

Subject : ENGLISH (GENERAL) Set-B

Note : Attempt all questions.

(PROSE)

1. (A) Choose the correct answer :

- (i) Ross's quest was crowned with triumph on :
(a) 15th August, 1897 (b) 16th August, 1897
(c) 17th August, 1897 (d) 14th August, 1879
- (ii) What was Johnsy counting ?
(a) Bricks (b) Trees
(c) Branches (d) Falling ivy leaves
- (iii) What was Kumar Baugh ?
(a) A temple (b) A cinema hall
(c) A palatial house (d) A railway station
- (iv) The were burnt with their husband's pyre.
(a) Widowers (b) Spinsters
(c) Widows (d) Bachelors
- (v) Which skills play an important part in human life ?
(a) Technical skills (b) Fighting skills
(c) Speaking skills (d) Hunting skills

1. (B) Match the following correctly :

- | (A) | (B) |
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| (i) Gokul Chandra | Tight Corners |
| (ii) Mrs. Dhanda | (Franklin D. Roosevelt |
| (iii) Elias | A tourist |
| (iv) 'Note of hand only' | Nitai Pal |
| (v) New deal | Leo Tolstoy |

Note : Answer each of the following questions in about *three* sentences.

2. Why did Ross think that there was something wrong with the Manson's theory ?
3. What fact shocked Jaganath when he came out of the temple ? From whom did he come to know the shocking fact ?
4. What is the truth of life according to Elias and his wife ?
5. Why was Velan served a notice to go back to his village ?
6. "And then the unexpected happened." What was the unexpected, the lesson 'Tight Corners' ?
7. Why did Promodini not go to School ?
8. What has the poet H. W. Longfellow said about the past and future ?
9. What is the colour of the cloth being woven in the night ? What is the occasion ?
10. Why is it time to wake up now, in the poem 'Middle Age' ?
11. How does the poet John Milton console himself ?

(POETRY)

(VOCABULARY)

12. Match the following correctly (any *five*) :

- | (A) | (B) |
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| (i) Vampire | Pieces |
| (ii) Port | Childhood |
| (iii) Kurniss | Foreteller |
| (iv) Infancy | A drink prepared by fermenting mare's milk |
| (v) Guile | A sweet red wine |
| (vi) Fragments | Blood sucker |
| (vii) Astrologer | Cunning |

13. (i) Write down the base words of the following (any *two*) :

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| (a) Completion | (b) Glorious |
| (c) Memorable | (d) Intellectual |

(ii) Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in brackets :

The old man out of the room with the of Lilies in his hands. (stalks; stalked)

(iii) Give antonyms (any *two*) :

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| (a) Depart | (b) Reveal |
| (c) Full | (d) Justice |

(GRAMMAR)

14. Fill in the blanks of the following sentences with the suitable words given in the brackets (any *five*) :

- (i) I live in Bhilai but my brother in Bhopal. (live, lives)
- (ii) If I had been the Prime Minister. I have rooted corruption. (can, would, should)
- (iii) I am used to at night. (work, worked, working)
- (iv) Italy is European country. (a, an, the)
- (v) I want a pencil. Have you? (some, any, much)
- (vi) It rained heavily. Only children came to school. (much, a few, a little)
- (vii) His friend died cholera. (to, from, of)

5. Do as directed (any *five*) :

- (i) The students did their homework in time. (Change into interrogative sentence)
- (ii) He studies well. (Add question tag)
- (iii) They found a ladder. It was dragged from its place. (Join the sentences to form a complex sentence with relative clause)
- (iv) Every cloud has a silver lining. (Underline the determiner)
- (v) You know him. (Change the voice)
- (vi) You will not hurt him if it is not necessary. (Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')
- (vii) The patient was too restless to sleep last night. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so that' in place of 'too to')

16. Do as directed (any five) :

- (i) I him. (write) a letter.
(Make a causative sentence using 'made')
- (ii) No sooner did he fire the gun than the tiger sprang upon him.
(Rewrite using 'As soon as' in place of 'No sooner... than')
- (iii) Milk is the best food for children.
(Change the adjective into positive degree without changing the meaning)
- (iv) He had fever. He did not attend school. (Make a simple sentence)
- (v) The report that he has failed is incorrect.
(Pick out the subordinate clause)
- (vi) He proved his innocence. (Make a complex sentence using noun clause)
- (vii) Suresh said to his wife, "Did you give pocket money to your son?"
(Change the narration)

