

Time : 2 hrs

General Instructions :

- i) Read the questions carefully.
- ii) Number the answers as given in the question paper.
- iii) Write the answers in a neat and clear handwriting.
- iv) Write the answers in complete sentences.

SECTION-A (READING)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : (7)

One hot afternoon, I was returning to the ice-cream depot, I work for. I was caught in a traffic jam. I was feeling hot and thirsty and decided to eat on ice-cream from the back of my truck. As I was returning to my seat, relishing the cool touch and the delicious taste of the ice-cream, I became conscious of the presence of four kids looking towards me with expectation in their eyes. Feeling sorry for them, I gave an ice-cream to each one of them. Soon I got surrounded by a large number of children. Having entertained four of them, I found it impossible to refuse the others. Besides, I was feeling genuinely sorry for them, as it was clear from their shabby and tattered clothes that they hadn't often experienced the luxury of eating an ice-cream. By the time, the traffic began to move, I had already finished four cartons. I decided to pay for them myself rather than explaining to my boss.

As soon as I arrived at a depot, I was called to the manager's office and was asked why I had been giving away the company stock. I was quite sure that neither my explanation nor my decision to pay was going to save me from losing my job. But to my surprise, my boss broadly smiled at me and said that the company had never had such an effective advertising campaign for years. Parents had been calling to thank the company.

- (a) Why did the narrator decide to eat an ice-cream? (1)
- (b) Why did he give an ice-cream each to the four kids? (1)
- (c) Why did the narrator decide to pay for the ice-cream from his own pocket. (1)
- (d) When the narrator gave ice-creams to four kids, many more surrounded him. How did he treat them and why? (2)
- (e) There was a surprise awaiting the narrator at the end of the story. What was the surprise? (1)
- (f) Pick out words from the passage which mean the same as follows : (2x½=1)
 - (i) to enjoy
 - (ii) old and in bad condition

Q2. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow : (6)

A conductor is a simple man,
 He does his duty and gives tickets to everyone.
 Sitting on his seat he uses his whistle,
 Driver as well as passengers follow his signals.

A small handy bag decorates his hands
 Tickets, money and journey papers, sure he depends
 His khakhi dress and name plate specify his identity.
 His dealings and vigilance verify his veracity.
 His sweet etiquette make our journey easy
 In odd and dreary time he remains very busy
 Peak hours' crowd troubled him much
 Calm and cool mind controls the rush
 His adjusting nature and path guiding rules
 Rejoice the travellers with his journey news.
 He is contented with what he gets
 May he serves us without any frets.

- (a) Write two characteristics of a bus conductor. (2)
- (b) What are his main possessions? (1)
- (c) How does he make our journey easy? (1)
- (d) Quote the line from the given poem that tells us that the conductor is happy and satisfied with his job. (1)
- (e) Find the words from the poem which mean the same as follows : (2x½=1)
 - (i) the rules of polite behaviour in a society
 - (ii) feel or show great joy

SECTION-B (WRITING)

- Q3. You are a Press correspondent from 'The Hindustan Times'. On your way to the office, you witnessed the sudden fall of a Metro pillar on Barakhamba Road. Prepare a report for the newspaper in about 80 words. (5)
- Q4. You are Shekhar/Shikha, a resident of 646-A Block, Rani Bagh. Write a letter to your younger brother who stays in a hostel, advising him to be more careful in spending his pocket money. (5)
- Q5. 'The York' company is going to launch a new washing soap. Draft an appealing advertisement for it. (4)

SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

- Q6. Rearrange the given words to make meaningful sentences : (2x1=2)
 - (a) received/team/warm/cricket/the/a/welcome/airport/the/at
 - (b) how/proposal/accept/can/such/a/I
- Q7. Complete the given sentences by adding correct question tags : (2x1=2)
 - (a) You haven't learnt painting in any school, _____
 - (b) This job is absolutely suitable for me, _____
- Q8. Choose the correct nouns from the brackets and rewrite the sentences : (4x½=2)
 - (a) Mrs. Mehta asked the porter to carry her (luggage, luggages) to the train.
 - (b) The viewers appreciated the wonderful formation made by twenty (aircraft, aircrafts) in the sky.

