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**ENGLISH**

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[Maximum Marks : 100

**Section-A**

**(READING COMPREHENSION)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Man has been constructing buildings for ages now. However, (some buildings have become popular because of their peculiar design or their importance in the culture of a particular society) For instance, the Taj Mahal is not only important because it was constructed as a mark of love of a king for a queen but also as a fine piece of architecture. Such buildings are called man-made wonders (opposite to natural wonders). One such man-made wonder (one of the seven wonders in the world) is in Europe. It was basically a clock or bell tower. It is

called TORRE PENDENTE DI PISA (The leaning tower of Pisa, in Italy). Pisa is eighty kilometres from Florence, Central Italy, and ten kilometres from the Ligurian sea. The tower is famous for the settling of its foundation, causing it to lean 17 feet (5.2 m) from the perpendicular. It is because of this leaning that the tower is popularly known as the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Its construction was begun in 1174 as the third and final structure of the city's cathedral complex. It was designed to stand 185 feet (56 m) high and was constructed of white marble. Three out of its eight storeys were completed when the uneven settling of the building's foundation in the soft ground became noticeable.

Bonnano Pisano, the engineer in charge sought to compensate for the lean by making the new storeys slightly taller on the short side. But the extra-masonry caused the structure to sink still further work was suspended several times as engineers sought solutions, but the tower was ultimately topped out in the 14th century still leaning.

*Questions :*

- (i) Why have some buildings become popular in the world ?
- (ii) The word 'wonders' mean :
- (A) Peculiar
  - (B) Strange
  - (C) Puzzle
  - ☒ (D) A thing causing great surprise and admiration
- ☒ (iii) The total number of storeys in the tower is :
- (A) Three
  - (B) Five
  - ☒ (C) Eight
  - (D) Thirteen
- ☒ (iv) Give the opposite of 'uneven'.
- ☒ (v) Use the word 'extra' in your own sentence.
- ☒ (vi) Where is the 'Leaning Tower of Pisa' situated ?

(vii) The word 'Lean' means :

(A) Sink

(B) Thin

☒ (C) Slope

(D) Slope in one direction

(viii) The tower was completed in the :

(B) 13th century

☒ (C) 14th century

(D) 20th century

(ix) Name of the seven wonders of the world situated in Europe.

(x) In 'The Various Schemes', the word 'various' has been used as :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adverb

☒ (D) Adjective

**Section-B**

**(LANGUAGE SKILLS)**

2. Attempt *five* of the following :

- (a) Traffic Jamming has created havoc on the city roads. Write a letter to the Traffic Commissioner about this menace and to take measures to relieve the people of this problem.
- (b) A massive fire broke out due to short circuit in the residential area, creating a lot of damage to the nearby buildings; though there was no loss of life. As a reporter with the Kashmir times, write a report about it for the newspaper. (150–200 words)
- (c) Your school is organizing a cultural programme in the vicinity against smoking. 'No smoking' is the slogan. Design a poster pointing out the hazards created by smoking. (50 words)
- (d) Write a paragraph on 'Importance of Female Education'. (80–100 words)

✓(e) Your friend arranged a picnic party and you were also invited. You had lot of fun and enjoyment during the event. Write a diary entry about the event (**60–75** words). And also write an e-mail thanking your friend for arranging such a nice programme (**20–30** words).

✓(f) Little buds school has advertised a Post of English Teacher for primary classes. Draft a resume that will go along with your application for the post. (**100–120** words)

(g) Your cousin recently came back from his abroad tour of Australia. Write a dialogue that took place between you two on your first meet after the tour.

(h) The emerging role of media in the mindset of teenagers is very strong and lasting. Write an article on this thought for your school magazine.

(**150–200** words)  
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**Section–C**

**(GRAMMAR)**

3. Supply two articles, two conjunctions and two prepositions at their respective places in the following passage :

(a) At first you may take ..... short note ..... the outline or main points of your speech. Lest you should not forget ..... when you get used ..... speaking ..... public, it is best to do without notes to become ..... perfect speaker.

- (b) Use the verbs given in the brackets in the correct form :

The son ..... (waste) his allowances extravagantly and ..... (get) into debt; his father ..... (rebuke) him but of no use.

