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अंग्रेजी

ENGLISH

Total Printed Pages : **8**	Total Questions : **16**	Time : **3** Hours	Maximum Marks : **75**

Instructions :

(i) *Read all the questions carefully.*

(ii) *Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.*

(iii) *Marks allotted to each question are given against them.*

SECTION – A

(Reading)

1 **Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it:** **1×5=5**

Emperor Ashoka was one of the earliest Indian monarchs who planted shady trees on roads and in public places. The Moghuls, too, realised the necessity of shade on the roads which they constructed. But there was no conscious planning; and peepal, banyan and pakur trees were indiscriminately mixed with neems, tamarinds and mahuas. It was only in Kashmir that they showed some preference for planning and planted magnificent avenues of Chinar along the banks of river Jhelum, which can be seen at their best at Gandharbal and Matan on the way of Pahalgam.

A plantation plan for our national, state and district highways is urgently needed. At present, our roads are made by the P.W.D. engineers who are ignorant of trees. Ultimately the planting of new trees and replacement of dead trees is left to gardeners alone who plant any tree which comes handy. The result has been unfortunate and our roadside avenues have become a mixture of odd trees.

Questions :

(i) **Who was Ashoka ?**

(a) a gardener (b) an Indian monarch

(c) a Mughal emperor (d) an actor

(ii) **Where did emperor Ashoka plant the shady trees ?**

(a) in the farm house

(b) in the mountain

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(c) on the roads and public places

(d) in his palace

(iii) **The Moghuls planted the magnificent avenues of Chinar in:**

(a) Kashmir (b) Madhya Pradesh

(c) Kerala (d) Delhi

(iv) **Give the synonym of word 'handy'.**

(a) hard to do (b) impossible

(c) easy to do (d) heavy

(v) **Write the noun form of the word 'construct'.**

(a) constructed (b) construction

(c) construtively (d) constructive

2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it: 1×5=5

Modern etiquette is an art. It has been cultivated by persistent practice. The first requirement of good etiquette is a pleasing personality, which includes a good dress in tune with times. After these basic requirements are in the place, the person desiring to learn the art of etiquette must develop the power of speech to be a good communicator. He must have a smooth accent in the language in which he converses. Modern etiquette includes having a clear idea of the day-to-day topics and happenings in the society or in the community in which one lives. These ideas enable a person to be interesting and entertaining at various functions, dinners, evening parties or in the clubs. To be sociable is a great asset in society. A sociable man being popular, can crack good jokes when there is an occasion for him, can raise interesting issues for discussion and wins friends and admirers.

Questions :

(i) **What is the first requirement of good etiquette ?**

(a) anger (b) hatred

(c) pleasing personality (d) rudeness

(ii) **What does the word 'accent' mean ?**

(a) way of speaking (b) way of writing

(c) way of reading (d) way of listening

(iii) **What does modern etiquette include ?**

(a) bad behaviour

(b) show off

(c) a clear idea of day-to-day topics and happenings

(d) flattery

(iv) **What is modern etiquette ?**

(a) a business (b) a job

(c) a duty (d) an art

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(v) **Give the opposite word of 'modern'.**

(a) honest (b) rich

(c) ancient (d) poor

SECTION – B

(Writing)

3 **Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below it.** **4**

The heart is one of the most important parts of the human body. The heart of human body has the continuous job to keep oxygen-rich blood flowing through the body. All the body's cells need a constant supply of oxygen, particularly in the brain. The brain cells live only four to five minutes after the oxygen is cut off and death comes to the entire body. Heart disease can result from damage to the heart muscles, the valves or the pacemakers. If the muscle is damaged, the heart is unable to pump properly. If the valves are damaged, blood cannot flow normally. Dr. John Gibbon of U.S.A. developed a machine in 1953 that could take over temporarily from the heart. Surgeons had the chance to repair or replace a defective heart. Many patients have had plastic valves inserted in their hearts when their hearts were faulty. Many people are now being kept alive with tiny battery-operated pacemakers.

Questions :

(i) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it.

(ii) Give a suitable title to it.

4 You are Shubh / Shubhi studying in Govt. H.S. School, Panna (M.P). Write an application to your principal requesting him to grant you full fee-concession. **4**

OR

You are Ankita / Ankit, residing at 30, Railway Colony, Rewa. Write a letter to your friend to invite her / him to attend your sister's marriage ceremony.

5 **Write an essay in about 150 words on any one of the following topics :** **5**

(i) Role of Mobile and Social Media in daily life.

(ii) Save the Earth (Planet)

(iii) Importance of Yoga

(iv) An Ideal Teacher

(v) Utility of Science in daily life.

