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ENGLISH

Time : Three hours 15 minutes]

[Max. Marks : 100

**Instructions :**

- (i) First 15 minutes are allotted to the candidates for reading the question paper.
- (ii) This question paper is divided into **four** sections - A, B, C, and D.
- (iii) All questions from all the sections are **compulsory**.
- (iv) Marks **are** indicated against each question.

**SECTION A**  
(Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

If we want success in any **undertaking**, we must work steadily to the end. No **undertaking** is attained without difficulties. Sheridan, a famous orator of England, **attempted to make a speech** in the Parliament but failed and sat down in great **discomfiture**. His friend told him that he could not be an orator. He replied, "**It is in me** and shall come out," and he **afterwards** succeeded in becoming a **persuasive orator** of his day. The late Earl of Beaconsfield also broke down in the **midst of his** maiden speech in the House of Commons. He sat down in the **midst of hisses** but he told the audience with some emotion, "**I have several times begun** many things and often succeeded at last. I shall sit down now, but the time **will come**, when you will hear me." These words **afterwards** proved to be prophetic. We should not, therefore, be discouraged by **disappointment** at the beginning of life.

- (a) What must be done if we want to succeed in any undertaking? 3
- (b) What did Sheridan do when he failed to make a speech in the Parliament? 3
- (c) What did Sheridan mean when he said that 'It is in me and shall come out'? 3
- (d) What do you learn from the passage? 3
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'embarrassment'? 1
- (ii) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'lazily'? 1
- (iii) What do you mean by the phrase 'proved to be prophetic'? 1

### SECTION B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any **one** of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10
- (a) Did India succeed in dealing with the Pandemic?
- (b) Role of Women in Modern India
- (c) Journalism and its work in a Democratic set-up
3. Write a letter to your younger brother warning him against some of his undesirable companions. 10

**OR**

Write an application to the Principal of your college requesting him to organize 'Annual Sports' in time.

### SECTION C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :
- (a) A selfish person who always thinks of himself is called :
- (i) druggist (ii) lyricist
- (iii) dramatist (iv) egoist
- (b) The phrase 'to hail from' means :
- (i) to greet (ii) to welcome
- (iii) to come from (iv) to appreciate
- (c) The synonym of 'derogatory' is :
- (i) inflammatory (ii) defamatory
- (iii) satisfactory (iv) supplementary

- (d) Unless you will not work hard, you will not succeed.  
Which word/part in the above sentence is an error ?  
(i) will not (ii) unless you  
(iii) work hard (iv) you will not succeed

- (e) The antonym of 'savage' is :  
(i) ideal (ii) humble  
(iii) simple (iv) civilized

5. (a) Change any **one** of the following into indirect narration : 2  
(i) Priya said to the teacher, "Sir, I could not do my work yesterday."  
(ii) "Can you tell me the way to the station ?" said the traveller to the old man.
- (b) Combine any **one** of the following as directed : 2  
(i) I will finish the work in time. I am sure. (Simple sentence)  
(ii) Some people die for a noble cause. They are honoured by everyone. (Complex sentence)
- (c) Transform any **one** of the following as directed : 2  
(i) Kolkata is the biggest city in India. (Comparative degree)  
(ii) No sooner did the train stop than I got down. (Affirmative sentence)
- (d) Correct any **one** of the following sentences : 2  
(i) His request of leave was not granted.  
(ii) These news have disturbed the peace of my mind.
- (e) Use any **one** of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : 2  
(i) stair - stare  
(ii) descent - dissent

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

एक बार एक चोर घर में घुस आया। उसे आँगन में एक कुत्ता मिला जो बड़ा स्वामिभक्त था। कुत्ते को चुप करने के लिए चोर ने गोश्त का एक टुकड़ा उसकी ओर फेंका। यह देखकर कुत्ते ने चोर से कहा, "तुम चाहते हो कि मैं भौंकना बन्द कर दूँ और तुम मेरे मालिक के जेवर और कपड़े चुरा ले जाओ। ऐसा कभी नहीं हो सकता। मैं ऐसा मूर्ख नहीं हूँ कि तुम्हारा फेंका हुआ गोश्त मैं खाने लगूँ। तुम इसी समय यहाँ से बाहर निकल जाओ। क्या तुमने मुझे भी बेइमान समझ लिया है ?"

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**SECTION D**  
**(Literature)**

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8  
(a) What did M. Hamel say about the French language ?  
**OR**  
Where is Seemapuri situated ?  
(b) What did Roosevelt say about the fear of death ?  
**OR**  
Why did the man selling rattraps resort to begging and petty thievery ?
8. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80 words : 7  
(a) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry.  
(b) The story 'The Rattrap' is both entertaining and philosophical. Discuss.
9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3×2=6  
Fishermen in the cold sea  
would not harm whales  
and the man gathering salt  
would look at his hurt hands.  
(a) What would the fishermen not do ?  
(b) What would the man gathering salt do ?  
(c) What moment is the poet talking of ?
10. Write the central idea of any **one** of the following poems : 4  
(a) An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum  
(b) A Thing of Beauty  
(c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers
11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8  
(a) What was the birthday gift that Maharaja spotted in a toyshop ?  
**OR**  
Who is Mr. Lamb ? How does Derry get into his garden ?  
(b) Why would none of the other little creatures like to play with Roger Skunk ?  
**OR**  
Why did Dr. Sadao's father send him to America ?
12. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 80 words : 7  
(a) When and how did Charley find Sam's letter ?  
(b) How is the study of Antarctica useful to us ?