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Note : (i) This question paper is divided into three Sections :

- Section A : Reading Comprehension
- Section B : Writing Skills
- Section C : Literature Textbook

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

[SECTION-A]

[Reading Comprehension]

- Q.1** Read the passage given below and on the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the questions :

Gandhi without realizing it had found the secret of success. He began to look on every difficulty as an opportunity for services, a challenge which could draw out of him greater and greater resources of intelligence and imagination. In turning his back on personal profit or prestige in his work, he found he had won the trust and even love of White and Indian South Africans alike. More and more people from his own community began to entrust their legal work to him, and to depend on him whenever they needed help. In a few years he was a successful lawyer with an income of about twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars a year, and a dignified, westernised lifestyle of living appropriate to his station.

Satisfied for the time being, Gandhi² returned to India to bring Kasturba Bai and their two sons back to their new home. Painfully they adjusted to the tortures of alien clothes and artificial manners. At first they objected bitterly, but Gandhi was unyielding. It was essential to look 'civilized' that is, European. That was the price of success, and all of them had to pay for it. Kasturba Bai could not have been entirely dissatisfied. At twenty-seven,

her husband was on the crest of the wave of fortune; everything they could want seemed at last within their grasp. He had reached the stage where most youngmen's experimentation comes.

But the political and social repression of all Indians in South Africa, and especially the desperate condition of those who come as labourers on system equivalent to legalised slavery, had made a deep impression on Gandhi. One of those men, who had been beaten severely by his employer, came to Gandhi for help, and through him Gandhi came to know about their families and how they lived. Gradually he began to forget about himself in trying to find time and resources to alleviate the suffering of these people. They were his brothers and sisters; he identified them more and more every day. Their suffering became his suffering.

When the black plague broke out in the squalid Indian ghetto of Johannesburg, the sick and dying were taken to an abandoned, quarantined building where a heroic English nurse spent long hours alone caring for them. Many years later she related that in the evening at the height of the epidemic a small figure appeared at the door. She shouted a warning : "Get out! This is plague." But the man quietly replied, "Its all right. I've come to help you."

She recognised him as a leader of the Indian Community and let him in. He went straight to the sick. As she saw him bend over a dying man covered with vermin, she said, "Leave him : I am used to it." But Gandhi attended the man himself and whispered back : "He is my brother." And he stayed throughout the night until relief came.

Questions :

[A] Choose the appropriate option :

[1×5=5]

(i) Gandhi found the secret of success is _____.

- (a) personal profit
- (b) prestige in his work
- (c) in every difficulty as an opportunity
- (d) in turning his back on personal profit or prestige in his work

(ii) Kasturba Bai _____.

- (a) was happy dressing in alien clothes
- (b) did not agree to dress alien clothes
- (c) initially resisted to wear alien clothes and adopt artificial manners
- (d) could not adjust to alien clothes and artificial manner.

(iii) Gandhi identified with _____.

- (a) the Europeans
- (b) his family
- (c) the labourers who came from India
- (d) their family

- (iv) The nurse was looking after _____.
- (a) plague patients
 - (b) patients with infectious disease
 - (c) sick and dying Indians
 - (d) Indian labourers suffering from black plague
- (v) The man was dying due to _____.
- (a) vermin
 - (b) black plague
 - (c) ill treatment
 - (d) squalid living conditions

[B] Answer the following questions :

[1×3=3]

- (i) How did Gandhi win the trust and love of White and Indian South Africans alike?
- (ii) Why did Gandhi return to India?
- (iii) What was the annual income of Gandhi as a lawyer?

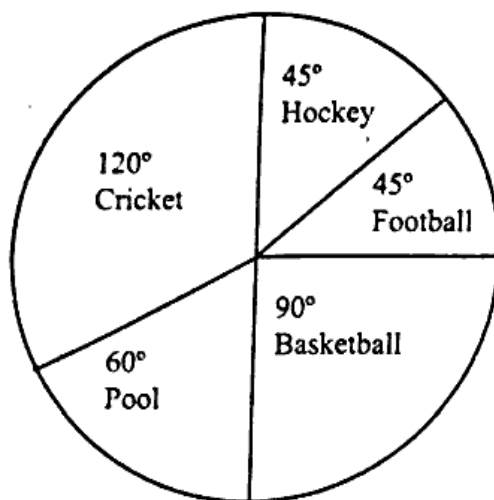
[C] Find the words in the passage similar meaning as :

[1×2=2]

- (i) Sealed off
- (ii) Fortune

[6]

- Q.2** The pie chart shows the sports liked by 360 students of a school.



