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अंग्रेजी-(B)

प्रथम प्रश्नपत्र

(केवल विज्ञान समूह हेतु)

समय : तीन घण्टे 15 मिनट

पूर्णांक : 50

निर्देश - प्रारम्भ के 15 मिनट परीक्षार्थियों को

प्रश्नपत्र पढ़ने के लिए निर्धारित हैं।

1. Explain with reference to the context one of the following passages.

(a) These were refugee children. When partition between India and Pakistan was decided hundreds of thousands of people pulled up their roots and changed their residences. Nine million people left Pakistan and came to India driven by the fear of religious fanaticism.

(b) Much that was useless in ancient Indian culture has already perished. The extravagant and barbarous hecatombs of the Vedic age have long since been forgotten, though animal sacrifice continues in some sects. Widows have long ceased to be burnt on their husband's pyres. Girls may not by law be married in childhood. In buses and trains all over India Brahmins rub shoulders with the lowest castes without consciousness of grave pollution, and the temples are open to all by law.

- (c) Magnanimity and mercy were the noblest attributes of man. In the exercise of these high qualities, I could recover my prestige. At present, I was a ridiculous figure, a thing for laughter and derision. By being merciful I could reassert the moral dignity of man and go back to my corner with honour.

2. Select one of the following passages and answer the questions that follow :

(a) - The people I saw in India – those in the village as well as those in high office – have both pride and a lively sense of decency and citizenship. They also have a passion for independence. This beautiful child-born in squalor and poverty, uneducated in both grammar and manners – had given me a glimpse of the warm souled of India.

- (i) Which qualities of character does the writer find in the people of India ? 1
- (ii) How do you know that people in the country held self-respect in high esteem ? 1

(iii) How has the child been described in the passage? 1

(iv) What is the impression of the writer about India ? 1

(b) There is a famous verse which tells us, Samsara Visha Vrikshasya. In this imperfect world, Samsara, there are two fruits of inimitable quality. These are the study of our great classics and communion with great minds. These two are the things which mould men's minds and hearts. I am anxious that our great classics should be studied, the classics of all countries of which we are the inheritors. It is in a small dialogue in an Upanishad that a question is put : 'What constitutes the essence of good life ?' The teacher replies : 'Didn't you hear the answer ?' There was a thunderclap da da da. Immediately the teacher explained that these were the essence of good life – dama, dana, daya. They constitute the essentials of good life.

- (i) What are the two fruits of 'Samsara' ? 1
- (ii) Why should the classics be studied ? 1
- (iii) What did the teacher explain ? 1
- (iv) What constitutes the essence of good life ? 1

3. Answer two of the following questions in not more than 30 words each : $2 + 2 = 4$

- (a) How is smoking injurious to health according to J.D. Ratcliff?
- (b) Why did the refugee children descend like locusts on the writer?
- (c) What is the secret of good health?

4. Answer one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- (a) Describe A.G. Gardiner's experiences with his fellow-traveller.
- (b) What does the heritage of India consist of, according to A.L. Basham?

5. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences, selecting the most suitable words from those given within the brackets : $3 \times 1 = 3$

- (a) Passion is like a _____ storm which beats fiercely.
(wild, furious, mild, raging)
- (b) The average _____ labourer makes thirty cents a day or less than two dollars a week.
(diligent, trained, unskilled, aggressive)
- (c) One day the man cast his nets and _____ the horse.
(attacked, freed, tamed, captured)

Answer one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- (a) In what respect does Antonio show a weakness in his character?
- (b) Describe Portia's role as a lawyer.

Answer one of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- (a) What reasons does Shylock give for hating Antonio?
- (b) Give the mottoes written on the three caskets.

Answer one of the following questions in not more than 150 words : 5

- (a) Describe the psychology of childhood as it is presented in the story 'The Lost Child'.
- (b) How could the astrologer get rid of the fear he was troubled with?

Answer one of the following questions in not more than 30 words : 2

- (a) Why did Sanku steal the watch?
- (b) How did the wife react to her husband's imprisonment?

10. Explain with reference to the context two of the following extracts : 4 + 4 = 8

(a) His state is kingly :

Thousands at his bidding speed,
And post o'er land and ocean without rest;
They also serve who only stand and wait.

(b) I see a lily on thy brow,

With anguish moist and fever dew;
And on thy cheeks a fading rose,
Fast withereth too.

(c) Let eyes grow dim and heart grow faint

And friendship fail and love betray.
Let fate its hundred horrors send
And clotted darkness block the way.

11. Give the central idea of one of the following poems :

(a) Character of a Happy Life

(b) A Lament

(c) La Belle Dame Sans Merci

12. (a) Point out the figures of speech in two of the following : 1 + 1 = 2

(i) The snakes are hissing and the bees are buzzing.

(ii) Opportunity knocks at the door but once.

(iii) Belinda smiled and all the world was gay.

- (b) Define 'Metaphor' and give an example of it.

1 + 1 = 2