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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) 20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below :
 1. Liz had just finished wrapping up the final details for the surprise party she was planning for her husband. She had been meticulously preparing for this event, designing every aspect of the party from the invitations to the food, and she was very excited about it.
 2. Family members whom Guermo hadn't seen in years were flying in from Peru in a few days. Liz had tracked down several college friends, and they were coming from various places across the country. The caterer and band were set. The best part for Liz: she knew Guermo did not have a clue about the party. She could not wait to see the look on his face when he walked into a big "Surprise!" in his own home.
 3. The party was to be on Saturday. As Liz was daydreaming about picking relatives up at the airport the next day and taking them to their hotel, Guermo walked into the kitchen and said, quite certainly, "Sweetheart, I don't want anything special done for my birthday." "What do you mean?" Liz responded nonchalantly, though her heart began to pound. "I mean that I don't want a surprise party." "Okay," Liz said with a shrug. "Not a problem."
 4. Liz's mind raced. There was nothing she could do about Guermo's request now. And, frankly, she didn't want to. Liz had been planning this for more than a year. The party would go off as she intended. She did not want all of her effort to be for naught.
 5. When Guermo came home Saturday evening from playing soccer with friends, he was shocked. Tears filled his eyes. (This response was something Liz had not predicted.) Among the crowd he saw friends whom he had not seen in nearly 20 years and family members who had come from Peru just for this evening. But along with being deeply moved, he was also angry with his wife. He felt ambushed. He knew he could be emotional, and he did not like people to see him that way. That was why he did not like being surprised.

(Source- englishforeveryone.org)

- 1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage complete the statements given below (1x6=6) with the help of the options that follow :
 - (i) Given the circumstances, the most likely reason that Liz's heart began to pound in the middle of the story is because Liz was
 - a. angry
 - b. confused
 - c. nervous
 - d. heartbroken
 - (ii) Which excerpt best summarizes the moment in which conflict first arises in the story?
 - a. "Sweetheart, I don't want anything special done for my birthday."
 - b. "Okay," Liz said with a shrug. "Not a problem."
 - c. "What do you mean?"
 - d. None of the above
 - (iii) To ambush someone means to
 - a. make someone cry
 - b. lie to someone repeatedly
 - c. attack someone in a surprise manner
 - d. present someone with all their friends and family

- (iv) As used in paragraph 3, which is the best synonym for ‘without doubt’ ?
 a. quite
 b. possibly
 c. certainly
 d. nonchalantly
- (v) When Guermo tells Liz that he does not want a surprise party, why did Liz decide not to tell him about the party?
 a. there was very little time left to cancel the party
 b. as family and friends would not be willing to go back
 c. the friends very much wanted to attend the party
 d. Guermo wanted an expensive gift
- (vi) What was the main reason Guermo did not want to be surprised?
 a. He was a shy person
 b. He did not have good relations with his family
 c. He knew he would get emotional because of the surprise
 d. He liked to avoid a crowd because of the noise they made

2. Read the passage carefully-

(Source: www.rd.com)

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following:

(1x4=4)

- e) The word which means the same as 'remedy' from para 2- _____
i) boost ii) cure iii) exercise iv) tranquiliser
- f) The word which means the same as 'kindle' from para 4- _____
i) calm ii) sustain iii) stimulate iv) tends
- g) The antonym of 'activate' as given in para 3 is _____
- h) The antonym of 'straightened' as given in para 5 is _____

SECTION-B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) 30 Marks

3. Books can be our best friends. They can teach us several things with the simple act of reading. Write an article for the school magazine on 'The Influence of a Book on One's Life' in about 100-150 words.

OR

(8)

You are Ankit/Ankita studying in class IX. You went on a morning walk and saw a boy drowning in the water. You saved the boy. The crowd appreciated you. Write a diary entry for this incident describing your feelings on helping to save a life. (100-150 words)

4. Build a story in your own words in 150-200 words using **any one** of the hints given below. Supply a suitable title.

It was an amazing day, full of fun and frolic. We all stood amazed to see a strange flying object over our heads. We started guessing...

