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ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

Heart ~~related~~ ailments are ~~increasing in India~~, just like diabetes and cancer. Heart problems lead to multiple other problems just endangering the life of the patient. Heart related disease is a progressive and chronic condition. Fatigue and breathlessness ~~may be~~ signals ~~and~~ ^{that} your heart ~~is not functioning as well as it should~~. There is a general tendency ~~for people to ignore~~ heart failure symptoms and attribute them to just getting older or heart burn of acidity. In case of heart related problems, ~~the~~ heart muscle becomes stiff, wherein the heart is unable to pump blood properly. This limits the amount of oxygen

and nutrients circulated to the vital organs of the body. As per international congestive heart failure study, the mean age of heart failure is 69 years which is around ten years younger than patients from western countries. A general feeling of tiredness or fatigue sets in, become easily tired and short of breath while doing normal activities. Fluid buildup in the lungs can result in coughing, wheezing and breathing difficulty. In order to keep heart healthy, reduce salt in take, avoid drinking alcohol and smoking, do moderate exercise and walking and maintain a healthy diet. 5+5=10

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The Persian language may be said to have entered Kashmir with the advent of Islam. It was in the reign of Zain-ul-Abidin that it acquired the status of court language. And Kashmir produced poets and writers in Persian whose beauty of style and depth of thought equalled that of the litterateurs of Persia. If that country is proud of its Firdausi, Hafiz, Rumi and Nazami, Kashmir is equally proud of its Ghani, Sarfi, Hubbi and Mujrim. Masters of Persian poetry and literature are of the opinion that no other poet in India has composed as beautiful poems in Persian as Ghani. The age of Ghani, who died in 1669, saw the bloom of Persian poetry in Kashmir, under its Mughal satraps, who were themselves of great literary eminence, and who encouraged poetry and fine arts. Persian found a second home in Kashmir.

Questions :

~~(i)~~ Name eminent Persian poets of Kashmir.

(ii) 'Satrap' means :

(A) a Governor in ancient Persia

~~(B)~~ a ruler in ancient Persia

(C) an army officer

(D) an administrator

(iii) When did Persian language enter Kashmir ?

(iv) Who was Zain-ul-Abidin ?

(v) Ghani, the famous poet of Persian died in

(Fill in the blank)

(vi) The word 'advent' is used as : (noun/~~verb~~/adjective/adverb)

(vii) Use the word 'status' in a sentence other than that in the passage.

(viii) What is the antonym of 'bloom' ?

(ix) Who encouraged poetry and fine arts in India ?

(x) "Acquire" means : (to[✓]get/to lose/to pass/to fail)

1×10=10

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are commercial head of a company. Draft a classified advertisement (not exceeding **50** words) for the post of Regional Manager for Srinagar region/circle).

Or

As a writer, you have been invited to inaugurate a book fair in your town. Draft a reply to the invitation to express your inability to attend the book fair. You are Rizwan Samson.

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4. Write a letter to the editor of a reputed newspaper, highlighting the issue of environmental pollution at various local picnic spots. (120–150 words).

Or

You are Vivek, the sports secretary of your school. Write a letter to National Prime Sports, Srinagar requesting them to supply their trade catalogue. Mention the items you would require and ask for a discount on the catalogue prices. (120–150 words).

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5. You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of office assistant in Godrej Soap Company, Srinagar. Write your job application and resume to the Chief Manager, G.S.C., applying for the advertised post. (120–150 words).

Or

- You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of Lecturer in Higher Secondary School, Srinagar. Write your job application and resume to the Principal, applying for the advertised post. (120–150 words).

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6. Covid-19 has checked the economic growth of India. Write an article on 'The effects of Covid-19 in 200–250 words'.

Or

- Regular habit of morning walk and exercise helps in maintaining good health and prevention of many ailments. Write a speech on the benefits of morning walk and exercise to be delivered on the morning assembly. (200–250 words).

7. Edit the following passage :

It is his Karam his destiny says Mukesh grandmother who have watched her own husband go blind with dust from polish the glass of bangles can a god given lineage ever be broken she implies Born in the caste of bangle maker they have seen nothing but bangles in the house in the yard in every other house every other yard every street in Firozabad.

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SECTION - C

(Literature)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

Out of their homes, but after the airport's

Security check, standing a few yards away.

I looked again at her, wan pale

as a late winter's moon and felt that old

familiar ache.

Questions :

- (i) Why are the young trees described as sprinting ?
- (ii) Why has the mother been compared to the 'Late Winter's moon' ?
- (iii) Name the poet/poetess.
- (iv) Who is standing a few yards away ?

- (b) Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments from the material he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together.

Questions :

- (i) Name the chapter and its writer.
- (ii) Why had he resorted to begging and thievery ?
- (iii) Of what material, did he make rattraps ?
- (iv) Why was his business not profitable ? 1×8=8

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions in **30–40** words each :

- (a) How, in your opinion, can Mukesh realise his dream ?
- (b) Why did the Peddler leave a Christmas gift for Edia ?
- (c) How was Gandhi able to influence lawyers ? Give two examples.
- (d) What does the poet want for the children of the slums ? Why ?

(e) In the poem 'keeping quiet', does the poet advocate total inactivity and death ?

(f) What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley ?

(g) Why is an adult's perspective on life different from that of a child's ?

5×2=10

10. Answer the following question in **120–150 words** :

The reader's sympathy is with the Peddler right from the beginning of the story. Why is this so ? Is the sympathy justified ?

Or

Why do celebrities find fault with an interview ?

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11. Answer the following question in **150–180 words** :

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?

Or

What happened at the Golden Lion Hotel ? (Evans Tries an O-level). 6