

**X-181411-B**

**Subject : English (General)**

Time : 3 hours ]

[Maximum Marks : 75

**Note :** Attempt All the questions.

**Q.1.(A)** Choose the correct alternatives :

[1×5=5]

(i) The little kite succeeded because of :

- (a) the big kite (b) his efforts  
(c) the wind (d) other kites

(ii) Beinkensoppe missed the \_\_\_\_\_ test.

- (a) English (b) Maths  
(c) Science (d) Hindi

(iii) What did the bad guys do?

- (a) Played and talked to us (b) Said bad words about us  
(c) Said they are our friends (d) Said good words

(iv) The speaker in the poem 'About Me' is :

- (a) an average and ordinary boy (b) a topper in the class  
(c) a good sportsman (d) a good singer

(v) Sumba plants to 'Hurdle' them. 'Hurdle' here means :

- (a) welcome (b) jump over  
(c) overcome (d) across



Q.1 (B)

Fill in the blanks using correct alternatives :

[1×5=5]

- (i) He is \_\_\_\_\_ best boy in our class. (a/an/the)
- (ii) Will you lend me \_\_\_\_\_ money? (some/any/little)
- (iii) Mohan plays very well, \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Add a question tag choosing from given choices—  
doesn't Mohan / doesn't he / does he)
- (iv) Abdul was talking on the phone \_\_\_\_\_ I arrived.  
(when/while)
- (v) My father has lived in this house \_\_\_\_\_ thirty years.  
(for/since)

Q.1 (C) Match actions in Column A with actions in Column B to make meaningful sentences :

[1×5=5]

## Column 'A'

## Column 'B'

- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| (a) I had never been abroad             | – when the announcement was made |
| (b) I had reached home                  | – before I reached station       |
| (iii) The train had left                | – before I visited Singapore     |
| (iv) I had completed my work            | – when the rain started          |
| (v) They had already boarded the flight | – and then I went to sleep       |

Note : Question Nos. 2 to 6 are based on the following passage—

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

The Himalayas are beautiful mountains in the north of India. They stretch two thousand miles from Kashmir to Assam. Some of world's highest peaks are in the Himalayas. The highest peak is Mount Everest. The tops of the mountains are covered with snow throughout the year. Therefore, we call them the Himalayas or the abodes of snow. There are many beautiful lakes and forests in the Himalayas. Many passes connect India with Tibet, Turkistan and Afghanistan. Many rivers like the Ganga, the Yamuna, the Brahmaputra and the Vyas flow from these mountains.

## Questions

**Q.2** Fill in the blanks with correct options : [1×3=3]

- (i) The highest peak is \_\_\_\_\_.  
~~(a)~~ Mount Everest  
~~(b)~~ Himalayas  
 (c) Aravalli
- (ii) The tops of the mountains are covered with \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) ice  
 (b) cold  
 (c) snow
- (iii) The meaning of Himalayas is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (a) covered with snow  
 (b) abodes of ice  
 (c) abodes of snow

**Q.3** (i) Find out words from the passage which mean : [1×2=2]

- (a) a narrow openings between hillsides  
 (b) houses

(ii) Give antonyms of the words from the passage : [1×2=2]

- (a) lowest  
 (b) bottom

**Q.4** Name the rivers which flow from the Himalayas. [1]

**Q.5** Why are these mountains called the 'Himalayas'? [1]

**Q.6.** What connects India with Tibet, Afghanistan, etc? [1]

Answer the following questions (Question Nos. 7 to 10) in 2 or 3 sentences each : [3×4=12]

**Q.7** What is patriotism?

**Q.8** Why was Kailash Satyarthi awarded the Nobel Prize for peace?

- Q.9 'How did the girl justify her presence in the auditorium?
- Q.10 What does one learn by travelling around the world, according to Ibn Battuta?
- Q.11 You are Sumit Gupta, studying in Govt. Multipurpose Higher Secondary School, Bilaspur. Write an application to the Principal of your school to issue you a Transfer Certificate. [4]

