

ENGLISH, Paper - I

(Third language)

Parts A and B

Time : 2 hours 45 min.]

[Maximum Marks : 40

Instructions :

- (i) This question paper contains **three** sections (A, B and C) with questions from 1-29.
 - (ii) 15 minutes time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper and 2 hrs 30 minutes for answering the questions.
 - (iii) All the answers are to be written in the separate answer booklet.
 - (iv) Make use of the last page of the answer booklet for rough work, if necessary, while answering the questions under Section-‘C’.
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SECTION- A

(Reading comprehension)

Q (1-7) Read the following passage.

Despite the risk of being bullied, his parents insisted Nick on attending mainstream school. ‘It was the best decision they could have made for me,’ adds Nick, who later achieved a degree in Financial Planning and Real Estate. ‘It was very hard but it gave me independence.’

Nick, who was teased and bullied, had an electric wheel-chair for mobility, and a team of carers to help him.

‘I was deeply depressed when I was eight years old.’ he said. ‘I went to my mum crying and told her I wanted to kill myself.’

‘I felt cold and bitter. I hated God for doing this to me and was terrified of what would happen when my parents weren’t there to look after me.’

'I could brush my own teeth with a wall mounted brush and wash my own hair with pump action soap, but there was so much that was impossible for me.'

(Attitude is Altitude)

Q.(1-4) Now answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

4×1=4

1. What type of text is the above passage ?
 - (A) Narration
 - (B) Essay
 - (C) Biography
 - (D) Story

2. 'I felt cold and bitter. I hated

What does the underlined phrase mean ?

 - (A) Shivering
 - (B) Upset
 - (C) Joyful
 - (D) Surprised

3. According to the given passage, at the age of eight, Nick was very depressed because

 - (A) his father put him in a regular school.
 - (B) he was a torso.
 - (C) his parents helped him.
 - (D) he was teased and bullied by his school mates.

4. It was very hard but

'It' refers to

 - (A) The parent's decision about his schooling.
 - (B) The electric wheel-chair.
 - (C) The degree in Financial Planning and Real Estate.
 - (D) The wall mounted brush.

Q.(5-7) Answer the following questions in two or three sentences each.

3×2=6

5. Why did Nick hate God ?
6. What were the items designed by Nick's parents to help him with his regular needs ?
7. Nick's parents joined him in mainstream school. Do you support their decision ? Justify your statement.

Q.(8-12) Read the following passage.

The entire family was shattered by the calamity. The spirits of all the men were dampened like a cooking fire on which water has been poured.

In the morning, the village officers and witnesses visited the place to record the facts of the accident. 'Bayaji's death was the result of an accident due to a petromax flare-up', was their conclusion.

The house was burning before the house-warming ceremony was over and Bayaji was in ashes in the cemetery instead of enjoying the comforts of a retired life.

After the funeral, people returned hanging their heads. All of them were pained at heart to think that having come to celebrate the house-warming, they had the misfortune to attend the funeral of the host.

All were sitting in a sullen mood in the pandal when Bayaji's eldest son came out with three or four baskets, a spade, a pickaxe and a hoe. He outlined a square with the pickaxe and began to dig.

(The Storeyed House - II)

Q.(8-10) Now answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

3×1=3

8. 'Bayaji was in ashes in the cemetery instead of'

The underlined word means

- (A) Graveyard.
- (B) Cemented building.
- (C) Celebration.
- (D) Burnt house.

9. The eldest son came out with three or four baskets, a spade
- (A) to clean the ashes of the burnt house.
 - (B) to reconstruct the house.
 - (C) to dig a grave for his father.
 - (D) to fight with their enemies.
10. 'They had the misfortune to attend
- The word misfortune refers to*
- (A) Bayaji's retirement.
 - (B) house-warming ceremony.
 - (C) the fire accident.
 - (D) the death of Bayaji.

Q. (11-12) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. $2 \times 1 = 2$

11. What was the conclusion of the village officers **and** witnesses about the accident ?
12. 'The accident was due to a petromax flare-up'. Do you agree with the statement ? Support your answer.

SECTION-B

(Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.(13-17) Read the passage given below. Five sentences in the passage are numbered from 13 to 17 at the beginning. Each of these sentences has an error. Correct them and rewrite the sentences in your answer booklet. $5 \times 1 = 5$

Abel : To Mrs. John Shorrocks who keeps the 'Ring-O-Bells'.
 (13) we've had it fix^{ed} up a good while now, ~~and~~ ^{but} I was keeping it for a pleasant surprise. (14) I felt I was a bit of a burden ~~at~~ ^{to} you, so I found someone who'd think it a pleasure to look after me. (15) we shall be very glad ~~seeing~~ ^{to see} you at the ceremony. Till Monday, then. Twelve O'clock at St. Philip's Church. (16) It's a good thing ~~that~~ ^{that} you brought ^{that} bureau down-stair, Amelia. (17) It'll ~~being~~ ^{be} handier to carry it across to the 'Ring-O-Bells' on Monday.

Q.(18-22) Complete the following passage choosing the right words from those given in the box. Write the answers in your answer booklet.

5×1/2=2 1/2

interest, great, organization, rich, difficulty, films, associated.

Telugu audiences are proud of many ____ (18) producers, directors and artistes, Savitri is one such prestigious artiste. Ever since she was eight, she evinced ____ (19) in learning dance. Later she ____ (20) herself with the theatre. She formed a theatre ____ (21) as well. She had little ____ (22) in entering the film field.

Q.(23-27) Some words / sentences in the following passage are underlined. Rewrite them as directed, in your answer booklet.

5×1/2=2 1/2

The conductor asked the passengers to get down and they all put their strong (23) together to push the bus. Have (24) gained this initial momentum, the bus started. Passengers clambered (25) up, jostling one another. The conductor rang the bell and the bus gradual (26) took on speed. It entered the village reluctantly (27) like a traunt child being dragged to school.

23. Write the appropriate form of the underlined word.
24. Replace the word with the correct form.
25. Write a synonym of the underlined word.
26. Replace the underlined word with the correct form.
27. Write the antonym of the underlined word.

SECTION-C*Creative Writing (Discourse)*

28. World famous Environmental Activist and Nobel Prize winner, Wangari Maathai is from Africa. As you know, she started the Green Belt Movement in the rural areas of Africa against deforestation. Recollect the information you've got from her interview to NHK Radio and write a description of her activities. You may include these points in your description.

- Problems identified.
- Causes for the problem.
- Motivation to men and women
- Transformations brought.
- Message spread to the world.

OR

In the article 'Rendezvous with Ray', Roberge talks about his friendship with Ray. Imagine that you are the reporter of 'The Times Magazine' who interviewed Roberge about their friendship. Recollect the information from the article you've read and write an interview script of 10 -12 exchanges. You can focus on :

- How they met
- How long the friendship lasted.
- Qualities he observed in Ray.
- Depth of their relationship.

29. Siva Subramaniam Iyer invited Kalam for a meal. At first his wife was horrified, later she realised the ability of accepting everyone equally.

Imagine yourself as ~~Kalam~~ and make a diary entry of your feeling after the incident.

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