What is the implicit comparison?
- (ii) What connection does the author draw between film-making and conjuring?
- (iii) According to D.H. Lawrence, what are the things that mark animate things from the inanimate?
- (iv) Why does something so ordinary and common place as giving water to a wayfarer become so significant to Prakriti?
- (v) What is Virginia Woolf's perception of limitations of knowledge and learning?
- (vi) The poem, 'Kubla Khan' is a fragment. What do you think has made it a lasting literary piece?

Note : Attempt either question 5 or 6.

5. (a) Answer the following in about **100** words : **6 marks**

Narrate the story of the tiger as told by him in the opening chapter of the novel till he was captured by the Captain.

OR

The story of R.K. Narayan's novel, 'A Tiger for Malgudi' is very simple but has a very deep meaning. Elaborate.

- (b) Answer the following in about **60** words : **4 marks**

Write a short note on the ending of the novel, 'A Tiger for Malgudi'.

OR

Justify the aptness of the title of the novel, 'A Tiger for Malgudi'.

6. Answer the following in about **100** words : **6 marks**

- (a) Describe Margayya's attitude to money and the manner in which he accumulates it.

OR

What role does Dr. Pal play in the novel, 'The Financial Expert' ?

- (b) Answer the following in about **60** words : **4 marks**

Comment on Margayya's relationship with his brother.

OR

Write a note on the role of Balu in the 'Financial Expert'.