(COMPOSITION)

7. Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics in about 250 words :

- (i) A Visit to a Historical Place
- (ii) Newspapers
- (iii) Wonders of Science
- (iv) The Problem of growing Population
- (v) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission)

18. You are Satish/Santoshi, residing at H-50, Mohannagar, Raigarh. Write a letter to the Raigarh Municipal Commissioner complaining about the insanitary condition of your colony

Or

You are Tarun/Taniya, residing at S-40, Civil Lines, Jagdalpur. Your friend Alka who lives in NPTC Korba has passed the Higher Secondary Examination with high percentage. Write a letter asking him/her about future plans.

(COMPREHENSION)

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

Some frogs who lived in a large pond wished to have a king to rule over them, but they could not decide which of them should be chosen. So, they asked Jupiter, the king of the Gods, to send them a king. Jupiter, saying, "This is your king", dropped a heavy log into the pool. In the course of time, the frogs got used to the log which only floated and did nothing. So, they requested Jupiter for a new exciting king. This time, Jupiter sent them a stork to rule over them and it was not long before the new king was moving about, among his subjects, gobbling up as many as he could catch. The frogs fled in terror to the bottom of the pool. They asked Jupiter to take away the cruel king. But, Jupiter refused to do so.

Questions (any four) :

- (i) What did the frogs ask Jupiter ?
- (ii) Where did the frogs take refuge from the stork ?
- (iii) Give the synonym of the word 'subjects' with reference to the passage.
- (iv) Who was Jupiter ?

(v) Where did the frogs live ?

(vi) Why were the frogs not satisfied with the log as the king ?

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

Old Behrman was a painter who lived on the ground floor beneath them. He was past sixty and had a Michael Angelo's Moses beard curling down from the head of a satyr along the body of an imp. Behrman was a failure in art. Forty years he had wielded the brush without getting near enough to touch the hem of his Mistress's robe. He had been always about to paint a masterpiece, but had never yet begun it. For several years he had painted nothing except now and then a daub in the line of commerce of advertising. He earned a little by serving as a model to those young artists in the colony who could not pay the price of a professional. He drank gin to excess, and still talked of his coming masterpiece. For the rest he was a fierce little old man, who scoffed terribly at softness in anyone, and who regarded himself as especial mastiff-in-waiting to protect the young artists in the studio above.

Questions (any four) :

- (i) What was Behrman's wish ?
- (ii) Find out the words from the passage and fill in the blanks correctly :
(a) a great Italian artist.
(b) a great leader of Israelities.
- (iii) How old was Behrman ?
- (iv) How did Behrman earn his livelihood ?
- (v) Was he a successful artist ?
- (v) Who was Behrman and where did he live ?

21. Write a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title to it :

There are two kinds of books, good books and bad books. I am not to assume that you are not acquainted with his plain and simple fact, but I may remind you that it is becoming a very important consideration in our day. And we have to cast aside together the idea people have, that if they are reading any books they are doing rather better than nothing at all. I must earnestly call that idea to question; I even venture to deny that. It would be much safer, better for many a reader that he had no concern with books at all. There is number, a frightfully increasing number of books that are decidedly not useful at all. But an igneous reader will learn also that a certain number of books are written by a supremely noble kind of people, who are fit to occupy all your reading industry.

Or

Neither wealth nor rank will ensure happiness. Without love and charity and peace of mind you may be rich and great and powerful, but you cannot be happy. There is a Persian story that the great king being out of spirits consulted his astrologers, and was told that happiness could be ensured by wearing the shirt of a perfectly happy man. The country was searched in vain. No such man could be discovered. At last a labourer coming from his work subjects

to fulfil the condition; he was absolutely happy. But alas the remedy was far off as ever. The man had no shirt. Sir Walter Scott's last words to Lockhart on his death bed were. "Be virtuous—be religious—be a good man. Nothing else will be any comfort when you come to lie here."

22. Find errors in the sentences and rewrite them correctly (any *five*):

- (i) He was ill since ten days.
- (ii) Children prefer TV, games than story books.
- (iii) The frog jumped in the well.
- (iv) Tell me the address of the boy that you want to meet.
- (v) Mathematics are an interesting subject.
- (vi) I am a teacher, isn't I?
- (vii) She took her bath everyday in the morning.