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SECTION : A

Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it.

(10)

Hanumanthappa's postal address was provided in the interview. Without wasting much time, I took a postcard and wrote a letter to him. I wrote only two lines saying that I was interested in meeting him and asking whether he could come to Bangalore. Just then my father, ever a practical man, returned from his morning walk. He read the letter and said, "Where will he have the money to come so far? If you want him to come here, send some money for his bus fare plus a little extra to buy himself a decent set of clothes."

1. Why did the writer write a letter to Hanumanthappa?
2. What did the writer's father suggest?

We got up as noiselessly as we could but I couldn't stop the little bones in my ankles from clicking. It sounded deafening in the stillness of the night. Just as we reached the store-room, there came a roar of pain from the kitchen followed by the crash of pots. (Later we found that the hot bath water which was simmering on the fire had been knocked over.) We flew as one into the store-room where I had the second big shock of the night.

3. What sounded deafening?
4. Why did the roar of pain come from the kitchen?

We often had animal visitors that were not welcome. Scorpions were frequently found in our cells, especially after a thunderstorm. It was surprising that I was never stung by one, for I would come across them in the most unlikely places on my bed, or sitting on a book which I had just lifted up. I kept a particularly black and poisonous-looking brute in a bottle for sometime, feeding him with flies, etc. and then when I tied him up on a wall with a string he managed to escape. I had no desire to meet him loose again, and so I cleaned my cell out and hunted for him everywhere but he had vanished.

5. Why didn't a scorpion sting Nehru?
6. What did Nehru do with a black and poisonous scorpion?

Then there was a sound - a soft, distinct sound. The intruder! Gobinda's heart thudded. His eyes met the unfinished eyes of the idol. His gaze swept across to the open window. There, between two vertical bars, was the unmistakable shape of a cat crouched, ready to jump. Unable to move, he watched the animal lithely leap across and land on top of Ganesha's trunk.

A smile beamed across his exhausted face. He gently began shaking the boy awake.

7. Who was the intruder?
8. Why did Gobinda smile?

- Aunt Jane : Oh, have you got a radiogram as well as a car and a piano ?
 Jack : Why, of course, Aunt Jane. You simply must have a radio set nowadays.
 Jill : And it's so nice for when Jack's away at business. I even make him move it into the kitchen, so that I can listen to it while I cook.

9. How many gadgets do Jack and Jill have ?
 10. How does Jill use the radio ?

Answer the questions based on the text-book in two to three sentences each. (04)

11. Who interviewed uncle ken ? Why was he offered the job ?
 12. Describe the parting scene of the writer and Mr. Franks.

Write short notes on any two of the following using the clues given below them in about 8 to 9 sentences each. (Q. No. 13 & 14) (06)

EDUSAT :

Clues : First exclusive satellite - spreads education - formal and non-formal - rural population - thousands of students

Mr. Franks, a Lover of Nature :

Clues : love for nature - used to relax - bask gardening - expert gardener in youth - certificates - plants have feelings.

The Title : A Secret for Two :

Clues : Pierre couldn't bear the death - start limping down - run over by a truck - doctor's report - cataracts - a secret between them.

SECTION : B

Read the following extract and answer the questions given below it. (05)

Derf stood in front of the giant computer at The Centre. It was running down, now. But, a few lights were still on and some sounds came from it. It would answer a few questions before it broke down completely.

The computer's voice was weak, and Derf had to listen very carefully to the answers.

"Robots were made by men," it said. "Robots must never kill men. Robots must..."

The voice died away. There was silence. And then, Derf understood.

"We're not Nems," he said to himself. "We are men. Men and women." As time passed, the names got mixed up. It's all clear now. Nem is man. Tobor is robot !"

He stood and looked at the computer. Before the war, people had made robots to help them. After the war, the robots took over. People became the slaves of machines.

"This must never happen again," Derf said, "We must make a new world outside this city. From now on, machines must be our slaves."

15. What did Derf understand ?
 16. By whom were robots made ? When ?
 17. Could the computer give full information ? Why ?

18. Who were the rulers and slaves ?
19. What did Derf decide at last ?

Read the following stanzas of the poem and answer the questions given below them. (05)

When swollen eye meets gnarled fist
When snaps the knee, and cracks the wrist,
When calm officialdom demands
Is there a doctor in the stands ?
My soul in true thanksgiving speaks
For this most modest physiques.

Athletes, I'll drink to you
Or eat with you.
Or anything except compete with you.
Buy tickets worth their weight in radium.
To watch you gambol in a stadium
And reassure myself anew
That you're not me and I'm not you.

20. When does the calm officialdom demand for a doctor ?
21. What is the poet worried about ?
22. What is the poet ready to do ?
23. What isn't the poet ready to do ?
24. What does the poet reassure ?

Read the following unseen text and answer the questions given below it.

