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ENGLISH (COURSE-'A')

(Term - I)

Please check that
this question paper
contains 16 questions
and 8 printed pages.

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

1. This paper consists of 4 sections : A, B, C & D.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. Do not write anything on the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
5. Ensure that questions of each section are answered together.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.
7. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

(10 Marks)

1. The purpose of education should not only be to make our children literate, but to make this earth a better place to live in.
2. At present apart from the economic challenges of poverty, unemployment and malnutrition, we have challenges like terrorism, dowry deaths, intoxication, strikes and youth unrest. It is only education which can inculcate a spirit of patience and endurance to meet the challenges to a great extent. It was the power of knowledge alone which was used by Socrates, Aristotle and Chanakya to bring about a change in history.
3. If we go to the Vedic period, education was the right of only the male child. Females were kept apart from the mainstream of education. Even, if the king intended to impart education to his daughter, had to appoint a separate tutor.
4. If we look back, in the past two decades, there has been unprecedented expansion of knowledge. Almost every house has access to newspapers, television and other components of the information system. But the need

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ଉ. କଳାମ୍ ତାଙ୍କ ଜୀବନରେ କେଉଁ କଥା ପ୍ରମାଣିତ କରିଥିଲେ ?

of the hour is to differentiate between knowledge and wisdom. If we go by knowledge, a sickle can be used for cutting grass, cutting wood, cutting the fingers of an enemy and also healthy mango saplings planted by a neighbour. It is good education which can make positive mindset and enables one to distinguish between knowledge and wisdom.

5. A well informed mother can provide nutritional food and security to children. She can play a vital role in the preservation of nutrients and deciding the daily menu and bringing up healthy children who as healthy citizens will be an asset to the nation.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage , complete the following statements.

- (a) Alongwith making our children literate the purpose of education should be _____ 1
- (b) Only education can _____ 1
- (c) In the Vedic period women were _____ 1
- (d) Good education can not only _____ mindset, but also enables to distinguish between _____ 2
- (e) A mother can have a great role in bringing up _____ who in turn will be an _____ 2
- (f) Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. 1+1
- (i) inadequate nutrition _____ (para 2)
- (ii) substance that provides nourishment _____ (para 5)
- (g) Suggest a suitable title for the above passage 1

2. Read the following poem carefully.

(5 Marks)

The Sportsman

The road was hilly, the wind was strong,
The lad gallantly struggled along,
With never a glance at the downward way.
Where his comrades shouted, laughed and played,
Though he longed to be there and joined the sport,
In his brave little heart he crushed the thought,
"If I went," He said, "I should certainly rue it,

When you have promised a thing, you are bound to do it".

In life sometimes things won't go well,
And 'duty' is a difficult word to spell,
But the fellow who sets before his eyes,
A high ideal as the worthiest prize,
Will shun the evil and follow the good,

And say to himself, as brave lad should,
'It only needs grit, and I must not lack it;
The world's a hard nut but I mean to crack it !

- 2.1. On the basis of your reading of the poem, complete the following blanks with suitable words / phrases. 1×5=5

The boy bravely struggled to walk because of the (a) _____ and strong winds. He did not (b) _____ at the downward way. He wanted to be with his comrades who (c) _____. He decided not to go there because he was bound to fulfil his duty. He believed that everything didn't go well in (d) _____ and one should value a high ideal as the (e) _____ prize.

3. Read the passage given below carefully. (5 Marks)

If we want to care for the environment, we have to understand how to help living things survive. A balanced arrangement of plants, animals, soil and climate is known as an ecosystem. Ecosystems are dynamic interactions between plants, animals, micro organisms and their environment working together as functional units. Ecosystems will fail if they do not remain in balance. In other words, they are interdependent. An ecosystem is constantly changing - as old members die, young ones begin to mature and take over. Forest ecosystem has the ability to fight back after disaster. A major fire will never destroy a forest permanently. The forest is able to regrow and adapt to change. A forest can be naturally cleared - by a storm, a fire caused by a long dry summer or a volcanic eruption. As soon as rain falls and snow melts, the first plants or pioneers can be seen sending up their leaves. Then, the plants flourish and flowers start to bloom, seeds from the trees, which are burnt, start to grow in the upper layers of the soil too. The saplings then compete with each other

to shade the pioneers, which begin to die. The strongest of the saplings will get enough sunlight to become mature.

3.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

1×5=5

- (a) What is an ecosystem?
- (b) How does the ecosystem change?
- (c) A forest can be naturally cleared by _____
- (d) Write any one quality of a forest which helps it to fight back against a natural disaster.
- (e) Find a word from the passage which means - the first one / leader

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. You are Jyoti / Jayant, the cultural Secretary of DAV Public School. Your school is organising 'English Week' from 3 Oct - 9 Oct 2017. Write a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the various competitions (such as debate, dramatics, essay writing etc.) being organised on the occasion and asking them to participate. Give all necessary details.
5. Tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today and success can always be achieved with confidence and positive attitude. Taking ideas from the unit 'Enterprise' along with your ideas prepare an inspiring speech to be delivered in the morning assembly. (Word limit 100-150 words)

OR

With changing times the concept of fun filled vacation has also changed. Teenagers plan and decide in advance what they intend to do during vacations. Taking ideas from the unit 'Changing Times' and using your own ideas write a speech on 'How to make vacations more rewarding and fulfilling'. (Word limit 100-150 words)

6. You have recently come back from a visit to Shimla. Your cousin Kartik also wants to visit the place someday. Write a letter to him describing the place in 100- 150 words.

