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Instructions :

- (1) Attempt all questions.
- (2) Read the instructions carefully.
- (3) Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.

SECTION – 'A'

(Reading)

- 1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it:

The need for money originates from the fact that different people in society produce different things. This means that they depend on each other for goods and services. Let us take the case of a farmer who produces more food than he requires and a carpenter who lives by selling tables and chairs that he had made. It will be obvious that unless some means of exchange is found, the farmer will not be able to get rid of his surplus food and the carpenter will starve! Clearly, the simplest means of exchange will be for them to use barter, in other words, to exchange a certain amount of goods (farmer's grain) for a certain amount of another (carpenter's tables or chairs).

Obviously, barter can work only in a very simple society. In an advanced society, we cannot go around carrying things in the hope that we can exchange them for the things we need.

Questions:

- (i) Make notes on the above passage in points. Use abbreviations wherever necessary. 3
- (ii) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

2 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

If you are addicted to coffee, and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it's not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.

Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer. But Sandra Wilson, a dietitian, said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilised in body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the food and beverages studies, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Wilson said. Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease according to some recently published studies. The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pain.

Questions:

1×10=10

- (i) _____ is an important source of antioxidants in American diet.
- (a) Tea (b) Coffee
(c) Milk (d) Chocolate
- (ii) The word which means the same as 'nervous' is:
- (a) alert (b) awake
(c) moderate (d) anxious
- (iii) According to dietitian Sandra Wilson the benefits of coffee ultimately depend on:
- (a) how it is relished.
(b) how they are absorbed and utilised in the body.
(c) how they are served and consumed.
(d) whether it keeps us alert and awake.
- (iv) Coffee provides a large number of health benefits including protection against:
- (a) liver and colon cancer (b) type 2 diabetes
(c) Parkinson's disease (d) all of these
- (v) _____ have the most antioxidants among all the food and beverages.
- (a) Dates (b) Cranberries
(c) Tea and milk (d) Coffee
- (vi) Which of the following is the primary source of antioxidants?
- (a) Java (b) Fruits
(c) Vegetables (d) Water
- (vii) Which among the following is the result of consumption of coffee in excess?
- (a) helps in inhaling.
(b) doesn't call the utter need to quit it.
(c) provides the richest source of maximum antioxidants.
(d) will make one feel jittery and cause stomach pain.
- (viii) What does the author mean when he uses the word 'absorbed'?
- (a) solely (b) immersed
(c) utilised (d) potential
- (ix) Which word conveys the antonym of 'sober'?
- (a) Decaf (b) Quit
(c) Addicted (d) Primary
- (x) The word _____ is an antonym of 'inattentive'.
- (a) attentive (b) potential
(c) awake (d) linked

SECTION – 'B'

(Writing)

- 3 You have lost your black coloured bag containing important documents in the public bus in Indore. Draft a lost titled advertisement to be published in a local newspaper. You are Pratibha Pal, a student. 4

OR

You are Sharda Raj, a Science teacher at Govt. M.L.B. School, Guna. Draft a notice to inform the students of 12th Science group about their Final Practical.

- 4 Write a letter to the Collector of your district requesting him to impose a ban on use of loudspeaker till late night as your board exams are overhead. You are Priya Batra, residing at 17, Ekta Colony, Indore. 4

OR

You are Damini, residing at 46, Vardhman Colony, Bhind. Write a letter to your friend Seema inviting her to attend your brother's marriage.

- 5 Write a paragraph (in 120 words) on any one of the following: 4
- (i) The Importance of English
 - (ii) India : A Rapidly Growing Economy
 - (iii) The Harmful Effects of Junk Food
 - (iv) The Earth : An Ailing Planet

OR

Write a report on 'A Visit to Hospital' in not more than 150 words using the following inputs:

registration counter, long queue, doctor's room, surgical ward, nurses take care, general ward, my cousin, flowers, wished fast recovery

SECTION - 'C'

(Grammar)

6 Do as directed: (any five)

1×5=5

- (i) This question is very difficult. We cannot answer it.
(Join the sentences using too..... to)
- (ii) You have written a very good answer.
(Change the voice)
- (iii) As soon as the teacher entered the class, the students sat quietly.
(Rewrite the sentence using No sooner than)
- (iv) If I get my salary, I will buy a car.
(Rewrite the sentence replacing if with unless)
- (v) He cut his finger with a knife.
(Change into negative)
- (vi) The girl is in red dress. The girl is my sister.
(Join the sentences using 'who')
- (vii) I don't like going to market. The market is very crowded.
(Join the sentences using 'as')

