

ENGLISH

Time Allowed : 3 Hrs

M. Marks 85

Important Instructions :

- 1) You must write question paper series in the circle at top left side of title page of your answer book.
- 2) While answering your questions, you must indicate on answer book the same question No. as appears in your question paper.
- 3) Do not leave blank page/pages in your answer book.
- 4) All questions are compulsory. Internal choice has been given.
- 5) Word limit wherever prescribed, must be observed.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q.1. Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes: the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work ! The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio.

'Paris control ? Paris control ? Can you hear me ?

There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm. Then, in the black clouds Quite near me, I saw another aeroplane. It had no lights on its wings, but I could see it flying next to me through the storm. I could see the pilot's face_turned towards me. I was very glad to see another person. He lifted one hand and waved.

"Follow me," he was saying. "Follow me".

'He knows that I am lost.' I thought. 'He is trying to help me'.

He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota. So that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go

behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child.

- i) Answer the following questions briefly :
- a) How did everything look inside the clouds ?
 - b) How did the old plane fly inside the clouds ?
 - c) What happened when he tried to contact Paris control ?
 - d) Why could he not see where he was ?
 - e) Who does 'He' in the passage refer to ?
- ii) Find from the passage words which mean the same as :
- a) Not working
 - b) Difficult
- $5 + 2 = 7$

- Q.2. 1. You know that the earth goes round the sun and the moon goes round the earth. You know also perhaps that there are several other bodies which like the earth, go round the sun. They are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. All these, including our earth, are called planets of the sun. The moon is called a satellite of the earth because it keeps going round the earth. The other planets have also got their satellites.
2. The sun and the planets with their satellites form a happy family, called the solar system. Solar means belonging to the sun. The sun is the father of all the planets, so the whole group is called the solar system.
3. At night you see thousands of stars in the sky. Only a few of them are planets. We can easily distinguish between a planet and a star. Compared to the stars, the planets, are really very tiny, like our earth. But they look bigger than stars because, they are much nearer to us. Compared to a star, the moon is really Quite like a baby. It looks so big because it is very near to us. The real way to distinguish a star from a planet is to see whether it twinkles or not. Stars twinkle, planets don't. Planets shine only because they get the light of the sun. It is merely the sunshine on the planets or the moon that we see.
4. Stars are like the sun. They shine of themselves because they are very hot and burning. In fact the sun itself is a star. It looks bigger than stars because it is much nearer. We see it as a great ball of fire in the sky.

Answer the following questions briefly :

- a) What are the planets ? Name some of the planets.
- b) Why is the moon called the satellite of the earth ?
- c) What makes the sun shine ?
- d) Complete the following sentence.
The solar system includes
- e) The sun is -
 - i) like a star
 - ii) very hot and burning
 - iii) both (i) and (ii)
 - iv) neither (i) nor (ii)
- f) The father of planets is -
 - i) the earth ii) the moon iii) Neptune iv) the sun.
- g) Explain the meanings of :
 - i) Solar
 - ii) Twinkle

$$7\frac{1}{2} + 2\frac{1}{2} = 10$$

SECTION-B [WRITING] 20 MARKS

- Q.3. Write a letter to your father giving him the home news.
or
Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper against the rising prices. 6
- Q.4. Write a paragraph in about 60 words on any one of the following topics :
a) A happy day in my life
b) Importance of games.
c) A Picnic. 4
- Q.5. Write a paragraph in about 80 words on any one of the following topics :
a) A teacher you like the most
b) A Cricket match
c) A visit to a hill station 6

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q.6. Use the proper non-finite form of the given verb in each sentence :
- I saw him (open) the door.
 - My brother likes (eat) fast foods. 2
- Q.7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the connectors given in the brackets :
- He ran fast. He could not win the race. (yet)
 - Make hay. The sun shines. (while) 2
- Q.8. Combine the following pairs of sentences using clauses 'Where' and 'What':
- He went away some where. I do not know this.
 - What happened in the library? Tell me about it. 2
- Q.9. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals : could/ may / must/ might :
- He _____ go now.
 - It _____ rain today.
 - _____ I smoke in this hall?
 - You _____ save money for your old age. 2
- Q.10.a) Change the narration :
- The Principal said to the peon. "Bring me a glass of water."
 - She said, "What a lovely rose!" 2
- b) Re-arrange the following jumbled words into meaningful sentences :
- Well is all ends well that.
 - Invention is the mother of necessity. 1
- c) Change the voice :
- Let this letter be posted.
 - I was taking my class. 1
- Q.11. Do as directed : only three :
- Who kills the mad dog? (change into past perfect tense)
 - Ram plays hockey. (change into past indefinite tense)

3) He will run a race. (change into present indefinite tense)

4) What a lovely rose it is ! (change into assertive).

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SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

Q. 12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only :

Coorg regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first chief of Indian Army, General Cariappa was a Coorgi. Even now Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a license.

The river Cauvery obtains its water from the hills and forests of Coorg. Mahasheer a large freshwater fish abound in these waters. Kingfishers dive for their catch, while squirrels and langurs drop partially eaten fruits for the mischief of enjoying the splash and the ripple effect in the clear water. Elephants enjoy being bathed and scrubbed in the river by their mahouts.

Answer the following questions :

- 1) Who was General Cariappa ?
- 2) What is the unique about the Kodavus in India ?
- 3) Where does the river Cauvery gets its water from ?
- 4) What kind of fish is found in the river Cauvery ?
- 5) Give the opposites of :
 - i) Permitted
 - ii) partially.

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Q. 13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only.

Now it was Christmas time and there was snow on the ground. Christmas bells and a small tree decorated the class-room. On the last day of school before the holidays, the teacher showed the class a letter she had received that morning.

“You remember Wauda Patronski, the gifted little artist who won the drawing contest? Well, she has written me, and I am glad to know where

she lives, because now I can send her medal. I want to read her letter to you.”

The class sat up with a sudden interest and listened intently.

Answer the following questions :

- i) Why were there going to be holidays at school ?
- ii) What letter did the teacher show ? Who was this teacher ?
- iii) Why was the teacher glad to have this letter ?
- iv) How did the class react to what the teacher was saying ?
- v) Explain the meanings of : i) decorated ii) gifted. 5

Q. 14. How did the black aeroplane help the pilot of the old Dakota ?

or

What made Valli sad ? Why didn't she want to look out of the window any more ? 5

Q. 15. Relate briefly the first Quarrel between Lomov and Natalya?

or

What made Lencho angry? 3

Q. 16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to answer the questions correctly.

The fog comes
on little cat feet.
It sits looking
over harbour and city
on silent haunches
and then moves on.

Questions :

- 1) Name the poem and the poet.
- 2) What is the fog compared to ?
- 3) How does the fog come ?
- 4) What is the main thing common between the fog and the cat ?

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- Q. 17. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each :
- a) How did Belinda and her pets behave after the pirate had been killed?
 - b) How does the poetess describe the state of trees in the house?
 - c) Why do you think the tiger ignores the visitors? 5
- Q. 18. Answer the following in about 100 words :
Give a brief character sketch of the thief in Ruskin Bond's "The Thief's Story".
- or
- What makes you think that Griffin was a lawless person? 5
- Q. 19. Answer the following in about 30-40 words :
How can you say that Anil was easy going and extravagant?
- or
- What incident touched Bholi's heart? 4
- Q. 20. Answer the following in about 20-30 words :
Why was the narrator sent back to New Mullion? Who went with him?
- or
- Why was the thief grateful to Anil? 2