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**General Instructions:**

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C.
2. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**Section A ( Reading ) 15 Marks**

1. Read about this humanitarian, philosopher, physician and a medical missionary.
  1. News had spread through the forest that a doctor had come to Lamberene, and even before their boxes of medicines arrived on the river-boat, the sick people began to crowd around the house. Every morning when he stepped out of his house he found them waiting for him, thirty or forty coloured people sitting on the ground in the shade of the house. These were not the *town Africans* from the coast, but simple wandering people from the forest. Old people, young people, babies; men, women and children; ill with all kinds of diseases, weak from lack of food.
  2. “Here among us everybody is ill”, said a young man; and an old chief shook his grey head sadly.” Yes, our land eats its own children”. All their faces were turned towards Schweitzer for comfort; he was the only man for hundreds of miles who could help them.
  3. When his boxes of supplies came there was no place to put them. For a time he cared for the sick people in the open air, and ran for shelter when the heavy rains came pouring down. Things became better when he cleaned out an old hen-house and used this as the centre of his work. It was difficult not to begin to despair. There was so much to do. What could one man do against a whole world of suffering?
  4. During these first months his wife gave him help and strength. She worked as hard as he did- first caring for the house and giving orders to the untrained servants; then scurrying over to the hen-house to help the doctor with operations and care for the sick.
  5. It was a happy day when the doctor found among the sick people a keen-looking coloured man who spoke French and who had been a cook to a white man. “Would you like to come to me as cook and also to help me in the hospital?” Schweitzer asked. The man’s face brightened with pleasure. “Yes, Doctor,” he said, “I will help you with everything.”
  6. That was the beginning of Joseph, who stayed with them for many years. He was an unusual man, kind, keen, hard-working, and honest. He could speak eight languages, and although he could not read or write French he never made a mistake in taking down a bottle of medicine from the shelf. “How do you know which one to take?” Schweitzer once asked him. “The bottles are nearly the same”.
  7. “I remember the look of the words on the paper”, was the simple answer. Joseph had said he would help with everything, and he did. It was Joseph who helped in the hospital, who translated for the Schweitzers, who helped them to understand the ways of Africa.

(From ‘Albert Schweitzer’ Great Men and Women)

Complete the statements given below with the help of the options that follow :

- i. The coloured people mentioned in the first paragraph means (1)
    - a. the native Africans
    - b. people with colourful clothes
    - c. people of different colours
    - d. all of the above.
  - ii. Joseph never made a mistake in taking down the medicines from the shelf because (1)
    - a. he spoke French well.
    - b. he was very observant
    - c. he guessed the medicine from the colour.
    - d. none of the above.
  - iii. Dr. Schweitzer became successful in treating the poor people because (1)
    - a. he had devotion towards his work.
    - b. he got help from the local people
    - c. he had come with a noble purpose.
    - d. all of the above.
- Answer the following questions in brief.
- iv. How much were the people of Congo aware of their own ill health when Dr. Schweitzer arrived there? (1)
  - v. Dr. Schweitzer's wife was a pillar of strength behind him. Justify. (1)
  - vi. Comment on Dr. Schweitzer's determination to help out the sick people in Congo. (35 words) (1)  
Find the words in the passage which mean as;
  - vii. moving in a hurry (Para 4) (1)
  - viii. very curious and enthusiastic (Para 5) (1)

2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the following questions.

### **Science and Immortality**

1. If scientists have their way, by the 22<sup>nd</sup> century Methuselah will seem a mere stripling having lived only up to 969 years. Those born in the next century, say scientists have every chance of living up to 5,000 years; they'll be all but immortal. For those who can hold on for another 30 years, 'intelligent nanobots' – tiny machines which when inserted into our bodies will eradicate the ravages of age and illness – will help prolong life indefinitely. Many may argue that it is only the certainty of death that makes life so precious. But how do they explain our age old obsession with the search of everlasting life?
2. Andrew Marvell lamented in one of his poems, "At my back I always hear/Time's winged chariot hurrying near". Now, we perhaps no longer need to fear our ancient enemy. And this makes it possible for us to explore our potential, secure in the knowledge that our efforts will not cruelly be cut short.
3. Imagine how different the world would have been if great thinkers like Albert Einstein and geniuses like Vincent van Gogh or Michelangelo had lived on. How much more we would have benefitted by their contributions to the cache of ideas and inventions. A Marie Curie may well have been able to find that elusive cure for cancer. The fate of the world too would have taken a different course if visionary statesmen had not died before their time.
4. We often hear older people lament that that they will not live on to benefit from the advances in technology or science. With the promise of everlasting life, humanity's mindset could undergo a paradigm shift. It will give us all a stake in the future of the planet, indeed, the universe. Defeating death is the ultimate challenge for mankind. It is certainly worth dying for, or, better still living eternally for.

