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GENERAL ENGLISH

(Compulsory Paper)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note :- All questions are compulsory. Attempt all questions as per given.

1. Fill in the blanks as directed (any *ten*) :

- (i) house is not mine. (Determiner)
- (ii) I have more files to complete. (Determiner)
- (iii) She answered the questions wrong. (Determiner)
- (iv) I (wake) up at 6 o' clock every morning. (Verb)
- (v) I had been (study) hard for the exams. (Verb)
- (vi) He (go) to Japan last year. (Verb)
- (vii) She write in Japanese. (Auxiliary)
- (viii) you open the door. (Auxiliary)

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- (ix) you have a cup of coffee. (Auxiliary)
- (x) I ate Yogurt for breakfast. (Preposition)
- (xi) I was born July 29. (Preposition)
- (xii) The semester ends January. (Preposition)
- 1×10=10

2. Transform the sentences as directed (any *ten*) :

- (i) They read a book. (Passive voice)
- (ii) Who teaches you English ? (Passive voice)
- (iii) Pass the salt. (Passive voice)
- (iv) I went to the Library and read the book. (Simple sentence)
- (v) Having finished the work we went for a walk. (Complex sentence)
- (vi) Seeing the snake I ran away. (Compound sentence)
- (vii) I have done the work. (Negative)
- (viii) Do the work. (Interrogative)
- (ix) They do not play in the evening. (Positive sentence)
- (x) He said, "I write with my left hand". (Indirect Speech)
- (xi) He said, "Stop marching". (Indirect Speech)
- (xii) He said, "Good bye !" (Indirect Speech)
- 1×10=10

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow ?

School used to be all about writing whether it was the exercise books we wrote in or the notes we passed. But not anymore. Now its all about writing. Learning your QWERTY is almost as important as learning your ABCs.

So when my daughter came home last year with cursive handwriting homework, she was baffled cursive writing was originally developed to make it easier for children to write with a pen. By joining the letters, she kept the quill on the parchment and minimized ink stains. But my daughter writes with a Laptop.

Research suggests that the process of writing information on paper, by hand, has a more direct effect on the information of memories in the learning process than typing. Taking notes in class is still the most effective way to store written language skills in a child's brain than pressing keys.

Questions :

- (i) Why is writing not given much importance today ? 3
- (ii) Why was the author taken aback when his daughter came home with her homework handwritten in cursive ? 4
- (iii) How is taking notes better than typing ? 3

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Rameswaram was a Hindu Pilgrimage centre. The Siva temple was very famous. Kalaams locality was full of Muslim people with few Hindu families. Muslims and Hindus lived happily. Kalaam went to the old Mosque every morning and evening with his father. He did not understand the Arabic prayers but believed that they reached God. After the prayer, people of different religions keep the bowls of water and Kalaam's father tipped his fingers in the water and prayed. They believe the Holy water cured there diseases. They thanked his father but he replied the praise should be dedicated to the Almighty Allah.

Questions :

- (i) What type of Religious atmosphere prevailed in Rameswaram ? 4
- (ii) What was the routine of Kalaam ? 3
- (iii) What did Kalaam's father do with the bowls of water ? 3
5. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions :

Many years ago there once lived a little boy named Nachiketa. He was the son of Rishi Udalak. Once, Rishi Udalak organized a Yagna to please the gods and gain heaven. It was a custom in those days to donate cows to Brahamins at the end of the Yagna. Udalak was a miser and he donated old and weak cows to the Brahamins. Since the cows were old and weak they hardly yielded any milk. Nachiketa was puzzled by his father's action. "What does he mean by all this ?"

he said to himself. “What happened to all the useful cows ? What does my father gain by gifting such useless cows ? This is no less than committing a sin. It is actually cheating. He should be gifting the things which are dear to him. He intends to gain heaven by sacrifice. But he will go to hell instead through such actions.”

Questions :

- (i) Why did king Udalak perform Yagnas ? 3
- (ii) What shows that king Udalak was a miser ? 4
- (iii) Why was Nachiketa puzzled ? 3

6. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Jack : Well, she’s gone ! What a taatar ! Still, she did leave us a bit on account—
how much was it ?

Jill : Ten pounds.

Jack (with a whistle) : Phew ! That’s great ! We can pay off the next two months on
the car with that.

Jill : I I’m afraid we can’t.

- (i) Name the play and playwright where these dialogue occur. 4
- (ii) What gift Jack and Jill receive from their guest ? 3
- (iii) Why did Jill say, “I’m afraid we can’t.” 3

7. Read the following lines and answer the questions :

Freedom from fear is the freedom

I claim for you my motherland.

Freedom from the burden of the ages, bending your head

Breaking your back, blinding your eyes to the beckoning call of the future.

Questions :

- (i) Name the poet and theme of the poem. 4
- (ii) Explain the line “Freedom from the burden of the ages.” 3
- (iii) What does ‘Motherland’ refer to in this poem ? What does the poet want for her ? 3

8. Make a precis of the following passage and suggest a suitable title :

There is a strong connection between sleep and mental health. Getting enough sleep is essential to maintaining good mental health and can improve mood, cognitive functioning and overall well-being. On the other hand, lack of sleep can increase the risk of developing mental health conditions such as irritability, difficulty concentrating, depression and anxiety. Prioritizing sleep and establishing healthy sleep habits are important to support good health. 5

9. Write a paragraph of about 150 words on any *one* of the following topics :

- (i) Visit to a Historical Monument.
- (ii) Impact of Social Media on Youth.
- (iii) Festivals of India. 10

10. Write a letter to your friend advising her to celebrate Diwali without crackers.

Or

Write a letter to the Chairman of the Municipality highlighting the problem of garbage in your colony. 5

11. Prepare a report on Sports Day event in your college.

Or

Write a report on Inauguration of New Computer Lab in your college. 10