7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct option: (any five)

1×5=5

- (i) Garima and Dharam _____ went to watch movie.
(both, all, whole, nor)
- (ii) Swati _____ speak English, Hindi and French perfectly.
(can, may, dare, need)
- (iii) I do not have _____ good book at home.
(any, some, few, little)
- (iv) The frog jumped _____ the well.
(in, into, on, upon)
- (v) They _____ cricket since morning.
(played, play, playing, have been playing)
- (vi) My home is just in front _____ children's park.
(by, of, on, with)
- (vii) John is _____ honest worker.
(a, an, the, no article)

SECTION – 'D'
(Literature)

- 8 (A) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below:

3×1=3

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

Questions:

- (i) Which among the following is the poet of the above extract?
(a) Kamala Das (b) Pablo Neruda
(c) John Keats (d) Robert Frost
- (ii) What is the effect of this 'immortal drink' on us?
(a) gives death (b) gives immense joy and pleasure
(c) gives wealth (d) gives power
- (iii) What is the meaning of 'Grandeur' in the stanza?
(a) charity (b) magnificence
(c) loyalty (d) fame

- (B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow it: <https://www.mpboardnotes.com>

4×1=4

To make sure, I walked over to a news boy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was The World; and The World hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public Library Files, and it was printed June 11, 1894:

Questions:

- (i) From which lesson has the extract been taken?
(a) The Enemy (b) The Tiger King
(c) The Third Level (d) On the Face of it
- (ii) 'The World' mentioned in the extract is
(a) a globe (b) a novel
(c) a newspaper (d) an aviation agency
- (iii) According to the passage, Mr. Cleveland was the President in-
(a) 1894 (b) 2018
(c) 2024 (d) 1994
- (iv) Which among the following gives the similar meaning of 'glance'?
(a) a casual look (b) overlook
(c) stare (d) a fixed look

- 9 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: $1 \times 5 = 5$

After months of knowing him, I ask him his name. "Saheb-e-Alam", he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning - lord of the universe - he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon.

Questions:

- (i) What is the meaning of 'Saheb-e-Alam'?
- (a) King of India (b) Lord of the universe
(c) Saheb in office (d) Saheb of army
- (ii) Why does the writer use the metaphor of 'an army of barefoot boys' to describe Saheb and his friends?
- (a) to show their strength and courage.
(b) to show their discipline and order.
(c) to show their large number and uniformity.
(d) to show their loyalty.
- (iii) Identify the word from the extract that means the same as 'wander'.
- (a) know (b) roam
(c) appear (d) recognize
- (iv) The phrase 'he does not know what it means' suggests that Saheb is _____ of his own identity.
- (a) well known (b) unaware
(c) happy (d) concerned
- (v) Who is the writer of the above extract?
- (a) Anees Jung (b) Alphonse Daudet
(c) Louis Fischer (d) Asokamitran

- 10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each: (any five) $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) What difference did Franz observe about the school that day?
(ii) What hazards do people face working in the glass bangles industry?
(iii) Did the instructor 'build a swimmer' out of Douglas? If yes, how?
(iv) The crofter showed hospitality towards the peddler. Why?
(v) What is the reason behind the servants considering Gandhi to be another peasant?
(vi) Who was the Boss of Gemini Studios?
(vii) Which was the only occasion when Sophie got to see Danny Casey in person?

- 11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each: (any three) $3 \times 2 = 6$
- The young trees are described as sprinting in the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six'. Why?
 - What will counting up to twelve and keeping still help us achieve?
 - What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings?
 - What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?
- 12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each: (any two) $2 \times 2 = 4$
- Why was the third level a medium of escape for Charley?
 - What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?
 - What draws Derry towards Mr. Lamb?
- 13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words each: (any two) $2 \times 3 = 6$
- How does the author describe the incongruity of an English poet addressing the audience at Gemini Studios?
 - "Freedom is more important than legal justice for the poor" explain this statement with reference to the lesson 'Indigo'.
 - How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament?
- 14 Answer the following questions in about 75 words each: (any one) 3
- Why did Aunt Jennifer create animals that are so different from her own character? What might the poet be suggesting through this difference?
 - What does the line, "Therefore are we wreathing a flowery band to bind us to earth" suggest to you?
- 15 Answer the following questions in 75 words each: (any one) 3
- There are moments in life when we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and as citizens with a sense of national loyalty. Discuss with reference to the story 'The Enemy'.
 - "Take care of the small things and the big things will take care of themselves." What is the relevance of this statement in the context of the Antarctic environment?

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