2015

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 :

It's true that stupidity has certain demerits. Being stupid can annoy even the most sensitive people. If one acts stupid, and does it in the wrong crowd, it is considered as immature rather than funny. Still, there are many advantages to stupidity. The first advantage is quite obvious. Stupid people are never asked to perform heavy work People tend to stay away from

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someone they feel may be stupid. Another advantage is that stupid people have a lot of free time for life's more truly meaningful pleasures like combing facial hair or counting leaves There has been a rumour going round that stupid people have low expectations. They don't realise great from O.K. This isn't bad. Someone with the advantage of being stupid might have a hard time doing certain things or setting things up. If he leaves the chore and comes back to it later nobody will be able to understand it. Would they get fired from their job ? No. Nobody would understand their work except them. The job would have to be given back to the stupid person, perhaps with a higher salary. Or someone would do it for them, leaving them with even more free time !

(a) Complete the following statements :

    (i) Stupid people are never asked to perform heavy work because

        _____ 1

    (ii) Another advantage to stupidity is that _____ .   1

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

    (i) How is acting stupid in the wrong crowd considered as ?   1

    (ii) What is the first advantage of being stupid ?   1

    (iii) Why do people think that stupid people have low expectations ?

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

Why would stupid people be not fired from their job ?

(d) Find out words from the passage that have the same meaning as :

1×2=2

(i) clearly seen

(ii) domestic task

COURSE BOOK

(PROSE)

2. Answer the following questions in *one* phrase / sentence each :　　　1×3=3

(a) Which peak surrounds Dzuko Valley on the North-West ?

(b) In which year was the Olympic motto introduced ?

(c) What makes life beautiful with reference to 'Healing power of compassion' ?

3. Answer the following questions in about *30* words each :　　　2×3=6

(a) Why is Ningol Chakkouba essentially a festival of the family ?

(b) Why is checking pollution not easy ?

(c) Why was Maulana Azad ten times the Muslim than Jinnah ?

4. Answer the following questions in about *50* words each :   3×2=6

   (a) Why was Thang-Ta used in Chainaba ?

   (b) "Well begun is half-done, he was saying inwardly."

   Why was Deepak saying this inwardly ?

SECTION – B
(WRITING)

5. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics in about *200* words using the outlines given :   7

   (a) Hobbies :

   [Outlines : What is a hobby – why people have different hobbies – benefits – caution to be taken]

   (b) Students and Social Service :

   [Outlines : What is social service – why students should take part – benefits – educative value]

   (c) Manipur, the Powerhouse of Sports :

   [Outlines : Why is it said so – achievements of Manipuri sportspersons at (i) the national level (ii) the international level – need for proper infrastructure]

6. Y. Somo of Imphal writes a letter to his friend Kapil Sharma of Amritsar expressing why he wants to be a scientist and what he aims to achieve. Reproduce the probable form of the letter.   5

Or

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You are Karisma of Singjamei. Write a letter to the editor 'Manipur Times' expressing your concern about the increase in crimes against women in Manipur.

7. Last night a ravaging fire burnt down a number of shops at Paona International Market, Imphal. Property worth twenty lakh rupees was lost. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter and write a newspaper report about the incident. 4

8. Make notes of the important points of the following passage and write a summary using the notes : 3+3= 6

Most of the plants that are important to people were domesticated or tamed in prehistoric times. For example, before history was written, corn and wheat became part of people's diets. People have been growing these crops in fields for thousands of years. Scientists have only recently begun to keep records of the domestication of plants. Because of their records, scientists can predict some of the problems in domesticating a plant. But there are three reasons why they cannot guess all the problems or all the solutions. The first reason is that people have never been successful in taming a wild plant. The second is that scientists have kept records for a relatively short time. The third is that each plant species is unique, different from all other plants.

9. You are Martha, the General Secretary of ABC School. Write a notice requesting the students of your school to participate in the 'Tree Plantation' programme to be held in the school campus on April 5. 3

SECTION – C

(GRAMMAR)

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

    (a)   Yesterday, our teacher narrated very interesting story.

    (b)   The recent strom has destroyed grain that they had.

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

    He _____ generally have a glass of warm milk in the morning.

12. Change the voice of the following sentences :   1+1=2

    (a)   It is not known why she is crying.

    (b)   He made me suffer a lot.

13. Change the narration of the following sentences :   1+1=2

    (a)   The girl said, "How can you say that I am ugly ?"

    (b)   The small girl ran in and said "Let me sing a song."

14. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct form of the tense of the verb within bracket :   1

    By the time you reach the airport, the plane (leave).

15. Transform the following sentences as directed :   1+1=2

    (a)   I shall always remember your kindliness.

          (Transform into a negative sentence)

    (b)   We must study hard, or we cannot pass the test.

          (Transform into a simple sentence)

SECTION – D

(LITERATURE)

16. Answer the following questions in about *30* words each :   2×2=4

    (a)   "I know that I am wiser than all of you."

          How did the prisoner know that he was wiser than all ?

                                    Or

          "So it has been the past three days."

          How did the monkeys behave on the fourth day ?

    (b)   Livingstone : On the contrary, I saved your life."

          Why did Livingstone say this ?

17. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about *30* words each :

                                                                2×3=6

    (a)   "As if her song could have no ending." Explain the meaning of the line.

    (b)   "And that has made all the difference."

          Explain the meaning of the line.

    (c)   Why was the dancing girl hurriedly driven away from the town ?

    (d)   Why did the poet want to sing of Mother India's clear dawn ?

18. Answer the following question in about *120* words : 5

"If I have seemed cruel, It was only to test your love for each other," he said.

How did Prospero test the love between Ferdinand and Miranda ?

Or

Comment on the title of the story "An Astrologer's Day".

19. Answer the following question in about *120* words : 5

How did Livingstone try to save the Boy from the Trader ?

Or

Bring out the suffering of the slaves in 'The Pathfinder

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