(05)

A great German, named Bismarck, once said that if he had to live a second life in this world, and was told that he could not return as a man, then he would choose to be sent back to earth as an ant. This seems a queer choice. There are so many finer, more beautiful creatures in the world than ants - dogs, horses, elephants, lions, tigers. You would think it would be better to be one of these animals than to be an ant. Yet Bismarck knew what he was talking about. He was a man who loved order. His idea of a perfect state was one in which every person worked for the good of the whole community, and this ordered form of life is found amongst ants more than among any other kind of living creature not excepting man. A city of ants is a teeming hive where work is unending. The homes of these tiny creatures are underneath small mounds raised a little above the surrounding fields, and inside the mounds there are chambers and galleries filled with thousands of hurrying little creatures. The centre of an ant community is the queen. She alone lays the eggs which will become the whole of the next generation in the ant city, and as the queen lays her eggs, the busy worker-ants carry them away to the nursery. There they are carefully watched over by the nurse ants who, as soon as the grubs are hatched out of the eggs, feed them with a special food, keep them clean, and do everything they can to make them grow.

25. What would Bismarck choose to be if he had to live a second life in this word ?
26. Why was his choice a queer one ?
27. What was his idea about a perfect state ?
28. Where do we find homes of ants ?
29. Give a suitable title to the passage.

30. Read the following passage and write its summary. Also give a suitable title to it. (05)

"There was a farmer, once, who was cross and surly and a very disagreeable man. Everyone who knew him disliked him. He was sure to make the most of whatever went wrong about him; and the poor offender always met with severe punishment. There was not a boy in all the neighbourhood who did not feel uncomfortable as he passed his gate; and the poor dog that barked at his geese, or the neighbour's rooster that crowed on his wall, was speedily visited either with the lash of his whip, or the shot from his gun. The very cat knew his footsteps, and slunk away from him in terror. He was a complete pest, as much so to himself as to those about him. Every day brought him some fresh trouble, and found him in continual 'hot water'; indeed, his very life was made up of broils.

SECTION : C

31. Sunita J. Joshi, Kiran Park, Race course, Rajkot writes a letter of complaint to the Police Inspector of her area against the nuisance caused by the loudspeakers in her neighbourhood during Navratri. (07)

32. Write a report on "Celebration of the Farewell Day' for the students of Std. 12 of your school. (05)

33. Write an essay on any one of the following in about 150 words using the points given below. (08)

Superstitions - even today

Points : Where they come from - why they continue to exist - the victims - reasons - how people can get rid of them.

Global Warming :

Points : Excessive heat - increasing temperature - pollution - weather - green house effect - emission of gases - ozone - awareness - steps - control - survival - strategies.

SECTION : D

34. Study the following table and write 8 sentences based on it. (04)

| Diamond Mining Countries | Cutting Centres | Principal Markets |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Angola | Belgium | Australia |
| Brazil | France | Canada |
| South Africa | India | France |
| India | Brazil | Brazil |
| Zaire | South Africa | South Africa |
| Botswana | Israel | Japan |

35. Pragnesh Mehta, 26 Niranjana Society, Opp. Prahladnagar Garden, Satellite, Ahmedabad writes an application for the post of a Chemistry teacher to the Principal, Shantiniketan Vidyalay, Vasna, Ahmedabad. Write this application on behalf of him. (06)

Rewrite the following paragraph correcting the underlined words. (Q. No. 36 to 45)(05)

A few years letter, on my way bake to college, my plane took off in Seattle. I had about half an our and I spend 15 minutes in the phone with my sister whom lived there now. Then, without thinking that I was doing, I dialled my hometown operator and told "Information Please." I heard again the sweat voice.

46. Turn the following conversation into Indirect Speech. (04)

Major : Are you complaining about a little sand in your soup ?

Soldier : Yes, sir. How careless the cooks are !

Major : Did you join the army to serve your land or to complain about the food ?

Soldier : Sir, to serve my land, but not to eat it.

SECTION : E

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of the verbs given in the brackets. (05)
(Q. No. 47 to 51)

In the last night party, Aniket danced as if he _____ (be) a professional dancer but he _____ not _____ (impress) the people as expected. Before he performed his dance, he _____ (advise) to _____ himself _____ (train) at his uncle's dance classes but he said that he _____ (get) the training later.

Complete the following sentences using the words given in the brackets. (06)

52. Mr. Shah could not understand _____ (boss, angry)

53. Not only hard work _____ (success, luck, necessary)

54. A lawyer _____ ! (a judge)

55. He will not join the tour _____ (mother, sickness, due to)

56. _____, we dared to go there. (dark, however)

57. The sweeter a mango is, _____ (tasty)

58. Combine the following sentences and make one meaningful sentence. (03)

Uncle Ken went for the interview. The Maharaja took the interview. The Maharani was not there. Uncle ken was ready to accept the job.

Rewrite the following text by replacing the underlined words with those given in the brackets. Make necessary changes. (Q. No. 59 to 61) (03)

(surrender to, destroy, in the dark)

Some terrorists are trying to ruin our country but they are totally unaware that we will not give in their evil intentions.

Fill in the blanks with the proper form of the words given in the brackets. (04)
(Q. No. 62 to 65)

Noise pollution _____ (effect) our health but most of the people _____ (ignorance) it and they keep on listening to music at _____ (low) tunes which shows their _____ (care) about their health.