

## SECTION A (Reading)

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

It is only under adverse circumstances that the real man is discovered. A man of character, of noble intentions, of strong and sturdy physique and virtues of selfless service to others, proves his worth even in times of adversity. He faces the adversity with his strong will and determination. If he has a will to do a thing, nothing can stand in his way. He can conquer all obstacles to achieve his mission, since his objective is noble and worthy. In the days of prosperity and pleasure, we sleep and enjoy and know not what we are. But in adversity, the inner man wakes up and we come to know our real strength and weakness.

- (a) When is the real man discovered? 3
- (b) What kind of a man proves his worth even in adversity? 3
- (c) Who can conquer his mission? 3
- (d) Explain in your own words the underlined portion in the passage. 3

- (e) (i) Which word in the passage is the opposite of 'selfish' ?  
(ii) Which word in the passage means 'misery' ?  
(iii) What does the word 'obstacle' mean in the passage ?  $3 \times 1 = 3$

### SECTION B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any *one* of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10
- (a) Importance of Democratic Values  
(b) Dowry System  
(c) Your Vision in Life
3. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily showing your concern over 'high rise in water-tax'. 10

OR

Write a letter to the Principal of your college for a free studentship to enable you to study further.

### SECTION C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :  $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) The country ruled by a king :
- (i) Democracy  
(ii) Monarchy  
(iii) Matriarchy  
(iv) Oligarchy

- (b) The phrase 'At a stretch' means :
- (i) Slowly
  - (ii) Continuously
  - (iii) Very fast
  - (iv) Rapidly
- (c) The synonym of 'Laudable' is :
- (i) Praiseworthy
  - (ii) Able
  - (iii) Disable
  - (iv) Liable
- (d) One should not abuse his father.  
Which word in this sentence is an 'error' ?
- (i) should
  - (ii) his
  - (iii) not
  - (iv) One
- (e) The antonym of 'Stale' is :
- (i) Flash
  - (ii) Flush
  - (iii) Fake
  - (iv) Fresh
5. (a) Change any *one* of the following to indirect speech :
- (i) You said to him, "Are you a fool ?"
  - (ii) The teacher said to me, "Go away at once."

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- (b) Change any *one* of the following as directed : 2
- (i) Sheela must work hard to succeed. (Compound sentence)
- (ii) We eat to live. (Complex sentence)
- (c) Change any *one* of the following as directed : 2
- (i) Switch off the fan. (Passive voice)
- (ii) Every rose has a thorn.  
(Negative sentence)
- (d) Correct any *one* of the following sentences : 2
- (i) Five sheeps are grazing.
- (ii) His spectacles is new.
- (e) Use any *one* of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : 2
- (i) Born – Borne
- (ii) Check – Cheque

6. Translate the following passage into English : 5

हमें पालतू और मूक पशुओं की तरह किसी के पीछे नहीं चलना चाहिए । जीवन के संघर्षों एवं आने वाले खतरों का निर्भीकता एवं साहस के साथ सामना करना चाहिए । भविष्य चाहे कितना भी उज्ज्वल एवं लुभावना क्यों न हो । हमें उस पर भरोसा नहीं करना चाहिए । हमें बीती हुई बातों को बार-बार सोचना नहीं चाहिए । बस अपने कर्तव्यों के प्रति सचेत रहना चाहिए ।

## SECTION D (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each : 4+4=8

(a) What did Hamel say about the language and its importance ?

OR

What did the instructor do to train Douglas ?

(b) Why did the peddler consider the world as a rattrap ?

OR

Why did Saheb join the job at the milk booth ?

8. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words : 7

(a) How did the announcement of the last lesson affect Franz ?

(b) What happened with the stranger at the ironmaster's house ? How was he treated by Edla Willmansson ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : 3×2=6

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,  
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.  
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;  
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

- (a) What is the title of the poem from which the above extract has been taken ? Who is the composer of the poem ?
- (b) Give the central idea of the extract in about 25 words.
- (c) Write down the rhyming words in the above extract.

10. Write the central idea of any *one* of the following poems :

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- (a) A Thing of Beauty
- (b) Keeping Quiet
- (c) My Mother at Sixty-Six

11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

4+4=8

- (a) How did Dr. Sadao operate the white man ?

OR

What wonders did the author realize when he reached Antarctica ?

- (b) How did the King save his throne ?

OR

What did Sam write in his letter to Charley ?

12. Answer any *one* of the following questions in about 80 words :

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- (a) Who was the psychiatrist ? What did he say about the third level ?
- (b) How did Dr. Sadao save the life of the American war prisoner ? How did his wife, Hana, help him in that act ?