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**4. INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT QUESTION PAPER**

This Question Paper is divided into four Sections – **A, B, C** and **D**. All Sections are compulsory. Attempt all Sections as per instructions.

- Section A is a Reading section includes question No. 1 to 4 and this section includes 20 marks.
- Section B is a Writing section includes question No. 5 to 7 and this section includes 20 marks..
- Section C is a Grammar section includes question No. 8 to 12 and this section includes 30 marks.
- Section D is a Literature section includes question No. 13 to 16 and this section includes 30 marks.

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TIME: 3 Hours.

TOTAL MARKS: 100

THE ANSWER SHEET IS TO BE RETURNED ON COMPLETION OF THE TEST

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SECTION A – Reading

Question 1. Read the following passage carefully:

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**MYSTERY QUEEN**

Christie was probably the most successful writer in history. She wrote 78 crime novels, six other novels, 150 short stories, four non-fiction books and 19 plays. That represents two billion books sold: more than William Shakespeare!

Christie became a writer by accident. She was bored when her husband was away in the First World War. Agatha was working in a hospital dispensary (which is where she learned all the information about poisons that she used in her books). She decided to write a novel to pass the time. She chose a detective novel because she loved reading them. Her first novel, the Mysterious Affair at Styles, was an instant success. Each book had a new ingenious plot. Readers loved the books, particularly because Christie always gave the readers all the information they needed to find the solution.

Christie loved travelling. When she became rich she could go all over the world. She used the travels in her writing. Agatha Christie died in 1976, but her stories are still immensely popular. Many have been adapted for film or television.

**Questions:**

(a) Christie was a \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) famous singer
- (ii) famous writer
- (iii) famous dancer
- (iv) famous actress

(b) She knew a lot of things about poisons because \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) her father was a doctor.
- (ii) she was ill.
- (iii) her husband was a doctor in world war I.
- (iv) none of the above.

(c) The title of her first book was \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) "The Mysterious Affair at Styles"
- (ii) "War"
- (iii) "The Mysterious Prison"
- (iv) "The Body in the Library"

(d) The readers like her novels because \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) they could find who was guilty.
- (ii) her books contained great love stories.
- (iii) the story was easy to understand.
- (iv) her stories were full of action.

(e) When she became rich she \_\_\_\_\_

- (i) travelled a lot
- (ii) ate a lot.

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- (iii) drank a lot.
- (iv) spent a lot.

Question 2. **Read the following passage carefully:**

**5 marks**

The world dismisses curiosity by calling it idle or mere idle curiosity even though curious persons are not at all idle. Parents do their best to extinguish curiosity in their children because it makes life difficult to be faced everyday with a string of unanswerable questions about what makes fire hot or why grass grows. Children whose curiosity survives parental discipline are invited to join our university. With the university they go on asking their questions trying to find the answers. In the eyes of a scholar, that is what a university is for. Some of the questions which the scholars ask seem to the world to be scarcely worth asking, let alone answering. They ask questions too minute and specialised for me and you to understand without years of explanation. If the world inquires of one of them why he wants to know the answer to a particular question he may say especially, if he is a scientist, that the answer will in some obscure way make possible a new machine or weapon or gadget.

Similarly a historian asked by an outsider why he studies history may come out with the argument that he has learnt to repeat on such occasions, something about knowledge of the past making it possible to understand the present and mould the future. But if you want to know why a historian studies the past, the answer is much simpler, something happened and he would like to know that.

**Complete the statements given below by choosing the options you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet.**

(a) According to the passage, children make life difficult for their parents \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) by their carefree curiosity
- (ii) by continuous bombardment of questions
- (iii) by asking irrelevant questions
- (iv) by posing profound questions

(b) The common people consider some of the questions that the scholars ask unimportant because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) they are too lazy and idle
- (ii) they are too modest
- (iii) it is beyond their comprehension
- (iv) it is considered a waste of time

(c) A historian really studies the past \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) to understand the present and to think about the future
- (ii) to explain the present and plan the future
- (iii) to understand the present and make fortune
- (iv) to understand the present and mould the future

(d) The word in the passage which means to put out/finish is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) extinguish
- (ii) curious
- (iii) answer
- (iv) mould

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(e) Parents do their best to discourage curiosity in their children because\_\_\_\_\_.

- (i) they have no time
- (ii) they have no patience to answer them
- (iii) they feel that their children ask stupid questions
- (iv) they are unable to answer all their questions

Question 3. **Read the following poem carefully:**

**5 marks**

**IN LONDON TOWN**

It was a bird of Paradise,  
Over the roofs he flew.  
All the children in a trice  
Clapped their hands and cried,  
"How nice!  
Look-his wings are blue!"  
His body was of ruby red,  
His eyes were burning gold,  
All the grown-up people said,  
"What a pity the creature is not dead,  
For then it could be sold!"  
One was braver than the rest,  
He took a loaded gun;  
Aiming at the emerald chest,  
He shot the creature through the breast,  
Down it fell in the sun.  
It was not heavy, it was not fat,  
And folks began to stare.  
"We cannot eat it, that is flat!  
Why, who could ever wear?"  
They flung it into the river brown.  
"A pity the creature died!"  
With a smile and with a frown,  
Thus they did in London town;  
But all the children cried.

**Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary.**

The children clapped and cried when (a)\_\_\_\_\_. The grown-ups wanted to kill the bird so that (b)\_\_\_\_\_ and one of the men(c)\_\_\_\_\_ and shot the bird through the breast and the (d)\_\_\_\_\_. Then they found that (e)\_\_\_\_\_ because (f)\_\_\_\_\_. So they (g) \_\_\_\_\_ with a mixed feeling of (h)\_\_\_\_\_. The poem highlights that while the children (i)\_\_\_\_\_ the adults (j)\_\_\_\_\_. We learn from the poem that as children, human beings have emotions and a natural love for all creatures but when they grow old, their emotions die and they become selfish and greedy.

Question 4. **Read the following poem carefully:**

**5 marks**

**Spitting to Survive**

Spit keeps our mouths moist and softens our food when we chew. Without spit in our mouths, we would have a hard time talking. We would find it even harder to

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swallow. But for some animals, spit works better after it has left the mouth. Some animals are experts at surviving because they are expert spitters.

Llamas are animals often found in zoos and farms. These animals seem to like their personal space. A llama that feels threatened or annoyed will spit slimy gobs at you to get you to leave it alone.

Sometimes llamas even spit on each other to steal food! This trick usually works, because llama spit includes food from the llama's stomach, and it can be quite smelly. When a llama spits on another animal, the animal usually loses its appetite and walks away, leaving its food behind.

The archer fish is a very skilled spitter. This fish is like a submarine with a loaded weapon. It takes aim and spits jets of water at insects and other small creatures to knock them into the water. Then it gulps them down quickly. To create such a forceful stream of water, an archer fish closes its gills, and uses its tongue to form a tube in its mouth. Then the fish sticks its snout out of the water and aims. Aim! Launch! Lunch!

Spitting cobras are also known for their expert aim. These snakes spray poisonous venom from their fangs to protect themselves. Scientists believe that these snakes actually aim for the eyes! When the cobra's venom gets into the eyes of an animal, the venom causes terrible pain, and even blindness. This gives the snake plenty of time to get away. Spitting is considered to be rude behaviour in people. But for some animals, spitting can be a smart way to get lunch – or a clever way to avoid becoming lunch!

**Complete the following sentences in a suitable manner.**

- (a) Spit helps humans to keep their mouths \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) The Archer fish captures insects by \_\_\_\_\_
- (c) A Llama might spit \_\_\_\_\_
- (d) A Cobra can protect itself by \_\_\_\_\_
- (e) The author's purpose for writing this passage is to \_\_\_\_\_

### Section B – Writing

Question 5. You are Heena/Hiten, the Coordinator of the Newspaper in Education Scheme. You are organising a talk by David Crystal, Professor of English, Cambridge University, UK in which entry will be on first come first served basis. Write a notice, in not more than 50 words, mentioning details of date, time, venue etc.

**4 Marks**

OR

Given below is a profile of an actress, Anu Kumar. Write a short bio-sketch of Anu Kumar in about 80 words. You may take the help of the clues given below:

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| Age:                 | 24 year                 |
| Height:              | Six feet, weight – 40Kg |
| Marital status:      | Unmarried               |
| Family:              | Two sister, one brother |
| Education:           | B.A.                    |
| National award:      | 1999                    |
| Good sense of humour |                         |
| Acted in ten movies  |                         |

Question 6. You are Mohan/Mohini. Write a letter in 150 – 170 words to your friend condoling his/her mother's death.

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OR

You are Nidhi, living at 10, Hari nagar, Delhi. You happened to see your neighbour's nine year old housemaid being ill-treated by the house owner. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 150-175 words about prevalence of child labour in spite of the strict rules laid down by the government.

Take ideas from the hints given below:

- . Made to work for long hours
- . Ill treated, paid very little.
- . Law breakers to be punished

Question 7. Brain drain is a major problem in developing nations. India has provided some great minds to the world. Write an article in about 100–120 words, to encourage Indians to serve their nation and nature it. **8 Marks**

OR

You have decide to write an article in the school magazine on how it is important to save the planet, Earth. Write the article in about 120 words.

### SECTION C – GRAMMAR

Question 8. Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blank by choosing the most appropriate words/phrases from the given option. **4 Marks**

Thoughtlessly, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ without meaning any harm ,some people any throw banana peels on the road or the sidewalk. When a person, walking briskly, steps on it, he or she will slip ending in a fractured bone (b) \_\_\_\_\_ even some more dangerous eventualities. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ people must take care to throw the peel in a dust-bin.

