



विद्या सर्वार्थ साधिका

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Time : 1 Hr. 30 Min.

General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains three sections.
2. Section A-Reading Section has a passage for comprehension.
3. Section B- Grammar and Writing Section has 3 questions. Adhere to the word limit as given in the instructions with each question.
4. Section D-Literature Section has 5 questions. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A
Reading Section (10 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below. 10x1=10
- 1 At that moment, Kei's heart sang with happiness: she was the mother of this child. She wasn't just a parent she was the mother of the girl standing before her. She was unable to stop the tears from gushing.
I finally understand.
 - 2 The present didn't change for Kohtake, but she banned everyone from using her maiden name and changed her attitude towards Fusagi. She would be with Fusagi to continue being his wife, even though she had vanished from his memory. Hirai abandoned her successful bar to rejoin her family. While repairing her relationship with her parents, she was learning the traditional ways of the inn from square one.
 - 3 *The present doesn't change.*
Nothing about Fusagi changed, but Kohtake came to enjoy her conversations with him. Hirai had still lost her sister, but the photo she sent to the cafe showed her looking happy with her parents.
The present hadn't changed - but those two people had. Both Kohtake and Hirai returned to the present with a changed heart.
 - 4 Upon Kei's return from the future, her face was a tearful mess. But it was immediately plain to everyone that these were not tears of sadness.
Nagare sighed in relief and Kohtake burst into tears.
But Kazu smiled with such kindness, it was as if she had seen what had happened for herself. 'Welcome home' she said.
The next day, Kei checked into hospital. In spring, the next year, a healthy, happy baby girl came into this world.
 - 5 The magazine piece on the urban legend had stated, 'At the end of the day, whether one returns to the past or travels to the future, the present does not change. So, it raises the question: just what is the point of that chair?'
But Kazu still goes on believing that, no matter what difficulties people face, they will always have the strength to overcome them. It just takes heart. And if the chair can change someone's heart, it clearly has its purpose.
But with her cool expression, she will just say, "Drink the coffee before it gets cold".
Source: An excerpt from "Before the Coffee Gets Cold" by Toshikazu Kawaguchi
- On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions. (Any 10)

- (i) “Kei’s heart sang with happiness”. What do you think it means?
- She was extremely happy
 - She remembered her favourite song because she was happy
 - She felt like singing because she was extremely happy
 - She started singing
- (ii) Where do you think Kei went and why?
- Kei travelled to another dimension because she was curious about her life there
 - Kei travelled to the future to meet her daughter
 - Kei travelled to another world to study about the life there
 - Kei travelled to the past to amend a mistake
- (iii) Do you agree with Kazu when she says that “the chair” has a purpose?
- (iv) What does “the chair” do? Why does the magazine article question its purpose?
- (v) What unfortunate event has Hirai faced?
- she had to close her successful business
 - she had to begin her career from scratch
 - she had to move in with her parents after they had a fall out
 - her sister died in an accident
- (vi) Which is the odd statement?
- Kei was pregnant
 - Hirai was happy
 - Fusagi regained his memory
 - Kei gave birth in spring
- (vii) Choose the right statements from the statements given below
- Hirai reconnected with her parents.
 - Fusagi hated his wife.
 - Seeing her daughter in the future made Kei aware of her motherhood
 - the present cannot be changed with the chair’s help
 - people can change the course of events if only they have the heart
 - Kei realized she was not meant to be a mother
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| A. i, iv, v | B. i, iii, v |
| C. i, iii,iv | D. i, iv, v |
- (viii) What does “urban legend” mean?
- contemporary myths and folklores built usually around people or places known to people.
 - stories which circulate in the city via secret organisations
 - legends about urbanical monuments created to scare people
 - myths and stories circulated by urban people to stop rural people from coming to the cities.
- (ix) What is the synonym of “deserted” in the paragraph 2?
- (x) Would you like to visit past your future even if it meant changing nothing? Why?
- (xi) “time roles his ceaseless course” do you agree? Justify with your understanding of the passage.

