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SECTION - 'A'

(Reading)

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

Life is a struggle. "We live in deeds and not in years." If we rest, we rust. If we work, we shine like jewels. Adventures are the essence of life but action also entails contemplation. Proper action needs the proper initiative.

Napoleon took the wrong initiative and brought the downfall of France. Proper action is always taken by the wise persons. The wise persons always foreshadow the hardships for executing a policy.

They become passive when they forecaste that their efforts are at stake. All great leaders and diplomates take the steps keeping in view their reputation.

We should strike when the iron is hot. Some persons take the steps haphazardly with the result that they lose the opportunity and thus they care treated as fools. Angels are wise people are very particular about their actions. It has been the aim of all philosophers to understand the world.

After understanding, they move very gradually and not like fools who plung into the situation without contemplation.

Questions :

Select the right one from the following,

(a) According to writer

(i) Napoleon acted wisely.

(ii) Adventures are not essence of life.

(iii) We may shine like metals.

(iv) Leaders and diplomats act keeping in view their reputation.

(b) Some people are treated as fools because -

(i) They act haphazardly.

(ii) They act like philosophers.

(iii) They strike when the iron is hot.

(iv) They always foreshadow the hardship.

(c) The aim of the philosopher is

(i) to act like angels.

(ii) to act like a saint.

(iii) to act like a poet.

(iv) to understand the world.

(d) The passage implies that

(i) one should act quickly

(ii) understanding should precede action

(iii) fools penetrate into the matter.

(iv) fools always wins

(e) Verb form of 'Contemplation' is _____.

- (i) Contempt
- (ii) Contemplate
- (iii) Contamination
- (iv) Contaminance

(f) Opposite of 'rise' is

- (i) sit
- (ii) progress
- (iii) promotion
- (iv) downfall

Fill in the blanks :

(g) We should strike when the iron is _____.

- (i) cool
- (ii) wet
- (iii) dry
- (iv) hot

(h) Life is a _____.

- (i) struggle
- (ii) battle
- (iii) panorama
- (iv) field

Give one word for the following:

(i) An exciting / dangerous experience is called _____.

(i) torture

(ii) adventure

(iii) enjoyment

(iv) happiness

(j) A person who is silly is called _____.

(i) wise

(ii) intelligent

(iii) fool

(iv) smart

2- Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below:

It was a rare occasion for ten students of this school to participate in the National Exhibition on Environment Protection held IIT, Powai, Mumbai. About two hundred students from various parts of India took part in it. Many voluntary organizations and environmentalists also participated in it. The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra inaugurated the exhibition. The leading themes of the exhibition were the protection of our forest wealth: keeping our rivers and lakes pollution free; the hazards of air and sound pollution. The biggest draw of the exhibition was the section on the Himalayas. The exhibition evoked a spontaneous response among the local people especially, the students.

Questions :

(1) Make notes on the above passage in points.

(2) Give a suitable title to the passage.

SECTION - 'B'

(Writing)

3- You are going abroad. You want to sell your house, built three years ago. Draft an advertisement giving all the necessary details of the house and its locality.

OR

Design an attractive poster on the conservation of water.

4- Last month you purchased a TV set from Ram Electronics, Pushpa Vihar, Bhedaghat. It is not working properly. Imagine a few defects write a letter of complaint to the manager asking for repair or replacement. You are Amar/Amrita. M-114. Model Town, Bhopal.

OR

You are Shekhar/Shweta of 4, Balaji Road. Indore. Write a letter to your friend advising him to study English and general knowledge for competitive exams.

5- You are Randhir/Radha. Hindustan Times who witnessed a fire accident in Central market, Bhopal. Using the information in the output, given below along with your own details, write a report in about 200 words on 'A Devastating Fire' for your newspaper. Central Market - A sensitive zone godowns, shops and stores - plastic goods - short circuit - whole area engulfed by flames, people pouring water buckets - fire brigade, reached late - struggled through narrow lanes. Fire man real heroes - no loss of human life - loss of property in crores.

OR

Write an article in about 200 words on "The Importance of Games and Sports".

SECTION - 'C'

(Grammar)

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

(i) I have seen _____ lot of places.

(a) all

(b) a

(c) an

(d) the

(ii) I prefer tea _____ coffee.

(a) than

(b) with

(c) to

(d) by

(iii) Mangoes are being _____.

(a) bought

(b) buy

(c) buying

(d) buyed

(iv) Anand is _____ M.A. in English.

(a) a

(b) an

(c) the

(d) No article

(v) Have you _____ complaint against us?

(a) much

(b) many

(c) some

(d) any

(vi) He is poor _____ honest.

(a) and

(b) but

(c) or

(d) nor

(vii) We _____ follow the rules of Traffic.

(a) must

(b) shall

(c) will

(d) need

7- Do as directed : (any five)

(i) The boy is my cousin.

The boy is wearing a red shirt.

[Rewrite the pair of sentences using 'who']

(ii) His brother is very studious.

