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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :**
- (1) This question paper has **four** sections : A, B, C and D.
 - (2) **All** the questions are **compulsory** including those where internal choice is given.

SECTION - A : (Reading)

Marks : 15

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

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The Panama Canal is an artificial 77 km water way in Panama that connects the Atlantic Ocean and the Pacific Ocean. The canal cut across Panama is a key route for international maritime trade.

Around three million years ago, a narrow strip of earth emerged from the sea due to volcanic movement of land mass. This strip of land separated the waters of the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans and connected the continents of North and South Americas. It is today known as the Republic of Panama, an independent nation since the year 1903.

The need to connect the two oceans by a water way across Panama was felt as early as in 1500s to cut short the sea route from Europe to Eastern Asia. France was ultimately the first country to attempt the task on 1st January, 1880. Led by Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, the promoter of the suez canal, a French construction company started the work of digging the Panama Canal. Although the Panama Canal is only 40% as long as the suez canal, the former proved to be a difficult challenge, due to the tropical rain forests alive with venomous snakes, insects and spiders. But the worst problem was the yellow fever and malaria which killed thousands of workers. The French soon realised how difficult it was to work through tropical rain forests, in incessant rains and through mountains with sliding rocks. Soon the French company ran out of funds with less than half of the project completed. The task was ultimately taken over by the USA and it took ten years to complete the Panama Canal.

The first ship passed through the canal in 1914. With this developments ships could sail directly between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans. Without going all the way around the southern tip of South America. The American Society of Civil Engineer named the Panama Canal as one of the wonders of the modern world.

Answer the questions given below on the basis of your understanding of the passage.
Choose the best options wherever given :

- (i) The Panama Canal is an _____. 1
- (ii) What is the importance of the Panama Canal ? 1
- (A) It connects the Atlantic and the Pacific Oceans.
- (B) It shortens the route of maritime trade.
- (C) It is one of the wonders of the modern world.
- (D) It is a great engineering feat.
- (iii) What created the land of Panama ? 1
- (A) A strip of land between the two oceans.
- (B) Volcanic movement of land mass under the sea.
- (C) Partition of the two oceans.
- (D) Link between the North and the South Americas.
- (iv) Why was count ferdinand de lesseps chosen to lead the project of digging the Panama Canal ? 1
- (v) Why was digging the Panama Canal a difficult task ? 2
- (vi) Pick out the words from the passage which mean similar to : 2
- (a) non-stop (b) come out

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : 7

Sir Charles Spencer Chaplin popularly known as Charlie Chaplin, is one of the greatest comic actors in history. During the world war I and after, when the world was tearing itself apart through conflict, he brought people together. Seeing his comic roles, it is difficult to imagine that he had a rough childhood and had to struggle very hard to come up in life.

In his autobiography, the recollections of his childhood are mostly dominated by his mother. His mother, Hannah Chaplin was a variety show actress, who was much in demand for her voice. However she developed a throat problem which led to her voice cracking in the middle of a song. Five year old Chaplin had accompanied Hannah to the theatre where she was performing. His mother took the stage and began to sing and suddenly her voice disappeared.



The stage manager pushed Charlie to the stage as her replacement, He sang one of the popular songs and the audience cheered him by throwing pennies on the stage. It was Charlie's first appearance on the stage which was later dominated by him for several decades.

Charlie Chaplin grew up wandering about the streets of London, often sleeping outdoor at night. He tried all kinds of work.

However his desire to be an actor remained firm and unwavering. He would say, 'There is no rain that lasts forever'. He often recollected what his mother had taught him, Chaplin mother taught him that there was no shame in being poor, but the spiritual poverty and greed made life disgraceful.

As a child Chaplin was once confined to bed for several weeks. At night his mother would sit near the window and act out what was happening outside. Thus his mother initiated him to be an actor. His undanted desire to be an actor led him to his successful career as a comic actor in the film industry. But his films delivered the serious message of of liberty, brotherhood and equality.

Answer the following questions on the basis of your understanding of the passage. Choose the best options wherever given.

- (i) Charlie Chaplin had a _____ Childhood. 1
- (ii) What did Charlie try to do as a comic actor ? 1
- (A) bring the war to its end.
- (B) bring people together in an age of conflict.
- (C) entertain people by his comic acting.
- (D) earn his livelihood by entertaining people.
- (iii) What was Charlie's mother ? 1
- (A) A comic actress.
- (B) A singer
- (C) A variety show actress.
- (D) A stage manager.
- (iv) How did Charlie happen to appear on the stage for the first time ? 2
- (v) What message did Charlie convey through his comic roles ? 1
- (vi) Pick out the word from the passage which mean similar to : 'Firm'. 1

SECTION - B : (Writing)

Marks : 25

3. Read the following telephone conversation between Mohit and Vani.

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Mohit : Can I speak to Rahul. I am his friend, Mohit

Vani : Rahul is not at home. I am his sister, Vani. Any message for him ?

