

SECTION A: READING (20 MARKS)

A1. Read the following passage carefully : (7)

A young man was getting ready to graduate college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted. As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study. His father told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and told him how much he loved him. He handed his son a beautiful wrapped gift box. Curious, but somewhat disappointed the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible. Angrily, he raised his voice at his father and said "With all your money you give me a Bible?" and stormed out of the house, leaving the holy book. Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but realized his father was very old, and thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. Before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to his son. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things. When he arrived at his father's house, sudden sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search his father's important papers and saw the still new Bible, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. As he read those words, a car key dropped from an envelope taped behind the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words ... PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following statements.

(a) The young man told his father

(b) He was disappointed and angry because

(c) After many years passed he decided to

(d) But, he received a telegram stating

(e) While turning the pages of the Bible

(f) The tag on the envelope had

(g) Write the synonyms of the following words from the passage.

(i) Covered _____ (ii) At once _____

A2. Read the following passage carefully:

(8)

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting it into the box.

“There are five things you need to know he told the pencil, “Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.”

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone’s hand.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you’ll need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what’s inside.

And Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition is, you must continue to write.

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart. Now replace yourself with the pencil. Always remember those five things, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God’s hand and allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time by going through various problems in life, but you’ll need it to become a stronger person.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what’s inside.

And Five: On every surface you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation is, you must continue doing your duties.

Allow this parable to encourage you to know that you are a special person and only you can fulfill the purpose which you were born to accomplish.

Never allow yourself to get discouraged and think that your life is insignificant and cannot make a change.

(i) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

(a) What did the pencil promise to remember?

(b) How can we do many great things?

(c) How can we become a stronger person?

(d) What we must continue to do?

(e) Why you are made special?

(ii) Fill in the blanks with one word only:

The pencil maker _____ the pencil that to become the _____, one must undergo _____ from time to time and leave a _____ mark on every surface we write.

(iii) Find the words in the passage that mean the following:

(a) a short story :- _____

(b) to give support :- _____

A3. Read the following poem carefully:

(5)

The silence of the forest, the echo of the trees,
The whispers as the wind blows, just as you please!
I swirl around and around and look to the sky,
Through the tall branches, I see the clouds float by.
Can I be dreaming or am I just in a spin?
The peace that is before me, a chill upon my skin;
As I walk, the leaves rustle beneath my feet
Sending little notes of joy, a melody to beat.
I can only stop and stare and keep the memory mine,
The forest has its mystery and I must keep in line;
I will sit beneath the tree and listen to the sound,
So many different messages are scattered all around.
The whistle of the wind rushing past my face,
Looking for the exit, so it can leave this place;
The branches sway and the leaves begin to fall,
I can hear the birds now, sending me their call.
I must now follow and leave the forest too,
Day is nearly ended, the dark will spoil my view;
Tomorrow I can come again, enjoy the peace I seek,
The silence of the forest, are whispers I can keep.

Complete the statements by choosing an appropriate option from those given below:

- (a) The poet can feel the silence of the forest by
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| (i) the whispers of the wind | (ii) the echoes of the trees |
| (iii) looking at the sky | (iv) swirling around |
- (b) There is peace and joy in
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| (i) the dream of the poet | (ii) rustling of leaves while walking |
| (iii) spinning around trees | (iv) the chill upon the skin |
- (c) The poet wants to listen to
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| (i) the forest sounds | (ii) the mystery of the forest |
| (iii) the message of the forest | (iv) her own voice |
- (d) The poet wants to come again to
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| (i) hear the birds | (ii) enjoy the peace |
| (iii) see the clouds | (iv) hear the whispers |
- (e) The word 'rustle' in the passage means
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| (i) swaying of branches | (ii) rushing past |
| (iii) falling of leaves | (iv) moving of leaves |

SECTION B : READING (20 MARKS)

- B1.** Read the given information about the information the life of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam-the eleventh President of India from 2002 to 2007 and then write a bio-sketch in about 150 words: (5)

Birth : 15 October 1931, in Tamil Nadu

Full name: Avul Pakir Jainuladdeen Abdul Kalam

Education: Graduated in Physics, St Joseph's College Tiruchirapalli.

