

**Subject : General English****Set-A****Instruction**—Attempt all questions.

1. (A) Choose the correct answer.

- (1) How old was Akbar when he succeeded his father ?  
(a) Twelve years (b) Ten years  
(c) Thirteen years (d) Fourteen years
- (2) The medical conference was held at :  
(a) Verona (b) Venice  
(c) Genoa (d) Paris
- (3) Which judge was to conduct the trial ?  
(a) Uberto (b) Prospero  
(c) Antonio (d) Adorno
- (4) What was Rustam called ?  
(a) The shield of Persia  
(b) The shield of Mongolia  
(c) The shield of India  
(d) the shield of Tasmania
- (5) Miss Helen Keller born in :  
(a) Tashkent (b) Tuscombia  
(c) Tanzania (d) Tartar
- (6) The name of Ivan's son was .....  
(a) Prospero (b) Antonio  
(c) Tsar (d) Adorno
- (7) Prospero was trying to acquire the knowledge of .....  
(a) Magic (b) Drama  
(c) Monoply (d) Singing
- (8) Ivan took the case to .....  
(a) District court (b) Lower court  
(c) Supreme court (d) Higher court

(B) Fill in the blanks with correct alternatives :

- (1) The meaning of the word 'Moonlight' in the poem "The fountain" is ..... (light, colours, darkness, whiteness)
- (2) The word "sleep" stands for ..... if the journey is the journey of life in the poem "stopping by the woods on a snowy evening". (life, rest, death, birth)

**(PROSE)**

Answer the following questions.

2. What was the anxiety in Adham Khan's mind ?
3. Why was the man with three children eager to see Alexander Fleming ?
4. Why did Uberto protest against the judge who was chosen to try him ?
5. Why did Tanimel send word to Rustam that her child was a girl ?
6. Why is radium called the magic metal ?
7. What did Ivan do to get a favourable judgement in the higher court ?

**(POETRY)**

Answer the following questions.

8. What did they fear would happen to the man ?
9. Why did Johnny refuse the farmer's invitation to tea ?
10. What does the poet mean by, "But I have promise to keep, and miles to go before I sleep" in the poem "Stopping by the woods on a snowy evening".

**(VOCABULARY)**

11. (A) Match the following words with their correct alternative :—

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|-------------------|---|
| (1) inexhaustible | obstinate                                   |
| (2) bribe         | a thing for protecting body when fighting   |
| (3) duke          | dishonestly pay someone to act one's favour |
| (4) shield        | a ruler of small state in Europe            |
| (5) self-willed   | limitless                                   |

(B) Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in the bracket (Any five).

(imprisonment, punishment, loyal, mineral, publicly, visible, infection)

- (1) Girish was brought before the public and he was beaten .....
- (2) In the light Gabriel's figure was clearly .....
- (3) Substance dug out from the earth is .....
- (4) The judge sentenced him to life .....
- (5) The disloyal Bairam Khan became ..... and burnt the letters.
- (6) Their wounds developed .....
- (7) Uberto was punished for no crime of his. His ..... was not fair.

**(Reading Comprehension)**

12. Read the following passage and answer the questions :

The next thing to do was to test the drug. A number of mice were inoculated with certain powerful disease germs. Some of them were given penicillin injection every three hours and the rest were left untreated. The next morning all the untreated mice were found dead but those that had been given the penicillin injections were found completely cured.

- (1) Who discovered penicillin ?
- (2) Why were the mice inoculated with disease germs ?
- (3) Why did some mice die and some survived ?
- (4) Write root words. "Untreated" "Completely".

**Or**

The discoverer of this magic metal was Madam Curie. She was born in Poland in 1867, daughter of Prof. Slodovsky, who was a teacher of Physics. Even in her childhood, she was fascinated by books of every kind—adventure, poetry, science etc. Often her mother would find her absorbed in her reading and would say, "Stop it and come and sing to us, darling," play for a while Marie, "You have been reading for five hours now" and so on. Otherwise Marie would not put her books down.

- (1) What was Madam Curie fascinated by ?
- (2) Who was Prof. Slodovsky ?
- (3) What did Marie's mother say to her ?
- (4) When and where was Madam Curie born ?

13. Read the passage and answer the following questions :

The computer can work out calculations and provide answers to complicated problems in a flash. A man would take days or even months to work out the same thing. But it can not do things on its own. All the information it needs to do something is to be fed into it. This information is called data. The computer also has a memory. It can store information and use it later. It can therefore, be compared to human brain. But can solve problems much faster and more accurately than the human brain. It can be made to play games like chess and can translate words from one language to another. But it can not take decisions or think up new ideas. That is where it can not compete with the human brain.

