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(Credit Based Semester Scheme)

(Common to all Batches)

ENGLISH

General Proficiency and Communicative English

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 80

SECTION - A

(PROSE & POETRY)

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I. Answer **any one** of the following in not more than two pages : (1 × 10 = 10)

1. What does Robert Lynd say about absent mindedness in his essay 'Forgetting'?
2. How does Princess September realize the significance of freedom?
3. What hints on public speaking does James Bryce provide in his essay?

II. Answer **any two** of the following in not more than a page each : (2 × 5 = 10)

1. What does Robert Lynd say about the memories of poets and thinkers?
2. Why, according to J.C. Hill are good manners very important?
3. How does the story 'The Selfish Giant' present the idea that love and kindness could help anyone to achieve eternal peace?
4. Why does James Bryce say, "It is better to be flippant than to be dull" in his essay, 'Some Hints on Public Speaking'?



III. Answer **any one** of the following in not more than two pages : (1 × 10 = 10)

1. How does Keats personify the autumn season in his poem 'Ode to Autumn'?
2. "The poem 'The Last of the Princes' captures the steady decline of the Mughal dynasty" - Explain.
3. How does the poem 'The Chimney Sweeper' portray the heartless repression and exploitation of children?

IV. Select **any two** of the following passages and answer the questions set on them in one or two sentences each : (2 × 5 = 10)

1. The presence of a stiffened corse
Is sad enough, but, to my mind
The presence of a child that's blind,
In a green garden, is far worse.
 - (i) What does the expression 'stiffened corse' mean in the passage? (1)
 - (ii) What is the stiffened corse contrasted with in the passage? Explain. (2)
 - (iii) What does the 'green garden' symbolize? (2)
2. Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook
Spare the next swath and all its twined flowers.
 - (i) Whom does the pronoun 'thy' in the passage refer to? (1)
 - (ii) Who is found asleep on a half-reaped furrow? Why? (2)
 - (iii) What is the figure of speech used in the passage? Explain. (2)
3. And by came an Angel who had a bright key,
And he opened the coffins and set them all free;
Then down a green plain, leaping, laughing they run,
And wash in a river and shine in the Sun
 - (i) Whom does the pronoun 'them' in the second line refer to? (1)
 - (ii) Who opened the coffins? What does it signify? (2)
 - (iii) What do they do when they are set free? What does it suggest? (2)

4. Talents differ; all is well and wisely put
If I cannot carry forests on my back,
Neither can you crack a nut.

- (i) Who is the speaker of the above lines? (1)
(ii) Whom does the speaker address in the passage? What does he intend to prove? (2)
(iii) How does the speaker show that talents differ? (2)

V. Answer **any two** of the following in not more than a page each : (2 × 5 = 10)

1. How does W.H. Davies bring out the miserable condition of the blind child in his poem?
2. Why does Keats say that autumn is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness?
3. What are the bitter-sweet memories that the last prince is left with?
4. What impact does the dream have on Tom in the poem 'The Chimney Sweeper'?

SECTION - B

(GRAMMAR)

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VI. Do as directed :

1. In each of the following sentences a word is underlined. Choose the right synonym of the word underlined from the alternatives given below the sentence : (2 × 1 = 2)

(a) My grandfather is considered to be a venerable person

- (i) intelligent (ii) respectable (iii) likeable (iv) indecent

(b) The speaker explained in a lucid manner.

- (i) correct (ii) exact (iii) clear (iv) vague



2. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate antonyms of the words underlined : (2 × 1 = 2)

(a) My brother's calculations are always accurate but mine is _____.

(b) Virtue is often admired but _____ is condemned.

3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences using the appropriate forms of the words given in brackets : (2 × 1 = 2)

(a) This is a _____ spot (delight)

(b) It was an _____ decision. (impulse)

4. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the appropriate words from those given in brackets : (2 × 1 = 2)

(a) The bride was wearing a _____ and simple dress.
(plane/plain)

(b) _____ storm is common in the Northern part of India.
(Hail/Hale)

5. Write one-word substitutes for the following : (2 × 1 = 2)

(a) A stock of words used by or known to a particular person.

(b) Frozen vapour falling in pieces or pellets.

VII. 1. Do as directed : (6 × 1 = 6)

(a) Driven by hunger, he stole a piece of bread.
(Change this into a complex sentence)

(b) Pack your things and leave this place
(Change this into an interrogative sentence)

(c) Every student is present today
(Change this into a negative sentence without changing its meaning)



- (d) James is the most intelligent boy in the class.
(Change this into comparative degree)
- (e) Farmers sow maize in the rainy season.
(Change this into passive voice)
- (f) He asked her, "when do you intend to make the payment?"
(Change this into indirect speech)

2. Complete the following sentences using the correct question tags : (2)

(a) Let's go to the beach, _____?

(b) Sheela drove the car carefully, _____

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3. Fill in the blanks in the following sentences choosing the right linkers from the options given : (2)

(a) This is the rule, _____ there are many exceptions to it.

(i) for (ii) so (iii) but (iv) because

(b) Neither my mother _____ my father will be able to attend the party on Sunday.

(i) or (ii) but (iii) and (iv) nor

4. Write a paragraph of about ten sentences on **any one** of the following topics : (5)

(a) Gender equality

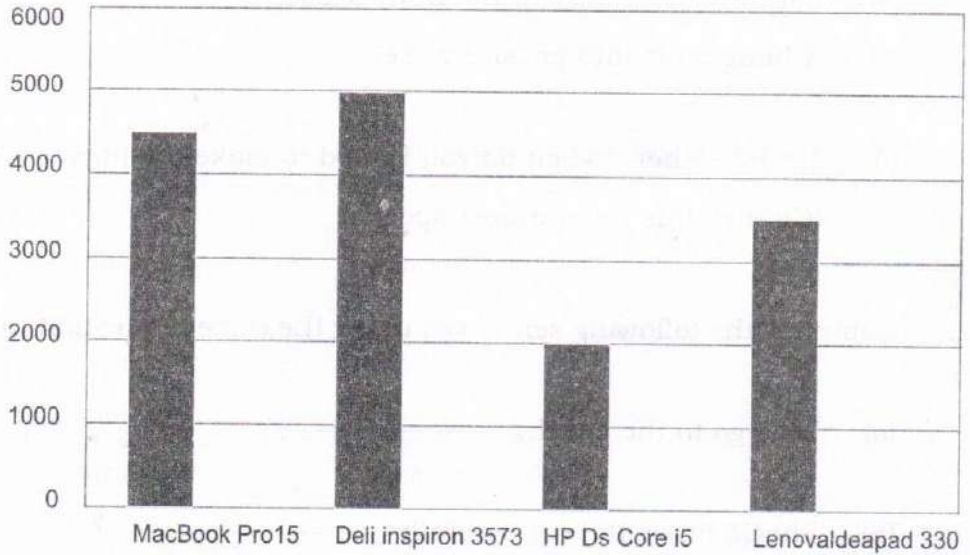
(b) Social media

(c) The importance of cleanliness drive



5. Interpret the following Bar Chart in about ten sentences : (5)

The chart shows the number of laptop computers of different brands sold in Tokyo in a month.



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