

013 (E)

STD: 12

Time: 3 hours

SUB: ENGLISH (S.L.)

Marks: 100

Section – A

♣ Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below them: 10

♣ Montreal is a very large city of Canada, and it has some very wide and big streets like Prince Edward Street. No one knew this street as well as did Pierre Dupin. Pierre had delivered milk to the families on this street for thirty years. He was one of the many milk – wagon drivers that worked for a milk company.

(1) Whom did Pierre deliver milk?

(2) How is Montreal?

♣ Aunt Jane: Good heavens! And how much do you earn?

Jack: As a matter of fact- er- that is-six pounds.

Aunt Jane: But that’s absurd! How can you pay seven pounds eight and eight pence out of six pounds?

Jack: Oh, that’s easy. You see, all you have to do is to borrow the rest of the money for the payments from the Thrift and Providence Trust Corporation.

(3) According to Aunt Jane, what is ‘absurd’?

(4) Give the name of the agency which gives money.

♣ The next step perhaps is to try to imagine what questions you will be asked and try and prepare answers for them. For most of you, it will be your first job. You may be asked questions about your education, hobbies and interests, your career objectives. You may be asked to explain why you applied for that job and what interests you about it.

(5) What type of questions may be asked at the interview?

(6) What is the important step for one before interview?

♣ Sulochana did not want to question him about his work, for she knew that he was one of the best image - makers in the whole valley. “Gobinda Maharana’s images; it’s hard to find better work than his!” She had heard the towns - folk often say.

(7) Why did Sulochana not want to question Gobinda about his work?

(8) ‘Folk’ means (a) fair (b) people (c) dance

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(9) What is the function of EDUSAT?

(10) Find out the words from the passage which means: (a) area (b) different

♣ Answer the questions based on the text book in two or three sentences each. 04

(11) Why did Granny insist on Uncle Ken's taking up a job?

(12) What was the sisters' guess about the noise in the kitchen? What was its impact on them?

♣ Write any two short notes: (Que. 13 to 14) 06

(a) Nehru's Principle of Live and Let Live' in the Prison.

(clues: observant - war of bed- bugs and mosquitoes- wasps, hornets, bats, lizards etc., brain fever bird- scorpion, snakes, dogs)

(b) Hanumanthappa's Honesty.

(clues: His appearance- writer's help- give back money- taken aback)

(c) Mr. Franks' Love for Nature.

(clues: loved nature - gardening - belief in plants - gifted plants - used to bask)

Section – B

♣ Read the following text and answer the questions given below it: 05

There was once a king. If anyone committed a serious crime in the kingdom, the king didn't condemn him to death. Instead, the criminal would be taken to the large arena. All the people would come to see the show. In the arena there were two doors. Behind one door, there was a fierce and hungry tiger. Behind the other, there was a beautiful young girl. The man would not know which door was which. He would have to choose one of the two doors. If he chose well, he had to marry the girl. If he chose badly, the tiger would eat him.

The king had a very beautiful daughter. One day he found out that she had fallen in love with a poor young soldier in his army. The king was very angry. The soldier was arrested and taken to the arena.

The princess knew which door concealed the tiger and which one concealed the beautiful girl. However, she was a very jealous princess and did not want the soldier to marry the girl behind the door. Neither did she want to see her lover killed by the tiger.

When the soldier was brought into the arena, he looked up and saw the princess sitting next to her father.

- Que. (15) What punishment was not given for a serious crime?
(16) What was the arrangement for punishment in the arena?
(17) When was the king very angry?
(18) What was the confusion for the princess?
(19) Give the similar meaning to: (a) a place for public events (b) give punishment

♣ Read the following stanza of the poem and answer the questions given below it : 05

I like noise,
The whoop of a boy, the thud of a hoof,
The rattle of rain on a galvanized roof,
The hubbub of traffic, the roar of a train,
The throb of machinery numbing the brain,
The switching of wires in an overhead tram,
The rush of the wind, a door on the slam,

Questions:

- (20) List the various types of the noise in this stanza.
(21) What effect does the noise of machinery make?
(22) Find out rhyming words from the stanza.
(23) What happens when a door is slammed?
(24) What unusual thing is mentioned in this stanza?

♣ Read the following unseen text and answer the questions given below it: 05

Man does not live for himself alone. He lives for the good of others as well as of himself. Everyone has his duties to perform - the richest as well as the poorest. To some, life is pleasure; the other, sufferings. But the best do not live for self - enjoyment or even for fame. Their strongest motive power is hopeful, useful work in every good cause. To do our duty in this world towards God and towards man, consistently and steadily, requires the cultivation of all the faculties which God had given us. And he has given us everything. It is the higher will that instructs and guides our will. It is knowledge of good and evil, the knowledge of what is right and what is wrong, that makes us responsible to man here and to God thereafter. The sphere of duty is infinite. It exists in every station of life. We have it not in our choice to be rich or poor, to be happy or unhappy; but it becomes us to do the duty that everyone surrounds us. Obedience to duty, at all costs and risks, is the very essence of highest civilized duty, at

all costs and risks, is the very essence of highest civilized life. Great deeds must be worked for, died for, now as in the past.

