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ENGLISH

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum marks : 80

Note : Attempt all questions.

1. (a) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

The task was not easy; yet it was not so difficult as I had imagined, for our ancient epics and myths and legends, which they knew so well had made them familiar with the conception of their country, and there were always some who had travelled far and wide to the great places of pilgrimage situated at the four corners of India. Or there were old soldiers who had served in foreign parts in world war I or other expeditions. Even my references to foreign countries were brought home to them by the consequences of the great depression of 1930s.

Q. (i) What task does the author refer to ?

(ii) What had made the villagers familiar with the conception of this country ?

(iii) Which war does the author refer to ?

(iv) Where are the great places of pilgrimage situated?

(v) Write the name of the author of the chapter from which passage has been taken. $5 \times 1 = 5$

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(b) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

He knew there was no stopping for her now. Except for stories of grotesque births like those of two headed children or five legged calves, there was nothing she loved as dearly as tales of murder and atrocity and short of his having a stroke or the fish seller arriving at the door, nothing could distract her now. He even heaved himself out of his chair and shuffled off to the other end of the balcony to feed the parrot in its cage a green chilly or two without her so much as noticing his departure. But when she had read to the end of that fascinating item, she ran into another that she read on in a voice like law maker's, and he heard it without wishing to : "Electricity will be switched off as urgent repairs to power lines must be made, in Darya Ganj and Kashmiri Gate area, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. on the twenty first of May." My God, that is today". "Today ? Tonight ? No electricity ?" he echoed, letting the green chilly fall to the floor of the cage where other offered and refused chillies lay in a rotating heap. "How will I sleep then ? he gasped fearfully, without a fan ? In this heat ? And already his diaphragm seemed to cave in, his chest to rise and fall as he panted for breath. Clutching his throat, he groped his way back to the cane chair. 'Otima, Otima, I can't breathe', he moaned.

(20) A watchman is a person ____ job is to guard the premises. (Relative Pronoun)

(21) ____ has taken my pen. (Indefinite Pronoun.)

(h) Fill the blanks with correct conjunctions :

(22) Wait here ____ I come.

(23) Water ____ oil will not mix.

(24) I stayed at home ____ my father was suffering from fever.

(25) Ram ran faster ____ Shyam.

6. Write one paragraph on any *one* of the topics given below : 7

(i) Cleanliness is a boon

(ii) Role of Internet

(iii) The value of Games

(iv) Women Empowerment.

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- (6) Ram will say to Sita, "Does the Sun move around the earth" ?
- (c) Fill the blank with correct form of verb :
- (7) I ___ cricket for the last two hours. (play)
- (8) Bread and butter ___ his usual breakfast. (be)
- (9) I have ___ tea already. (have).
- (d) Fill the blanks with articles where necessary :
- (10) ___ English is an international language
- (11) He is ___ L.L.B.
- (12) Mohan Garg is ___ university teacher.
- (e) Fill the blanks with correct prepositions where necessary.
- (13) We should abide ___ the rules of country.
- (14) He reached ___ the station at 8 a.m.
- (15) He became angry ___ me when I opposed him.
- (f) Change the following sentences into negatives forms :
- (16) Ravi plays football.
- (17) He obeyed his parents.
- (18) Ram will be calling me tomorrow evening.
- (g) Fill the blanks with pronouns as directed
- (19) I painted this house ___ (Reflexive Pronoun)

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Questions :

- (i) What is Otima reading to her husband ?
- (ii) What does this passage reveal about Amul Basu's attitude towards his wife ?
- (iii) What brings on Amul Basu's asthma attack ?
- (iv) What makes Basu gasp fearfully ?
- (v) Write the name of the author of the chapter from which the passage has been taken. $5 \times 1 = 5$

2. Attempt any six of the following questions. Each question carries 3 marks : $6 \times 3 = 18$

- (i) Why have big dams become obsolete ?
(Are dams the temples of modern India)
- (ii) How does one language differ from another ?
(Language and National Industry)
- (iii) Describe Gandhiji's attempts to inculcate the qualities of an English gentleman. How did these attempts turn out ?
(Playing the English Gentleman)
- (iv) How can we realise the pain of the sufferings of the mute?
(Wounded Plants)
- (v) What does 'Identity' mean ? (The Generation Gap)
- (vi) Assess the brother-sister relationship as described in the story "The Journey".

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- (vii) Prior to partition, what did Maanji think of muslims?
(The Refugee)
- (viii) What strategy did the peasant in the guise of a woman use to send the sons away?
(Bellows for the Bullocks)
- (ix) How did the people react when the panchlight could not be lighted?
(Panchlight)
- (x) How does Gangu convince the narrator that it is not wrong to marry Gomti? Is the narrator convinced?
(The Child)

3. (a) Can there be any positive side of rebelliousness?
Discuss. 10

or

'But henceforward I became a student'. Trace the course of events and thoughts that led Gandhiji to arrive at this. 10

- (b) What happened at Night when Tinula reached her school after the winter vacation? 10

or

How does the story, 'The child, treat the question of morality?' 10

4. Give phonic transcription of any *five* words out of following :
1×5=5

- (i) Murder (ii) Cease
(iii) Warmth (iv) Labour
(v) Debt (vi) Play
(vii) Our (viii) Constitution

(For blind candidates only)

Write meanings of any *five* words out of following :

- (i) Garbage (ii) Pavement
(iii) Subside (iv) Refugee
(v) Myth (vi) Conspiracy
(vii) Fetch (viii) Vigour

5. Do as directed (attempt any *twenty*) 20

- (a) Change the voice
- (1) Ram had arrested him.
(2) Who teaches you Hindi?
(3) Will you give me this letter?
- (b) Change the narration :
- (4) He said to me, "When will you start your home work."
(5) Ram says to me, "Do you love paintings?"