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ENGLISH

Full Marks – 80

Pass Marks – 20

Time : Three hours

The figures in the right hand margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer the questions in your own words as far as practicable.

SECTION – A

(READING)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Einstein was very simple in his ways of life and indifferent to his astounding fame. Once the Queen of Belgium invited him to Brussels. When he got down from the train at Brussels, he could not think that there were actually many gorgeously dressed officials to receive him at the station. The officials also expected to see somebody who would appear to be rich and aristocratic before them. They could never imagine

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that this shabby man would be Einstein himself. So they went back to the queen and informed her that he had not come by the train. Einstein however, walked the whole way with a suitcase in one hand and a violin in the other. When he reached the destination the queen said to him, "I sent a car for you Dr. Einstein". "I did not think", replied the great scientist with a smile, "that anybody would send a car for me. But I can assure you, I have greatly enjoyed the walk."

(a) Complete the following statements :

(i) Einstein came to Brussels _____ of the Queen of Belgium. 1

(ii) Einstein assured the queen that he had greatly _____ 1

(b) Answer the following questions in *one* sentence/phrase each :

(i) How did Einstein come to Brussels ? 1

(ii) What marks Einstein's simplicity ? 1

(iii) Why did Einstein walk all the way to his destination ? 1

(c) Answer the following question in about 50 words : 3

What differences in the thinkings of the officials and Einstein made Einstein walk all the way ?

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- (d) Pick out the words from the passage which have the same meaning as : 1+1=2
- (i) very beautifully and attractively
- (ii) belonging to highest social class.

COURSE BOOK

(PROSE)

2. Answer the following questions in a sentence each :
- (a) Who led the congress party during the crucial period of Quit India Movement ? 1
- (b) Why are environmentalists and nature lovers worried about Dzuko valley ? 1
- (c) What did the ancient Greeks believe about Mount Olympus ? 1
3. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each :
- (a) How is pollution one of the most pressing environmental issues of the world ? 2
- (b) Why are human beings said to be the true enemies of the Sangai ? 2
- (c) How did Mary Kom become a boxer ? 2
4. Answer the following questions in about 50 words each :
- (a) What are the themes of the folk dances of India ? 3
- (b) Why did the sister of Radha's husband tell a concocted story to the writer and his mother ? 3

SECTION – B

(WRITING)

5. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics in about 150 words using the given outlines : 7
- (a) Your experience of school life :
[Outlines : Introduction – heavy routine and examination – worries – pleasure of learning – friendship – contact with teachers – conclusion.]
- (b) Science and human life :
[Outlines : Introduction – man in earlier times – man's gaining knowledge and nature – modern medicines, industries, technologies – changes and evil effects -- conclusion.]
- (c) Social service as a part of Education :
[Outlines : What is social service – why it is a duty – different forms of social service – role of students – value of social service in education – conclusion.]
6. (a) Mr. Ashang, the Games and Sports Secretary of Elite English Academy, writes a letter to the Principal requesting him to purchase some sports items for the Annual Sports meet of the school explaining the need of it. Reproduce the form of the letter . 5

Or

(b) Your friend Sarita Kaur of Delhi Public School, R. K. Puram, New Delhi writes to you expressing her desire to visit Manipur after a friend told her about the beauty of the state. Write a letter inviting her to Manipur and giving some details of beautiful spots. Your name is Sonia of Moirang Bazar, Manipur . .

7. You are a newspaper reporter. You had gone to cover the inaugural function of the North-East Athletic meet held in Imphal from Jan 15-20 at Khuman Lampak Stadium. The Chief Minister of Manipur gave an encouraging speech to the athletes. Write a report on the event to be published in your newspaper. 4

8. The Principal of Everyman English School writes a notice informing the students of class x that extra coaching classes in English, Mathematics and Science will be held from 5th January to 20th January 2012 and asks the students to join it without fail. Prepare the notice to be put up on the notice board of the school. 3

9. Make notes of the following passage and write a summary using them:

3+3=6

The name 'Eskimo' comes from the Northern Red Indians and means a person who eats raw meat. It is an appropriate name because the Eskimos live mainly by hunting and fishing and in winter do not always

cook the animals they catch. This is because it is impossible to find any fuel for a fire in the icy waste they inhabit. The only form of fire they have is produced by burning the oil of seals or whales in shallow, saucer-shaped lamps, made from pottery or stone. Those lamps are used primarily to give light but the Eskimos can also boil their meat and fish over them. These foods are also frozen or dried. There is another reason - the Eskimos make up for lack of vitamins from vegetables by eating kidneys and livers of their preys raw. These organs have an abundant store of all the vitamins needed by the human body.

SECTION - C

(GRAMMAR)

10. Rewrite the following sentences inserting appropriate determiners wherever necessary : 1+1=2

(a) The stranger went to school to complain about the behaviour of one of the pupils.

(b) I met interesting people last night.

11. Fill in the blanks with the correct modal verb : 1

After lunch she _____ usually have a cup of coffee.

12. Change the voice of the following sentence : 1

He knew that his own life was unjust.

13. Change the narration of the following : 2+1=3
- (a) The teacher said to the students, " Do as I tell you. Do not waste your time in learning useless things."
- (b) He said to me, " Can you meet me tomorrow at the railway station?"
14. Rewrite the tense forms of the verbs correctly : 1
- They lived in this town for the last twenty years when the war broke out.
15. Transform the following sentence using 'no sooner _____ than' : 1
- As soon as she entered the hall all stood up to greet her.
16. Add question tag to the following : 1
- His children have not any fine clothes, _____ ?

SECTION - D
(LITERATURE)

17. Answer **one** of the following questions in about 30 words : 2
- (a) "This pact was accepted after a little further argument."
What was the pact ?
- (b) 'Animals,' I said to myself in disgust. 'Animals'.
Why did the writer say in disgust ?
18. Answer three of the following questions in about 30 words each : 2x3=6
- (a) "I listened, motionless and still."
Why did Wordsworth listen to the Solitary Reaper's song ?
- (b) "I doubted if I should ever come back" ?
Why did the poet doubt if he should ever come back ?

- (c) "_____ and the woman trembled in fear."
Why did the woman tremble in fear ?
- (d) Why was Mother India indignant ?
19. " Demand the world, and you have a good chance of getting it "
Why did Livingstone say thus to the trader ? 2
20. Answer either of the following questions in about 100 words : 5
- (a) Write why had the banker felt so great a contempt for himself after reading the lawyer's letter ?
- Or*
- (b) Write how the writer depicts the living conditions of the white people and the poor native Chinese.
21. (a) Comment on the title of the play 'The Pathfinder'. 5
- Or*
- (b) "I have been trusting in the Living God"
Give your comment on Livingstone's faith in God.