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Subject: ENGLISH GENERAL

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Time: 03 Hours

पूर्णांक : 100

Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions:-

- (i) *All questions are compulsory*
- (ii) *Read the questions carefully and answer them.*
- (iii) *Marks for each question are indicated against it.*
- (iv) *Internal choices are given as per the blue – print.*

SECTION – A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it -

Today India looks like it is on the course of the league of developed nations. It is the beginning to establish a reputation not just as the technological nerve centre and back office in the world, but also as its production centre. India's secularism and democracy serve as a role model to other developing countries. There is great pride in India that easily integrates with a global economy, yet maintains a unique cultural identity. But what is breath-taking is India's youth. For despite being an ancient civilization that traces itself to the very dawn of human habitation, India is among the youngest countries in the world. More than half the country is under 25 years age and more than a third is under 15 years of age.

Brought up in the shadow of the rise of India's service Industry boom, this group feels it can be at least as good, if not better, than anyone else in the world. This confidence in them is demonstrating a great propensity to consume, throwing away ageing ideas of asceticism and thrift. Even those who do not have enough to consume today feel that they have the capability and opportunity to do so.

The economic activity created by this combination of a growing labour pool and rising consumption demand is enough to propel India to double its economic growth for decades. One just has to look at the impact that the baby boomers in the US had over decades of economic activity, as measured by equity and housing prices. This opportunity also represents the greatest threat to India's future. If the youth of India are not properly educated and if there are not enough jobs created, India will have forever lost its opportunity. These are danger signs in abundance.

Questions:

- (a) More than half Indian country is under of age. **[1]**
 - (i) 20 years (ii) 25 year (iii) 50 year
- (b) More than one third country is under years of age. **[1]**
 - (i) 15 years (ii) 100 years (iii) 10 years
- (c) A decade means a period of years. **[1]**
 - (i) 50 years (ii) 10 years (iii) 20 years
- (d) What is breath taking in youth in India? **[1]**
 - (i) India is among the youngest country in the world.
 - (ii) Indian youth is very ambitious.
 - (iii) Indian youth is very greedy.
- (e) Which thing serves as a role model to other countries? **[1]**
 - (i) Economic growth
 - (iii) Properly educated
 - (iii) Growing labour.
- (f) The word which means 'To drive forward' is – **[1]**
 - (i) Propel (ii) Fan (iii) Thrift
- (g) The word similar in meaning to 'beginning of something' is – **[1]**
 - (i) Shadow (ii) Dawn (iii) Rain
- (h) There is great pride in India that easily integrates with global economy, yet maintains a unique identity. **[1]**
 - (i) Cultural (ii) Sports (iii) Racial
- (i) What makes the author think India is on the verge of joining the self band of nations? **[2]**
- (j) Why does the younger group feel that it can be at least as good if not better, than anyone else in the world? **[2]**

Q.2 Read the passage and answer the questions given below it -

'Where there is a will, there is a way', is an old saying. He who resolves upon doing a thing, by that very resolution overcomes the obstacles to it. It is so in all the occupations of life – at school, at college or in the world. To determine to succeed is the surest way to success. Difficulties disappear before an unswerving resolution. This was well exemplified in the life of Napoleon. He threw his whole force of body and mind upon his work. He was told that the Alps stood in the way of his armies. 'There shall be no Alps', he said and a road was made across them, over heights previously considered inaccessible. 'Impossible' said he, 'is a word only to be found in the dictionary of fools'. And so it is, a determination not to give in is the surest condition of success in any undertaking. But the young student must carefully guard himself against the errors of mistaking a mere undisciplined energy and self will for the needful firmness and self-command on which success depends.

Questions:

- (i) Make notes in points, from the above passage, using abbreviations, where necessary. [5]
- (ii) Write a summary of the above passage in about 50 - 60 words. Suggest a suitable title also for it. [3]

SECTION – B (Writing)

Q.3 You are Suresh Sharma, the cultural secretary of your school. Draft a notice giving information about the selection of two participants from your school to take part in the Inter-school debate competition. (in about 40 words) [5]

OR

Your father has been transferred to another city. You want to sell certain house hold goods. Write a suitable advertisement to be published in local newspaper. (in about 40 words)

Q.4 Using the following input, produce a write up on 'Importance of Developing Reading Habit' - [6]

- (i) Field of knowledge expanding fast.
- (ii) Reading at school limited to subjects offered.
- (iii) Extra reading necessary for rounded personality.
- (iv) Creation of generation gap.
- (v) Reading makes a full man.