Mohit : Yes. we are going to Pragati Maidan tomorrow. A book fair is being held there. In case, he is interested in joining, tell him to call me in the evening.

Vani : I will tell him when he comes home. Vani will not be at home, when Rahul returns. Write on behalf of Vani a message to be left for Rahul. Mention the time and the date of receipt of the message.

4. You are Abhi Living at 10, Moti Bagh, Delhi your father has gone on transfer to Mumbai Write a letter to him about your preparation for the ensuing examination. You should also enquire about his health and well being.

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5. You are Rajesh, a news reporter. You visited the site of a train accident which occurred ten miles away from your home town. A few compartments had derailed. The rescue team and the ambulance had reached. The rescue operation was on. Write a report in about 100 words on the accident. Highlight the way the rescue operation was taking place. Mention the place and the date of the incident. Also give a suitable title to your report.

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6. Given below are three situations. Choose **any one** of them and write a paragraph on it in about 100 words.

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- (a) There is shortage of water in many parts of the country. Yet water is wasted suggest ways to save water at the individual level.
- (b) You will be shifting to another city very shortly. Mention steps you would need to take to make a comfortable start in the new city.
- (c) There is a movement for spreading literacy. Yet you find that there are children in your locality, who do not go to school. Suggest ways to include them into the literacy movement.



SECTION - C : (Grammar)

Marks : 30

7. (a) Read the following paragraph :

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The residents of NOIDA felt the need of a cricket club. The sports Authority established one in sector-50. Many young talents joined the club. The management of the club organised many tournaments for them.

Rewrite the paragraph by filling in the blanks spaces. The first sentence of the paragraph is done for you as an example.

The need of a cricket club was felt by the residents of NOIDA. One (i) cricket club _____ by the sports Authority in sector- 50. The club (ii) _____ by many young talents. Many tournaments (iii) _____ by the management of the club for them.

- (b) Rewrite the following pairs of sentences as one sentence. Use the appropriate words from the box.

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[If, though, while, because, so that, where as]

(There are more words than you may need)

Example :

(i) I was reading a book

(ii) Kate was playing

I was reading a book, while kate was playing.

(a) (i) John bought the watch.

(ii) It was expensive

(b) (i) Ravi was late

(ii) He missed the bus

(c) (i) She came early

(ii) She wanted to help her friends



8. Given below is a conversation between Leena and her teacher. Leena wants to leave the class early. Complete the dialogue between Leena and her teacher. 3

Leena : Sir, I want to leave your class a bit early.

Teacher : (i) _____ you want to leave early ?

Leena : I have to take my brother to hospital.

Teacher : (ii) _____ in a serious condition ?

Leena : Yes sir He has been extremely unwell since yesterday.

Teacher : (iii) _____ you get today's class notes ?

Leena : I shall copy it from my friend.

9. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with suitable form of the verbs given in the brackets : 6

It (i) _____ (be) the winter of the year 2016. Kashmir (ii) _____ (receive) a heavy snowfall. Every thing in the open (iii) _____ (cover) with snow. Even the roads (iv) _____ (become) slippery and the cars (v) _____ (move) at a slow speed. Most people (vi) _____ (remain) indoor.

10. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words. The first one has been done for you as an example. 3

Father : The sky seems to be clearing. There should be no rain tomorrow

Son : Then we (i) _____ start tomorrow.

Father : We (ii) _____. But we shall decide it tomorrow.

Son : We (iii) _____ reach kolkata within three days to attend the function well in time.



11. The following is a conversation between Rohit and his mother on the former's cell phone having been lost.

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Complete the report on it by filling in the blanks given there in.

Rohit : Mom, I am not getting my cell phone.

Mother : How can you lose your cellphone ? Your father will be very angry to know it.

Rohit : Please do not let him know about it.

Mother : I must tell him about it because you will need one.

Rohit : I may have left it in the classroom.

Rohit (i) _____ that he was not getting his cellphone. His mother asked (ii) _____ lose it and said that his father would be very angry to know it. Rohit (iii) _____ his mother not to let him know about it. His mother said that (iv) _____ him about it because he (Rohit) (v) _____ one. Rohit said that (vi) _____ left in the classroom.

12. Read the following passage.

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There are six numbered blanks in it. For each blanks four options have been provided. Choose the most appropriate one to fill in the blank. The first sentence has been done as an example.

