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Time: 03 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions:-

- (i) Read the instructions carefully.***
- (ii) All questions are compulsory***
- (iii) Marks for each question are indicated against it.***
- (iv) Answers must be complete and to the point.***
- (v) Internal choices are given in some of the questions.***

SECTION-A

(Reading)

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

Discipline must be enforced early in life. Discipline at home makes for the future greatness of a boy. It forms his character and makes him a fit citizen. The child who is allowed to have his own way becomes way-ward. The child who is allowed all sorts of excesses like running about in the sun, exposing himself to cold, eating wholesome things, and as a result will fall ill frequently. A child, whose habits have been disciplined and who has been taught to rise early, attend to his lessons properly, take physical exercise at the proper time and avoid things that are injurious will grow up to be a useful member of the society. The spoilt child who has been allowed to run his own course will show vice contacted in younger days. His parents would wish that he had not been born at all.

Questions:

(i) What does discipline do for a child?

[1]

(a) Forms character and fit citizen.

(b) Makes child dull.

(c) Makes him strong.

(ii) How does a boy's character form?

[1]

(a) By discipline

(b) By good habits

(c) Both the above

- (iii) What evils does a child pick up when he is allowed to do what he likes? [1]
- (a) Make himself happy
 - (b) Catch cold and fall ill
 - (c) Develop good habits
- (iv) What are good habits? [1]
- (a) Running in the sun
 - (b) Playing all the time
 - (c) Avoid things that are injurious
- (v) Give a suitable title for the above passage. [1]
- (a) Importance of discipline
 - (b) Running
 - (c) Playing
- (vi) Write antonym of the word 'discipline'. [1]
- (vii) Make noun of the word 'enforce'. [1]
- (viii) What does 'spoilt' mean? [1]
- (a) greatness
 - (b) destroyed
 - (c) injurious
- (ix) What are the disciplined habits given in the passage? [2]
- (x) How do the Parents of a spoilt child feel? [2]

Q.2 Read the passage and answer the questions given below it-
“Where there’s a will, there’s 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 collage or in the world. To determine to succeed is the surest way to success. Difficulties disappear before an answering 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 [5] abbreviations, where necessary.
- (ii) Write a summary of the above passage in about 50-60 [3] words. Suggest a suitable title also for it.

Section-B

(Writing)

- Q.3 You are Secretary of the cultural activities of your school. **[5]**
Write an attractive notice giving information about the selection of two participants from your school to take part in the inter school debate competition. You are Monika of Govt. Excellence. H. S. School, Ichhawar.

OR

You are Sanjay Rai of 49, Arera colony, Bhopal. Write a classified advertisement for 'Lost and Found' column of a local newspaper stating the loss of your books and important documents while travelling in a local bus.

- Q.4 Write, with the help of the words given below, a short note on **[6]**
'Importance of developing Reading Habit'.
- (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) Continuous reading necessary to keep updated.
 - (vi) Reading makes a full man

With the help of the words given below, write a report for a newspaper about the accidents which you have witnessed:

- (i) in the evening
- (ii) A car and a bus
- (iii) on the road
- (iv) people, vehicle involved
- (v) the scene of the accident
- (vi) hospitalized
- (vii) suggestions to the government and people.

Q.5 You are Deepak Shrivastava residing at Indore. Write an application to the collector of your district for imposing restriction on the use of loud speakers during the examination period. **[6]**

OR

Write an application to the Post Master complaining against the postman of your area. You are Rahul Soni from 123, MPEB Colony, Ujjain.

Q.6 Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your birthday party. **[6]**

OR

Write a letter to your friend Rani Soni describing a recent exciting cricket match in which your team won.

Q.7 Write an article “on the Advantages of a Small Family”.You [7]
can take the help of following inputs-

- (i) Population growth
- (ii) Problems of a large family
- (iii) One or two children
- (iv) Better facilities
- (v) Enjoy life.

OR

Write an essay on any one of the following topics-

- (a) A visit to a place of Historical Importance
- (b) Importance of Games and Sports
- (c) Importance of Newspaper
- (d) Science in daily life

SECTION-C

(Grammar)

Q.8 Fill in the blanks with the help of the correct alternatives [5]
given in the bracket-

- (a)that glitters is not gold. (All, Each, Every)
- (b) I have.....money in the pocket. (many, any, some)
- (c)Mahabharat was written by Vedvyas.(A, An, The)
- (d) The bus.....comes late, because it is raining.
(may, do, should)
- (e) He.....teaching here since 1982. (has been, is, has)

- Q.9 Do as directed- (any five) [5]
- (a) This table is too heavy to lift. (Rewrite the sentence using “so....that” instead of “too.....to”)
- (b) her/pen/put/ink/some/she/in
(Rearrange to make meaningful sentence and rewrite)
- (c) (i) The boy is my cousin.
(ii) The boy is wearing a pink shirt.
(combine the sentences using relative clause)
- (d) We are collecting stamps. (change the voice)
- (e) He teaches Hindi. (change into negative)
- (f) If Ram does not act now, he will lose everything.
(use “unless” in place of ‘if’)
- (g) (i) I called him loudly.
(ii) He gave me no answer.
(combine these sentences with ‘but’)

SECTION-D

(Text Books)

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

Ah, you are so great, and I am so small,

I tremble to think of you, World, at all;

and yet, when I said my prayers today;

A whisper inside me seem'd to say -

‘You are more than the Earth, though you are such a dot;

You can love and think, and the Earth cannot !’

Questions:

(i) Find out the word from the lines given above: [2]

(a) Which is the opposite of 'inside'.

(b) Which has the same meaning as 'shake'.

(ii) What does the poet mean by- [1]

'Ah, you are so great, and I am so small'.

(B) This life is sweetest; in this wood

I hear no children cry for food;

I see no woman, white with care;

No man with muscled wasting here.

Questions:

(i) Find out the word from the lines given above: [2]

(a) Which has meaning similar to the word 'forest'.

(b) Which is opposite of the word 'sourest'.

(ii) What kind of life does the poet find in the woods? [1]

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

(a) What are the two meanings of the word 'cricket'?

(b) Why does the river consider its journey meaningless?

(c) How can one reach the temple?

(d) In what order does the poet wish to listen to the voices?

Q.12 Answer any seven of the following questions:

[7×2=14]

- (a) When do we experience inner peace?
- (b) What made the author feel secure and why?
- (c) Why do you think the bird refused to eat anything?
- (d) What are natural laws?
- (e) What miracle did the sage and his followers witness the next morning?
- (f) What will happen when the brain does not get the oxygen and blood it required?
- (g) How, according to the author, are blind people better in seeing than the sighted?
- (h) What was Ghasi's complaint to the Panchayat?
- (i) How can we free up time?

Q.13 Answer any one out of the two:

[4]

How does school life prepare a child to face the outside world?

OR

Describe the modern days achievements of Indians.

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

- (a) What risk do we face when we laugh?
- (b) What are the distilled book like?
- (c) What are the things that appear attractive when there is sunlight?
- (d) What is idleness according to the author?
- (e) What do people do for their harvest?
- (f) What is the 'Angel Canyon' and what is the 'Churun River'?

Q.15 Summarise the poem "Cloud". [4]

OR

"Nature's bounty is boundless", explain it.
