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**Note :** (i) This question paper is divided into three sections :

- Section A : Reading Comprehension
- Section B : Writing Skills
- Section C : Literature Textbook

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

**[SECTION-A]**

**[ Reading Comprehension ]**

**Note :** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

To make our life a meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for our thoughts are the foundation, the inspiration, and the motivating power of our deeds. We create our entire world by the way we think thoughts are the causes and the conditions are the effects.

Our circumstances and condition are not directed by the world outside; it is the world inside us that creates the outside. Self-

awareness comes from the mind, which means soul. Mind is the sum total of the states of the consciousness grouped under thought, will and feeling. Besides self-consciousness we have the power to choose and think. Krishna says, "No man resteth a moment inactive." Even when inactive on the bodily plane we are all the time acting on the thought plane. Therefore, if we observe ourselves, we can easily mould our thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and noble, naturally action follows the same. If our thoughts are filled with jealousy, hatred and greed, our actions will be the same.

Karmically, however, thought or intent is more responsible and dynamic than an act. One may perform a charitable act but, if he does not think charitably and is doing the act just for the sake of gain and glory, it is his thoughts that will determine the result. Theosophy teaches us that every thought, no matter how fleeting, leaves a seed in the mind of thinker. These small seeds together make up a large thought seed and determine one's general character. Our thoughts affect the whole body. Each thought once generated and sent out becomes independent of the brain and mind and will live upon its own energy depending upon its intensity. Trying to keep a thought from our mind can produce the very state we are trying to avoid. We can alter our environment to create the mood. When for instance, we are depressed, if we sit by ourselves trying to think cheerful thought, we often do not succeed. But if we mix with people who are cheerful we can bring about a change in our mood and thoughts. Every thought we think, every act we perform, creates in us an impression, like everything else, is subject to cyclic law and becomes repetitive in our mind. So we alone have the choice to create our thought and develop the kind of impression that make our action more positive.

**Questions :**

[1] Choose the appropriate option :

[1×5=5]

**Q.1** Minding our thoughts make our lives \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) useless
- (b) meaningless
- (c) meaningful

**Q.2** The outside world is the creation of our \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) thoughts
- (b) actions
- (c) interpretations

**Q.3** Thought, will and feeling group together and create \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) mind
- (b) brain
- (c) consciousness

**Q.4** "No man resteth a moment inactive." The line means \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) man is inactive some moment
- (b) thought, will and feeling will active
- (c) man is active every moment

**Q.5** Thoughts can be moulded by \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves.

- (a) observing
- (b) motivating
- (c) Educating

[II] Answer the following questions :

[1×5=5]

**Q.6** What is more dynamic than an act?

**Q.7** What affects our whole body?

**Q.8** What comes from the mind?

**Q.9** What governs our actions?

**Q.10** What does theosophy teach us?

**Note :** Find words from the passage which have same meaning :

[1×2=2]

**Q.11** Full of activity

**Q.12** Active

**Note :** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

One Sunday evening there was a big crowd at Govind Devji Temple. There were many women standing at the flower shop, Prasad shop and other shops. Some of them were having glittering golden chains in their necks. They were also ready to go with their relatives after shopping. Suddenly, a motorcycle stopped. They asked a lady the timing of the Darshan and way to the gardens. They appeared gentle and simple, nobody apprehended that they might harm anybody. The lady was wearing a golden necklace, while the engine of the motorcycle was on, suddenly the back seated bent forward towards the lady, he within no seconds snatched the necklace and fled away. The lady when come to know about the incident cries loudly, but the people except shouting could do nothing.

A person gave a call to P.C.R. Van of the police. It came within a spur of the moments. The police gathered the required information. They assured to search her necklace. People were saying to the passer-by ladies not to wear golden ornaments at such a crowdy public place.

**Questions :**

- Q.13** On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. [4]
- Q.14** Write the summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using notes made and also suggest a suitable title. [3+1=4]

**[SECTION-B]**

**[ Writing Skills ]**

- Q.15** Write an article in about 250 words on any *one* of the following topics : [10]
- (i) Advantages of Trees
  - (ii) Importance of Yoga to Students
  - (iii) Festivals of India
  - (iv) Value of Games and Sports

- Q.16** You are Shilpa of Class XII, studying in St. Mary's H.S. School, Bilaspur. You have found a wrist watch in the school's theater room. Write a notice for the same for the school notice-board, giving details of the watch. [4]

**OR**

You are Shikha/Sunil, Head Girl/Boy of DAV Public School, Bhilai. Write a notice on the school notice-board, inviting students to give their names for the Quiz Competition.

