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Note : First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.

Instructions :

- i) This question paper is divided into four Sections — **A, B, C** and **D**.
- ii) All questions from all the Sections are compulsory.
- iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION - A

(Reading)

✓ Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

A stout lady was walking with her basket down the middle of a street in Petrograd to the great confusion to the traffic and with no small peril to herself. It was pointed out to her that the pavement was the place for foot passengers, but she

replied, "I'm going to walk where I like. We have got liberty now." It did not occur to the dear old lady that if liberty entitled the foot-passenger to walk down the middle of the road, it also entitled the cab driver to drive on the pavement, so that the end of such liberty would be universal chaos. Everybody would be getting in everybody else's way and nobody would get anywhere. Individual liberty would have become social anarchy.

- a) Why did the old lady not walk on the pavement ?
- b) What was her interpretation of liberty ?
- c) Why do you think that she was wrong about individual liberty ?
- d) What would be the result of this individual liberty ?
- e)
 - i) Write the opposite for 'liberty'.
 - ii) Find out the word from the passage which means 'danger'.
 - iii) Rewrite the underlined segment after replacing the word 'chaos' with another similar meaning word.

SECTION - B

(Writing)

2. Write an article on any *one* of the following topics in about 100 – 150 words : 10
- Unemployment in India and its solution
 - Price rise in our country
 - The pollution spread by the flood.
3. Write a letter to the Chairman of your municipality complaining of the insanitary condition of the locality in which you live and asking him to take necessary steps in the matter. 10

OR

Write a letter to your friend inviting him to attend your sister's marriage.

SECTION - C

(Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following questions : 5 × 2 = 10
- Which of the following underlined words is a synonym of 'industrious' ?
 - Some workers are going to the temple to repair it.
 - He is true to his word.
 - He eats tasty food.
 - My friend, Ramesh, is hard working.

b) Which of the following is a pair of antonyms ?

- i) Lazily — Poorly
- ii) Secretly — Quietly
- iii) Rapidly — Slowly
- iv) Promptly — Quickly

c) "At one's wits end" means

- i) to be very witty
- ii) to confuse others
- iii) to be completely confused
- iv) to minimize expenses

d) "Unable to pay one's debt" is

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| i) beggar | ii) insolvent |
| iii) poor | iv) borrower |

e) Which of the following sentences is correct ?

- i) What is the time in your watch ?
- ii) Ganga is a holy river.
- iii) He gave me an useful book.
- iv) He is making a noise.

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5. a) Change any one of the following into indirect speech :

- i) The teacher said to the boys "Are you happy ?"
- ii) They said, "Listen to what we say."

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b) Combine any one of the following as directed :

- i) You must work hard. You will not pass. (Into Simple sentence)
- ii) It is certain. His friend will help him. (Into Complex sentence)

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c) Transform any one of the following as directed :

- i) What are you doing in the kitchen ? (Into Passive voice)
- ii) Bombay is bigger than any other city in India.

(Into Superlative degree)

d) Correct any one of the following sentences :

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- i) Work hard in English lest you may not fail in this subject.
- ii) He had hardly leave the room than it begun to rain.

c) Use any *one* of the following **pairs** of words to make the difference in their meanings clear :

i) Week — Weak

ii) Wait — Weight

d) Translate the following passage into English :

भारतवर्ष एक महान देश है । इसका अतीत बहुत ही शानदार रहा है । विदेशी आक्रमणकारियों ने इसे लूटने का प्रयास किया । इसकी संस्कृति तथा ज्ञान-विज्ञान को मिटाने का प्रयास किया परन्तु देशप्रेमियों के बलिदान और बहादुरी के कारण वे सफल नहीं हुए । आज भी देश में किसी चीज की कमी नहीं है । यदि दिन दूनी रात चौगुनी बढ़ती हुई जनसंख्या पर नियंत्रण हो जाय, तो देश फिर समृद्ध हो जाएगा । पर्यावरण देश की दूसरी बड़ी समस्या है ।

SECTION - D

(Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

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a) Why did Rudyard Kipling refuse to be interviewed ?

OR

Why is Sophie jealous of Geoff's silence ?

b) What did Rajkumar Shukla do to bring Gandhiji to Champaran ?

OR

What do the inhabitants of Seemapuri do for their survival ?

8. Answer any *one* of the following in about 80 words :

a) What did Douglas do to overcome his fear of water ?

b) How did Gandhiji reach Champaran and what did he do there ?

Read the following extract carefully and answer the questions that follow

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

- a) What lesson can the earth teach us ?
- b) How does the poet interpret the inaction and action on the Earth ?
- c) What remains alive when everything seems to be dead ?

10. Write the central idea of any one of the following poems

- a) My Mother at Sixty-six
- b) A Thing of Beauty
- c) A Roadside Stand.

11. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

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- a) Why do the people in the modern world want to escape ?

OR

What prediction was made at the Tiger King's birth ?

- b) How is Antarctica the perfect place to study environmental changes ?

OR

Why was Sadao sent to America ?

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a) "The battle of Champaran is won." Explain the statement on the basis of the lesson *Indigo*.

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b) "The Story Rattrap" is a mixture of entertainment and philosophy. Explain.

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