SECTION-B (10 Marks)

Grammar Section

2. Read the following grammar questions and write their answers as per the instructions.
- (i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. (1)
Betty couldn't help _____ when Oscar fell down.
A. the laugh B. to laugh C. at laughing D. laughing
- (ii) A sentence has been given in Indirect. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which best expresses the same sentence in Direct. (1)
The karate teacher asked me why I had been absent the day before.
A. The karate teacher asked me, "Why are you absent the day before?"
B. The karate teacher asked me, "Were you absent the day before?"
C. The karate teacher asked me, "Why were you absent yesterday?"
D. The karate teacher asked me, "Why are you absent yesterday?"
- (iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. (1)
This is a hospital. You _____ smoke here.
A. need not B. may not C. should not D. must not

In the line given below there are two errors. Identify the errors and write their corrections. (2)

Discipline is the structural and fundamental unit of a success person. Every tough battle can be win by a disciplined army.

S. No.	Error	Correction
(iv)		
(v)		

Creative Writing Section

3. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.
- A. In our society we do not give our women the respect and status that they deserve. Women are stared at, stalked and even molested. We need to change the male mindset about women. Write a letter in 120 words to the editor of a national newspaper giving your views on the problem. (5)
- OR
- B. News on electronic media is sensationalised and telecast dramatically. Most of the times fake news are aired tactfully. Also, electronic media is judgemental and irresponsible. As a concerned citizen you feel that this tendency must be controlled. Write a letter in 120 words to the editor of a national daily towards this problem urging Indian Broadcast Foundation and The Press Council of India to look into such contents aired by 24×7 channels.

SECTION-C

Literature Section (20 Marks)

4. Read the excerpt given below and answer the questions that follow. (Any 3) 1x3=3
- “Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; on the contrary, his pain will be the greater and his body will suffer. He will make himself sick and pale, yet the dead are not saved by his lamentation. He who seeks peace should draw out the arrow of lamentation, and complaint, and grief. He who has drawn out the arrow and has become composed will obtain peace of mind; he who has overcome all sorrow will become free from sorrow, and be blessed.”

- (i) How can we come over our grief of death?
- A. By looking at those who have experienced more deaths than us.
 B. By not weeping and lamenting over the loss.
 C. By listening to sermons of lord Buddha.
 D. By understanding that death is inevitable.
- (ii) Fill in the blank;
 One will be _____ if he/she keeps lamenting over the loss.
- (iii) Why is it not easy to accept the death of a near one?
- (iv) What does 'arrow' represent in the extract?
5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (Any 2) 1x2=2

*"The fog comes on
 little cat feet.
 It sits looking
 over harbour and city
 on silent haunches
 and then moves on."*

- (i) By 'little cat feet' the poet means to say that;
- A. A small cat whose feet are soft
 B. A cat with small feet
 C. Small footprints which a cat leaves on sand
 D. Cat who comes slyly and stealthily
- (ii) What does the line 'over harbour and city' mean?
- (iii) Which figure of speech is used in the first line?
6. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. 2x3=6
- (i) Why did Maxwell call the airhostess "the very queen of her kind"?
- (ii) How has the Coorgi tradition of courage and bravery recognised in modern India?
- (iii) 'This is a tea country now'. Explain this with reference to Assam.
7. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 40-50 words each. 1x3=3
- (i) What story did the lady tell Horace Danby to get the jewels?
- (ii) Do you think Griffin's discovery was of any use to humanity?
8. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words each. 1x6=6
- A. Instead of enjoying their childhood the children today are keen to enter adulthood. After reading about all the joys that the author Lucio Rodrigues had in his childhood, do you think such a keenness on the part of children is desirable? (Glimpses of India)

OR

- B. Besides curiosity a number of other values are required to become a successful scientist. Explain with reference to the chapter, 'The Making of a Scientist'.