HINTS

- Visited Shimla
- Toy train
- Charming scenery
- Himalayan peaks
- Visited lodges once inhabited by the English men
- Mall road attractions

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(25 Marks)

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. 1/2×8=4

	Incorrect	Correct
A 45 years old debt ridden farmer	(a) _____	_____
hanged himself of a tree	(b) _____	_____
on Madhya Pradesh's Shivpuri district,	(c) _____	_____
the ninth suicide of nine days	(d) _____	_____
Kala Kevat is resident of village	(e) _____	_____
Bineka in Shivpuri district or was	(f) _____	_____
depressed because of back-from-back	(g) _____	_____
crop failure and a mounting loan burden	(h) _____	_____

8. Rearrange the jumbled words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. 1×4=4

e.g. important element / water / is the most / for / the / survival of man
Water is the most important element for the survival of man.

- (a) poisoned to death / waste products / by our own / we would be / without water
- (b) is a key to / weight loss / proper water / intake
- (c) more water / one must consume / during summer
- (d) a powerful drink / can be / a simple glass / of water

9. Complete the following paragraph by filling the correct forms of verbs given in the bracket. 1×4=4

The British Explorer James Cook was born in the village of Marton, Yorkshire. But his family soon (a) _____ (move) to another village called great Ayton, where Cook (b) _____ (spend) most of his childhood. As a teenager James Cook (c) _____ (develop) a fascination for the sea and (d) _____ (travel) a lot.

10. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals. 1×4=4

If we sit in an incorrect posture, we (a) _____ strain our backs. As far as possible, this (b) _____ be avoided. We (c) _____ take out time to perform a few exercises. It (d) _____ improve our blood circulation.

11. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows. 1×4=4

Shopkeeper : Good Morning sir, how can I help you?

Customer : I want some good quality cheese and a dozen bananas?

Shopkeeper : How much cheese do you require, sir?

The shopkeeper (a) _____ and asked him how he (b) _____. The customer replied that (c) _____ some good quality cheese and a dozen bananas. The shopkeeper then asked him how much cheese (d) _____.

12. Read the following notes given below and complete the paragraph. 1×5=5

Train Blast Kills Three

A bomb _____ exploded _____ Delhi - Guwahati North East Express _____ Tuesday night _____ three bogies derailed _____ three killed _____ hundred injured _____ admitted in hospitals _____ railway minister visited _____ promised enquiry.

A bomb (a) _____ on Tuesday night. As a result, three bogies (b) _____ causing death of three people while (c) _____ who were admitted in hospitals. The injured were visited (d) _____ minister who (e) _____ into the tragedy.

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(35 Marks)

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.

1×5=5

My grandmother was a genius You'd like to know why?
Because she could climb trees.Spreading or high.
She'd be up their branches in a trice. And mind you,
when last she climbed a tree,she was sixty-two.

- Why does the poet call his grandmother a genius ?
- Could the grandmother climb the trees easily? Pick out the line from the extract in support of your answer.
- How old was granny when she last climbed a tree?
- What was the constant advice given to her by her family members?
- Pick out one pair from the extract which rhyme with each other.

OR

She sits there in state and drinks sherry with me, upholding her right to reside
in a tree.

- Name the poem and the poet. (1)
- What does the poet mean by 'in state'? (1)
- Where is 'she' residing? (1)
- Identify 'she' and 'me'. What are they drinking? (2)

14. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

1×5=5

Sea waves golden sand, pilgrims faith,
Rameshwaram mosque Street, all merge into one, My Mother !
You come to me like heaven's caring arms,
I remember the war days when life was
challenge and toil.

- Name the poem and the poet.
- Mention any two things which remind the poet about his mother?
- What does the poet refer to when he says 'I remember'?
- What difficulties did the poet face as a child?
- Identify the figure of speech in line 3.

15. Answer the following questions in 30 - 40 words.

- (a) 'The outcome was different'. What was the outcome? How was it different from what everyone had expected? (Granny's tree climbing) 3
- (b) How were Margie's telebooks different from the book which Tommy found in the attic? (The fun they had) 3
- (c) 'Father's behavior took an unexpected turn'. What was unexpected about his father's behavior? (Father's help) 3
- (d) How was the poet's life transformed? (My Mother) 3
- (e) What impression did the narrator gather of the woman when he met her at Foyot's? (The luncheon) 3
- (f) Who was the bearded man who came running from the woods. How he was wounded? (The three questions) 3
- (g) Swami painted his teacher in the darkest colours. Was he right in doing so? Comment. (Father's help) 2
16. Imagine you are the king from the story 'The three questions'. Write a letter of thanks to the wise hermit after you got the satisfactory answers. 5

OR

Imagine you are Samuel. Write a diary entry expressing your disbelief at Swami's strange behaviour and your feelings at caning him.