(c) Supply appropriate modals in the blanks :

'You ..... keep our meeting a secret or I ..... lose

my job. .... I trust you ?

1×12=12

4. Do as directed :

(a) He can win the prize. He plays well.

(Combine the two sentences by using 'if')

(b) This is my daughter. She is a software engineer.

(Combine the two sentences by using 'who')

(c) He said to me, 'Are you coming home soon' ?

(Report in indirect form)

1×3=3



**Section-D**

**(LITERATURE)**

5. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :

(20-30 words each)

Today the world is a little more my own

No need to remember the pain

A blue frocked woman caused, throwing

words at me like pots and pans, to drain

That honey-coloured day of peace.

‘Why don’t you join the others, what

A peculiar child you are !

On the lawn, in clusters sat my schoolmates sipping

Sugarcane, they turned and laughed;

Children are funny, things, they laugh  
In mirth at others tears, I buried  
My face in the sun-warmed hedge  
And smelt the flowers and the pain  
The words are muffled now, the laughing  
Faces only a blur. The years have  
Sped along, stopping briefly  
At beloved halts and moving  
Sadly on. My mind has found  
An adult peace. No need to remember  
That picnic day when I lay hidden  
By a hedge, watching the steel white sun  
Standing lonely in the sky.

*Questions :*

(i) Explain the line 'the world is a little more my own'.

(ii) Why did the other children laugh at the poet ?

(iii) How different is the world today than it was in the childhood

days to the poet ?

2×3=6

6. (a) In 'After Apple-picking' ciderapple means :

(i) rotten apple

(ii) ripe apple

(iii) apple for drawing juice

(iv) low-quality apple

(b) Quote an example of Simile from 'Sunrise'.

1×2=2

7. Attempt *two* of the following in **40–50** words each :

- (a) What are the nostalgic feelings of the poet, which he wants to express in 'Once Upon a Time' ?
- (b) The beginning and ending of 'Punishment in The Kindergarten' express opposing attitudes. Discuss.
- (c) What message does the poet want to convey through the following lines ?

The rumbling sound of

of load on load of apples coming in

For I have had too much

of apple-picking : I am overtired

of the great harvest I myself desired

- (d) Comment on the theme of the poem 'Inklings From the Dark'.

3×2=6

(a) In 'The Gumdrop Affair', the name of the person who **was** going to handover the important assignment to his counterpart was :

(i) Thompson

(ii) Barnaby

(iii) Thompson Barnaby

(iv) Brian Thompson

(b) What is the actual price of the Cock that Gulam Khan buys ?  
1×2=2

9. Attempt *two* of the following in **20–30** words :

(a) What changes did Mriganko Babu notice in the Scarecrow ?

(b) Why did the Sniper kill the man in the armoured car and the old woman ?

(c) What was Zaman's called the Chief in the village . 2×2=4

10. Attempt *two* of the following in **60–80** words each :

- (a) In the end Jimmy got his own friend arrested. Would you call him a true friend ? Why ? Discuss.
- (b) Narrate Mriganko Babu's encounter with the Scarecrow in your own words.
- (c) What major idea is the writer trying to get across to the readers in the story 'The Sniper' ? Discuss.
- (d) The department had never taken Barnaby seriously. Discuss. 2×4=8

11. Attempt *two* of the following in **20–30** words each :

- (a) Why does the writer feel that Leh is different from Antarctica and the Sahara ?
- (b) How are the writers and composers different from statesmen ?
- (c) How was C.V. Raman a proud Indian ? 2×2=4

12. Attempt *two* of the following in **60–80** words each :

(a) "Your freedom ends where my nose begins." Discuss it in light of "The Rule of the Road".

~~(b)~~ Comment on the contents of the speech delivered by Dr. C.V. Raman at Agra University.

~~(c)~~ The author of 'Leh' decided not to enter the Rani's palace. Discuss.

(d) Forgetting is sometimes considered as a gift in some people. Do you agree ? Discuss.

2×4=8

13. Attempt *one* of the following in **100–200** words :

(a) In contrast to Mrs. Bouncer, both Cox and Box are simpletons. Discuss.

(b) Describe the scene when both Box and Cox started preparing their breakfast but none of them could eat anything.

5×1=5