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(Section I : Language Study)

Q1(A) A1 Do as directed (any four) :

- (1) Identify the type of sentence (4)
(1)
Fitness should be an important aspect of everyone's life.
- (2) Complete the following word chain (1)
Podium, m.....,, (noun)
- (3) Make a meaningful sentence by using the given phrase (1)
Pass away
- (4) Spot the error in the following sentence and rewrite it (1)
The student break the table in the class.
- (5) Pick out the infinitives from the following sentence (1)
He does not like to drink soda from a can.

A2 Do as directed (any two) :

- (1) Change the speech (4)
(2)
He said, "When we lived in Chennai, we often visited Rameshwaram".
- (2) Rewrite the sentence using as soon as (2)
No sooner had the exam begun than the students started writing.
- (3) Make a word register of 8 Words related with the following word (2)
Fishing Net

(B) Do as directed (any one) :

- (1) Use the given word as a noun as well as a verb in two sentence (2)
(2)
Call
- (2) Identify the main clause and subordinate clause in the following sentences (2)
I can't figure out why she said that.

(Section II : Textual Passages)

Q2(A) Read the following passage and do the given activities :

- (1) Fill the blanks related to Arjan Singh's life : (10)
(2)
- (i) He was born in the year
- (ii) His birth place was now in Pakistan.
- (iii) He completed his education in
- (iv) He retired from service in

In recognition of his feat, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) on the spot by the Supreme Allied Commander of South East Asia, the first Indian pilot to have received it. Singh was selected for the Empire Pilot training course at Royal Air Force (RAF) Cranwell in 1938 when he was 19 years old. He retired from service in 1969.

Singh was born on April 15, 1919, in Lyalpur (now Faisalabad, Pakistan), and completed his education at Montgomery (now Sahiwal, Pakistan). His first assignment on being commissioned was to fly Westland Wapiti

biplanes in the North-Western Frontier Province as a member of the No.1 RIAF Squadron.

After a brief stint with the newly formed No. 2 RIAF Squadron where the Marshal flew against the tribal forces, he later moved back to No.1 Sqn as a Flying Officer to fly the Hawker Hurricane. He was promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader in 1944.

For his role in successfully leading the squadron in combat, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) in 1944. On August 15, 1947, he achieved the unique honour of leading a fly-past of over a hundred IAF aircraft over the Red Fort in Delhi.

After his promotion to the rank of Wing Commander, he attended the Royal Staff College at the UK. Immediately after Indian independence, he commanded Ambala in the rank of Group Captain. In 1949, he was promoted to the rank of Air Commodore and took over as Air Officer Commanding (AOC) of an operational command, which later came to be known as Western Air Command. Singh had the distinction of having the longest tenure as AOC of an operational base, initially from 1949-1952 and then again from 1957-1961. After his promotion to the rank of Air Vice Marshal, he was appointed as the AOC-in-C of an operational command.

Towards the end of the 1962 war, he was appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff and he became the Vice Chief of the Air Staff in 1963. He was the overall commander of the joint air training exercise "Shiksha" held between IAF, RAF (Royal Air Force) and RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force).

(2) (i) Give reason : (1)

Arjan Singh is considered as an exceptional pilot because

(ii) When was he appointed as the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff ? (1)

(3) Make noun forms of the following : (2)

(i) appoint - (ii) promote - (iii) complete - (iv) know -

(4) Do as directed : (2)

(i) Arjan Singh had the distinction of having the longest tenure as AOC of an operational base. (Frame a Wh.... Question of underlined word)

(ii) Arjan Singh was promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader in 1944. (Rewrite the sentence beginning with They.....)

(5) Military personnels are given rewards and honours. Is it necessary? Give your opinion. (2)

(B) Read the following passage and do the given activities : (10)

(1) (1) Write whether the statements are true or false : (1)

(i) Steve Jobs dropped out of the lessons which looked interesting.

(ii) Steve returned old Coke bottles to get money to buy food.

(2) Fill in the blanks : (1)

(i) Steve Jobs 'first story is about (cutting corners, connecting the dots, correcting mistakes)

(ii) He received priceless results from his (curiosity and sincerity, intuition and sincerity, curiosity and intuition)

Today I want to tell you three stories from my life. That's it. Just three stories. The first story is about connecting the dots. I dropped out of Reed College after the first 6 months, but then stayed around as a drop-in for another 18 months before I really quit. Looking back, it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I could stop taking the required classes that didn't interest me, and begin dropping in on the ones that looked interesting.

