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Subject : English (FL)

Time : 3:00 Hrs.

Section - A

Q.1. Choose the correct and rewrite the complete.

(03)

- Eventually he grew up and found that
(A) happy compliance is better suited to his psyche
(B) it is difficult to ensure compliance
(C) nasty negative is better suited to his psyche.
- Ruskin Bnd finally settled on title _____ for his novel.
(A) The view from the room (B) The room on the roof
(C) The room with a view
- Sher Singh decided to carry his brother to the hospital because
(A) his mother was in despair (B) he saw death in his eyes
(C) his father was a famous shikari.

Q.2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the question given below.

(05)

I learnt finally that my practise was a serious lapse of judgement and so I began to put my foot down. Straight down into my mouth. When anyone came up to me, I used to growl a snarly 'No' at them So much so that everybody began to call me (in my hearing) 'Groucho'. It became so bad that my boss one day came to me and actually said, "Look, its alright if you can't or wan't do something, but try and be a little diplomatic about it. You're beginning to get an everyone's nerves. We are a team and have to live with you, you know." I stopped short then and reviewed my responses over the past few months, and I realised I must have sounded like an ill - conditioned boor. Besides being disobliging, I was also rather rude. I don't think anyone minded that I - Said n o, it was the way I said it that upset them and they must have sworn that they'd never do me a favour were I to ever ask. It's a different matter that the occasion never rose to do so, the fact is that I certainly rubbed them up the wrong way.

- How did the author finally learn to say no ?
- What did the boss advice the author ?
- Which understanding dawned on the author when he reviewed his behaviour ?
- Mention the adjectives used to describe the character of the author ?
- Give meaning of the idioms.
(A) to put my foot down
(B) rubbed them up the wrong way.

Q.3. Answer the following question in six to seven sentences each.

(12)

- Describe Shet Singh's journey to the hospital.
- What is the dreaded Scourage ? How is it transmitted ?

3. Why does the author, describe the river as 'grinding its tooth'?
4. Describe Dussera Procession in terms of Drona.

Section - B

Q.4. Read the following Stanza and answer the questions given below :- (03)

You talk of wondrous things you see,
You say the Sunshines bright,
I feel him warm, but how can he,
Or make it day or night ?
My day or night myself I make,
Whenever I sleep or play;
And could I ever keep awake,
With me't were always day.

1. What makes the boy wonder ?
2. How does the boy make his day or night ?
3. Explain any one figure of speech from the stanza.

Q.5. Read the following Stanza and answer the questions given below :- (02)

The child who is decked with princes robes
And who has jewelled chains round his neck.
loses all pleasure in his play;
His dress hampers him at every step.
In fear that it may be frayed,
Or stained with dust.
He keeps himself from the world,
And is afraid even to move.

1. What makes the child lose the pleasures of the play ?
2. What is the child's fear ? What does he do ?

Q.6. Answer the following questions in four to five sentences each :- (06)

1. Why does Rabindranath Tagore wish to remain tied to fetters ?
2. 'O what is the sound' is a poem that criticizes all wars. How ?
3. Why does the poet wish to lead a 'Quiet Life of Solitude' ?

Q.7. Answer the following questions in eight to nine sentences each :- (09)

1. Which qualities of M.S. make her an Indian Pantheon ?
2. What is the tragedy that Vera narrates to Framton Nuttel ?
3. Describe the role played by Mr. Sudhasivam in the life of Subbulakshmi ?

Section - C

Q.8. Use the appropriate form of words given in the brackets and rewrite the sentences. (05)

1. The doctor was _____ to take the decision. (hesitate)

2. That's easier said than _____. (do)
3. In youth there is a predominance of courage over _____. (timid)
4. Homework should be _____ and involve some fun. (create)
5. It was a _____ step for him. (decide)
6. She expressed her, _____ in a whisper. (Opposite of 'hope')
7. There is something _____ in the affairs of the office. (murk)
8. The facts were not abstract but _____. (Use the opposite of 'abstract')
9. During examination students succumb to _____ pressure. (parent)
10. He _____ down into the riverbed. (Give synonym of scramble)