- Que: (25) What is the object of man's life?
(26) What do the best people not live for?
(27) How can we do our duty consistently and steadily?
(28) What makes us responsible to man here and to God thereafter?
(29) What is the essence of the highest civilized life?

♣ Read the following passage and write its summary. Also give it suitable title: 05

(30) Ang Dorjee was going to climb without oxygen. But because of this, his feet would get very cold. He thus wanted to avoid long exposure at heights and a night at the Summit Camp. He had therefore to either get to the peak and back to the South Col the same day or abandon the attempt.

He was keen to start immediately and asked if I would like to go with him. Going to the top from the South Col and back in a day would be strenuous and tough and there was the risk of Ang Dorjee turning back if his feet got too cold. I, however, had full confidence in Ang Dorjee as well as in my stamina and climbing capability. Besides, no one else was ready to move at that time.

Section – C

(31) Tasha Mavani from 17, Silver Society, Gems Bazaar, Valsad writes a letter to the Commissioner of the Municipality Corporation, regarding **the shortage of water supply** in her area. 07

(32) Write a brief report on '**Republic Day**' celebrated in your school. 05

(33) Write an essay on any one of following in about 150 words: 08

↗ **India - A Democratic Nation**

(clues: its place - area - achievements - its dark side)

Or

↗ **Superstitions - Even Today**

(clues: their origin - existence today - their victims - how to avoid)

Section - D

(34) Study the following table and make eight sentences: 04

No.	National Day	Day, Date & Month	Remarks
1.	Independence Day	15 th August	India achieved independence on this day in 1947.
2.	Republic Day	26 th January	India became a Republic Nation on this day in 1950.
3.	Martyr's Day	30 th January	Mahatma Gandhi was killed in 1949.

4.	Teacher's day	5 th September	Birthday of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, the First Vice - President of India.
5.	Children's Day	14 th November	Birthday of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru, the First prime Minister of India.

(35) Reeta Zala, A- 18, Blue Tower, Radiant Society, Satellite Road, Ahmedabad - 380015 wants to apply for the post of an **Accountant** to Bright Commerce College, Vastrapur Lake Road, Ahmedabad 380008. Draft an application on behalf of her. 06

♣ Rewrite the following paragraph correcting the underlined words: (Que.36 to 45) 05

Sportsmanship is very **importance** in every field of life. Alan is a school boy **whom** is going to the playground to play a cricket match. He has **practice** with his father for a few days. He is **hope** that his team will win by his good performance. His father has promised to give **them** a bicycle as a gift, if he or his team wins the game. However, while on his **weigh** to the match he comes across an old man who is **enable** to reach his home **with** any help. Alan helps him. However, his father **congratulation** him for playing well on the pitch of life **but** keeps his promise.

(46) Turn the following conversation into the indirect speech: 04

“Let's visit the science exhibition.” Said Grace to Happy.

“What a suggestion! We will go”.

“Thank you for accepting my proposal.”

“Welcome. We shall go after nine - thirty in the morning.” said Happy.

Section – E

♣ Fill in the gaps with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (Que.47 to 51) 05

..... (Have + sign) the cheque, the manager called the peon. He was not present so he asked me where he (go). He also told me that he wished the cheque (post) immediately. Hardly the peon (arrive) when he (hand) the cheque to him.

♣ Complete the following sentences using the words given in the brackets : 06

(52) It is strange that (a lion, afraid of a deer)

(53) Very few plays in English literature are (tragic, King Lear)

(54) Julie began to study (with a view to, find, a job)

(55) The faster she walks, (early, reach, the station)

(56) Hardly had the President come (the audience, begin, shout, loudly)

(57) Coffee was so hot (none, drink)

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

Many people in India can't read. They can't write either. They are cheated by the cunning merchants. They charge them a higher price.

♣ Rewrite the following text by replacing the underlined words with those given in the brackets. Make necessary changes: (Que. 59 to 61) 03

(to change his decision, expert in, met)

It is bad **to change his mind** now and then. Michael is **good at** music. While I was going to the market, I **came across** him.

♣ Rewrite the following text filling in the gaps using proper form of words given in the brackets:

(Que. 62 to 65) 04

Shakespeare was one of the (great) writers. He had written many (tragedy) plays. He gave a remarkable (contribute) to the English literature. Even today he is (remember) by the people of world.

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