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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) 08 Marks

1. Read the passage given below :
 1. The human brain remembers negative experiences more easily than positive ones. Our brains have developed this way because threats, like dangerous animals, had a more immediate effect on our ancestors' survival compared to positive things like food or shelter. Research suggests that our level of happiness depends partly on factors we cannot control – our genes and our life circumstances. But our level of happiness is also shaped by the choices we make. If you've been chasing wealth, fame, good looks, material things, and power, you may be looking for happiness in all the wrong places.
 2. Psychologists suggest that the following seven habits make people happier. People who form close relationships tend to be happier than those who do not. The number of friends we have is not important. What matters is the quality of our relationships. Relationships that bring happiness usually involve the sharing of feelings, mutual respect, acceptance, trust, fun and empathy. People who make a habit of caring for the wellbeing of others tend to be happier.
 3. People who exercise regularly improve both their physical and mental well-being. Some research has shown that exercise can be as effective as medication in treating depression. When we are so interested in an activity we enjoy that, we lose track of time, we are in a state of flow. The activity could be making art, playing piano, surfing, or playing a game. People who experience flow in their work or hobbies tend to be happier.
 4. People who include spirituality in their daily life tend to be happier. Practicing spirituality is a way of recognizing and trying to understand the wonder and beauty of existence. Some people do this by going to a place of worship or praying, others by practicing yoga or meditation.
 5. People are more likely to be happy if they know what their strengths are and use them regularly. People who set goals and use their strengths to achieve them tend to be happier. People are especially happy when they can use their strengths to serve the greater good. People who think positively by being grateful, mindful, and optimistic are more likely to be happy. Being grateful means being thankful. Being mindful means being open to, focusing on, and enjoying the experiences of the present moment. Being optimistic means being hopeful about the future.

(Source - University of Victoria Language Study Centre)

- 1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below with the help of the options that follow : (1x4=4)
 - (i) What does the author think is not a way of caring for the well-being of others?
 - a. volunteering at a home for old people
 - b. giving advice to a friend who has problems with family
 - c. practicing yoga or meditation
 - d. playing a game

- (ii) How does the author explain spirituality?
 a. Recognizing and protecting nature along with all the creatures and to know the objective of our existence. b. Identifying and appreciating the amazing wonders of nature.
 c. Making new friends in the real and virtual world. d. Feeling the need to worship or pray to only one specific God in a particular place.
- (iii) According to the reading, people are in a state of flow when _____.
 a. we struggle to do an activity which may not be of our interest b. time seems to pass very quickly when we do a likeable activity
 c. we complete an activity with ease d. we get success in doing an activity which is difficult for others
- (iv) What is not mentioned in the reading as being part of a quality relationship?
 a. sharing our feelings with many people b. having more friends on social media than in reality
 c. being empathetic with people d. mutual respect for each other

1.2 Answer the following questions in brief: (2x3=6)

- (v) Why doesn't the brain remember positive experiences as much as negative ones?
 (vi) How does materialism affect happiness?
 (vii) What do you think is the objective of human life?

1.3 Find the words in the passage which mean :

(1x2=2)

(viii) the ability to understand and share the feelings of another (Para 1) -

(ix) to be likely to behave in a particular way or have a particular characteristic (Para 5) -

SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) 16 Marks

2. Complete the following story in your own words in 150-200 words. Supply a suitable title.
He was fond of his grandmother. She would give him breakfast, help him get ready for school, prepare his bag and take him to school. While he was in school, she sat in the temple nearby, saying her prayer...

Or

(10)

The closing of a story is given below. You can start your own story but you can't change the end. Write the story in 150-200 words. Supply a suitable title.
...finally he realise the value of having a supportive family.

3. Complete the following passage by inserting the appropriate word from options given below. (4)

The need for blood can a)_____from many reasons. The blood is b)_____to replace what was lost or to build up resistance in advance. One or two litres of new blood transfusion c)_____ the veins means a new life to a patient! The idea of blood transfusion is not new. In 1654, an Italian doctor called Francesco Folli tried blood transfusions d)_____ one living animal to another. Later, there e)_____ attempts to transfuse blood from animals to man, but the results were unfavourable. Now we know that the animals of one species do not f)_____ blood from another species. In fact, it acts as a poison and usually g)_____ death. During World War I, it was discovered that blood from certain persons could not be safely given to others. This h)_____ to the classification of blood into four groups.

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| a) | i) arouse | ii) arouses | iii) arises | iv) arise |
| b) | i) required | ii) requires | iii) require | iv) requiring |
| c) | i) into | ii) to | iii) in | iv) through |
| d) | i) with | ii) by | iii) from | iv) through |
| e) | i) were | ii) was | iii) is | iv) are |
| f) | i) accepts | ii) accepting | iii) accept | iv) accepted |
| g) | i) causes | ii) cause | iii) causing | iv) caused |
| h) | i) lead | ii) leading | iii) led | iv) leads |

- (i) Who is the speaker? Whom is he talking about? (1)
- (ii) What does it reveal about the one being spoken about? (1)
- (iii) Why was Grandfather not sorry or worried about the torn blazer? (1)
- a. he could easily buy another blazer b. the blazer was old and tattered c. his attention was more focussed on Toto's performance d. he did not value things

- (iv) Select the antonym of the word 'shred' - (1)
- a. fragment b. scrap c. whole d. tear

7. Answer **any three** of the following questions in 30-40 words.

- (i) How were Margie and Tommy assessed in their subjects? (2)
- (ii) What did the headmaster think about Einstein? (2)
- (iii) Where did the child meet a kind-hearted person in the story 'The Lost Child'? (2)
- (iv) 'And the melancholy darkness gently weeps in rainy tears.' What does the melancholy darkness mean and what does it do?

8. Answer **any one** of the following question in about 100-150 words (8)

After reading the story 'Iswaran the Storyteller' you feel that ghosts are a figment of one's imagination. Elaborate.

Or

The poet speaks of the Lake Isle of Innisfree as a place he wants to go back to. Do you agree with the poet? If you are asked to go back to a place you have visited, which place would it be and why?

9. Answer **any one** of the following question in about 100-150 words (8)

Ustad Bismillah Khan played the shehnai at the temple as well as the Red Fort. His music knew no religion. Which values do you learn from this? Elaborate.

Or

The discipline in 'The Kingdom of Fools' disobeys his master and lands in trouble. Explain how obedience and discipline can make one's life better.