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(202)**

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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

## Note :

- (i) There are 35 questions in all divided into two parts.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks for each question are indicated against it.
- (iv) Q. No. 1 to 16 and 24 to 28 are Objective type questions carrying 1 mark each. Some of them are in sub-parts that include MCQ, Fill in the blanks, True/False, Match the column and One-word answer type questions.
- (v) Q. No. 17 to 20, 22 and 29 to 34 are short answer questions carrying 2 marks each. Answers to these questions should not exceed 30 words each.
- (vi) Q. No. 35 is carrying 3 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 40 words.
- (vii) Q. No. 21 is carrying 4 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 100 words.
- (viii) Q. No. 23 is a long answer question carrying 6 marks. Answer to this question should not exceed 150-200 words.



## PART - A

Note : All questions are compulsory except where an internal choice is given.

### SECTION - A

#### READING

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Once upon a time, there was a piece of paper. It could do all sorts of cool things like bend, flex, fold and even turn into a paper plane. The children loved playing with it! They would draw on it, cut it out, make shapes, make a boat with it. But one day, the paper found itself old and wrinkled. It was too used up for the kids to keep playing with. Before it knew what was going on, it found itself stuck at the bottom of the trash can. It was sent out to the big dumpster where some men came and picked it up.

(The little piece of paper was thrown into the truck with all the other papers who were old, wrinkled and quite grumpy.) The journey was bumpy and windy—too long for such a tired piece of paper. It went from light to dark, from wind to rain. It was grabbed at and squished, and finally thrown onto conveyor with the rest of the papers. It quickly got sorted and pushed, and moved around. The poor little piece of paper could do very little in its weak a condition. Then it was crushed back into a thin piece of paper.

“Hu Hmm”, it thought, “that’s not so bad.” Then it saw the slicer! And the crusher! The paper tried to run. It was too late. The crusher and the ripper sucked it in with the rest of the papers. The paper closed its eyes. Slowly it blinked. And realized that it was perfectly quiet. Even a bit sunny. Looking around, the paper realised it was sitting next to a batch of fresh paper. It looked down at itself. Completely clean, smooth with a fresh coat of bleach!

Then bending over to examine the rest of itself, to see what was going on, it noticed a fine watermark on its back “What is this?” it wondered “A recycled logo!”





1 Basd on your understanding of the above passage, write True or False :  $3 \times 1 = 3$

- ~~(i)~~ The children loved playing with the paper.
- ~~(ii)~~ The people burned the paper when it became old and wrinkled.
- ~~(iii)~~ When the paper was recycled it had a recycled logo on its back.

2 Anwwer the following questions in one word.  $3 \times 1 = 3$

- ~~(i)~~ Where were all the old and wrinkled papers thrown ?
- (ii) A fresh coat of what did the clean and smooth paper get ?
- (iii) What did the paper find on its back when it examined itself ?

3 Pick out the correct word as instructed from the above passage : 1

Opposite of 'young'

- ~~(A)~~ dark
- (B) old
- (C) cool
- (D) trash





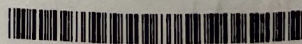
SECTION - B  
WRITING

- 4 Answer the following questions, with reference to the context below: 5×1=5

You are Pranav, a resident of Pune. Since you are concerned about the increasing number of Road Accidents you decide to write a letter to the Editor of your local daily.

Choose the correct alternatives of the following questions:

- (i) Select the appropriate subject for this letter.
- (A) Concern Regarding Increased Number of Road Accidents.
  - (B) Concern about the decrease in road accidents.
  - (C) Road accidents are rarely found now-a-days.
  - ☒ (D) Road accidents are inevitable.
- (ii) You will mention the road accidents occur:
- ☒ (A) as a result of careful hurried driving.
  - (B) as a result of reckless and hurried driving.
  - (C) as a result of slow and careful driving.
  - ☒ (D) as a result of slow and reckless driving.
- (iii) While driving youngsters are :
- (A) neither bothered about the rules of the road nor about the safety.
  - (B) very careful about road rules.
  - ☒ (C) very careful about their safety.
  - (D) always listening to loud music.
- (iv) You will conclude your letter by asking :
- (A) the authorities to turn a blind eye to the problem of accidents.
  - (B) the authorities to overlook whenever an accident takes place.
  - ☒ (C) the authorities to consider that accidents are not such a great thing.
  - (D) the authorities to take the necessary tough action against those who break traffic laws.
- (v) You will close your letter with
- (A) Yours sincerely
  - ☒ (C) Yours cheerfully
  - (B) Yours lovingly
  - (D) Yours gracefully





5 Answer the questions given, with reference to the context below:

4×1=4

You are Varun, the secretary of the Cultural Club of your school. Draft a notice for your school notice board about a charity programme organised by the Club in aid of cancer patients.

