

## Subject : ENGLISH (GENERAL) Set-A

Note : Attempt all questions.

### (PROSE)

1. (A) Choose the correct answer :

- (i) The name of the disease which hampered the completion of Panama Canal was :  
 (a) Malaria (b) Yellow fever  
 (c) Typhoid (d) Filaria
- (ii) The real name of Johnsy was :  
 (a) Sue (b) Johnny  
 (c) Joanna (d) Johny
- (iii) Velan had lost his parents, his wife and ..... children out of fourteen.  
 (a) eight (b) seven  
 (c) six (d) five
- (iv) Raja Ram Mohan Roy advocated :  
 (a) Economic reforms (b) Traditional reforms  
 (c) Cultural reforms (d) Social reforms
- (v) In 'Ideas that have helped Mankind' writing using alphabet could not be evolved in :  
 (a) India (b) Pakistan  
 (c) China (d) Japan

1. (B) Match the following correctly.

- | (A)                         | (B)                       |
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| (i) Jaganath Kundu          | Tight Corners             |
| (ii) Muhammad Shah          | Charming hostess          |
| (iii) 'And and Hammer fell' | 'Four essential Freedoms' |
| (iv) Mrs. Bandari           | Neighbour of Elias        |
| (v) Franklin D. Roosevelt   | Miser                     |

Note : Answer each of the following questions in about three sentences.

2. What qualities in a man does the task undertaken by Ross demand ?
3. What did Jaganath offer to give Nitai in the underground room ? What was the condition for it ?
4. How much wealth did Elias have by the end of thirty-five years ?
5. Why did everybody make fun of Velan ?
6. What is the difference between the first four and the fifth tight corners ?
7. What do you mean by human rights ?

### (POETRY)

8. What is the real end of life according to H. W. Longfellow ?
9. What is the colour of the cloth being woven at the break of day ? What is the occasion ?
10. What do friendly children grow up to, in the poem 'Middle Age' ?
11. Why was the scene of daffodils a jocund company for the poet ?

### (VOCABULARY)

12. Match the followign correctly (any five)

- | (A)           | (B)  |
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| (i) Fragments | A sweet red wine                           |
| (ii) Vampire  | A drink prepared by fermenting mare's milk |

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| (iii) Port     | Childhood    |
| (iv) Kumiss    | Blood sucker |
| (v) Astrologer | Pieces       |
| (vi) Guile     | Goreteller   |
| (vii) Infancy  | Cunning      |

13. (i) Write down the base words of the following (any two) :

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| (a) Completion   | (b) Glorious  |
| (c) Intellectual | (d) Memorable |

(ii) Give antonyms (any two) :

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| (a) Depart | (b) Reveal  |
| (c) Full   | (d) Justice |

(iii) Fill in the blanks with suitable words given in brackets :

The old man ..... out of the room with the ..... of Lilies in his hands. (stalks, stalked)

### (GRAMMAR)

14. Fill in the blanks of the following sentences with the suitable words given in the brackets (any five) :

- (i) I am used to ... at night. (work, worked, working)
- (ii) His friend died ... cholera. (to, from, of)
- (iii) I want a pencil. Have you ...? (some, any, much)
- (iv) If I had been the Prime Minister. I ... have rooted corruption. (can, would, should)
- (v) I live in Bhilai but my brother ... in Bhopal. (live, lives, living)
- (vi) Italy is ... European country. (a, an, the)
- (vii) It rained heavily. Only ... children came to school. (much, a few, a little)

15. Do as directed (any five) :

- (i) Every cloud has a silver lining. (Underline the determiner)
- (ii) The students did their homework in time. (Change into interrogative sentence)
- (iii) You know him. (Change the voice)
- (iv) The patient was too restless to sleep last night. (Rewrite the sentence using 'so ... that' in place of 'too...to')
- (v) You will not hurt him if it is not necessary. (Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')
- (vi) They found a ladder. It was dragged from its place. (Join the sentences to form a complex sentence with relative clause)
- (vii) He studies well. (Add question tag)

16. Do as directed (any five) :

- (i) Milk is the best food for children. (Change the adjective into positive degree without changing the meaning)
- (ii) Suresh said to his wife, "Did you give pocket money to your son?" (Change the narration)
- (iii) He had fever. He did not attend school. (Make a simple sentence)

ts.com ... him.... (write) a letter. (Make a causative sentence using 'made')

(v) No sooner did he fire the gun than the tiger sprang upon him.