- (1) What is data ?
- (2) What can computer do ?
- (3) In what way is the computer better than the human brain ?
- (4) Give a suitable title to the passage.

**OR**

India is facing many dangerous problems. The main problems among them are the unemployment, pollution, population and illiteracy. Due to these harmful problems our country can't progress well. All of us and specially our government should make effective efforts to solve them. The role of students, teachers and of the whole society has great importance in this field. We should change our tendency, policy of education and should end these problems. Our state governments are trying their best to solve such huge problems.

- (1) What are the main problems of India ?
- (2) Can India make progress without ending them ?
- (3) Who can play main role in this field ?
- (4) Should we change our educational policy ?

4. Translate into English : (Any five)

- (1) क्या अक्षिता ने भोजन पका लिया है ?
- (2) लड़के क्यों हंस रहे हैं ?
- (3) मेरी जेब में पैसे नहीं हैं।
- (4) हम यह मैच जीतेंगे।
- (5) अक्षय कक्षा में अनुपस्थित था।
- (6) आप दो घंटे से निबंध लिख रहे हो।
- (7) श्याम पट को साफ कर दो।

**(GRAMMAR)**

5. (A) Do as directed : (Any five)

- (1) You must keep to the left of the road.  
(Rewrite using "have got to")
- (2) (a) You did not go to Agra.  
(b) Otherwise you would have seen the Taj.  
(Combine using "had .... would have")
- (3) Everest is higher than Andes. (Rewrite using positive degree)
- (4) (a) Asha is 152 cm tall.  
(b) Devi is 152 cm tall. (Rewrite using "as+adjective +as")
- (5) The rats said, "the cat may come any moment."  
(Change into Indirect speech)
- (6) We are collecting stamps. (Change the voice)
- (7) (a) She is not intelligent.  
(b) She is not hard working. (Combine using "neither ..... nor")

(B) Fill in the blanks with suitable words : (Any five)

- (1) When I was small, I ..... with marbles.  
(Play, played, playing, has played)
- (2) Let us wait ..... him (from, with, for, in)
- (3) If you had requested me, I ..... you.  
(help, would help, had helped, would have helped)
- (4) He is senior ..... me. (than, then, to, with)
- (5) Is there ..... honey in the bottle? (many, few, any)

**OR**

- (6) The benefits in God and .....  
(so am, so did, so do, so have)
  - (7) None of us ..... to be killed young.  
(want, wants, wanted, wanting)
- (C) Do as directed : (Any five)
- (1) They do their work. (Change into negative)
  - (2) She went home early. (Add a question tag)
  - (3) (a) The box is very heavy.  
(b) It cannot be lifted. (Combine using "so ..... that")
  - (4) Rose is the most beautiful flower.  
(Rewrite using comparative degree)
  - (5) I play tennis. (Change into present perfect tense)
  - (6) You/English/page/open/text book/at/ twenty.  
(Rearrange and make meaningful sentence)
  - (7) I gave you hundred rupees. (Make emphatic)

16. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 200 words :

- (1) My Hobby
- (2) Any Festival
- (3) A cricket match
- (4) Wonders of Science

17. Correct the underlined errors and write the corrected words in the space given :

Last week, when I is crossing the road .....  
I lose my balance. ....  
and fell down in the road. ....  
When I open my eyes, I found .....  
My self in a hospital. I have a slight ..... pain in the leg.

**OR**

Taj Mahal, the famous monument build by .....  
Shahjahan, in memory of her wife. ....  
It was complete in twenty two years. ....  
The architect was Isakhan that came .....  
from Shiraj The beauty of Taj are .....  
known through out the world.

18. Write a letter to your friend inviting him to spend summer vacation with you. You are Akshita Verma, a student of St. Francis' Sr. Secondary School Bilaspur.

**Or**

You are Akshaya Gupta, a student of M.V.M. Bilaspur. Write an application to the Principal for leave on medical ground.

19. Complete the following passage with given clues in bracket.

(lunch, ceremony, inauguration, my friends, introduce)  
Dear Ramesh,  
I invite you at the (1) of our new house in Narmada Naar Bilaspur. The  
(2) is at 10 AM and (3) is at 1 pm. Kindly join us. I shall take the  
opportunity to (4) you to (5)  
Sincerely yours,  
XYZ.

**OR**

(Scolded, spilt, went, late, forgot)  
It was a bad day for Tarun. Today everything (1) wrong with him. He  
(2) milk all over his school uniform. He (3) to take his books. He was  
(4) to school. His Maths teacher (5) him.