*(Source: The Times of India)*

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below with the help of the options that follow :

- i. The ancient enemy of man is (1)
- a. wild animals
  - b. death
  - c. immortality
  - d. All the above.
- ii. The final challenge for man today is (1)
- a. to get cure for cancer
  - b. to live happily for long years
  - c. to defeat death
  - d. all the above.
- Answer the following questions in brief:
- iii. What does the author mean by ‘If scientists have their way...’? (1)
- iv. How could the fate of the world change, if men live up to 5,000 years? (1)
- Complete the sentences. (1)
- v ‘Intelligent nanobots’ are \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- Find the words in the passage which mean as;
- vi. destructive effects (Para 1) (1)
- vii. that is difficult to find or achieve. (Para 3) (1)

**Section B ( Writing ) 10 Marks**

3. You are a resident of Atmiya Society. There is a small park near your society and it is used (6)
- by kids for recreation. For few weeks, you have noticed that the park is being demolished and the construction of a mall is under progress. Write an email to the Editor of The Times of India in about 120 to 150 words conveying your disregard for such an act, empathizing with the kids for confiscating the place which is actually meant for recreational activities for kids.
4. This year your school is going to host a mega event - Exhibition “Samras - One Flavour One (4)
- Taste” across classes 1 to 10. Design a poster depicting the theme of this exhibition and inviting parents to witness it.

**Section C ( Grammar ) 5 Marks**

5. Fill in the blanks and complete the paragraph by choosing the given options. (2)
- Please allow me to say a few words (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the pollution caused by the plastic bags. These bags are invariably made of chemicals (b) \_\_\_\_\_ are a serious health hazard. The recycled plastic bags are (c) \_\_\_\_\_ even greater problem. Milk, curd and even water are (d) \_\_\_\_\_ in these plastic bags. We have become such slaves to convenience.
- a. i. by ii. about iii. from
- b. i. which ii. that iii. those
- c. i. the ii. a iii. an
- d. i. carried ii. carrying iii. carry

6. Below you can see a set of instructions. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows. (3)

- \* Choose a sapling with roots
- \* Dig a hole where sapling is to be planted
- \* Prepare the soil by mixing manure in it.
- \* Carefully lower the sapling into the dug hole.
- \* Cover the roots with the prepared soil.
- \* Put some water on the plant.

### How to Plant a Sapling

First, a sapling with roots (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Then, a hole (b) \_\_\_\_\_ where the sapling was to be planted. The soil (c) \_\_\_\_\_ manure to it. The sapling (d) \_\_\_\_\_ carefully. The roots (e) \_\_\_\_\_ with the prepared soil. Finally, the plant (f) \_\_\_\_\_ and left to take roots.

### **Section D ( Literature ) 20 Marks**

7. Read the extract from the poem and answer the following questions.

*“When I returned from Lyonnesse  
With magic in my eyes,  
All marked with mute surmise  
My radiance rare and fathomless,  
When I returned from Lyonnesse  
With magic in my eyes.”*

- i. Whom does ‘I’ refer to in the above lines and why had the speaker paid a visit to Lyonnesse? (1)
- ii. Which word in the above lines mean ‘beyond measurement’? (1)
- iii. Explain the transformation which takes place in the speaker on his return? (2)

8 Answer the following questions briefly in 30-40 words. **Any FIVE.** (2x5=10)

- i. Jody had an emotional preoccupation with the fawn. Justify?
- ii. What are the set of instructions the Duck is asked to follow?
- iii. Why does Firdaus say that he was looking at one of the most beautiful men in the world?
- iv. How did Jody make the fawn to drink milk when it was unable to drink it?
- v. What comparison does Firdaus make when asked by the people to be brave?
- vi. How did Ranji show the warrior his superiority when they met at the pool again?

9 Answer the following questions in detail. (80 to 100 words) (3x2=6)

- i. Write the character sketch of Stephen Hawking.
- ii. As quoted by Mahatria “Friends have the capacity to either make you or break you”. Describe one of your experiences where the above statement stands true in your life with reference to the lesson “The Fight”.