OR

Write a report to be published in a newspaper giving the detailed account of inauguration ceremony of the annual function held in your school, using the following details:

- (i) Name of the event, occasion, date, time, place.
- (ii) Chief Guest, guest of honour and chairman of the function, welcome address, floral welcome speeches by the guests, vote of thanks.

Q.5 Write a letter to the Collector of your district about the lack of facilities and malfunctioning of the government hospital of your area. [6]

OR

You are Akash Sharma residing at 52, Sultan Street, Raipur. Write a letter to your friend Javed Khan, congratulating him on his brilliant success in the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination.

Q.6 You are Nisha Jain residing at 56, Vijay Nagar, Sagar. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your birthday party. [6]

OR

Write a letter to the postmaster complaining against the postman of your area. You are Rohit Dave.

Q.7 Write an essay on **any one** of the following topics in about 200 – 250 words: [7]

- (i) Science in our daily life.
- (ii) The problem of unemployment.
- (iii) Value of games and sports
- (iv) The person I like most
- (v) The festival you like most

Q.8 Fill in the blanks with the correct option given below in each sentence: [5]

(a) Have you complaint against us?

- (i) much (ii) any
- (iii) many (iv) both

(b) Mr. Vivek Talreja is M. L. A.

- (i) a (ii) the
- (iii) an (iv) no article

(c) We are going a match today.

- (i) playing (ii) play
 (iii) played (iv) to play
- (d) spring arrives, the flowers bloom.
- (i) till (ii) as soon as
 (iii) when (iv) where
- (e) He lost the money he had.
- (i) each (ii) all
 (iii) every (iv) some

Q.9 Do as directed (**any five**):

[5]

- (a) They were playing cricket. (Change into passive voice)
- (b) I did it, (Change into negative)
- (c) Your brother broke the chair. (Make a question with 'what')
- (d) (i) They got enough money.
 (ii) They live comfortably.
 (Combine using 'and')
- (e) The bag was red. The bag contained money.
 (Combine the pair of sentence by using a relative pronoun)
- (f) Who are they? I don't know.
 (Combine the pair of sentences to make a complete sentence using a noun clause)

SECTION – C (Text books)

Q.10 (A) Read the following extract from a poem and answer the questions given below it -

[3]

To those nearest me.

My family, my Friends, my co-workers.

Help me to be aware that

No matter what words I hear

The message is

'Accept the person I am, Listen to me.'

Questions:

- (a) A word similar in meaning to the word 'attentive'.
- (i) Preventive (ii) Active
- (iii) Aware (iv) Co-worker
- (b) The word opposite in meaning to 'farthest':
- (i) Nearest (ii) Sweetest
- (iii) Dearest (iv) Utmost
- (c) Write the name of the poem from which these lines have been taken.

(B) Can I admire the statue great, [3]
 When living man starve at its feet?
 Can I admire the park's green tree,
 A roof for homeless misery?

Questions:

- (a) Name of the poet of above lines of poem –
- (i) Sri Aurobindo (ii) W. H. Davies
- (iii) William Rands (iv) Anonymous.
- (b) Give the meaning of the word 'starve' –
- (i) Die of hunger (ii) Labour hard
- (iii) Work comfortably (iv) Live unhappily
- (c) Why does the poet say that he cannot admire the great statue?

Q.11 Answer **any two** of the following questions: [2×2=4]

- (a) What makes the poet think that man is God's greatest creation?
- (b) How does the river praise the forest?
- (c) What is the attire of the earth?

Q.12 Answer **any seven** of the following questions in about 30 words each: [7×2=14]

- (a) What was Mini doing in the balcony?
- (b) Who was Swami Arvasu?
- (c) Write two ways in which the crows irritated the author.
- (d) Why should we leave our comfort zones and how?

- (e) What is the best way to disarm hostility?
- (f) What was the topic of discussion at Dabney's?
- (g) Why did Ghazi curse Masterji?
- (h) Why did the new passenger not notice her hair?
- (i) What difference between a real book and a tele book did Tommy point out?

Q.13 Make a list of civic duties as suggested by Dr. Kalam. Why does he suggest this? [4]

OR

Describe the structure of the brain.

Q.14 Answer **any four** of the following questions: [4×2=8]

- (a) What makes 'a team' 'a whole'?
- (b) What are distilled books like?
- (c) What are the benefits of meditation?
- (d) Why was Jamshedji prohibited from entering the Majestic Hotel?
- (e) Where is Chitrakoot situated?

Q.15 Answer **any one** of the following in about 75 – 120 words: [4]

- (a) "Nature's bounty is boundless". Explain it.
- (b) What will help you to improve your English at the beginning?
