

- iii) Marks are indicated against each question.
- iv) Read the questions very carefully before you start answering them.

SECTION - A

(Reading)

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

The real ornament of woman is her character, her purity. Metal and stones can never be real ornaments. The names of women like Sita and Damayanti have become sacred to us for their unsullied

virtue, never for their jewellery, if they wore any. My asking from you, your jewellery has also a wider significance.

Several sisters have told me that they feel all the better for getting rid of their jewels. I have called this an act of merit in more ways than one. No man or woman is entitled to the possession of wealth, unless he or she has given a fair share of it to the poor and the helpless.

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(It is a social and religious obligation and has been called a sacrifice by the Bhagavad Gita.) He who does not offer this sacrifice has been called a thief. The

Gita has enumerated many forms of sacrifice, but what greater sacrifice can there be than to serve the poor and the needy? For us, today, there can be no sacrifice higher than to forget the distinctions of high and low and to realize the equality of all men. I also wish to bring home to the women of India that real ornamentation lies not in loading the body with metal and stone, but in purifying the heart and developing the beauty of soul.

a) What is the real ornament of 'woman'?

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b) What thing has been called a sacrifice by the Bhagavad Gita ? 3

c) What is considered to be a greater sacrifice ? 3

d) Where does the real ornamentation lie ? 3

e) i) Which word, in the passage, means 'spotless' ? *purely* 1

ii) Which word, in the passage, is the opposite of 'insignificance' ?

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iii) What does the phrase 'getting rid of' mean in the passage ? 1

freedom

SECTION - B**(Writing)**

2. Write an article on any *one* of the following topics in about 100-150 words : 10

- a) Challenges before our country.
- b) How can we make our Environment friendly ?
- c) Democracy in the year that follows.

3. Write a letter to the C.M.O. of your district requesting him to initiate a vaccination programme in your village.

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OR

Write a letter to your Principal requesting him to organise a district level debate on 'Religion and Politics' in your college.

SECTION - C**(Grammar)**

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : $5 \times 2 = 10$

a) Undue favour to place one's relatives in lucrative posts is called

- i) ~~x~~ casteism
- ii) individualism
- iii) secularism
- iv) ~~/~~ nepotism.

b) The phrase 'on the wane' means

- i) increasing
- ii) developing
- iii) ~~/~~ decreasing
- iv) striking.

c) The synonym of despise is

- i) love ii) hate
iii) ~~respect~~ iv) select.

d) 'Rohit has gone before his father come.'

Which word in the above sentence is an error ?

- i) gone ii) before
iii) his iv) ~~come~~.

e) The antonym of severe is

- i) mild ii) bold
iii) fertile iv) hide.

5. a) Change any *one* of the following into indirect narration : 2

i) Mohit ^{came} said to Reeta, "Why did you ^{stop} stop here?"

ii) The teacher said to the children, "Do not quarrel with your sisters."

b) Combine any *one* of the following as directed : 2

i) ^{Although he was punished yet he} The thief was punished. ^{was} The thief ^{was} was fined.

(Compound sentence)

ii) When does the train arrive ? I do not know the time.

(Complex sentence)

- c) Transform any *one* of the following as directed : 2
- i) Kashmir is not so hot as Bhopal. (Comparative degree)
 - ii) What made you happy ?
(Passive voice)
- d) Correct any *one* of the following sentences : 2
- i) He could not secure passing marks.
 - ii) If he will come, I shall teach him.
- e) Use any *one* of the following pair of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meanings clear : 2
- i) pain — pane
 - ii) adapt — adept

6. Translate the following into English : 5

भारतवर्ष एक महान देश है। इसका अतीत बहुत ही शानदार रहा है। विदेशी आक्रमणकारियों ने इस देश को लूटने का प्रयास किया। इसकी संस्कृति तथा इसके ज्ञान-विज्ञान को मिटाने का प्रयास किया। परन्तु देशप्रेमियों के बलिदान और बहादुरी के कारण वे सफल नहीं हुए। आज भी देश में किसी चीज की कमी नहीं है। यदि दिन दूनी रात चौगुनी बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या पर नियंत्रण हो जाये तो देश पुनः समृद्ध हो जायेगा।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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

a) Who was Mukesh and what was his ambition ?

OR

How deep was the pool ? What was there inside the water ?

- b) What did Hamel say about the French language ?

OR

Who was the rattrap seller ? How did he make them ?

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

- a) Why did Rajkumar Shukla invite Gandhiji to Champaran ? How did Gandhiji solve the problems of farmers ?

- b) How is Mukesh different from the other bangle makers of Firozabad ?

9. Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow :

$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

Far far from gusty waves

These children's faces.

Like rootless weeds, the hair was

Torn round their pallor ;

The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

The paper seeming boy, with rat's eyes.

The stunted, unlucky heir,

Of twisted bones,

Reciting a father's gnarled disease,

His lesson, from his desk.

- a) Who are far from gusty waves ?
- b) How are the eyes of paper seeming boy ?

- c) "Like rootless weeds, the hair torn
round their pallor."

Point out the figure of speech used in the
above lines.

10. Write the central idea of any *one* of the
following poems : 4

- a) My Mother at Sixty-six
b) Keeping Quiet
c) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers.

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

- a) What did the astrologer tell about
the death of the Tiger King ?

OR

What did Sam write in his letter to
Charley ?

- b) Who was Geoff Green ? What did he offer to the students ?

OR

Who was Clare ? Why was Jack worried about her ?

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

- a) Who was Dr. Sadao ? How did he meet Hana and married to her ?
- b) What type of garden does Mr. Lamb have ? Why does he like it ?

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