Graduated with diploma in Aeronautical Engineering at Madras Institute of Technology

Experience: Project Director involved in development of India's first Satellite launch Vehicle;

was Aeronautical Engineer with DRDO, ISRO;

played major role in developing missiles in India

'The People's President', the eleventh President of India from 2002 to 2007

Popularly known as the 'Missile Man of India'

Awards: 1981-Padma Bhushan

1990-Padma Vibhushan

1997-Bharat Ratna

Wrote: Future India-2020

- B2.** Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu about the benefits of Yoga and exercise for children. You are Rohit of ABC School, Panipat. (8)

Causes: Video gaming, TV, Junk food, lack of exercise

Effects: Lack of concentration, lack of stamina, obesity

Solutions: Encourage outdoor games, yogasanas, daily exercise, aerobics

- B3.** Write an autobiography on 'School Canteen' in about 180 words. (7)

OR

Your school celebrated Republic Day recently. Write a letter to your friend in about 180 words describing the theme and the programmes put up by your friends.

SECTION C : GRAMMAR (20 MARKS)

- C1.** Rearrange the group of words/phrases to make meaningful sentences: (4)
- a) Carrot/ juice/ mix/ honey/ eyesight/ improve/to /with

b) that life began/ centuries ago/ scientist think/ twenty million/ on earth/ about

c) rain water/ flooding/ helps/ harvesting/ in/ chances of/ reducing

d) happy/ contented/ who/ is/ one/ generally/ is

C2. Put these sentences into indirect speech: (4)

a) She said to me, " Don't pluck flowers from my garden."

b) Rohit said, "I cannot come as I have an appointment with the doctor."

c) Amrita said, "The package will arrive tomorrow."

d) He said to me, "I am feeling unwell today."

C3. Choose the suitable prepositions from the brackets and fill in the blanks: (4)

Mr. Shankar was going to attend a meeting in Pune. He knew that the Indrayani Express will leave _____ (by/ at) 4 o'clock sharp. He pushed his way _____ (through/ along) the crowd and joined the queue _____ (before/ after) the ticket counter. There were just two people _____ (among/ in front of) him at the counter when he heard the announcement. "Never mind the ticket", he said to himself, "I will pay the fine." He ran and got _____ (into/ onto) the train as it started moving. He decided to wait _____ (from/ for) some time to look _____ (for/ at) a seat. Standing _____ (for/ by) the door, he knew was dangerous. "Where is the ticket checker now?", he wondered.

C4. Put these sentences into passive voice: (4)

a) The police officer showed us the way.

b) Switch off your mobile phones.

c) A number of tourists have visited this monument.

d) Many people are visiting the hill station.

C5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number. (4)

People who wake up in a morning (a) _____

and go for the walk, connect (b) _____

with a main source of (c) _____

energy which is an sun. They (d) _____

remain fit and live an long (e) _____

life. On a other hand those who (f) _____

never come in direct contact with a sun (g) _____

which is a main source of energy, develop diseases (i) _____

SECTION D : WRITING (20 MARKS)

D1. Answer the following questions with reference to the given lines: (3X2=6)

i) 'O you hard hearts, you cruel men of Rome,
Knew you not Pompey?'

a) Name the speaker and the listener.

b) Who was Pompey? What happened to him?

c) Why are the listeners said to have hard hearts?

ii) 'I gazed-and-gazed- but little thought,

What wealth the show to me had brought'

a) Name the poem and the poet.

b) What is the speaker gazing at? Where did he notice them?

c) What does 'wealth' here refer to?

D2. Answer the following questions in about 70-80 words.

(4X2=8)

a) What will the poet do once he reaches Innisfree?

- b) Who called himself 'a mender of bad souls'? What dual meaning is the speaker trying to bring in this phrase?

- c) Describe the restaurants in Thul.

- d) Name the poet of 'The Naming of Cats'. What does the poet tell about the third type of name given to cats?

D3. Justify in about 70-80 words.

(2X2=6)

- a) Nicholas did not suffer his so called punishment but enjoyed the time in his way.

b) Home and love are two great friends or companions.

D4. Write the character sketch of Aunt Margaret in about 70 - 80 words. (2)

(Section B Answers)