- Q.17** Do as directed (any *ten*) : [1×10=10]

- (i) I like reading books.  
(Pick out non-finite verb and write it)
- (ii) Boys fly kites. (Change the voice)
- (iii) (a) The box is very heavy.  
(b) I cannot lift it.  
(Combine the sentences using 'so...that')
- (iv) If it doesn't rain, the crop will fail.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'Unless' in the place of 'If')
- (v) He said, "Earth moves round the sun." (Change the narration)
- (vi) You do your homework.  
(Change the sentence into interrogative)
- (vii) He is so weak that he cannot work any more.  
(Use 'too...to' in the place of 'so...that')
- (viii) As soon as the sun rises, darkness disappears.  
(Rewrite using 'No sooner .... than')
- (ix) (a) Ram is a postman.  
(b) He delivers letters.  
(Combine using relative clause)
- (x) Make two kites. (Change into passive voice)
- (xi) Kavita found the missing keys.  
(Change the sentence in relative clause)
- (xii) Abdul gave me a pen. (Change into negative)

- Q.18** Write an application to the Collector of your district for imposing restrictions on the use of loudspeakers during examination periods. [6]

**OR**

You are Neelu, residing at C-75, Shanti Nagar, Bilaspur. Write a letter to your friend congratulating him/her on his/her brilliant success in NEET Examination. <https://www.cgboardonline.com>

**[SECTION-C]**

**[ Literature Textbook ]**

**(Flamingo)**

**Note :** Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

Savita, a young girl in a drab pink dress, sits alongside an elderly woman, soldering pieces of glass. As her hands move mechanically like the tongs of a machine. I wonder if she knows the sanctity of the bangles she helps make. It symbolises an Indian woman's Suhaag, auspiciousness in marriage. It will dawn on her suddenly. One day when her head is draped with a red veil, her hands dyed red with heena, and red bangles rolled on her wrists, she will then become a bride. Like the old woman beside her who become one many years ago. She still has bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes.

**Questions :**

Choose the correct option :

[1×4=4]

**Q.19** Savita wears a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) drab pink dress (b) red dress  
(c) pink light dress (d) white dress

**Q.20** Her hands move like a \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) tongs (b) tongs of a machine  
(c) machine (d) mechanically

**Q.21** One day her hand dyed \_\_\_\_\_ with heena.

- (a) red (b) blue  
(c) green (d) pink

- Q.22** The young girl become a/an \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) old woman (b) bangle maker  
(c) bride (d) blind

**Note :** Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below :

Perhaps a huge silence  
might interrupt this sadness  
of never understanding ourselves  
and of threatening ourselves with death  
Perhaps the Earth can teach us  
as when everything seems dead  
and later proves to be alive  
Now I'll count up to twelve  
and you keep quiet and I will go

**Questions :**

Choose the correct option :

[1×4=4]

- Q.23** Huge silence might interrupt \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) happiness (b) sadness  
(c) loneliness (d) darkness
- Q.24** It was threatening ourselves with \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) live (b) sorrow  
(c) death (d) cheerful
- Q.25** \_\_\_\_\_ can teach us everything seems dead.
- (a) Moon (b) Stars  
(c) Sun (d) Earth
- Q.26** The narrator counts up to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) fifteen (b) ten  
(c) twelve (d) eight

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**Note :** Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each : [2×3=6]

**Q.27** What had been put in the bulletin board?

**Q.28** How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family?

**Q.29** How has the terror been personified by Douglas?

**Note :** Answer the following question in about 80 words : [6]

**Q.30** What is the theme of the lesson, 'The Last Lesson'?

**OR**

Give the character sketch of the Peddler as portrayed in the story.

**(Vistas)**

**Note :** Answer the following questions in about 2 sentences each : [2×2=4]

**Q.31** What confirmed that Charley was in the year 1894?

**Q.32** Why didn't the hunter tell the king that the tiger was not dead?

**Note :** Answer the following question in about 80 words : [6]

**Q.33** Give the character sketch of Charley.

**OR**

What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?

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