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(SEP Scheme)
ENGLISH
Language English - II

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Time : 3 Hours **Maximum Marks : 80**

Instructions :

1. *Read all the instructions carefully and write answers.*
2. *Write the question numbers correctly.*

SECTION - A
(Literary Component- 40 marks)

I. Answer any Five of the following in one or two sentences each. (5×2=10)

1. What message did the caged bird want to send out by beating its wings against the cage in the poem'Sympathy'?

2. List out any two things clogged to the watergates in the poem 'A River'.

3. Fatimah is a daughter of _____ ?
   a) Aftab
   b) Zaman
   c) Kaley Shah
   d) None of the above

4. The school boy was officially known as Summers Minor in the story 'The Soul of the Schoolboy'. **True/False.**

5. Name the two choices that Rudyard Kipling puts before students about wealth in his speech 'Values in LIfe'.

6. Mention the names of two soldiers in the essay 'On Letter Writing'.

7. During the river floods, people gave importance to the 'inches rising', 'cobbled steps' and ignored _____ .

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II. Answer any Four of the following in about a page each. (4×5=20)

1. Do you think the poet Paul Laurence Dunbar identifies himself with the bird in the poem 'Sympathy' ? Discuss.

2. Analyse the changes that river brings during summer and rainy seasons with reference to the poem 'A River'.

3. Describe hardships that Najab faced on his way to meet Fati mah at the Rann of Kutch in the story 'Love Across the Salt Desert'.

4. Explain the role of 'Summers Minor' in the story 'The Soul of the Schoolboy'.

5. Elaborate Kipling's quote "being a 'smart man' is one of the most terrible calamities" as mentioned in his speech 'Values in Life'.

6. The essay, "On Letter Writing" presents Carlyle and Keats as great letter writers. Elucidate.

III. Answer any One of the following in about two pages each. (1×10=10)

1. Evaluate the story's ending and its implications regarding the nature of truth and the complexities of human condition in the story 'The Soul of the Schoolboy'.

2. How is the title 'Love Across the Salt Desert' apt to the story? Substantiate.

3. Letter writing was celebrated as an event in the earlier days answer from the essay 'On Letter Writing'. Elaborate.

SECTION - B

(Gammer- 40 marks)

IV. Answer any Three of the following in one or two sentences each. (3×1=3)

1. In Active Listening, the listener pays little attention or no attention to the speaker's message. (True or False)

2. Mention any two elements of passive listening.

3. List out any two verbal signs of active listening.

4. Write any two bad habits of listening.

5. Look at the situation given below and identify if you would be active or passive listener.

   "To external disturbances during a classroom lecture".

V. Answer the following.

1. Answer any two of the following. (2×2=4)

A. Fill in the blanks in the dialogue given here with appropriate expressions:

Reena: Excuse me, _____ to the Orien Mall at S R Circle.

Teena: Yes, _____, then _____, the mall is _____ the fuel station.

B. Fill in the blanks in the dialogue given here with appropriate expressions:

X: _____ teach me to ride the motorcycle.

Y: Sure. _____.

X: Thanks a lot.

C. **Fill in the blanks in the dialogue given here with appropriate expressions:**

Patient: Could you help me to locate OPD dept. in the hospital premises?

You: _____.

2. **Construct two dialogues for the following situation: "You go to the travel agency to find the cheapest and fastest way to get home from Bengaluru".** **(2×1=2)**

VI. **Read the following passage and answer the questions given below:** **(5×1=5)**

It might seem somewhat random when the economy encounters a downturn, companies struggle, and prices rise, but the process is actually the direct result of a number of specific factors, including business cycles. Business cycles refer to the periods of various success, struggle, and medium-quality profits encountered by companies in the normal course of the economy; these periods affect every individual. In other words, businesses may offer a service at an affordable price at one point in time and fail to become profitable, but may then see this same service bring in tons of cash at a later point; the difference isn't the business, but rather, is the economy. When the economy is "good" - something that's characterized by low unemployment, low inflation, rising wages, and more - most businesses experience a boom, or an increase in profits and success. There are once again a variety of factors that contribute to booms (some of which are uncontrollable), but the short explanation of the occurrences is that when people have more money to spend, businesses have more money to make. Similarly, businesses experience a bust, or a decrease in profits and success, when the economy falters. For most people a sagging economy means it might be hard to find work and pay bills; for businesses, a sagging economy means it might be difficult to stay in operation. Business contractions or normal periods of reduction in business after prolonged growth, occur regularly and vary in severity. Eventually, employers will require a smaller amount of help because consumers are purchasing less (after all, almost nobody buys new and expensive things all the time), unemployment will accordingly increase, wages will fall, and so on and so forth. Recessions, or multi-month-long declines in wages, general economic activity, and most importantly, GDP, are more serious than business contractions. Recessions last longer than business contractions, can be more severe, and can signal larger problems in the economy.

1) What are business cycles?
2) Write any one difference between a boom and a bust.
3) List out any one feature of a good economy according to the passage.
4) Recessions will have short term effects than business contractions. True/False.
5) How are recessions different than business contractions?
   a) They last longer-usually at least a few months.
   b) They are characterized by GDP decreases.
   c) They can indicate larger problems with the economy.
   d) All of the above.

VII. Answer the following:

1. Give a suitable caption for the following: **(2×1=2)**

A. "A portrait of a rat helping a lion to free from the net".

B. "A picture of a woman nursing her child during working hours".

2. Write a paragraph on any One of the following topics in about 100 words: **(1×4=4)**

a. Is there a need of prohibiting mobile phones for students in Educational Institutions?

b. Does Social Media impact our mental health?

c. Write about the most memorable moment or day in your life.

VIII. Do as directed.

1. A. Use the correct homonym and fill in the blanks: **(1)**

The bill collector had a _____ in hand to register complaints about the passengers who did not _____ their train berths.

B. Use the correct homophones and fill in the blanks: **(1)**

After a long time travel, the driver wanted a _____, having applied the _____ the vehicle came to a standstill. (brake/break)