OR

(10)

The gardener Kailash, who was old, started his regular work of watering the plants as if they were his own children. He then...

5. Complete the following passage by inserting the appropriate word from options given here.

(4)

Of all the books I a)____, I find the ones I like least are the ones b)____ praised by critics. It makes me wonder whether the fault c)____ with me or is it the critics who are making a mistake. If a book d)____ be understood only by reading an analysis of e)____ by a critic, then surely the book is f)____ to perform its function. Is it not g)____function of books to inform, educate them and h)____ the reader more aware of life?

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|----|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|
| a) | i) have read | ii) read | iii) am reading | iv) reads |
| b) | i) much | ii) more | iii) very | iv) most |
| c) | i) lie | ii) lies | iii) is lying | iv) lay |
| d) | i) might | ii) could | iii) may | iv) can |
| e) | i) this | ii) that | iii) it | iv) these |
| f) | i) likely | ii) able | iii) unable | iv) disable |
| g) | i) the | ii) a | iii) an | iv) their |
| h) | i) makes | ii) make | iii) made | iv) making |

6. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form a meaningful sentence.

(4)

- i) he / that / had been / by / captured / one night / a tribe / dreamed / he
ii) told / would have / he / he / to produce / was / in a day/ the sewing machine
iii) spent / trying / years / to perfect / Elias Howe / a sewing machine
iv) speared / could not, / if / he / would be / he / by / the tribe

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

(4)

- i The body could be consider a permanent furnace.
- ii The food we take in is 'fuel', who the body 'burns up'.
- iii In these process, about 2,500 calories are being used
- iv every day in the body. Its enough heat to bring 23 litres
- v of water to the boiling point! What happened to all
- vi this heat in the body? If there were not temperature
- vii controls in the body, we could certainly think of ourself
- viii as 'hot stuff'. We know that our body heat remains at a average temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.

SECTION-C (LITERATURE TEXTBOOKS) 30 Marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

*"Let us remember, whenever we are told
To hate our brothers, it is ourselves
That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn
Remember, we who take arms against each other."*

- (i) What is meant by 'it is ourselves that we...condemn' ? (1)
- (ii) What do you understand by 'whenever we are told'? (1)
- (iii) What are the reasons we take up arms against each other? (1)
- (iv) What does 'condemn' used here mean? (1)

Or

"After school, we went home and told our respective parents about the incident. Lakshmana Sastry summoned the teacher, and in our presence, told the teacher that he should not spread the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance in the minds of innocent children. He bluntly asked the teacher to either apologise or quit the school and the island."

- (i) What do 'we' and 'the incident' stand for in the above passage? (1)
- (ii) For what reason did Lakshmana Sastry ask the teacher to not spread the poison of social inequality and communal intolerance? (1)
- (iii) Why did he speak bluntly to the teacher? (1)
- (iv) What does 'poison' used here mean? (1)

9. Answer any **five** of the following questions in 30-40 words.

- (i) What is the theme of the poem 'The Road not Taken'? (2)
- (ii) In what sense was Toto a pretty monkey? (2)
- (iii) What does legend mean in 'A Legend of the Northland'? Why is the poem called so? (2)
- (iv) What are the Guru's words of wisdom? When does the disciple remember them? (2)
- (v) How has the tree, mentioned in 'On Killing a Tree', grown to its full size?
- (vi) What was the doctor's reaction when the snake was close to him?
- (vii) What does the poet like to do when it rains? (Rain on the Roof)

10. Answer any **one** of the following question in about 100-150 words

Santosh Yadav and Maria Sharapova's success stories clearly show that determination and persistent endeavour are the keys to achieving success. How can any individual employ these lessons to achieve success? Elaborate.

OR

Albert Einstein was quite different from the other children of his age. Do you think that those who think differently succeed in life like Einstein did? Elaborate.

11. Answer any **one** of the following question in about 100-150 words

The prince in 'The Happy Prince' becomes a humane being after he ceases to be a human. Comment.

OR

Prashant, despite being faced by adversity, is able to show extraordinary determination and courage to fight. Do you think adversity brings out the best in people?