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### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. OPENING AND CHECKING OF THE QUESTION-BOOKLET

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#### 4. INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT QUESTION PAPER

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

- a) Section A is a Reading section includes question No. 1 to 2 and this section includes 20 marks.
- b) Section B is a Writing section includes question No. 3 to 5 and this section includes 20 marks..
- c) Section C is a Grammar section includes question No. 6 to 10 and this section includes 30 marks.
- d) Section D is a Literature section includes question No. 11 to 14 and this section includes 30 marks.

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

This Question Paper MUST be attached with Answer Sheet

## SECTION A – READING

**Question 1. Read the following passage carefully:**

**8 marks**

Of all penguin species, the Galapagos ones mostly inhabit the western part of the Galapagos Islands. Compared with other penguin species, the population is small, numbering no more than a few thousand individuals. Galapagos penguins are among the smallest of all penguin species. They average about 53 cm (about 21 inches) in length and weight from 1.7 to 2.6 kg (about 4–6 pounds). Males are slightly larger than females. Juveniles, in contrast, have age head and black and white underside. They also possess white patches of feathers on their cheeks .the chicks are covered in a fluff of light gray downy feathers.

These penguins often below. Adults and juveniles are food for sharks and Galapagos fur seals in the water. On land all age classes are vulnerable to the native Galapagos hawk and to predators –such as dogs, cats, rats and other birds of prey.

Most of the penguins breed on the islands of Isabella, Fernandina, and Santa Cruz on the western end of the Galapagos archipelago. The young are produced throughout the year, and nests are built with rocks and twigs or within lava rock depressions within about 50 meters (about 165 feet of the shoreline. Most breeding pairs are monogamous for life , and prolific pairs can produce up to three clutched of eggs per year, with females often laying two eggs per clutch. The eggs are deposited in the nest within four days of one another and incubation is shared equally between the parents. The incubation period lasts 38–42 days, after which both parents provide for their chicks by alternating feeding and guarding duties in a daily basis until the chicks are 30 days old. The chicks continue to remain in the nest when they are between 30 and 60 days of age, sustained by periodic feedings by their parents.

Unlike most other penguin species, Galapagos penguin chicks do not join 'creches'(groups). The fledgling period continues until the chicks are 60–65 days old, and they become completely independent at age 3–6 months. Galapagos penguins can live as long as 15-20 years, but most succumb to predation or food shortages caused by the periodic, but dramatic, changes in nearby ocean currents.

(a) How are Galapagos penguins different from other species of penguins?

(b) How is a male penguin different from a female penguin?

(c) How can a juvenile penguin be identified?

- (d) How do the Galapagos penguins hunt
- (e) What makes the penguins vulnerable?
- (f) Where and with what do they build their nests?
- (g) What dangers do they face on land?
- (h) How do their chicks grow up?

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

**12 marks**

On a cloudy day, the clouds hide the sun, but the sun is always there. Happiness is like the sun, it is often hidden by the clouds of thoughts, worries and desires. We have to scatter and dissolve them to experience happiness.

You don't have to create happiness. All you have to do is calm down your mind, because when there is a quiet mind and inner peace, there is happiness. Happiness is not something far away and unattainable. Happiness does not depend on circumstances, objects or events. It is an inseparable part of our consciousness, of our essence, but hidden and covered from sight, by our thoughts, desires and worries.

The mind is always in a constant race from one thought to another, from one worry to another. It constantly moves from one object or task to another, never standing still. This restlessness hides the happiness that is within you. It is like a choppy sea that hides the bottom. When the sea gets calm you can see the bottom. In the same way, when the mind gets quiet you sense the happiness that is within you.

You cannot see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake, though it is there. However, when the wind stops, the water becomes still, and the mud sinks, you can see the treasure. The treasure is there, whether you see it or not. So is happiness. It is always there, only hidden by thoughts, desires and worries.

You can experience more and more happiness in your life. Only your thoughts stand in your way of experiencing it. Next time you feel happy, stop for a moment and watch the state of your mind. You will be surprised to discover that it is calm and there are almost no thoughts in your mind. Since the mind is not accustomed to stay in this peaceful state for long, it soon becomes active again and the sense of happiness disappears.

(1) On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow **2x4 = 8 Marks**

- (a) Why has happiness been compared to the sun?
- (b) What are the requisites for experiencing happiness?
- (c) What does not allow us to sense happiness that is within us?
- (d) When can one see a treasure at the bottom of a stormy and muddy lake?

(2) Answer the following questions by selecting the correct options

**1x4 = 4 Marks**

(a) What is meant by the word 'scatter'? (para1)

- (i) separate            (ii) detach  
(iii) remove           (iv) disperse

(b) what is meant by the word 'hidden'? (para4)

- (i) revealed            (ii) avoided  
(iii) defined           (iv) concealed

(c) What is the antonym of the word 'unattainable'? (para2)

- (i) probable            (ii) achievable  
(iii) inaccessible      (iv) reasonable

(d) What is the antonym of the word 'sinks'? (para4)

- (i) raise                (ii) lift  
(iii) drowns            (iv) floats

## **SECTION B - WRITING**

**Question 3.**

**8 marks**

Influence of friends can have both positive and negative impact on the students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words discussing how we can make it more positive and productive. You are Arun/Aruna 24 Mall Road Chennai.