(Rewrite using 'As soon as' in place of 'No sooner ... than')

(vi) The report that he has failed is incorrect.

(Pick out the subordinate clause)

(vii) He proved his innocence.

(Make a complex sentence using noun clause)

### (COMPOSITION)

17. Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words :

(i) Wonders of Science

(ii) The Problem of growing Population

(iii) Newspapers

(iv) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Clean India Mission)

(v) A Visit to a Historical Place

18. You are Nitesh/Nita, living at B-25, Civil lines, Durg. Write a letter to the Durg Municipal Commissioner complaining about the insanitary condition of your colony.

Or

You are Mohan/Mohini, living at M-20, Ramnagar Korba. Your friend Pratibha who lives at Torwa Naka Bilaspur has passed the Higher Secondary Examination with high percentage. Write a letter asking him/her about future plans.

### (COMPREHENSION)

19. Find errors in the sentences and rewrite them correctly (any five) :

(i) Mathematics are an interesting subject.

(ii) She took her bath everyday in the morning.

(iii) Children prefer TV, games than story books.

(iv) I am a teacher, isn't I ?

(v) Tell me the address of the boy that you want to meet.

(vi) The frog jumped in the well.

(vii) He has been ill since ten days.

20. Write a precis of the following passage and give a suitable title to it :

There are two kinds of books, good books and bad books. I am not to assume that you are not acquainted with his plain and simple fact, but I may remind you that it is becoming a very important consideration in our day. And we have to cast aside together the idea people have, that if they are reading any books they are doing rather better than nothing at all. I must earnestly call that idea to question; I even venture to deny that. It would be much safer, better for many a reader that he had no concern with books at all. There is number, a frightfully increasing number of books that are decidedly not useful at all. But an igneous reader will learn also that a certain number of books are written by a supremely noble kind of people, who are fit to occupy all your reading industry.

Or

Neither wealth nor rank will ensure happiness. Without love and charity and peace of mind you may be rich and great and powerful, but you cannot be happy. There is a Persian story that the great king being out of spirits consulted his magicians, and was told that happiness could be ensured by wearing the shirt of a perfectly happy man. The country was searched in vain. No such

man could be discovered. At last a labourer coming from his work was found to fulfil the condition; he was absolutely happy. But alas the remedy was far off as ever. The man had no shirt. Sir Walter Scott's last words to Lockhart on his death bed were. "Be virtuous—be religious—be a good man. Nothing else will be any comfort when you come to lie here."

21. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it:

Old Behrman was a painter who lived on the ground floor beneath them. He was past sixty and had a Michael Angelo's Moses beard curling down from the head of a satyr along the body of an imp. Behrman was a failure in art. Forty years he had wielded the brush without getting near enough to touch the hem of his Mistress's robe. He had been always about to paint a masterpiece, but had never yet begun it. For several years he had painted nothing except now and then a daub in the line of commerce of advertising. He earned a little by serving as a model to those young artists in the colony who could not pay the price of a professional. He drank gin to excess, and still talked of his coming masterpiece. For the rest he was a fierce little old man, who scoffed terribly at softness in anyone, and who regarded himself as especial mastiff-in-waiting to protect the young artists in the studio above.

Questions (any four) :

(i) Who was Behrman and where did he live ?

(ii) How did Behrman earn his livelihood ?

(iii) What was Behrman's wish ?

(iv) Was he a successful artist ?

(v) How old was Behrman ?

(vi) Find out the words from the passage and fill in the blanks correctly :

(a) .... a great Italian artist.

(b) .... a great leader of Israelites.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below it :

Some frogs who lived in a large pond wished to have a king to rule over them, but they could not decide which of them should be chosen. So, they asked Jupiter, the king of the Gods, to send them a king. Jupiter, saying, "This is your king", dropped a heavy log into the pool. In the course of time, the frogs got used to the log which only floated and did nothing. So, they requested Jupiter for a new exciting king. This time, Jupiter sent them a stork to rule over them and it was not long before the new king was moving about, among his subjects, gobbling up as many as he could catch. The frogs fled in terror to the bottom of the pool. They asked Jupiter to take away the cruel king. But, Jupiter refused to do so.

Questions (any four) :

(i) Where did the frogs live ?

(ii) Who was Jupiter ?

(iii) Why were the frogs not satisfied with the log as the king ?

(iv) Where did the frogs take refuge from the stork ?

(v) What did the frogs ask Jupiter ?

(vi) Give the synonym of the word 'subjects' with reference to the passage.