**OR**

- You are Suniti Verma, residing in a hostel. Write a letter to your father informing him about your study and hostel life.
- Q.12 Write a paragraph on 'Health is Wealth' on the basis of given hints : [1×4=4]
- (a) Health is a great blessing
  - (b) A sick man is burden to society
  - (c) Money cannot buy health
  - (d) Diet, exercise and hygiene ensure good health
  - (e) Importance of morning walk

**OR**

Write a paragraph on 'Polythene Bags : A Great Nuisance' using following hints :

Polythene bags— a big problem, very much in use, convenient for people and businessmen, non-destroyable organic compound, create hazardous scene, chokes sewage system, harmful for the animals, needs people's awareness, ban by the Government.

- Q.13 You are Cultural Secretary of your school. Write a notice for school notice board inviting names of the students interested to participate in the programmes such as dances, plays songs, etc. [4]

**OR**

Write a notice for school notice board informing the students about quiz competition to be held on 19th August at your school.

- Q.14** Read the following poem carefully and answer the given questions (any *five*) :

[1×5=5]

The sun descending in the west,  
 The evening star does shine ;  
 The birds are silent in their nest,  
 And I must seek for mine,  
 The moon, like a flower  
 In heaven's high bower,  
     with silent delight  
 Sits and smiles on the night.

*Questions :*

- (a) Choose the correct option :  
 Evening star rises when :  
 (i) it is midnight  
 (ii) it is down  
 (iii) the sun sets
- (b) Choose the correct option :  
 The poet compares moon to :  
 (i) a flower  
 (ii) a bird in the nest  
 (iii) an evening star
- (c) Choose the correct option :  
 Here 'bower' represents :  
 (i) a flower vase  
 (ii) a bouquet of flowers  
 (iii) a plant

- (d) What does the speaker seek for?
- (e) Who smiles on the night?
- (f) Where is the sun descending?

**Q.15** Do as directed (any *five*) :

[1×5=5]

- (i) I do my work in time. (Change into interrogative)
- (ii) Ram helps his father in the field.  
(Make the sentence emphatic using 'do / does / did')
- (iii) You will work hard. (Add a question tag)
- (iv) When I was a child, I \_\_\_\_ watch cartoons with my dad in the evening. (Fill in the blank using 'would / used to')
- (v) He was talking on the phone \_\_\_\_ I arrived. (Fill in the blank using while / when)
- (vi) He took his breakfast at 8.00 am. (Change into negative sentence)

**Q.16** Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions :

Daddy was a freelance writer contributing short stories to Tamil magazines and scripts for films, although the film offers were few and far between. Before I was born, he'd once held a steady, well-paying job in Trivandrum as Malayalam news reader, his name Nagarcoil K. Padmanabhan was known to All India Radio listeners in Kerala. He'd suddenly resigned from AIR to pursue with relentless passion, his dream of being a writer. Among Daddy's early friends in Chennai were actors Gemini Ganesan and Nagesh, the comedian. Ganesan continued to visit us even after he became famous. I would look out, star-struck, as his blue Fiat drove in. He'd tease my handsome dad; calling him 'Maapilai' [Tamil for bridegroom] and the two would go on talking shop.

Questions (any *eight*) :

[1×8=8]

(A) Complete the

(i) Before

(a) In

(b) A

(c) Fi

(ii) Daddy

(a) he

(b) he

(c) he

(iii) Daddy

(a) a

(b) a

(c) a

(iv) Daddy

(a) a

(b) a

(c) a

(B) Answer the

(i) What v

(ii) Why d

(iii) Who u

(iv) What c

(v) Give a

**Q.17** Write an essay on any *one* of the following topics :

[8]

- (i) Wonders of Science
  - (ii) Population Problem
  - (iii) My Hobby
  - (iv) The Festival I like Most
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