Q.9. Rewrite the given sentences selecting the appropriate meanings of the idioms. (03)

1. She had set her heart on being an actress. (to long for, to struggle, to compare)
2. I groped around my way in the darkness.
(serched for, to come upon, to look upon)
3. Everybody admires him as he is a man of his word. (trustworthy, writer, learned)

Q.10. Rewrite the following into indirect form of narration. (04)

"Sorry, but I don't want the money", he said :
 "I'm not beggar. If you want you can help me still."
 "What do you want me to do for you ?" said
 "Give me some work to earn my living". He said
 "What kind of work would you like todo ?" said I
 "Let me have some oil. I can masage you", he replied.
 "A blind man and massage', How is it possible ?" I said.

Q.11. Rewrite the sentences as directed in the brackets. (08)

1. A sunset on the sea is one of the loveliest things in Nature. (Change the Degree)
2. Deposit this money in the bank. (Change the voice)
3. He is mad. He feigns madness. (Make compound)
4. It always pours when it rains. (Make negative)
5. I will not let thee go, unless thou bless me. (Remove unless)
6. Ala's ! that youth should pass away so soon ! (Make assertive)
7. She is quick and careful enough to stop it as soon as it reaches right figure.
(Use No sooner ... than')
8. If a man does not speak the truth, he is not believed. (Use 'unless')

Section - D

Q.12. Read the following Stanza and answer the questions given below. (05)

But believe me, son,
 I want to be what I used to be
 When I was like you, I want
 to Unlearn all these muting things

most of all, I want to relearn
How do laugh, for my laugh in the mirror.
Shows only my teeth like snake's bare fangs !

1. What does the poet want his son to believe ?
2. What does the poet mean by 'muting things' ?
3. What does he want to relearn ?
4. What does he see in the mirror when he laughs ?
5. Give the message of the poem.

Q.13. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :- (05)

What I would like you to do first of all is to think. Thinking is something which does not come automatically to a person. Gossiping with a neighbour is not, thought. If you repeat something which somebody else has said it is not thought. I do not expect all of you to become mighty thinkers, though some of you may. But I would like all of you to think and to develop to thinking than reading that is reading intelligently, because thereby you get other people's thoughts and by weighing them you think yourself. I have often said that it is very unfortunate that people think and read so little now a days, especially in India. I do not call, newspaper reading reading. But any reading which makes you think, it is useful reading, even if it is a good novel. Great novels always make one think because they are pictures of life painted by great minds.

1. What is thinking according to the writer ?
2. How can we develop the art of thinking ?
3. Why is the writer unhappy.
4. Why does the writer say that great novels make us think ?
5. Find the words from the passage which mean :
(a) powerful, (b) idea.

Q.14. Read the following passage carefully and make a precis. (05)
Give a suitable title to it.

The unpunctual man is a general disturber of other's peace and serenity. Everybody with whom, he has to do is thrown from time to time into, a state of fever' he is systematically late regular only in his irregularity. He conducts his dawdling as if upon a system, always arrives at his appointment after time gets to the railway station after the train has started; and posts his letter when the day has closed. Business is thus thrown into confusion and everybody concerned is put out of temper. It will generally be found that men who are thus habitually behind success; and the world generally casts them aside to swell the rulers of the grumblers and the rulers against fortune.

Q.15. You propose to sell your flat as you are going abroad. Draft an advertisement for (05)
it to be published in 'The Times of India', Ahmedabad under the classified columns.

Section - E

- Q.16.** You are Ravi / Raveena of Guru Nanak Public School, Surat. You have attended a seminar on how to decrease the burden of studies on school going children. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine. **(05)**
- Q.17.** Saurabh Mishra attends a Charity programme in aid of AIDS patients. He is moved to hear about the misconceptions and plight of AIDS patients. He now writes to the Indian AIDS Society asking how he can help. Write the letter. **(05)**
- Q.18.** Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words using the points given below :- **(08)**
- 1. Students want degrees not knowledge**
Employment market - mediocres - short cut methods - degree a show piece - status symbol - means to earning - vicious circle - for executives knowledge essential - experts in traits.
 - 2. "Music today is all noise" do you agree or disagree with the statement.**

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