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समय : 3¼ घण्टे

विषय - अंग्रेजी

पूर्णांक : 70

Instructions :

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) All Marks are in front of the questions.

Section - A (Reading)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

1×7=7

Forests are called the 'green gold' of a country because they are a country's wealth. There are numerous advantages of having green forests. They give us rain, prevent floods and give us a number of valuable products. We get timber for building our houses, wood for furnitures, fuel for cooking food. Besides these, we get many useful products from them. They are honey, wax, gum, oil, herbs, lac and dyes. Think of the paper mills. Can they produce paper without getting wood from the forests? The industry of the artificial silk depends on forests. Forests add to the beauty of a country and provide shelter to wild animals.

During wars they give covers to armies. Forests maintain fertility of soil. They are helpful in reducing level of pollution. They are necessary to maintain balance in nature. They are vital for good climate. They reduce intensity and frequency of natural disasters like a drought, flood, storms etc.

1. How are forests useful for wild animals? 1
2. Why are forests called the green gold? 1
3. Name any five products that we get from the forests? 1
4. What important work do trees do at the time of war? 1
5. What do forests prevent? 1
6. What do forests maintain? 1
7. Find the word from the passage which is opposite to 'natural'. 1

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the question given below:
My father could convey complex spiritual concepts in very simple, down-to-earth Tamil. He once told me, "In his own time, in his own place in what he really is and in the stage he has reached good or bad every human being is a specific element within the whole of the manifest divine being. So why do afraid of difficulties, sufferings and problems? When troubles come, try to understand

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the relevance of your sufferings. Adversity always presents opportunities for introspection.”

Each individual creature on this beautiful planet is created by God to fulfil a particular rôle. Whatever I have achieved in life is through His help and an expression of His will. He showered His grace on me through some outstanding teachers and colleagues and when I pay my tributes to these fine persons. I am merely praising His glory. All these rockets and missiles are his works through a small person called Kalam, in order to tell the several million mass of India, to never feel small or helpless. Yes! We are all born with a divine fire and fill the world with the glow of its goodness.

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| (i) | What should one do when sufferings come? | 1 |
| (ii) | How is adversity profitable? | 1 |
| (iii) | What is the purpose behind the creation of each individual creature? | 1 |
| (iv) | What does the writer think of his achievements? | 1 |
| (v) | How did God shower His grace on the writer? | 1 |
| (vi) | What are we born with according to the writer? | 1 |
| (vii) | Find out the word from the passage which means : | 1 |
| | (a) words of praise or respect for the dead | |
| | (b) difficulties or problems | |

Section - B (Writing)

3. Imagine that you are Suresh living in Jagdamba Hostel, Pali. Write a letter to your father telling him about your hostel life. You may touch upon the following points : 5

- (i) Which type of facilities are available in the hostel?
- (ii) How is your room partner's and warden's behaviour with you?
- (iii) What is your daily routine in hostel?
- (iv) How much time do you spend in your studies everyday?

OR

Imagine that you are Virendra, a student of class IX B. Your younger brother in class IX A. Write an application to your Principal requesting him for changing section.

4. Your school is organising a debate on "Ban the use of mobile phones for students" Write a debate in the favour of the motion in about 60-80 words with the help of the given outlines : 5

Oppose to be allowed for students a stupid toy misuse chatting hinderance in concentration waste time for the future should be banned school campus.

OR

You are Ram of class IX. Write a speech on "Harmful effects of

Smoking" in 60-80 words to be delivered in the morning prayer.
You may touch upon the following points:

Bad habit fell ill physical loss use
medicine bad effects children we will
be care and don't use tobacco etc.

Mahesh goes to railway station and inquires about train tickets.
Write an imaginary dialogue which may take place between. 5

Mahesh and booking clerk. You may begin like this:

Mahesh : Let me know the train for Mumbai?

Clerk : At what time, do you want to depart?

OR

Write a story in about 50-70 words with the help of following outlines:
A farmer wonderful hen lays golden eggs
..... thinks to get all eggs takes knife kills
..... cuts stomach looks for eggs no eggs
and repents.

Section - C

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets : 3

(i) An honest man always talks (tell) the truth.

(ii) If it rains, I go (go) to market.

(iii) Mohan has completed (complete) his study.

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable modals from the bracket given below: 3
(must, can, may, should)

(i) may you speak English?

(ii) Your parents are old you can look after them.

(iii) Should you live long!

8. Fill in the blanks with a verb in agreement with its subject : 3

(i) The poet and the painter died. (has/have)

(ii) He as well as I a student of the same class. (is/am)

(iii) This news correct. (is/are)

9. Change the following Direct Speech into Indirect Speech : 3

(i) He said to me, "Why did you come to me?"

(ii) The teacher said to the students, "The sun rises in the east".

10. (a) Write the opposite words for the given words : 1½

(i) like (ii) wise

(b) Write the synonyms for the given words : 1½

(i) Buy (ii) Finish

11. Write the one word for the group of words given below : 2

(i) The first meal of the day in the morning - B

(ii) A member of an army - Soldier

12. Name the part of speech of underlined words used in the following sentences : 4

(i) She writes a letter to her father.

(ii) Ram is here. He is obedient.

- (iii) I have a gold ring.
 (iv) We Indians suffer from a great defeat.

Section - D

13. Explain any one stanza with reference to the context : 3
 Where the words come out from the depth of truth;
 Where the tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection;
 Where the clear stream of reason has not lost
 its way into the dreary desert sand of dead habit;

OR

No door could shut out from our black pillered house whose walls
 had ears and eyes.

14. Answer the following questions in about 30 words : (any two) 4

- (i) How does Tagore refer to the struggle for perfection and
 rationality? (The Heaven of Freedom)
 (ii) When does mother suffer from migrain and why? (Ecology)
 (iii) How does the poet compare a house with a human body?
 (Ecology)

15. Answer in about 30 words of any two of the questions given below: 4

- (i) What is untouchability according to Gandhi? (A Stain on
 India's Forehead)
 (ii) How did Vivekananda treat the theme of social service?
 (The Heritage of India)
 (iii) How does Dr. Ambedkar describe democracy? (Prospects
 of Democracy in India)

16. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 3

- (i) Why does Kalam say that one should not be afraid of
 difficulties, sufferings and problems? (The Power of Prayer)
 (ii) What does Thoreau mean by "It takes two to speak the
 truth." Give examples.

17. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words : 3

- (i) What was the hermits reply to the king for his question?
 (Three Questions)
 (ii) How did the narrator try to impress the girl? (The Eyes are
 not Here)

18. Answer any two questions in about 30 words : 3

- (i) Why could Sue not draw the curtain. (The Last Leaf)
 (ii) What did the child do to find his parents? (The Lost Child)
 (iii) What did Ratan do when the postmaster was ill? (The
 Postmaster)

