

Instructions -

- (1) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (2) *Marks of each question are given against them.*



SECTION – A

(Reading)

- Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage –
- We do not always get what we want. Sometimes we succeed, sometimes we fail. This makes us sad. We think ourselves unlucky. We must try and try again. This will make us successful at last. The example of Robert Bruce is before us. He was the king of Scotland. He wanted to drive out the English from his country. He could not do so. He was defeated many times. He lost hope of success. So he ran away from the battlefield. He hid himself in a cave. There he saw a spider. It tried to reach the ceiling. Whenever it tried to do so, it fell down. But it went on trying. At last, it succeeded. We can do the same thing. We must try and try again. This will surely give us success.

Questions -

- (i) Robert Bruce wanted to drive out the English from
- (a) England (b) Scotland
(c) Ireland (d) Nagaland
- (ii) How many times was he defeated?
- (a) 2 times (b) 4 times
(c) Many times (d) None of these
- (iii) What did the spider do?
- (a) It tried to reach the ceiling
(b) Not tried to reach the ceiling
(c) It tried to reach the floor
(d) None of these
- (iv) Who was Robert Bruce?
- (a) A king (b) A teacher
(c) God (d) A soldier
- (v) Give opposite of 'sad' -
- (a) glad (b) happy
(c) dead (d) None of these

Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions -

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Robinson Crusoe lived all alone in the forest. For sometimes, Crusoe did not see any one on the island. Then, one day he saw some wild men, enjoying a feast and dancing around the fire. He also saw two prisoners, one of whom ran away for his life. Two of the men chased him, as fast as they could, to catch him. Seeing this, Crusoe fired his gun and frightened them away. The prisoner, who was now left alone, came up to Crusoe and tried to thank him for his help. Crusoe took him home and called him Friday, as he was found on a Friday. The man expressed his desire to serve Crusoe. So, Crusoe took him as his servant and taught him many things, and the two lived together happily.

Questions –

- (i) Robinson Crusoe lived –
(a) in a forest (b) on an island
(c) on a mountain top (d) in a village
- (ii) The wild men could not catch the prisoner because
(a) he ran very fast
(b) he disappeared in the forest
(c) he went to Crusoe
(d) the men were frightened by the firing of the gun
- (iii) What were the wild men doing?
(a) Enjoying a feast and dancing around the fire
(b) Dancing
(c) Singing
(d) Crying
- (iv) Why did Crusoe call the prisoner "Friday"?
(a) Because he was found on a Friday
(b) Because he was alone
(c) Because he was hungry
(d) Because he was happy
- (v) The opposite word of "happy" –
(a) angry (b) sad
(c) merry (d) None of these

SECTION – B

(Writing)

Q.3 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it –

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Travelling is a means of education. The real aim of education is character building. When we travel, we have to put things in order. We have to buy our tickets and catch the train at the right time. The rich men can indeed get all this done by their servants, but India is a country of the poor. In journey, we have to help ourselves. We learn many new things by seeing different places and by conversing with people of all kinds. In Europe, education without travelling is considered incomplete. In ancient India great importance was given to pilgrimage. Travelling in this country is a great pleasure.

- (i) Supply a suitable title.
(ii) Make notes of this passage.

Q.4 You are Anushri studying in Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School, Datia. Write an application to your Principal asking him to grant you 3 days leave.

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OR

You are Himanshu Pathak, residing at M 13 Chetak-Puri, Gwalior. Write a letter to your friend Mridul inviting him to stay a few days with you in summer vacation.

Q.5 Write an article on "Trees are Green Gold".

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OR

Write an essay on anyone of the following topics in about 180 words –

- (i) Modern Technology
- (ii) An Indian Festival
- (iii) My Best Friend
- (iv) My Hobby

Q.6 Last week you went on a picnic with your family. Now look at the picture given below and write a short paragraph about how you enjoyed your picnic.