- (c) Neera enjoyed eating two bowls of (porridge, porridges) in breakfast.
 (d) I could enjoy the beautiful scenery because I was carrying a pair of (binocular, binoculars) with me.
- Q9. Fill in the blanks with suitable relative pronouns : (2x1=2)
 (a) We salute the soldiers _____ guard our borders.
 (b) He stayed at the best hotel _____ he could find in the city.
- Q10. Complete the given conversation with suitable pronouns : (4x½=2)
 Nazia : Where is Tanya?
 Sabia : _____ is ill. _____ mother informed _____ yesterday.
 Nazia : How sad! _____ was so keen to go to picnic.
- Q11. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles : (4x½=2)
 Dev went to _____ nearby temple in _____ morning. There he saw _____ impressive idol of Lord Shiva. He sat in front of it and offered flowers and _____ coconut.
- Q12. Complete the sentences using the correct oxymorons : (4x½=2)
 (a) The honest _____ confessed his crime.
 (b) Neha was left all _____ at home as her parents had to go to attend a marriage party.
 (c) The spectators felt that the performance was terribly _____.
 (d) The king rewarded the clever _____ after the show.
- Q13. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : (6x½=3)
 A young man was sent _____ jail for a petty theft. A priest saw him sitting _____ some criminals and felt sorry _____ him. He asked him why he was there. The young man said, "Father, no one loved or cared _____ me. If someone had stood _____ me and patted me _____ my back, I would not have been here.
- Q14. Change the given sentences from active to passive voice : (3x1=3)
 (a) A timely warning prevented the accident.
 (b) They have elected the new secretary of the club.
 (c) The loud noise of vehicles is disturbing the students.

SECTION-D (LITERATURE)

- Q15. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :
 (A) "When Haria comes next, he'll take me to Dilli for my eye operation." (3x1=3)
 (a) Identify the speaker in the above lines.
 (b) Where had Haria gone and why?
 (c) Why couldn't the speaker get her eyes operated in the village itself?
 (B) "A butterfly, one summer morn Sat on a spray of blossoming thorn". (3x1=3)

- (a) Where was the butterfly sitting in the morning?
 (b) What was he doing there?
 (c) Where did the butterfly see the caterpillar?

- Q16. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)
 (a) Hamid and his friends were delighted to see a wonderful sight at Idgah. What did they see there?
 (b) Madhuli couldn't suggest to take Amma to the new hospital. Why did she feel hesitant and how did the other people react to it?
- Q17. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : (2x2=4)
 (a) What lesson did the butterfly learn from the speech delivered by the caterpillar?
 (b) Who was the visitor who entered Mr. Rowland's house? How did he get rid of the butler?
- Q18. Answer the given question in 80-100 words : (5)
 Dr. Raman never believed that agreeable words could save lives but had to change his opinion at the end of the story. Explain with reference to the story 'The Doctor's Word'.

OR

Although Hamid was a small boy, he depicted selfless love for his grandmother by buying a useful gift for her. Elaborate with reference to the story 'Idgah'.

- Q19. Answer the given question in 30-40 words : (2)
 How did the little boy in the poem 'Somebody's Mother' feel after he helped the old woman?
- Q20. Answer the given question in 70-80 words : (4)
 Why was the boy in the lesson 'Seventeen Oranges' forced to eat all the oranges? What happened as a result?

OR

Moina's habit of asking too many questions helped her to gain knowledge and become successful in life. Explain with reference to the lesson 'The Why-Why Girl'?

- Q21. Answer the following question in 30-40 words : (3)
 The Portuguese captain helped Robinson Crusoe at the time of crisis. How did he do so?
- Q22. Answer the following question in 80-100 words : (5)
 Mention four things that Crusoe had to keep in mind while building his house.

OR

How did Robinson stitch clothes for himself when his old clothes began to drop to pieces?