He rarely finds time for entertainment.

[Combine the pair of sentences using 'so _____ that']

(iii) her / pen / put / ink / some / she / in

[Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence]

(iv) Neha said. "I want to open this bag."

[Change into indirect speech]

(v) As soon as the boys saw the Principal, they became silent.

[Rewrite using 'No sooner _____ than']

(vi) They are flying kites.

[Change the voice]

(vii) We (live) here since 1952.

[Supply the correct verb form]

SECTION - 'D'

8- Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below it :

When I first visited Gandhi in 1942 at his Ashram in Sevagram, in central India, he said, "I will tell you how it happened that I decided to urge the departure of the British, it was in 1917.

He had gone to the December 1916 annual convention of the Indian National Congress party in Lucknow. There were 2,301 delegates and many visitors. During the proceedings, Gandhi recounted, "a peasant came up to me looking like any other peasant in India, poor and emaciated, and said, 'I am Rajkumar Shukla. I am from Champaran and I want you to come to my district' !" Gandhi had never heard of the place. It was in the foothills of the towering Himalayas, near the kingdom of Nepal.

Questions :

(i) Who came to meet Gandhiji ?

(a) Raj Mishra

(b) Raj Kumar Shukla

(c) Ram Narayan Shukla

(d) Ram Lakhan Mishra

(ii) Gandhiji had gone to the annual convention of Indian National Congress party in _____.

- (a) 1917
- (b) 1915
- (c) 1916
- (d) 1918

(iii) Where is Champaran situated ?

- (a) In the foothills of the towering Himalayas.
- (b) Near China
- (c) Near Sri Lanka
- (d) In the foothills of Aravali

(iv) Gandhiji had never heard of Champaran. [True/False]

(v) How many delegates were there in annual convention of Indian National Congress ?

- (a) 2201
- (b) 2102
- (c) 2305
- (d) 2301

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

Driving from my parent's
home to Cochin last Friday
morning, I saw my mother,

besides me.

doze, open mouthed, her face

ashen like that

of a corpse and realised with

pain

That she was as old as she

looked but soon.

Questions :

(i) Which day is described in the above extract ?

(a) Monday

(b) Friday

(c) Tuesday

(d) Sunday

(ii) Who was sitting beside the speaker of the poem ?

(a) her mother

(b) her father

(c) her brother

(d) her sister

(iii) Give the opposite of the word 'soon'.

(a) early

(b) hurry

(c) late

(d) quick

(B) Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions given below :

The chief astrologer placed his finger on his nose in wonder. A baby barely ten days old opens its lips in speech ! Not only that It also raises intelligent questions ! Incredible ! Rather like the bulletins issued by the war office. than facts.

The chief astrologer took his finger off his nose and fixed his eyes upon the little Prince.

"The Prince was born in the hour of the Bull. The Bull and the tiger are enemies, therefore, death comes from the tiger", he explained. <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

Questions :

(i) Where did the chief astrologer place his finger?

- (a) on his ear
- (b) on his mouth
- (c) on his eyes
- (d) on his nose

(ii) How old was the baby Prince when he opened his lips in speech ?

- (a) Ten days old
- (b) One month old
- (c) Six days old
- (d) Two days old

(iii) Who are the enemies according to the astrologer ?

- (a) The Bull and the cow
- (b) The Bull and the tiger
- (c) The Tiger and the monkey
- (d) The Lion and the tiger

(iv) Give the opposite of 'friend' from the passage.

(a) enemy

(b) cousin

(c) relative

(d) companion

10- Answer any five of the following questions in about 30 words :

(i) What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day?

(ii) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps ? Where is he and where has he come from ?

(iii) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water ?

(iv) What made the peddler think that he had indeed fallen into a rattrap ?

(v) List the places that Gandhiji visited between his first meeting with Shukla and his arrival at Champaran.

(vi) Why do most celebrity writers despise being interviewed ?

(vii) How, in your opinion, can Mukesh realise his dream ?

11- Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 words :

(i) What does the poet want for the children of the slum ? How can their lives be made to change ? <https://www.mpboardonline.com>

(ii) What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve?

(iii) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem "A thing of beauty".

(iv) What is the childish longing that the poet refers to ? Why is it vain ?

12- Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words :

(i) Who was Dr. Sadao ? Where was his house?

(ii) How does Jo want the story to end and why?

(iii) Who is tiger king ? Why does he get this name?

13- Answer any two of the following questions in about 75 words :

(i) Why should child labour be eliminated and how ?

(ii) What made the peddler finally change his ways ?

(iii) How does ECO find the time to write so much ?

14- Answer the following question in about 75 words:

What do you think is the colour of 'Sour Cream'? Why do you think the poet has used this expression to describe the classroom walls ?

OR

Why is 'grandeur' associated with the mighty dead ?

15- Answer the following question in about 75 words:

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?

OR

Who is Mr. Lamb ? How does Derry get into his garden ?

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