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SECTION – C

(Grammar)

Q.7 Fill in the blanks choosing the correct alternative given in the brackets – (Any five)

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- (i) Hitesh is engineer in The U.K. (a / an / the)
- (ii) There is not water in the pool. (some / any)
- (iii) We to watch a movie yesterday. (go / went)
- (iv) How pages do you read everyday? (much / many)
- (v) Physics not a difficult subject. (is / are)
- (vi) What is the time your watch? (by / in / from)
- (vii) We obey our elders. (should / must / ought to)

Q.8 Do as directed – (Any five)

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- (i) Saumya does her homework everyday.
(Change into Negative)
- (ii) We / protect / forest / our / should. (Rearrange the sentence)
- (iii) Poorvi goes to office at 10:00 am.
(Make a question using "who")
- (iv) If you study hard, you will succeed. (Rewrite using "unless")
- (v) Sujata is too lazy to work herself. (Rewrite using "so that")
- (vi) Rajesh and Madhur is going home. (Correct the sentence)
- (vii) (a) The lady is the Principal of our School.
(b) The lady is talking to Urmila.

(Combine the sentences using "who")

SECTION – D

(Literature)

Q.9 Choose the correct option –

[4]

(i) How old is Margie?

(a) 11 years

(b) 12 years

(c) 10 years

(d) 9 years

(ii) What did Albert Einstein classmates call him?

(a) A genius

(b) Dull

(c) Brother boring

(d) Stupid

(iii) What did Kalam's father teach him?

(a) To fight

(b) To run

(c) Honesty and self-discipline

(d) To be arrogant

(iv) Which foreign languages did Evelyn learn?

(a) French

(b) Chinese

(c) Basic Japanese

(d) Both (a) and (c)

Q.10 (A) Read the extract and answer the given questions –

[3]

For reason I have never been able to understand, a sudden demand for tamarind seeds erupted in the market. I used to collect the seeds and sell them to a provision shop on Mosque street. A day's collection would fetch me the sum of one anna. My brother-in-law Jallaluddin would tell me stories about the war which I would later attempt to trace in the headlines in Dinamani. Our area, being isolated, was completely unaffected by the war. But soon India was forced to join the Allied forces and something like a stage of emergency was declared.

Questions -

- (i) From which lesson the above extract has been taken?
(a) The Fun They Had
(b) My Childhood
(c) Reach for the Top
(d) If I were you
- (ii) A.P.J. Abdul Kalam earned money by selling
(a) newspapers (b) toys
(c) tamarind seeds (d) sweets
- (iii) Dinamani was the name of a
(a) book (b) newspaper
(c) magazine (d) novel

(B) Read the given extract and answer the following questions -

[3]

Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters, crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives, crumbling hearts - <https://www.mpboardonline.com>
the wind god winnows and crushes them all.

Questions -

- (i) Why are the houses, doors, rafters etc. crumbling?
(a) Because they are weak
(b) Because they are solid
(c) Because they are strong
(d) None of these
- (ii) Why has the wind been called "god"?
(a) Because like "god", he uses his power
(b) Remove and crush the undesirable, weak things
(c) Both (a) and (b)
(d) None of these
- (iii) What does the wind god do?
(a) Using its force winnows and crushes
(b) Protects all
(c) Protects none
(d) None of these

- Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words – (Any six) [2×6=12]
- (i) What did Margie write in her diary?
 - (ii) Where was Bismillah Khan born?
 - (iii) Who were the people in Kezia's family?
 - (iv) Why did the doctor say "Death lurked four inches away"?
 - (v) What did Einstein call his desk drawer at the patent-office?
 - (vi) What were the two temples visited by the author in Kathmandu?
 - (vii) Why was Maria Sharapova sent to the United States?
 - (viii) Why does the intruder enter Gerrard's cottage?

- Q.12 Answer the following question – (Any two) [2×2=4]
- (i) What is the poet's intention to go to Innisfree?
 - (ii) Who are the "darling dreamers" the poet refers to?
 - (iii) How does the poet suggest that all people on earth are the same?

- Q.13 Answer the following question in about 30 words – (Any two) [2×2=4]
- (i) In what way is Iswaran an asset to Mahendra?
 - (ii) Why does the author break down in tears after the fire?
 - (iii) What was the name of the beggar in the lesson?

- Q.14 How does Tommy describe the old kind of teachers? [3]

OR

Why does the world remember Einstein as a "World citizen"?

- Q.15 Write the central idea of the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. [3]

OR

Why did Saint Peter curse the old lady? What happened to her?

- Q.16 Why does the lost child lose interest in the things that he had wanted earlier? [3]

OR

How does the Guru manage to save his disciple's life?