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पूर्णांक : 100

Time: 03 Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Instructions:-

- (i) **Attempt all questions.**
- (ii) **This question paper is divided into four sections.**
- (iii) **Figures on the right hand margin indicate the marks allotted to the questions.**

SECTION – A (Reading)

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

There is a myth that there is something magical about computers and those who run them. The legend has got about that computers are 'electronic brains' and that programmes are some sort of supermen. The facts are that computers are very stupid and the people who programme them are normal human beings. Anyone who can count from 0 to 7 on his or her fingers and make eight can learn to be a programmer. The business is not difficult, just tricky. It is very misleading to imagine that computers can 'think' like people. They cannot. They have no more a mind of their own than a lawn – mower. However, they make it possible for people to 'bottle' thought. you work out how to, do a particular job or solve a problem, write a programme and the computer will apply your thinking to that job or problem as long and as after as you like. In this sense, computers are half-alive because they perpetuate the thinking of their creators.

Questions:

- (i) The word similar in meaning to 'a machine for cutting grass is': [1]
(a) Computer
(b) Bottle
(c) lawn – mower
- (ii) The fact is that computers are electronic brains. (Say True or False) [1]
- (iii) The meaning of perpetuate is: [1]
(i) Imagination
(ii) Belief
(iii) Fact
- (iv) What computers cannot do? [1]
- (v) Why are computer like lawn – mowers? [2]
- (vi) What does the 'bottle' mean? [2]

Q.2 Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below:

Weavers, weaving at break of day,
Why do you weave a garment so gay?
Blue as the wings of a halcyon wild,
We weave the robes of a new- born child.
Weavers, weaving at fall of night,
Why do you weave a garment so bright?
Like the plumes of peacock, purple and green,
We weave the marriage – veils of a queen.
Weavers, weaving solemn and still,
What do you weave in the moonlight chill?
White as a feather and white as a cloud,
We weave A Dead Man's funeral shroud.

Questions:

- (i) What is colour of the cloth being woven at break of day? **[1]**
- (a) Red
- (b) White
- (c) Blue
- (ii) The shroud is being woven in the..... **[1]**
- (iii) Pick out the word that means, “an article of clothing”. **[1]**
- (iv) Give the opposite of ‘king’ from the above poem. **[1]**
- (v) Name the three cloths being woven at different times. **[2]**
- (vi) What cloth is being woven at fall of night? **[2]**

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it:

Of all human virtues, courage has been given the highest place of honour. In all ages, in all countries, under all conditions of weather and accident, courage has been found to be the most useful ally of human beings. Without courage there cannot be any freedom. When courage deserts a man, he is no better than a woman. As a rule women are timid. The reason is that they are physically weak. Physically weak persons are as a rule weak hearted. That does not mean, however, that all physically weak persons are necessarily timid. Nor does this mean that all physically strong persons are courageous. Courage is a peculiar mental gift. It is very closely related to one’s spirit and character. It is a mysterious Quality. Mere physical strength does not beget courage. But neither does physical weakness too go to inspire it. Courage may be regarded as absolute quality of the mind. For example, Gandhi and Christ, both were embodiments of non-violent force. Their apparent strength lessness is but misleading. You might succeed in breaking their body but not their mind. When the body is destroyed, the mind triumphs. The body of Gandhi was broken no doubt. Gandhi was physically unimpressive. But the spirit of Gandhi continued to triumph over the minds and bodies of those men who were physically superior

to Gandhi. Guru Tegh Bahadur was like wise a courageous man. Shivaji was a courageous fellow. On the other hand Sultan Mahmud Ghaznavi was no more than an able man and a daring soldier. But he lacked courage in the real sense. An interesting story of his life has it that he wept tears of frustration. When faced with the prospects and approaching death. Thinking that death would carry him off to an unknown land where he would be landed without his empire and his chest of treasures he asked for his jewels to be spread out before him for a last minute review. Tears streamed over his cheeks at the thought. Fearlessness is the greatest possible training of the spirit as Swami Vivekanand says that fearlessness is the greatest religion of the world.

Questions:

- (i) Why has courage been given the place of honour? [2]
- (ii) Is courage a physical state or mental state? Explain. [2]
- (iii) How was Ghaznavi a timid fellow? [2]
- (iv) Who were the embodiments of non-violent force? [2]
- (v) What according to Swami Vivekanand is the greatest religion of the world? [2]
- (vi) Find synonyms of the words given below from the passage: [4]
 - (i) Friend
 - (ii) Respect
 - (iii) Coward
 - (iv) Complite

SECTION – B (Writing)

- Q.4 Write a notice for the culture programmes to be held in your school, mentioning the date, venue, time and items to be held. [5]

OR

Write a message on behalf of your mother telling your brother to reach your uncle's house for dinner tonight.