I didn't have a dorm room, so I slept on the floor in friends' rooms. I returned Coke bottles for the 5 cent deposits to buy food with, and I would walk seven miles across town every Sunday night to get one good meal a week at the Hare Krishna temple. I loved it. And much of what I stumbled into by following my curiosity and intuition turned out to be priceless later on. Here's one example : Reed College offered perhaps the best calligraphy instruction in the country. Because I had to take a calligraphy class, I learned about serif and san serif typefaces, about what makes great typography great.

Ten years later, when we were designing the first Macintosh computer, it all came back to me. And we designed it all into the Mac. If I had never dropped in on that course in college the Mac would have never had multiple typefaces or for that matter even proportionally spaced fonts.

(2) Complete the sentence : (2)

- (i) And much of what I had stumbled into
- (ii) If I had never dropped in on that course in college the Mac
- (3) Make sentences with the given words. (2)
- Use the word 'drop' in two sentences one as a noun and the other as a verb.
- (4) Do as directed : (2)
- (i) Today I want to tell you three stories. (Identify the sentence)
- (ii) If I had never dropped in on that course, Mac would never have had typefaces. (Identify the subordinate clause and its kind)
- (5) Have you ever had to go through difficulties to achieve any of your wishes? Elaborate. (2)

(Section III : Poetry)

Q3(A) Read the following extract and do the given activities : (5)

- (1) Identify the stages in man's life from the given description and complete the table: (2)

Actions	Stage
i. Full of strange oaths
ii. Creeping like a snail
iii. Sighing like furnace
iv. Having fair round belly

All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players;
 They have their exits and their entrances,
 And one man in his time plays many parts,
 His acts being seven ages. At first, the infant,
 Mewling and puking in the nurse's arms.
 Then the whining schoolboy, with his satchel
 And shining morning face, creeping like snail
 Unwillingly to school. And then the lover,
 Sighing like furnace, with a woeful ballad
 Made to his mistress' eyebrow. Then a soldier,
 Full of strange oaths and bearded like a pard,
 Jealous in honour, sudden and quick in quarrel,
 Seeking the bubble reputation
 Even in the cannon's mouth. And then the justice,
 In fair round belly with good capon lined,
 With eyes severe and beard of formal cut,
 Full of wise saws and modern instances;
 And so he plays his part. The sixth age shifts
 Into the lean and slippered pantaloons,
 With spectacles on nose and pouch on side;
 His youthful hose, well saved, a world too wide
 For his shrunk shank, and his big manly voice,
 Turning again toward childish treble, pipes
 And whistles in his sound. Last scene of all,
 That ends this strange eventful history,
 Is second childishness and mere oblivion,
 Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything.

- (2) Write down the similarities between the first and the 7th (last) stage of man's life: (2)
- (3) Choose the correct alternative to identify the figure of speech used in the following line: (1)
- All the world's a stage:

- (a) Simile (b) Metaphor
(c) Personification (d) Alliteration.

(B) Read the following poem and write an appreciation of it with the help of the given points in a paragraph format :

(5)

The Pulley

When God at first made Man,
Having a glass of blessings standing by;
Let us (said He) "pour on him all we can:"
Let the worlds riches, which dispersed lie,
Contract into a span.

So strength first made a way;
Then beauty flow'd, then wisdom, honour, pleasure:
When almost all was out, God made a stay,
Perceiving that alone of all His treasures
Rest in the bottom lay.

For if I should (said He)
Bestow this jewel also on my creature,
He would adore my gifts instead of me,
And rest in Nature, not the God of Nature.
So both should losers be.

Yet let him keep the rest,
But keep them with repining restlessness:
Let him be rich and weary, that at last,
If goodness lead him not, yet weariness
May toss him to my breast. -

George Herbert

Write an appreciation of the following poem with the help of the given points in paragraph format:

- Title • Name of the Poet • Rhyme Scheme • Figures of speech • Theme/Central Idea

(Section IV : Non-textual Passage)

Q4(A) Read the following passage and do the given activities :

(10)

(1) State whether the following statements are True or False:

(2)

- (i) Time is the most valueless resource.
- (ii) The importance of time management is self-evident.
- (iii) Allow the time to flow and pass away.
- (iv) Time's nature is clear. Time is the most valuable resource available to every individual.

Time is resource to measure quantitatively but its nature is unclear. Time is a fleeting, limited and intangible human resource which is always calculated and used accordingly. The time of the day is as shown on clock or announced on the media like radio, television constantly guide us in carrying out days activities, distribution of time for work, rest, entertainment and checking the progress during the day.