- (i) The subject for the notice will be placed :
- ~~(A) above the institution's name~~
  - (B) below the word NOTICE
  - (C) above the word NOTICE
  - (D) just above the date
- (ii) The notice will mention the
- (A) detailed charity programme
  - (B) speech of the chief guest
  - (C) importance of such shows
  - (D) date, time and venue of the programme
- (iii) This charity show is held by
- ~~(A) The Arts Club of the school~~
  - (B) The Cultural Club of the school
  - (C) The Sports Club of the school
  - (D) The Literary Club of the school
- (iv) The charity show is held in aid of :
- ~~(A) Cancer patients~~
  - (B) HIV patients
  - (C) TB patients
  - (D) Poor patients





- 6 All questions given below are based on the given text. Read the text carefully and answer the questions: 4×1=4

“Grow more trees to reduce pollution”. Write an article on the topic given for your school magazine.

- (i) You can start your article by saying that one of the main reasons why mankind came into existence is because of :
- (A) multistorey buildings                      ~~(B)~~ trees and plants  
(C) good transport system                      (D) malls and cinema halls
- (ii) Trees make the earth a better place to live in because :
- ~~(A)~~ they exhale oxygen and inhale carbon dioxide  
(B) they inhale nitrogen and exhale carbon dioxide  
(C) they inhale hydrogen and exhale carbon dioxide  
(D) they inhale the pollutants of the earth
- (iii) Places inhabited by trees are :
- ~~(A)~~ very hot  
(B) cooler compared to concrete jungles  
(C) always raining  
(D) extremely cold
- (iv) Don't forget to mention that trees build a sheet to protect us from
- (A) harmful ultraviolet rays                      (B) storms  
~~(C)~~ thunder                      (D) lightning





**SECTION - C**  
**GRAMMAR**

7 Fill in the blanks to complete the note:

3×1=3

First the L.P.G. cylinder (i) in the dicky at an angle of 20 to 35 degrees.

A pipe (ii) to the regulator which (iii) the air filter.

- (i) (A) has been placed (B) is placed  
(C) would placed (D) should be placed  
(ii) (A) is fixed (B) will be fixed  
(C) was fixed (D) had been fixed  
(iii) (A) is leading to (B) was leading to  
(C) leads to (D) has leads to

8 Fill in the blanks to complete the note:

3×1=3

My younger sister (i) (is / are) very attractive. She (ii)  
(has/had) curly hair, large eyes and a fresh and beautiful complexion.  
She (iii) (study/studies) in class VIII.

9 Choose the correct option to fill in the blanks to complete the passage:

3×1=3

Michelangelo (i) (is/was) born in Caprese, a town in Italy in 1475.  
He (ii) (went/goes) to Rome in 1496. In 1508 he (iii)  
(begin/began) his greatest work of painting – the decoration of the ceiling of  
the Sistine Chapel.



10 Fill in the blanks with the correct preposition:  $4 \times 1 = 4$

- (i) The children are \_\_\_\_\_ the room.
- (ii) The milk is \_\_\_\_\_ the table.
- (iii) The children have gone \_\_\_\_\_ school.
- (iv) It rains a lot \_\_\_\_\_ August.

11 Fill in the blanks with the correct conjunction:  $2 \times 1 = 2$

- (i) I was angry \_\_\_\_\_ I did not reveal my feelings.
- (ii) He studied hard \_\_\_\_\_ got good grades.

SECTION - D

LITERATURE

12 Complete the following sentences:  $3 \times 1 = 3$

- (i) We must bring new life to the land by not polluting the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) We must not cut down \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) We must work together for \_\_\_\_\_.

(A Prayer for Healing)

13 Identify the following sentences as True or False:  $3 \times 1 = 3$

- (i) Children cannot rebuild what the adults destroy.
- (ii) Right-wing politics and left-wing politics matter a lot to children.
- (iii) Children don't want wars to break out.

(My Only Cry)





14 Read the following passage:

3×1=3

It was a cloudy day in 'Golibar' the largest slum colony in Ghatkopar, north-east of Mumbai. Kondiba lived here with Tukaram and Tukaram's wife, Yelanbai. It was the end of the monsoon. In the middle of an open area, in the colony there was a well. It was full of blackish-green water. Nothing could be seen more than a few centimeters below the surface.

(Kondiba - A Hero)

Based on your understanding of the passage, fill in the blanks given below:

- (i) Kondiba lived in Yelanbai.
- (ii) She lived here with \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) The colony well in the slum was full of blackish-green water.

15 Identify the True and False sentences given below:

3×1=3

- (i) Aunt Ruby's parrot was very fond of Aunt Ruby.
- (ii) The author Ruskin Bond set the parrot free.
- (ii) Aunt Ruby's parrot used to talk a lot to everyone.

(The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk)

16 Match the character with the story:

3×1=3

- (i) Snake Bite (a) Gandhiji
- (ii) The Last Stone Mason (b) The old grey haired man
- (iii) Stealing and Atonement (c) Salim





## PART - B

**Note:** All questions are compulsory except where an internal choice is given :

### SECTION - A

#### READING

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In Routine Village, life was routine for each and every member. They opened their eyes at the hint of sunrise, washed, and set off to work.