**OR**

Your school organized a trip to one of the hills stations in India and you have returned after a few days. Write a letter to your father telling him about your experience of the trip is not more than 120 words.

**Question 4.**

**6 Marks**

Write a short story in 80–100 words on the basis of the hints provided:

Uday's dream – do something brave – win recognition far and wide – be famous in the world – one fine day, he saw this opportunity when .....

**OR**

While strolling in the park near my house, I spotted a cobra. I panicked but stood there like a statue. Frightening thoughts were arising in my mind and then.

**Question 5.**

**6 Marks**

You are Rahul/Roshni, Secretary of the Rotary Club, XYZ School, Delhi. An interschool cultural competition is being conducted in your school on the 25th of November. Put up a notice informing House Captains and Badge Holders about a meeting to discuss the arrangements for the programme. Write the notice in not more than 80-100 words

**OR**

The students of St. Martin's School are being taken on a picnic to 'Green Resort'. You are Raghu. Your friend, Ravi, was absent on the previous day of the picnic when a few instructions were given. Using the information given below, draft a message to your friend in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

- reach school at 9 a.m.
- carry your lunch, water bottle, sweater
- be in uniform but can wear comfortable sandals
- do not carry more than Rs. 50
- expected back at 6 p.m.

## SECTION C – GRAMMAR

### Question 6.

4 Marks

Complete the passage given below choosing correct alternatives.

When Alexander and his men (a) .....the plain of Gaugamela, they found that the ground (b) ..... levelled. The Persian chariots stood in formation, ready to attack across that flat surface.

Darius (c) ..... his scythed chariots to propel themselves forcefully into the Greek forces, with (d)..... ripping at the flesh of both horses and men. The chariots began their rapid (e) ..... the army of Alexander the Great. The Greek general, (f) ..... a quick assessment of the situation, ordered the ranks of the Greek fighters to split apart.

- (a) (i) were reaching (ii) reach  
(iii) reached (iv) have reached
- (b) (i) had been (ii) is being made  
(iii) is made (iv) was made
- (c) (i) has expected (ii) did expect  
(iii) had expected (iv) expected
- (d) (i) there carved blades (ii) they're curved blades  
(iii) their curved blades (iv) they curving blades
- (e) (i) drove to (ii) drive towards  
(iii) drives to (iv) driven along
- (f) (i) having made (ii) have made  
(iii) had to make (iv) is having to make

### Question 7.

4 Marks

Read the paragraph given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow.

"A witty person is one (a) \_\_\_\_\_ has the ability to say clever and amusing things promptly," said the teacher. Then he asked (b) \_\_\_\_\_ any one of them had heard about any such person. Several persons spoke with one voice, "Sir, Birbal (c) \_\_\_\_\_ very witty."

- (a) (i) who (ii) which (iii) whose (iv) where  
(b) (i) that (ii) so (iii) if (iv) what  
(c) (i) was (ii) were (iii) has (iv) is

**Question 8.****8 Marks****Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences.**

- a) communications / not matter / were slow/it did / between different / when the / parts of the world
- b) easily/routine/everyday/can/your/it/with/fit in.
- c) swimming/lots more/calories/eats up/running/per minute/than/or cycling.
- d) you run/when/that/make sure/your/strides are/not/too long.
- e) for a / people feel / our times / the need / but in / common language /
- f) to the / put forward / solutions / problem / have been / various /
- g) unconnected with / creation of / the first / an artificial language / was the /any existing language /
- h) invention of a / natural language / based on / the second solution /synthetic language / was the /

**Question 9.****2x4 = 8 Marks**

(A) Complete the conversation by choosing the correct option from those given below:

Rohit: I am really thrilled about our trip to Goa, I have heard it has some wonderful beaches. I don't know (a)\_\_\_\_\_ when I will find myself standing before the vast sea.

Rahul : Yes, it is a wonderful experience to see the vast waves rising and striking the beach.

Rohit : Tell me, (b)\_\_\_\_\_ Goa?

Rahul : We shall reach within two days as we are going there first. Do you know (c)\_\_\_\_\_ since it's your first trip outside?

Rohit : Oh my God! I forgot that completely. Actually I had (d)\_\_\_\_\_ but the excitement was so much that it escaped my mind completely.