The secret of time management lies in successfully identifying and eliminating time wasting activities with effective and efficient utilization of time. In order to be good time manager, grab the time, utilize it properly and invest it into productive work. Do not allow the time to flow and pass away without offering any result.

The importance of time management is self evident. Every individual has twenty four hours a day to use. One must be aware of the available time and time needed to complete the daily routine. Everyone must remember

that time cares only for those who take care of time. So, for the achievement of goals, proper planning and utilization of time is very important which is definitely possible only by time management.

(2) What are the secrets of a good time manager? (2)

(3) (1) Pick out two adverbs from the given passage: (1)

(2) Write the root word for the following: (1)

(i) utilization (ii) entertainment

(4) Do as Directed: (2)

(i) For the achievement of goals, proper planning and utilization of time is important. (Rewrite the sentence using 'Not only But also')

(ii) Do not allow the time to flow. (Make the sentence assertive)

(5) "Time once lost, is lost forever." Justify. (2)

(B) Summary Writing :

Read the above passage given in question 4(A) and write a summary of it in a paragraph. Suggest a suitable title.

(Section V : Writing Skills)

Q5) Letter Writing : (5)

Read the information given below and write any one of the following letters:

<p>DEFICIENT RAINFALL IN CATCHMENT AREAS. CITY GETTING DIRTY WATER AT LOW PRESSURE.</p> <p>Corporators alleged that the water situation in the city was getting grimmer by the day. Many claimed that several areas in Mumbai were receiving low-pressure supply and some pockets were getting contaminated water. On account of the deficient rainfall in catchment areas, the BMC has imposed a 20% water cut.</p>		
<p>A1: Formal Letter:</p> <p>Write a letter to BMC H(W) ward water department and inform them about the contaminated water which your are receiving and ask for immediate action.</p>	OR	<p>A2: Informal Letter:</p> <p>Write to your mother and ask her to boil drinking water as we are getting contaminated water.</p>

Q6 (A) Information Transfer.

Do any one of the following (A1 or A2) :

A1 Verbal to Non-Verbal : (5)

Draw a tree diagram to represent the following:

There are many different kinds of musical instruments. They are divided into three main classes according to the way that they are played. Some instruments are played by blowing air into them. These are called wind instruments. Some of these are said to be of the woodwind family. Examples of woodwind instruments are the flute, the clarinet and the horn. There are also various other wind instruments such as the mouth-organ and the bagpipes. Some instruments are played by banging or striking them. Instruments like this are called percussion instruments. The last big group of musical instruments have strings. There are two kinds of stringed instruments. Examples are the harp and the guitar, the violin and the cello.

OR

A2 Non-Verbal to Verbal : (5)

The following table is based on forms of communication. Give a verbal explanation to it.

Written communication	Oral communication
1. Letter	Face to face
2. E - mail	Team meeting or group discussion
3. Copy on a website or company intranet	Telephone call
4. A newspaper or magazine advert	A TV or radio advert

(B)) Drafting a speech / view - counterview.**Attempt any one of the following (B1 or B2) :****B1 Speech Writing :****(5)**

Write a speech given by you on the occasion of 'Mother's Day'.

School Notice Board

If you have a mother,
Treasure her with care,
For you'll never know her value,
Till you see her empty chair.

OR**B2 View - Counter View**

Write your counterview on the topic "Internet will soon replace books".

Points:

- Easily accessible
- Time saving
- Economical
- Authentic
- Storehouse of information

(Section VI : Creative Writing)**Q7 (A)) Do any one of the following (A1 or A2) :****(5)****A1 Expand the theme:**

Expand the following idea into 100 words:

"Education is the most powerful weapon to change the World."

OR**A2 News Report :****"CLEANLINESS IS NEXT TO GODLINESS"**

Your School has organized a 'Swach Bharat Campaign. The whole school along with Principal and Teachers participated in in. You realized the importance of keeping the environment clean.

- Day and Date: Sunday, 1st November
- Time: 10am onwards

Write a report for your school magazine, about 'Swach Bharat Campaign" organised by our school.

(B)) Developing a story / Narration :

Do any one of the following : (B1 or B2)

B1 Developing a story.

(5)

Develop a story in about 80 - 100 words with the following ending. Give a suitable title to your story:
..... if only I had been more careful.

OR

B2 Narrate an experience :

Narrate an experience in about 80 - 100 words with the help of the following beginning. Suggest a suitable title for it.

Night before the zonal debate competition

All the Best

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