But among them, there was one young lad, Rolta, who thought differently. He wanted to live out his own dreams. So he looked around for ideas. People poked fun at him; his friends thought he was crazy, while his parents were always annoyed with him. (17)

But Rolta turned a deaf ear to everyone. He trusted his instincts and held his head high. One day, as he was walking through the village, his shoes got caught in the weeds that grew on the ground. Pulling out the shoes, Rolta landed on his bottom with a thud. Clutching his shoes to his chest, he lay there for a few minutes and then suddenly, he realised what he wanted to do in life.

He went about observing the shoes of everyone in the village and pitied the sight of tattered footwear. The city shoes were too expensive for the poor villagers, and so they wore their shoes till no one could use those ever again.

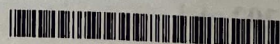




Rolta went to the city to learn how to make shoes. He worked with a shoemaker for six months and when he returned home, he was equipped with knowledge and material. To begin with he made a pair of shoes for everyone in his house. Soon others in the village requested Rolta to make shoes for them. He did it at a price they could pay, but at a price with his profits included. He put up a board at his home, Rolta Shoe Mart – give your feet some love. That was the tagline he used to attract people and profits.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions :

- 17 Who thought differently from the other people and how did the people react to his thoughts? 2
- 18 What did Rolta learn in the city and what did he do when he returned home? 2
- 19 How did Rolta manage to attract people and make profits? 2
- 20 Find a word in the passage that means the following: 2
  - (a) irritated
  - (b) worn out





SECTION – B

WRITING

- 21 Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing your concern over the frequent power breakdown in your locality.

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OR

Write an email to your friend inviting him/her for your birthday party.  
Don't forget to mention the venue, date and time.

- 22 Read the telephone conversation given below:

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Kavita : Hello, I am Kavita. Could I speak to Neha.

Rani : I am sorry. Neha has gone to attend his friend's birthday party.  
I am Rani, her elder sister. Anything important ?

Kavita : Yes, I want to discuss an important topic about our studies with her.  
Please tell her to call me as soon as she reaches home.

Rani : Sure, I will give her your message.

As you have to go to the chemist's shop to buy medicines for your grandmother write a message for Neha.





23 You are Brijesh. You witnessed a massive fire in a slum area near your school. You wrote a report about it in 100 words for the school magazine. You may use the following clues.

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- great loss of life and property
- fire spread in seconds
- people crying and running about screaming
- fire fighters arrived
- fire got under control
- cause not yet known
- people taken to the hospital
- relief given to the slum dwellers

OR

Last weekend the entire family spent the whole day at an Amusement Park in Delhi. Write an article on the topic, 'A Day Spent in an Amusement Park'. Mention the various rides and how the members of your family reacted to these rides.





**SECTION – C**  
**GRAMMAR**

- 24 Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words. The first one has been done as an example. 2×1=2

Lalit : You should be careful when you are driving in the hills.

Naresh : I will be. Don't worry.

Lalit : Good. You (i) carry all the necessary tools so that you (ii) take care if your car is in trouble,

- 25 Fill in the blanks with appropriate propositions: 3×1=3

(i) The exercise was written \_\_\_\_\_ me.

(ii) Angus now lives \_\_\_\_\_ Delhi.

(iii) The children were walking about \_\_\_\_\_ the classroom.

- 26 Change to reported speech: 2×1=2

(i) "Susan has passed the examination," said the teacher.

(ii) "Shiela has won the zonal championship", said the PT teacher to the principal.

- 27 Complete the sentences given below with conjunctions: 4×1=4

(i) He put on his hat \_\_\_\_\_ went outside.

(ii) The lion was wounded \_\_\_\_\_ not killed.

(iii) Do as I tell you \_\_\_\_\_ you will be sorry.

(iv) She woke \_\_\_\_\_ looked around.

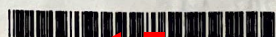
- 28 Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks using correct form of verbs given in the brackets: 4×1=4

(i) He \_\_\_\_\_ (die/died) at a ripe old age.

(ii) The news \_\_\_\_\_ (spoiled/spoil) my dinner.

(iii) The bird \_\_\_\_\_ (fly/flew) over the tree.

(iv) I have \_\_\_\_\_ (thought/think) of a plan.





SECTION - D  
LITERATURE

Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each:

29 The nine athletes were lined up to run which race? 2

(Nine Gold Medals)

30 Why did Gandhiji and his relative steal money from the servant's pocket money? 2

(Stealing and Atonement)

31 What bit Raja and what did Grandmother think? 2

(Snake Bite)

32 Why did Kondiba take to begging? 2

(Kondiba A Hero)

33 Why was Gopal not considered a good sculptor? 2

(The Last Stone Mason)

34 What is Dr. Kurien rightly called? 2

(Co-operate and Prosper)

35 Answer the following question: 3

(i) How do we know that Bismillah Khan remained simple even after becoming famous?

(Ustad Bismillah Khan)

OR

(ii) Why was the grey haired old man given gifts by Grandfather?

(Snake Bite)

