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Part I  
ENGLISH  
Paper I  
(First Language)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

SECTION A

1. Annotate ANY TWO of the following in about 10 to 15 lines each :

2×4=8

- (a) Life was full of fun and joy. I didn't know what helplessness or injustice meant.
- (b) If you want to make us stronger, attack and we unite.
- (c) All in all, it is easier to be a Prime Minister of a Coalition Government, than it is to be wicket-keeper of India.
- (d) With the six hats, instead of confrontation there is supportive scrutiny of an issue, which is useful where there are fierce arguments, bickering or obstinacy.

2. Annotate ANY TWO of the following in about 10 to 15 lines each :

2×4=8

- (a) So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,  
Go throw your TV set away,  
And in its place you can install  
A lovely bookshelf on the wall.
- (b) We do it differently  
In this dark continent
- (c) For that which you love most in him may be clearer in his absence,  
as the mountain to the climber from the plain.
- (d) I serve the gods of beauty  
Look at the gossamer webs  
I weave they float in the sun  
Like filaments of song.

3. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 10 to 15 lines each : 2×4=8
- (a) How does human intelligence differ from robotic or computer intelligence ?
  - (b) The play "Refund" is a satire on the modern education system, which doesn't prepare students for life. Discuss.
  - (c) "Most complex problems do have a solution." Explain how the girl in the story used lateral thinking to come up with a solution for her problem.
  - (d) Sudha Murthy was extremely determined and resolute. Justify this statement.
4. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 10 to 15 lines each : 2×4=8
- (a) Does the poet approve of celebrating Mother's Day ? Explain.
  - (b) "A true friend is someone who thinks that you are a good egg even though he knows that you are slightly cracked." said Bernard Meltzer. List all the qualities of a true friend should have, according to Kahlil Gibran.
  - (c) Describe how children spent their leisure time in the past and how they spend it now.
  - (d) "Home is the best school and parents are the first and best teachers." However, there are instances when parents can learn lessons from the child. Describe how Wordsworth illustrates this in his poem "Anecdote for Fathers".
5. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 25 to 30 lines each : 1×8=8
- (a) Is the Nightingale's sacrifice in vain ? Give reasons to support your answer.
  - (b) Did Bob and Wells value their friendship ? How do you know ?
  - (c) Datta found a solution for his problem. Did it really work for him ? Justify your answer.

#### SECTION B

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5×1=5
- If there is a rival for Ooty's title of 'Queen of Hill Stations', it is Kodaikanal. Kodaikanal is situated at an elevation of 2,225 m on the southern crest of the Palani Hills, about 120 km northwest of Madurai city.

Its main attraction is magnificent star-shaped lake that was created by Sir Vere Henry Levinger in 1863 when he was Collector of Madurai. Sir Vere constructed the bund that forms the lake and also stocked the lake with fish. He brought the first boat from Tuticorin in 1890 and formed the boat club. At that time only members could avail of the boating facilities. In 1910 a new boat house was constructed and not long afterwards the boat service was thrown open to the public. Bear Shoal Falls is 1.6 km away from the lake and can be reached through a picturesquely rugged hill path. Coaker's walk, first identified by Fr. Coaker in 1872, offers a spectacular view of the surrounding hills.

- (1) Which of the following about Kodaikanal is *not* true ?
  - (a) It is 120 km northwest of Madurai city.
  - (b) It is called the 'Queen of Hill Stations'.
  - (c) It is on the Palani Hills.
- (2) Find the word from the passage that means the same as the word 'discovered' ?
- (3) Find a word in the passage which means the opposite word 'bottom' or 'base' ?
- (4) How many attractions does the passage talk about ?
  - (a) 1
  - (b) 4
  - (c) 3
- (5) What is the adjectival form of the word 'elevation' ?

7. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5×1=5

The air was filled with the cries of survivors searching for loved ones and the moans of people in pain. A father frantically called for his missing children. Over and over, the man called out their names but received no answer. People appeared from every direction, many covered in blood. Others lay where the tsunami had left them, too injured to do more than moan. Simmonds and other survivors set up a makeshift hospital on the upper floors of the Cabana Hotel. Using scraps of clothing, sheets and whatever else they could find, they bandaged those who could walk.

- (1) What did the survivors do ?
- (2) Where was the makeshift hospital set up ?
- (3) What were the bandages made of ?
- (4) Name the natural calamity mentioned in the passage.
- (5) Write the noun form of 'injured'.

### SECTION C

**Note :-** The answers to this section should be written at one place in the answer book separately. The entire section should be answered in one stretch and not mixed with other sections.

8. Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the' : 6×½=3
- (a) This is ..... humble beginning.
  - (b) Kalidas is ..... Shakespeare of India.
  - (c) It is ..... S.B.I. card.
  - (d) He is playing ..... tabla.
  - (e) We will leave after ..... hour.
  - (f) What ..... unique idea !
9. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions : 6×½=3
- (a) Which city do you live ..... ?
  - (b) The office is open ..... 10 A.M. and 5 P.M.
  - (c) Shoba has been ill ..... Monday.
  - (d) He is married ..... my cousin.
  - (e) ..... being fined, he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment.
  - (f) That is the bus he was waiting .....
10. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 5×1=5
- (a) A thing of beauty ..... (be) joy forever.
  - (b) Rajiv ..... (leave) for Bangalore yesterday.
  - (c) The boy ..... (play) football since four o'clock.
  - (d) He ..... (drink) tea every morning.
  - (e) They ..... (watch) the programme now.
11. Rewrite the sentences as directed : 5×1=5
- (a) The teacher was teaching the children.  
(Begin with 'The children')
  - (b) Vasanta says, "I have passed the exam".  
(Change into indirect speech)
  - (c) Very few cities in India are as big as Mumbai.  
(Change into Superlative Degree)
  - (d) I have some duties. I must perform them.  
(Combine the sentences using to + infinitive)
  - (e) They declared the results. (Add a question tag)

12. Rewrite the following sentences correcting the underlined part :  $5 \times 1 = 5$
- Neither Usha nor Sudha took their food.
  - The pollution in Hyderabad is worse than Delhi.
  - Measles have broken out in our area.
  - I prayed God for help.
  - He is more superior to me.

13. Supply the missing letters in the following words :  $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$
- Im-g-ne
  - H-ro-s
  - Gr-d-al
  - P-n-c
  - C-ums-
  - F-m-ng

14. Identify the silent consonants/letters in the following words :  $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$
- Mock
  - Amoeba
  - Fruit
  - Saturday
  - Yawn
  - Guard.

15. Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words :  $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$
- The sea is very stormy.
  - When you are called, you must come in at once.
  - He often makes mistakes.
  - I will teach him a lesson.
  - Let us go up the hill.
  - I consider the man trustworthy.

16. Match the words in Column 'A' with their meanings/definitions in Column 'B' :  $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(1) Deities	(a) a short nap after the midday meal
(2) Slouching	(b) highest point
(3) Laconic	(c) a low, heavy continuous sound
(4) Spurious	(d) using few words
(5) Siesta	(e) walking with a drooping posture
(6) Rumble	(f) false, not genuine
	(g) irritating
	(h) gods

17. Convert the given information into a pie-chart : 1×5=5  
In a college there are 250 girl students. 40% of the students are 15 years old. 35% of the students are 16 years old. Whereas another 15% are in the 17 year old bracket. The remaining 10% are above 17 years.

Or

Write a paragraph conveying the information given in the following table :

No. of runs scored by four batsmen in the inter-college cricket tournament in the last three years.

Name of the cricketer	2009	2008	2007
Yadanna	1076	734	989
Ajay	1054	923	875
Ketan	1155	1032	764
Samson	654	765	1055

18. Read the following transcriptions and write ANY FIVE words in ordinary spellings : 5×1=5

For example : /deɪ/ = day.

- (1) /medɪsm/
- (2) /feɪməs/
- (3) /peɪl/
- (4) /ɪntəvjuː/
- (5) /dʌbl/
- (6) /luːm/
- (7) /kəmputə(r)/
- (8) /məːv/
- (9) /θɪŋk/
- (10) /edʒukeɪsm/

Or

Find the word that is different from the other words in the group with regard to the sound of the underlined letter/letters :

- (1) Blood      Flood      Food
- (2) Teak      Fear      Speak
- (3) Size      Easy      Escape
- (4) Suggest      Baggage      Luggage
- (5) Hair      Half      Honest

19. Write the number of syllables for ANY SIX of the following words :

6×½=3

- (1) Prepare
- (2) Corporation
- (3) Quick
- (4) Eighteen
- (5) Utter
- (6) Antiquity
- (7) Peer
- (8) Relentless
- (9) Catch
- (10) Apple.

20. Complete the following dialogue :

4×1=4

- Mohit : Hey Rohit, the inter results are out.  
Rohit : Yes, I know. Did ..... ?  
Mohit : Yes, I did well, I got 88%. What about you ?  
Rohit : Well, I got 75% only. I didn't .....  
Mohit : Yes, Maths I-B was tough.  
Rohit : Anyway, I'm going to ..... in May.  
Mohit : Yes, try to improve your marks. All the best.  
Rohit : .....