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| (i)   | (a) what to do                | (b) how I shall feel           |
|       | (c) what I will do            | (d) what will I not do         |
| (ii)  | (a) when shall we reach       | (b) when we must reach         |
|       | (c) when could we reach       | (d) when ought to we reach     |
| (iii) | (a) where you will go         | (b) what you will do           |
|       | (c) what to carry             | (d) what you dare carry        |
| (iv)  | (a) come to you to ask that   | (b) come to tell you that      |
|       | (c) come to instruct you that | (d) come to ask those from you |

(B) Complete the following news reports accompanying the following headlines by filling in the blanks.

(a) RBI HIKES KEY INTEREST RATES

Reserve Bank of India \_\_\_\_\_ key interest rates by 25 basis points with immediate effect.

- (I) has hiked            (III) hiked  
(II) will hike            (IV) may hiked

(b) FAKE VISA RACKET BUSTED

A fake visa racket \_\_\_\_\_ with the arrest of two youths in Bangalore.

- (I) is busted            (III) has been busted  
(II) will bust            (IV) had been busted

(c) BOAT OVERTURNED : FISHERMEN DROWNED

Three fishermen \_\_\_\_\_ in the Indian ocean on Monday.

- (I) Were drowned when their boat overturned.  
(II) Got drowned when their boat overturned.  
(III) Had been drowned in the overturn of their boat.  
(IV) Have been drowned when a boat overturned.

(d) MAN SHEDS 27 KGs IN SIX MONTHS BY WALKING

A man \_\_\_\_\_ by walking over a period of 6 months.

- (I) Will shed 27kgs    (III) shed 27kgs  
(II) Was to shed      (IV) will be shedding

**Question 10.**

**6 Marks**

In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Ensure that your answer is underlined.

Sophie's face faded into grey winter light

Eg: into the grey

of the sitting room. She dozed the armchair

a) \_\_\_\_\_

that Joe had brought for her their 40th

b) \_\_\_\_\_

anniversary. The room warm and quiet. Outside it

c) \_\_\_\_\_

snowing lightly At quarter past one mailman turned

d) \_\_\_\_\_

the corner into Alleer Street. He late not because the

e) \_\_\_\_\_

shows but because it Valentine's Day.

f) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION D – LITERATURE

### Question 11.

2x3 = 6 Marks

- (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the given alternatives.

*In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud,  
It perched for vespers nine;  
Whiles all the night through fog-smoke white,  
Glimmered the white Moon-shine.*

- a) Who is „it“ in the above lines?
1. The Ship
  2. The Sea –birds
  3. The albatross
  4. The fog
- b) What does “Vespers nine” refer to?
1. The time of 9 o'clock?
  2. The fangs of a snake
  3. The nine corners of a ship
  4. The evening time of prayer (church Service) for nine days.
- c) Why was “It a boon for the sailors?
1. because it had brought a lot of money.
  2. because it had helped the sailor reach the shore
  3. because it along with its friends had helped the sailors.
  4. because it had brought luck and the sailors could move out of the land of mist and snow

- (B) Read the extract given below and answer briefly the questions that follow.

*These couching and these lowly courtesies  
Might fire the blood of ordinary men, And  
turn pre-ordinance and first decree Into  
the law of children.*

*Thy brother by decree is banished:  
If thou dost bend and pray, and fawn, for him,  
I spurn thee, like a cur, out of my way.*

- a) who is Caesar speaking to here?
- (i) Brutus            (ii) Cassius            (iii) Antony   (iv) Metelus Cimber
- b) Why was Caesar angry with person he was speaking to?
- (i) Because he was conspiring against him  
(ii) Because he had joined hands with the enemies of Rome  
(iii) Because he was pleading for his banished brother  
(iv) Because he didn't render his duties sincerely
- c) Which figure of speech is used in the last line?
- (i) Brutus            (ii) Cassius            (iii) Antony            (iv) Metelus Cimber

**Question 12.****2x5 = 10 Marks**

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

- (A) Who is Jenkins? In what sense is he helpful to John ?
- (B) Why was Patol Babu not excited about the role assigned to him by Naresh Dutt ?
- (C) What is the attitude of the poet to king Ozymandias?
- (D) The crowd in Julius Caesar is fickle minded. Comment.
- (E) Why did the Wedding Guest beat his breast?
- (F) How did Loisel and Matilda arrange the money to buy the necklace?
- (G) How does the argument about Oxen Meadows start?

**Question 13.****4 Marks**

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 Mark Antony. With your skilful oratory you are able to turn the tables on the murderers of Caesar. As Mark Antony, write a diary entry about the day's events and your satisfaction that you were able to take revenge on the assassins of Caesar.

**Question 14.****5x2 = 10 Marks**

(A) How does Anne Frank explain her hobbies to dearest 'Kitty' in her diary?

**OR**

Through the eyes of Anne Frank, draw a character sketch of her mother, Edith Frank.

(B) But I soon discovered that college was not quite the romantic lyceum I had imagined." What made Helen realise this?

**OR**

Who was Mr. Gilman? How did he play his role to fulfil Keller's dream of studying at Harvard?

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**