

2014

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 :

The praise which we receive must be well-deserved. When it is exaggerated, it becomes flattery. Why do people take to flattery ? The most apparent motive is to please the person who is flattered. Behind that lie deeper motives. By pleasing the object of his flattery, the flatterer is trying to gain a favour or get an undue advantage. There may be other motives but one thing is sure – the flatterer does not deserve what he wants. He knows it very well.

Contd.

Flatterers employ numerous methods but there are some basic qualities to be found in all of them. Every flatterer is equipped with an oily tongue. He is just not capable of uttering a harsh or angry word. He will not let the object of his flattery feel offended even when he has to contradict him. He has also an inexhaustible reserve of patience and perseverance. He may be avoided. He may be snubbed and even insulted. But he will go on trying to ingratiate himself with the person he wants to please until he relents.

(a) Complete the following statements :

(i) Flattery is ———. 1

(ii) A flatterer tries to please the object of his flattery to ———. 1

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

(i) What is the most apparent reason behind flattery ? 1

(ii) Who are flatterers ? 1

(iii) What does a flatterer know of himself ? 1

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

What are the basic qualities common to all flatterers ? 3

(d) Find out words from the passage which having the same meaning as :

1×2=2

(i) not justifiable

(ii) ignored.

COURSE BOOK

(PROSE)

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

(a) In which year was the Sangai given its zoological name ?

(b) During the reign of which King of Manipur did Sagol Kangjei become more refined and popular ?

(c) How many world records has Sunita Williams set ?

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

(a) How did Dzuko Valley come to have its name ?

(b) How is the one popular dance seen during Diwali performed by the people of Jaunsar Bavar ?

(c) "On seeing her walk like that he almost lost his temper."

Why did Deepak almost lose his temper ?

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

(a) How do the modern Olympic Games differ from the ancient Olympic Games ?

(b) "And from that day on I knew for certain that one need not fear the strong."

Why was the writer certain that one need not fear the strong ?

SECTION – B
(WRITING)

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

(a) Abuse of Drugs in Manipur :

[Outlines : What is drug abuse – a major social problem in Manipur – students and youth worst affected – remedies suggested]

(b) Advertising :

[Outlines : What is advertising – benefits – harms caused – conclusion]

(c) Student Indiscipline :

[Outlines : A big problem – causes – harms caused – remedies]

6. H. Babu of Moirang Bazar writes a letter to his friend Deepak Bose of Park Street, Kolkata describing his last day at school. Reproduce the probable form of the letter. 5

Or

You are L. Menan of Uripok. Write a letter to the Chairperson, IMC, Imphal complaining against the drainage system in Imphal city.

7. Some unidentified persons looted a house at Koirengei and got away with money and jewellery worth about rupees ten lakh. Imagine that you are a newspaper reporter and write a newspaper report about the incident which took place on the night of February 15. 4

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

Conservation of forests and wildlife is also important from the aesthetic point of view. They make nature beautiful and colourful. Without them human life will lose much of its beauty, charm and meaning. Their proper protection and conservation also means a continuous and adequate supply of food, fodder, medicines, timber etc. Forests and wildlife are renewable resources which need to be diligently protected, preserved and increased in a planned way. There is a need to spread the awareness about forest and wildlife conservation. More and more trees should be planted and protected. There should be a ban on mobile zoos and a war should be waged on behalf of the mute and innocent animals.

9. You are X, the General Secretary of ABC School. Write a notice requesting the students of your school to participate in the Science exhibition to be held in your school from May, 4–6. 3

SECTION – C
(GRAMMAR)

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

(a) The police did not ask me ^{any} question.

(b) Now-a-days many ^a young girl is more qualified than boys.

Fill in the blank with the correct modal verb :

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He reads hard lest he _____ fail.

12. Change the voice of the following sentences :

1×2=2

(a) It is time to honour him.

(b) One's promise should be kept.

13. Change the narration of the following sentences :

1×2=2

(a) The beggar said, "May you prosper in life!"

(b) She congratulated me.

14. Rewrite the following sentence using the correct form of the verb within brackets :

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He told the committee that he (teach) English for ten years.

15. Transform the following sentences as directed :

1×2=2

(a) I wish I were the Chief Minister.

(Transform into an exclamatory sentence)

(b) On seeing the policeman, the thief ran away.

(Transform into a complex sentence)

SECTION - D

(LITERATURE)

16. Answer the following questions in about 30 words each :

2×2=4

(a) "The face of the Quick Man beamed."

Why did the face of the Quick Man beam ?

Or

"The astrologer felt very uncomfortable."

Why did the astrologer feel very uncomfortable ?

(b) Why did Chumah followed Livingstone blindly, in faith ?

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

2×3=6

(a) How does the poet compare the song of the nightingale with the song of the solitary reaper ?

(b) Why is it sadder to see "a man so hard" ?

(c) "I shall be telling this with a sigh

Somewhere ages and ages hence."

Explain the significance of the lines.

(d) "..... drunk with the wine of her youth."

Explain the significance of the line.

18. Answer the following questions in about 120 words :

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"For fifteen years I have been intently studying earthly life."

How had the prisoner been intently studying earthly life when he was in confinement ?

Or

"My dear, the only way to manage these tailors is to be firm."

How did Mrs. Lowe show her firmness to manage the native tailor ?

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

Comment on Livingstone's character in "The Pathfinder".

Or

Examine the slave boy's story as he told it to Livingstone.