It was (i) the winter of the year 2016. There was (ii) _____ Unusual snowfall in kashmir. Those (iii) _____ lived there had a tough time. (iv) _____ they were used to cold, (v) _____ of them remained indoor. The tourists who came from the plains had (vi) _____ unique experience They came out of their hotels and played with snow (vii) _____ themselves.

- e.g. (i) (A) the (B) a (C) that (D) an
(ii) (A) a (B) the (C) an (D) that
(iii) (A) who (B) that (C) which (D) all
(iv) (A) though (B) since (C) when (D) inspite of
(v) (A) many (B) much (C) most (D) more
(vi) (A) a (B) an (C) the (D) that
(vii) (A) between (B) with (C) among (D) by

SECTION - D : (Literature)

Marks : 30

13. Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate options : 1x2=2

- (i) 'Right wing politics matter little to us means that _____. (My Only Cry)
- (A) Children are not interested in politics of war.
 - (B) Children are not interested in rigid and traditional ideology.
 - (C) Children are not interested in the political thinking of the rich and the powerful.
 - (D) Children are not interested in political division.
- (ii) 'They used to laugh with their hearts' means that _____ (Once upon a time)
- (A) they used to laugh using their hearts.
 - (B) they used to laugh with genuine feeling.
 - (C) they used to laugh to show happiness of heart.
 - (D) their hearts could feel when they laughed.

14. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : 1x4=4

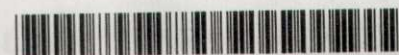
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,

why do you weave a garment so bright ?

Like the plumes of a peacock, purple and green.

We weave the marriage veils of a queen (Indian weavers)

- (a) What are the weavers weaving ?
- (b) Why do they make it so bright ?
- (c) What is it compared with for its brightness ?
- (d) What time of the day is meant by 'fall of night' ?



15. Answer the following questions in **one** or **two** sentences each.

2x2=4

- (a) What went wrong with the ninth athlete ? (Nine Gold Medals)
- (b) How is the tree compared with human beings ? (Tall Trees)

16. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

1x4=4

I climbed up the steps of the school, Saw an open door at the far end of a verandah, and walked in. It happened to be the Headmaster's room. I noticed a very dignified man jumping on his table and heaving himself up into an attic. I walked in and flung myself on the cool floor, having a special liking for coolstone floors, with my head under the large desk, (A Tiger comes To Town).

- (a) Who is the speaker of the extract ?
- (b) What was the Headmaster trying to do ?
- (c) What contrast did he notice between the status of the Headmaster and his behaviour ?
- (d) What use did he make of the Headmaster's room ?

17. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

1x4=4

Naseer who lived in an apartment on a busy road often boasted that he could sleep through any kind of noise. He claimed that he just didn't hear it. Well, Naseer could sleep through the roar of traffic and the blare of a television set in the next apartment but he did not know that while he slept, his body was reacting to the stress of the noise. A German doctor concluded that sound heard by persons in sleep can cause danger to their hearts and blood vessels to expand that was the reason why Naseer had headaches. (Noise: How It Affects our Lives)

- (a) What did Naseer boast of ?
- (b) What didn't he know ?
- (c) What did the German doctor find out ?
- (d) Why did Naseer have headache ?



18. Complete the following statements by choosing the most appropriate options given below : 1x3=3

(i) Raja's grandfather took him to the old grey haired man because _____
(The snake Bite)

(A) Raja was stung by a bee.

(B) Raja was bitten by a snake.

(C) he thought that Raja was bitten by a snake.

(D) Raja's grandmother reported that he was bitten by a snake.

(ii) In the opinion of It Nehru, the best way to know the truth was _____
(A British day letter)

(A) by discussing the mother with others.

(B) by consulting the text on it.

(C) by leaving it to the test of time.

(D) by asking the elders about it.

(iii) When Dr Kalam asked a girl in Hyderabad what her goal in life was, she replied _____.

(A) that she wanted to live in a prosperous India.

(B) that she wanted to live in a developed India.

(C) that she wanted to settle in the USA.

(D) that she wanted to live in a powerful India.



19. Answer **any two** of the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each :

2x2=4

- (a) Why did Nicky feel himself to be inferior to valodya ? (My Elder Brother)
- (b) Despite the fame that he got, Bismillah Khan always remained simple. State instances from his way of living. In support of the statement.
(Ustad Bismillah Khan)
- (c) Neema returned very late from her school. What reason did she give for being so late ? (The village Pharmacy)

20. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 100 words :

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- (a) Why did the old man think that he would be the last stone mason ? How was he proved wrong ? (The Last stone Mason)
- (b) What did Janaki Iyer do for the upliftment of the domestic workers ?
(Carring For Others)

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