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| (a) | And | So     | But | Though    |
| (b) | And | Though | Or  | Sometimes |
| (c) | And | So     | But | Or        |

Question 9. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect Word and the correction in your answers sheet against the correct blank number. **6 Marks**

|   | incorrect | correct |
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| My cat Tugger be the toughest animal I know.            | e.g.: be  | is      |
| He has survived much close calls. Three years ago,      | (a)       |         |
| He were caught inside a car's engine. His right ear     | (b)       |         |
| Was torn off when he lost the sight in one eye. We were | (c)       |         |
| Surprised that he lived from the accident. Within       | (d)       |         |
| Weeks she was back to normal. Then last year again      | (e)       |         |
| We were worry that we would lose. Tugger                | (f)       |         |

Question 10. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. **8 Marks**

- (a) Gold / one day / Mohan das / piece / stile / a / of
- (b) Great / knew / had / he / a / crime / that / committed / he
- (c) Decided / never / his life / he / again / to steal / in
- (d) a / incurred / in business / he / heavy loss / year / last
- (e) of I very fast / life / the pace / these days / is
- (f) cause / life and property / to / often / earthquakes / great damage

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- (g) of thick / are / connective / these glands / made / tissues /  
(h) which is / yellow liquid / water / snake venom / 90% of / is a /

Question 11. (a) Read the conversation between two friends and complete the paragraph given below.  
Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentence.

**2x4 = 8 Marks**

Joice : When is your aunt visiting you?

Mary : She is planning to come in September.

Joice : Wouldn't our exams have started by then?

Mary : That's true. I've called her and requested her to come only after my exams.

Joice asked Mary (a) ----- Mary replied that (b) ----- Joice enquired (c) ----- by then. Mary said that it was true and added (d) ----- to come only after her exams.

(b) Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

Rejula: M'am, may I borrow a dictionary? I forgot to bring mine.

Teacher: How can you be forgetful? Didn't I remind you yesterday?

Rejula: Yes m'am, I am sorry, I will not repeat the mistake.

Teacher: Borrow it for today.

Rejula: Thank you, m'am.

Rejula requested the teacher (a) \_\_\_\_\_ since she (b) \_\_\_\_\_.  
The teacher chided her for being forgetful and asked her (c) \_\_\_\_\_. When Rejula promised not to repeat the mistake the teacher permitted her (d) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Rejula was relieved and thanked the teacher.

Question 12. Fill in the blanks with the help of given alternatives.

**4 Marks**

When we (a) \_\_\_\_\_ anything we always have to keep in mind our (b) \_\_\_\_\_. After all, except as an exercise, there would be little point in writing anything if it (c) \_\_\_\_\_ not going to benefit someone or the (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) (i) decide (ii) undertake  
(iii) rectify (iv) write

- (b) (i) viewpoint (ii) reader  
(iii) information (iv) ideas

- (c) (i) was (ii) had  
(iii) would (iv) is

- (d) (i) other (ii) another  
(iii) heinous (iv) sundry

#### SECTION D – LITERATURE

Question 13. (a) Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow:

**3x2 = 6 Marks**

The old man, shivering at times but fixed of purpose, plodded on till he came out of the town gate on to a straight road. Along this he now went at a somewhat slower pace, supporting himself in his old staff.

(a) Who was the old man and why was he shivering?

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- (b) Where was he going so early?
- (c) What does the phrase, plodded on mean?

(b) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in Your answer sheet in one or two lines only.

The very deep did rot: O Christ!  
That ever this should be!  
Yea, slimy things did crawl with legs  
Upon the slimy sea.

- (a) Who speaks these lines?
- (b) What does the word 'deep' refer to?
- (c) What is the poetic device used in the last line?

Question 14. Answer **any five** of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

**2x5 = 10 Marks**

- (a) What brought about a shift in the postmaster's attitude towards Ali?
- (b) Describe the refugee camp in 'The Ultimate Safari'.
- (c) Why did Coachman Ali give up his favourite sport?
- (d) Why has the mirror been called a four-cornered god?
- (e) How did the post master's attitude towards Ali eventually change?
- (f) In what way is the play, "The Dear Departed" satirical. Comment on the nature of human beings.
- (g) How did the creature in the bog react to the frog's voice?

Question 15. The Nightingale placed her blind trust in the Frog but he exploited her. With reference to The poem elaborate the statement Betrayal always comes from those whom you trust.

**4 Marks**

OR

How was Cutie Pie captured? Write your answer in 50-75 words.

Question 16. (a) What was the fate of Helen's doll and what were Helen's feelings towards the incident?

**5x2 = 10 Marks**

OR

You are Cutie Pie. After your capture and imprisonment, you make a diary entry of your experiences in the glass prison. Make this entry in 150 — 175 words.

(b) As one of the sailors write a diary entry on how you felt after the ancient mariner had committed the sin of killing the albatross, for which you think he deserved a punishment.

OR

Imagine you are the mirror. Make a diary entry on a day in your life.

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