Q.5 Write a paragraph on how can we make our surrounding green, pollution free and environment friendly. [5]

OR

Write a report in about 120 – 150 words on a “one day match” played by your school team.

Q.6 You are Mahadev residing in room no. 10 in a hostel. Write a letter to your elder brother describing the annual prize distribution function of your school. [6]

OR

Write a letter to the District Health officer drawing his attention to the insanitary conditions prevailing in your locality.

Q.7 Write an article for your school magazine on “Safe Driving”. Take the help of the following points: [7]

- Follow the lane
- You save petrol
- Continuous flow of traffic
- Save money
- Cut down the risk of accident
- You reach your destination faster

OR

Write a short biography of Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam under the following headings:

- His parentage and education
- His contribution to India’s most important works
- As the president of India

Q.8 Write an essay of 200-250 words on any one of the following topics: [7]

- (i) Un employment problem ‘
- (ii) Value of Games and sports
- (iii) Wonder of Science
- (iv) Any Great leader
- (v) A visit to a historical place

SECTION – C (Grammar)

Q.9 Fill in the blanks using the correct words given in brackets: (any ten) [10]

- (i) Youdrive carefully.(may, must, can)
- (ii) Strike the iron.....it is hot. (before, while, as long as)
- (iii) I cannot jump..... I have pain in my stomach. (as, because, while)
- (iv) Put the keys.....you can find them without any difficulty. (Where, when, what)
- (v) Both pens are good. Give me.....(any, some, a few)
- (vi) I cannot Attend school.....I am ill. (because, so, before)
- (vii) Pleasecome to my home. (did, do, does)
- (viii) He leaves for Bombay today.....? (Don't he, doesn't he, didn't he)
- (ix) Meeralate every day. (come, comes)
- (x) He opened the box.....took out his shirt.(but, and, over)
- (xi) The train is coming.....Allahabad. (From, for)
- (xii) Amit isthan Sohan. (tallest, taller)

Q.10 Do as directed: (any five) [5]

- (i) Kamal has played cricket (Change the voice)
- (ii) Kavita goes to school by bus. (Make a question beginning with 'who')
- (iii) We will buy a new car. (Rewrite the sentence using going to + verb)
- (iv) Your mother is too weak to walk. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so.....that')

- (v) He likes sweet. (Add a question tag)
- (vi) Harshit was reading a book of English. (Change the sentence into past perfect tense)
- (vii) We must obey our teachers. (Rewrite the sentence using 'have got to + verb')

SECTION – D

Q.11 Read the extract of a poem and answer the questions:

May that which guides men like a good charioteer?

Who controls fleet footed horses with the reins?

That which abides in the heart, most swift and active,

May that my mind resolve on what is good.

Questions:

- (a) The poem from which these lines have been taken is: [1]
- (i) Goodwill
 - (ii) If
 - (iii) To the Cuckoo
- (b) The one word used for, 'a long narrow band usually of feather by which a horse is controlled' from the extract is: [1]
- (i) abide
 - (ii) fleet
 - (iii) reins
- (c) In What sense is the word 'mind' used in this poem? [2]

Q.12 Read the extract of the poem and answers the questions:

If you can dream and not make dreams your master,

If you can think and not make thoughts your aim.

If you can meet with Triumph and Diaster,

And treat those two impostors just the same.

(a) Whom is the poet addressing in the above lines? [1]

- (i) People
- (ii) Himself
- (iii) His neighbour

(b) Name of the poem is: [1]

- (i) If
- (ii) Gitanjali
- (iii) Goodwill

(c) How does the poet want 'you' to treat Triumph and Diaster? [2]

Q.13 Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words: [5]

- (a) Which was harder to get pie or the tart? Why?
- (b) How did the mathematics teacher prove that he was more 'shrewd' than the former pupil?

Q.14 Answer any four of the following questions: [8]

- (a) Did the Swallow go to Egypt? Give reasons?
- (b) What is Bacon's advice on extra ordinary expenses?
- (c) When does a society become static?
- (d) What did the doctor say to sue about Johnsy's illness?
- (e) Why would Hellen like to let her eyes rest on the face of a baby?

Q.15 Answer any one of the following question: [4]

- (a) 'United we stand, divided we fall' elaborate the thought.
- (b) An artist can die but her/his art remains immortal. Elaborate the thought.