OR

Write a paragraph in about 150 words on 'Women Empowerment'.

6 **Look at the picture given below and produce a small paragraph in about 75 words:** **3**

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SECTION – C
(Grammar)

7 **Fill in the blanks : (any five)** **1×5=5**

(i) I saw _____ one eyed man.
(a, an, the)

(ii) Walk carefully lest you _____ fall.
(must, may, should)

(iii) Rekha _____ playing cricket since 2015.
(has been, have been, has)

(iv) He is hard _____ hearing.
(of, from, in)

(v) Raj has _____ friends.
(much, any, many)

(vi) I _____ my duty yesterday.
(do, does, did)

(vii) We want _____ a new car.
(buy, to buy, buying)

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8 Do as directed : (any five) **1×5=5**

(i) He is taking tea.
(Change into passive voice)

(ii) Riya writes a letter.
(Change into negative sentence)

(iii) We eat food.
We may live.
(Combine the sentences using 'so that')

(iv) Seema gave me a pen.
(Change into present-indefinite tense)

(v) Bhanu is so poor that he cannot buy a pen.
(Rewrite the sentence using too....to in the place of so....that)

(vi) playing / are / football / they / in /playground. / the
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)

(vii) The Moon shine brightly in the sky.
(Correct the sentence)

SECTION – D
(Text Books)

9 Choose the correct answer and write it : **1×4=4**

(i) **Lencho wrote a letter to _____ .**

(a) his friend (b) God
(c) the postmaster (d) his father

(ii) **What was the name of Anne Frank's diary ?**

(a) Mily (b) Kitty
(c) Milky (d) Ketty

(iii) **Where did Rajvir and Pranjal study ?**

(a) Assam (b) Coorg
(c) Goa (d) Delhi

(iv) **Where is Coorg situated ?**

(a) Karnataka (b) West Bengal
(c) Rajasthan (d) Maharashtra

10 (A) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions below it. **1×3=3**

The house – the only one in the entire valley–sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the

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morning Lencho - who knew his fields intimately had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north-east.

Questions :

(i) **Where was Lencho's house situated ?**

(a) on the bank of river (b) on the crest of a low hill

(c) in the bottom of hill (d) in the field

(ii) **Which crop did he sow in his fields ?**

(a) corn (b) wheat

(c) gram (d) mustard

(iii) **From which lesson has this extract been taken ?**

(a) His First Flight (b) The Black Aeroplane

(c) A Letter to God (d) Madam Rides the Bus

(B) Read the extract carefully and answer the questions given below it. **1×3=3**

If ever you should go by chance
To jungles in the east;
And if there should to you advance
A large and tawny beast.
If he roars at you as you're dyin,
You'll know it is the Asian lion.....

Questions :

(i) **The name of the poet of the above poem is**

(a) Robin Klein (b) Carolyn Wells

(c) Leslie Norreis (d) Andrienne Rich

(ii) **What colour is the Asian lion's skin ?**

(a) tawny (b) black

(c) pink (d) green

(iii) **Write the opposite word of 'large'.**

(a) big (b) long

(c) small (d) bright

11 Answer the questions in about 30 words (any six) **2×6=12**

(i) What does courage mean to Mandela ?

(ii) Why was the young Seagull afraid to fly ?

(iii) How did the pilot land his old Dakota aeroplane ?

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(iv) Why does Anne want to keep a diary ?

(v) Why is Coorg famous ?

(vi) What do you mean by the words 'The Buddha' and 'The Bodhi Tree' ?

(vii) What was Valli's favourite pastime ?

(viii) What are the elders in Goa nostalgic about ?

12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words : (any two) 2×2=4

(i) How does Mr. Herriot treat the dog 'Tricki' ?

(ii) What does Horace Danby like to collect ?

(iii) Does Anil realise that he has been robbed ? How ?

13 Answer the following questions in about 30 words : (any two) 2×2=4

(i) What is a hemlock tree? What does it represent in the poem 'Dust of Snow' ?

(ii) What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid ?

(iii) Why did Belinda tickle custard unmercifully ?

14 Answer the questions in about 75 words : (any one) 3

(i) Write the central idea of the poem: "The Ball Poem".

(ii) How does the poet describe the moon in the poem 'The Trees' ? What causes this change?

15 Answer the questions in about 75 words: (any one) 3

(i) What are the qualities that go into the making of a scientist ?

(ii) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life ? Explain in your own words.

16 Answer the following questions in about 75 words : (any one) 3

(i) What is an Indian legend about tea ?

(ii) Why does Maxwell say the airhostess was "the very queen of her kind" ? Explain in your own words.

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