Look at the pie chart and answer the questions :

[1×4=4]

- (i) How many sports are played by students?
- (ii) Which sport is liked by the maximum number of students?
- (iii) How many degrees represent Basketball in the pie chart?
- (iv) What is the total number of students who either like Pool or Hockey?

- Q.3** Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below :

Cholesterol is a waxy substance that is present in our body. It's an important component of our cell walls and

other tissues, but it is thought to be harmful if in excess. It can lead to blockages caused by plaque formation in the heart's arteries, causing heart disease and heart attacks. Such blockages can also happen in arteries in the legs or in the brain. Cholesterol is produced in the liver, and the amount produced is influenced by our genes. The food we consume too has an effect on cholesterol levels. Fatty foods, especially those high in saturated fats, and foods high in simple sugars such as cold drinks increase cholesterol levels. Lack of physical activity and exercise also leads to elevated levels.

We can reduce cholesterol levels by following a heart-healthy lifestyle, which includes regular physical activity for at least 30 minutes daily and a diet high in fruits and vegetables and low in saturated sugar. Statins are the group of drugs most recommended for those with high cholesterol. Red yeast rice has been shown to be effective in lowering cholesterol, include garlic and flaxseed in your daily diet. Olive oil, canola oil or other oils rich in mono-unsaturated fatty acids can be used for cooking in order to reduce cholesterol through food.

The ill effects of high cholesterol take time to show, and you may not realise it until it's a bit too late. Cholesterol, by itself is important because it insulates nerve cells and membranes. Being a fatty substance, it does not dissolve in the blood and is packaged into protein. There are 'good' HDL cholesterol and 'bad' LDL cholesterol. Bad cholesterol can stick to smooth lining of the blood vessels, where it is absorbed, while HDL mops up excess bad cholesterol and removes it from blood vessels. Even moderate physical activity can help increase HDL cholesterol.

Exercise five days a week, whether you are overweight or under-weight. Aerobic exercises like walking, cycling, swimming, slow jogging, dancing, etc. for 45 minutes, three times a week and anaerobic exercise like weight training and sprinting, for another three days will help increase good and reduce bad cholesterol. In order to maximize your cardiovascular fitness, aerobic exercises should raise your heart rate to a certain level. This level is called your target heart zone. Keep your heart rate elevated for at least 20 minutes. Always warm up, stretch, and cool down-relax before and after any workout to avoid injuries. All these contribute to a healthier and fitter life.

Question :

[4]

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations and a format you consider suitable.

Q.4 Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below :

It is surprising that sometimes we don't listen to what people say to us. We hear them, but we don't listen to them. I was curious to know how hearing is different from listening. I had thought both were synonyms, but gradually, I realised there is a big difference between the two words.

Hearing is a physical phenomenon. Whenever somebody speaks, the sound waves generated reach you, and you definitely hear whatever is said to you. However, even if, you hear something it doesn't always mean that you actually understand whatever is being said. Paying attention to whatever you hear means you are really listening. Consciously using your mind to understand whatever is being said is listening.

Diving deeper, I found that listening is not only hearing with attention, but our minds are full of needless chatter and there does not seem to be enough space to accommodate what is being spoken.

We come with a lot of prejudices and preconceived notions about the speaker or the subject on which he is talking. We pretend to listen to the speaker, but deep inside, we sit in judgement and are dying to pronounce right or wrong, true or false, yes or no. Sometimes we even come prepared with a negative mindset of proving the speaker wrong. Even if the speaker says nothing harmful, we are ready to pounce on him with our own version of things.

What we should ideally do is listen first with full awareness. Once, we have done that, we can decide whether we want to make a judgement or not. Once we do that, communication will be perfect and our interpersonal relationship will become so much better. Listening well doesn't mean one has to say the right thing at the right moment. In fact, sometimes if words are left unspoken, there is a feeling of tension and negativity. Therefore, it is better to speak out your mind, but do so with awareness after listening to the speaker with full concentration.

Let's look at this in another way. When you really listen, you imbibe not only what is being spoken, but you also understand what is not spoken as well. Most of the time we don't really listen even to people who really

matter to us. That's how misunderstandings grow among families, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters.

Question :

Write a summary in about 50 words and give a suitable title.

