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Instructions :

- 1) Write in clear and legible handwriting.
- 2) This question paper contains FIVE sections. All questions from each section are compulsory.
- 3) Maintain the sequence of the questions.
- 4) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

SECTION - A

[Textual Prose]

■ Choose the correct answer and rewrite the complete sentence : [3]

- 1) The villagers sitting beside the snake charmer's body____
 - (a) heard him complaining of pain.
 - (b) heard him muttering something in a semi-conscious state.
 - (c) heard him asking for forgiveness.
- 2) The best way to combat HIV is _____.
 - (a) to develop an anti HIV vaccine.
 - (b) to use disposable needles and syringes.
 - (c) to avoid intimacy with an infected person.

- 3) Environmentalists are of the opinion that plastics _____
- (a) can be only re-cycled.
 - (b) can be only banned.
 - (c) can be only down-cycled.

■ **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :**

[5]

Deepak had been reading a lot of detective novels. Day and night he would ask for money to go to the movies. How could she refuse? Would it have been proper to disappoint a child? Was it the influence of all those things? He was the youngest and everyone's darling. You could not even scold him except occasionally. She had thought children tended to be indolent and self-willed during the summer holidays. Once the holidays were over he would again take interest in his studies, and everything would be fine. He had come to his aunt only to play and have fun.

- 4) What according to Sandhya had influenced Deepak?
- 5) What was not proper according to Sandhya?
- 6) Why was Deepak everyone's darling?
- 7) What change did Sandhya expect after the holidays?
- 8) Why had Deepak come to his aunt's house?

■ **Answer the following questions in 6-7 sentences :**

[12]

- 9) Is it advisable to be evasive in your replies? Why?

- 10) What were the dangers that Sher Singh was afraid of on the way to Kalaghat?
- 11) What are the differences in the characteristics of Mrs. Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald?
- 12) Why was the diamond maker unable to sell his diamonds?

SECTION - B

[Textual Poetry and Supplementary]

- Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given below :

[2]

With heavy sighs I often hear,
You mourn my hapless woe,
But sure with patience I can bear
A loss I ne'er can know.

- 13) What does the blind boy often hear?
- 14) What is it that he can bear?

- Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions given below :

[3]

O hushed October morning mild,
Begin the hours of this day slow.
Make the day seem to us less brief

Hearts not averse to being beguiled,

Beguile us in the way you know.

Release one leaf at break of day,

At noon release another leaf,

One from our trees, one far away.

- 15) Why is the word 'hushed' used to describe an October morning?
- 16) What is the poet not against?
- 17) Why does the poet want one leaf to be released at day-break and another at noon?

■ Answer the following questions in 4-5 sentences each :

[6]

- 18) Why do you think Alexander Pope's happy man would be healthy?
- 19) What does the Tomcat do at midnight?
- 20) Why does Tagore say that finery is an obstacle to a child?

■ Answer the following questions in 7-8 sentences each :

[9]

- 21) Why did the youth not return home?
- 22) 'Romance at short notice was Vera's speciality'. Explain.
- 23) What reasons prompted Sudheer to take a big flat in Bhabanipore?

SECTION - C

[Grammar]

■ Use the appropriate form of the words given in the brackets and rewrite the sentences :

[5]

- 24) The _____ of the cold wind made the old man shiver.
[severe]
- 25) I think the rent is _____ to me. I'll take it.
[accept]
- 26) Indians must mind the _____ of English words.
[pronounce]
- 27) The battalion was _____ at Torkham.
[station]
- 28) As the flow was not _____ we could walk across.
[torrent]
- 29) He _____ himself to his neighbours with his charming ways.
[dear]
- 30) The old man behaved _____
[child]
- 31) Could you show me the original fee _____ ?
[receive]
- 32) It was after a lot of _____ that Esther rebuilt her ranch.
[strive]
- 33) The _____ of happiness is man's goal in life.
[pursue]

- Rewrite the given sentences selecting the appropriate meaning of the idioms :

[3]

- 34) Sudheer happened to run into him near the gate.
[to meet by chance, to follow, to chase]
- 35) He made a crack about her new hairdo.
[insulted, scolded, joked]
- 36) The farmers of Norwood were at their wits end with scare
crows disappearing.
[confused, committing suicide, stopped farming]

- Rewrite the following into indirect form of narration :

[4]

- 37) "When did you come, Rahman?" I asked him.
"Last evening", he replied, "I was released from jail".
"There are ceremonies going on", I said, "and I am busy.
Perhaps you could come another day."
"May I not see the little one, sir, for a moment?"

- Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

[8]

- 38) I was quite mad to take this solitary walk.
[make it exclamatory]
- 39) Suddenly he hesitated.
[begin with : It.....]

- 40) I was given a cubicle to myself.
[change the voice]
- 41) Lamps are the things to hang around, _____ ?
[add a question tag]
- 42) Grapevine is a very efficient mode of communication.
[make it interrogative]
- 43) She distributed 'prasad' when she returned from Australia.
[rewrite using 'no sooner than']
- 44) There was a lump in her throat, but no tears fell.
[rewrite using 'though']
- 45) It's your only chance.
[make it negative]

SECTION - D

[Reading Comprehension]

■ Read the following extract and answer the questions given below : [5]

She sends no letters and no one calls,
And doesn't go whispering beyond her walls;
Nothing in her garden is secret, I think –
That's all sun-bright with foxglove and pink,
And she doesn't hover round old cupboards and shelves
As old people do who have buried themselves;

She has no late lamps, and digs all day
And polishes and plants in a common way,
But glum she is, and she listens now and then
For a footfall, a footfall, a footfall again,
And whether it's hope, or whether it's dread,
Or a poor old fancy in her head,
I shall never be told; it shall never be said.

- 46) What kind of life does the woman in the poem lead?
- 47) What does the poet say about her garden?
- 48) How does she keep herself busy?
- 49) What will the poet never know?
- 50) Which line tells us that the woman has no late nights?

■ Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

[5]

I sing the praise of the unknown teacher. Great generals win campaigns, but it is the unknown soldier who wins the war. Famous educators plan new systems, but it is the unknown teacher who delivers and guides the youth. He lives in obscurity and contends with hardships. For him no trumpets blow, no chariots wait. He keeps the watch along the borders of darkness and makes the attack on the trenches of ignorance and folly. He quickens the indolent, encourages the eager and steadies the unstable. He lights

many candles which in later years of their lives shine back to cheer him. This is his reward. Knowledge may be gained from books, but the love of knowledge is transmitted only by personal contact. No one has served better the society than the unknown teacher. No one is more worthy to be enrolled as a 'king of himself and a servant of mankind'.

- 51) Who is it that wins the war?
- 52) Why is the teacher called 'unknown'?
- 53) How does the teacher serve the society?
- 54) What can be transmitted only by personal contact?
- 55) What is the teacher's reward?

■ Read the following passage carefully and make a precis reducing it to one-third ($\frac{1}{3}$) of its size. Give a suitable title :

[5]

- 56) When Napoleon with his army of invasion lay at Boulogne, an English sailor, who had been captured, tried to escape in a little raft which he had patched together with bits of wood and bark of a tree. Hearing of his attempts, Napoleon ordered him to be brought into his presence and asked if he really meant to cross the English channel in such a crazy contrivance. "Yes, and if you let me, I am still willing to try". "You must have a sweetheart whom you are so anxious to visit". "No", said the young soldier,

“I only wish to see my mother who is old and sick”. “And you shall see her”, was the reply, “and take to her this money from me for she must be a good mother who has such an affectionate son.” And orders were given to send the sailor with a flag on board a British warship which came near enough.

(156 words approx)

- 57) Draft an advertisement to be published in “The Sandesh”, a local daily newspaper in the column “For sale” of your “Honda City car.”

[5]

SECTION - E

(Writing)

- 58) In the last fifteen days more than twenty-five people from your city were bitten by stray dogs. Write a report for the local newspaper about the menace of stray dogs. Do suggest methods of prevention.

[5]

- 59) A family member of yours was recently admitted to a Municipal Hospital. You have seen the lack of cleanliness and poor maintenance there. You are Ronak / Safina. 59, Saraswati Park, Dani Limda, Ahmedabad. Write a letter of complaint to the Health Officer, Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation, Ahmedabad.

[7]

OR

You are Akash / Apeksha, 55, Madhuvan Co-op. Society, Sardargunj, Anand. Write an application to the Director of Education, Baroda City for the post of Mathematics Teacher giving complete bio-data.

60) Write an essay on any 'one' of the following topics in about 250 words :

[8]

- (a) Are we ignoring other games in the craze for cricket? Games hockey, football — lacking proper sponsors — no government will or support — promotion of cricket in media.

OR

- (b) My last day at school.

Your feelings — parting from friends, teachers — speeches — principal's advice — blessings — hope for the future.