[3]

[SECTION-B]

[Writing Skills]

- Q.5** You are Manohar, living in Basant Nagar, Raipur. You have lost your bike in front of the LIC Office at Rajbandha Maidan, Raipur. Frame a classified advertisement for the same in about 50 words.

[4]

OR

Amit Sales is offering for limited days 30% discount on the sale of refrigerators and coolers this summer. Draft an advertisement for the local newspapers for its promotion.

- Q.6** You are Sanjay, residing at C-75, Shanti Nagar, Bilaspur. Write a letter to your friend Bhupendra congratulating him on his brilliant success in NEET Examination.

[5]

OR

Write a letter to the Commissioner of Raipur Municipal Corporation, complaining about the poor sanitary conditions and mosquito menace in your locality. You are Mohan, living in Housing Board Colony, Devendra Nagar, Raipur.

Q.7 Write an article in about 200 words on any *one* of the following topics :

[8]

- (i) International Yoga Day
- (ii) Pollution Problem in India
- (iii) Save Water—Are we doing enough?
- (iv) Importance of Newspaper
- (v) Science and Technology for Students

Q.8 Do as directed (any *eight*) :

[1×8=8]

(i) Who has done this? (Change the voice)

(ii) The man is a doctor. He is my friend.

(Combine the sentences using a relative clause)

(iii) (a) The umbrella has a broken handle.

(b) The umbrella is mine.

(Combine the two sentences and make it a complex sentence having adjective clause)

(iv) Why he did not appear in the exam is not known.

(Underline the subordinate clause in the sentence and name it)

(v) Respect your elders. (Change the voice)

(vi) (a) I am very busy.

(b) I cannot come to your house today.

(Combine the two sentences to make it a complex sentence having an adverbial subordinate clause)

(vii) She said to me, "Please bring me a glass of water."

(Change the narration)

(viii) The teacher said, "The sun rises in the east."

(Change the narration)

(ix) If I am not invited, I will not go to the picnic.

(Rewrite using 'unless' in place of 'if')

(x) He wrote this letter. (Change the voice)



Q.9 You are Geeta, the Cultural Secretary of AVM Higher Secondary School, Kanker. Your school is going to organise an annual function. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students and inviting their participation. [4]

OR

You are Pallavi, the Secretary of your school. Write a notice to be put up on School Notice Board inviting names of students interested in joining the tour to Bhoramdev (Kawardha).

[SECTION-C]

[Literature Textbook]

(Flamingo)

- Q.10** Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

In those days I worked in a cubicle, two whole sides of which were French windows, (I didn't know at that time they were called French windows). Seeing me sitting at my desk tearing up newspapers day in and day out, most people thought I was doing next to nothing. It is likely that the Boss thought likewise too. So anyone who felt I should be given some occupation would barge into my cubicle and deliver an extended lecture. The 'boy' in the make-up department had decided I should be enlightened on how great literary talent was being allowed to go waste in a department fit only for barbers and perverts. Soon I was praying for crowd-shooting all the time. Nothing short of it could save me from his epics.

Questions :

[1×4=4]

- (i) Name the lesson from which the above passage has been taken.
- (ii) What was the author doing at his desk day in and day out?
- (iii) What did the people and his Boss think about the author?
- (iv) Why was the author praying all the time?

Q.11 Read the stanza of the poem given below and answer the questions that follow :

I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile.....

Questions :

[1×4=4]

- (i) Who has written the beautiful lines given above?
- (ii) What does 'late winter's moon' symbolize?
- (iii) Pick out the emotions that the poet expressed in the given lines.
- (iv) What was the 'familiar ache' the poet feels?

Note : Answer the following question in about 30 words : [2]

Q.12 Why were the villagers sitting at the back of the class?

Note : Answer the following questions in about 40-50 words each : [3×2=6]

Q.13 How were Gandhiji and Shukla treated by Rajendra Prasad's servants? <https://www.cgboardonline.com>

Q.14 What was Pancake? Why was it brought in truck loads in the Gemini Studios?

Note : Answer the following question in about 75-100 words : [4]

Q.15 Justify the title of lesson, 'The Lost Spring'.

OR

Compare and contrast the character of the Ironmaster with that of his daughter Edla.

Note : Answer the following question in about 30 words : [2]

Q.16 How did Sadao and Hana come to know that the man was an American, a prisoner of war and an enemy?

Note : Answer the following question in about 40-50 words : [3]

Q.17 What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?

Note : Answer the following question in about 100-150 words : [5]

Q.18 "The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica."
How is the study of this region useful to us?

OR

Give the character sketch of Charley.

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