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**General Instructions:**

1. The Question Paper contains four parts.
2. All the parts are compulsory.
3. Read carefully and answer the optional questions according to the specific instructions.

**SECTION- A (READING) (20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below.

**A Work of Art**

1. Holding under his arm an object wrapped in a newspaper, Sasha Smirnov walked into the office of Doctor Koshalkov. He began to blink his eyes and stammered nervously, "My mother sends her regards and begs to thank you for saving my life."
2. "Come, my young friend, let us not speak of it," interrupted the doctor, literally melting with pleasure. "I have only done what anybody else in my place would have done." Sasha said, "My mother and I beg of you to accept from us as a token of our gratitude, this object of rare worth, a wonderful masterpiece in antique bronze." The doctor grimaced and said, "Why, my dear friend, it is entirely unnecessary."
3. "Oh no, no," stammered Sasha. "I beg of you, please accept it. This is a very rare work of art. It is a relic left by my dead father. We have been prizing it as a very dear remembrance. My father used to buy bronze antiques..." Sasha undid the package and enthusiastically placed it on the table. When the doctor espied the present, he slowly scratched his head, cleared his throat and blew his nose. "Yes, indeed, a rather unconventional piece, quite strange. Should I place this upon my table, I would pollute my entire home." "Why, Doctor, what a strange conception you have of art!" cried Sasha in offended tones. "This is a noble masterpiece and my only regret is that we are unable to give you the other pair of this candelabrum."
4. "Thanks, friend, many thanks. Leave it here! There's no arguing with you." "Don't say another word!" exclaimed Sasha joyously. After the departure of Sasha, the doctor looked at the work of art and scratched his head. "Who in the world is there to whom I can present or donate it?" After long deliberation he hit upon a good friend of his, the lawyer Ukhov, to whom he was indebted for some legal services. "Fine!" chuckled the doctor. "Being a close friend, I cannot offer him money, so I will give him this piece of indecency instead."
5. The doctor presented the work of art to the lawyer. As soon as the lawyer caught sight of it, he was exhilarated with its strange beauty. But soon his exhilaration ebbed and he became nervous. "But I can't accept it, old chap. You must take it right back." "Don't say another word," cried the doctor gesticulating wildly. "You simply have got to accept it." He ran out of Ukhov's house. When the doctor had gone, the lawyer carefully examined the candelabrum and began to wonder what in the world he could do with it. "I am going to give it to the comedian Shoshkin."

5. No sooner thought than done. The comedian shrugged his shoulders, gesticulated with his hands and said, “Now what in the world am I to do with this?” “Why don’t you sell it?” suggested his friends, the wig-maker. “There is a certain old woman who buys up antique bronzes. Her name is Smirnova.” The comedian followed his advice.
6. Two days later Sasha rushed into the office of the doctor. He was smiling radiantly. In his hands he held something wrapped in a newspaper. “Doctor!” he cried breathlessly. “As luck have it, I’ve just succeeded in getting the pair of your candelabrum. Mother is so happy!” Sasha placed a candelabrum on the table. The latter opened his mouth as if to say something but uttered not a word. His power of speech was gone.

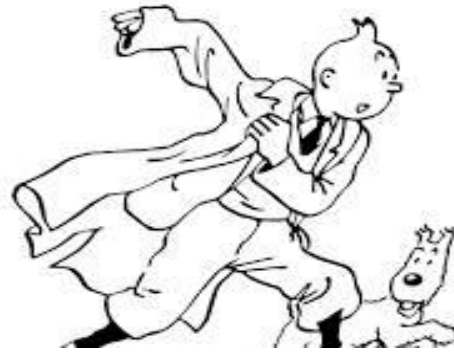
- Taken from The Short Stories by Anton Chekhov

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- (a) Why was the patient grateful to the doctor? (1)
- (b) What did he and his mother give to show their gratitude? (1)
- (c) How did the doctor perceive the gift? (1)
- (d) ‘His power of speech is gone’, what do you understand by this statement? (1)
- (e) At first the doctor did not want to take any gift from Sasha because \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)
- (A) he did not like the gift Sasha has brought.
- (B) he had not done anything special but only done his duty.
- (C) he wanted something different from Sasha.
- (D) he could not understand the value of the gift.
- (f) Which of the following statements is not true according to the story? (1)
- (A) Sasha and his mother were poor and perhaps could not pay the fees to the doctor.
- (B) Mr. Ukhov was elated with the candelabra’s great beauty but became nervous later.
- (C) The first pair of the candelabrum finally lied with Mrs. Smirnova.
- (D) The doctor was extremely sorry for gifting away the first part of the candelabrum.
- (g) Which of these words is related to unconventional. (para 3) (1)
- (A) resolution
- (B) unusual
- (C) determination
- (D) inappropriate
- (h) Find out a word from the passage which means the same as: (1)
- noticed (para 3)

2. Read the passage carefully.

1. Tintin is the name of a famous European comic strip hero. Tintin was created by the Belgian cartoonist Herge (the pen name of Georges Prosper Remi). Tintin is a reporter. The comic strip follows his many adventures throughout the world. Some of the stories have elements of mystery, science fiction, and fantasy. Others include satire and political as well as social commentary. However, they all contain humour. Herge thoroughly researched all the facts in his stories.



2. Tintin's pet fox terrier, Snowy, accompanies him on his adventures. Other continuing characters include the bad-tempered Captain Haddock, Professor Calculus, and the bumbling detectives Thomson and Thompson. Herge never indicated Tintin's age but presented him as a teenager. Herge drew Tintin with a round face, black dots for eyes, and reddish hair with a tuft in front. The boy only used the single name.
3. Tintin first appeared in a story published in a children's supplement to a Belgian newspaper in January 1929. The strips were collected into an 'album' called Tintin in the *Land of the Soviets* (1930). Herge published 23 Tintin albums up to 1976. A 24<sup>th</sup> album, titled *Tintin and Alph-Art*, was unfinished at the time of Herge's death in 1983.
4. The Tintin comic strip has been enormously popular throughout Europe and other parts of the world. It has influenced many European cartoonists. The character's adventures led to a Tintin magazine. The stories have been adapted for motion pictures, radio, television, and the stage. the American film director Steven Spielberg directed the animated movie *The Adventures of Tintin* (2011).

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

- (a) Describe Tintin in few lines. (1)
- (b) How do you know that Tintin was a popular character? (1)
- (c) Tintin's profession was of a \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)
- (A) explorer (B) spy  
(C) reporter (D) detective
- (d) Which of these sentences tell us Tintin is an enduring cultural phenomenon. (1)
- (A) Some stories have elements of satire, political as well as social message.  
(B) Tintin is the name of a famous European comic strip hero.  
(C) Herge published 23 Tintin albums up to 1976.  
(D) Tintin Comics include many characters.
- (e) A continuing theme in all Tintin adventure is \_\_\_\_\_ . (1)
- (A) social and political satire  
(B) science fiction  
(C) humour  
(D) mystery

- (f) Which of these words is related to stumbling? (1)  
(A) intelligent  
(B) clumsy  
(C) extraordinary  
(D) smart

- (g) Find out the word from the given option that does not mean 'thoroughly'? (1)  
(A) painstakingly (B) methodically  
(C) passing through (D) systematically

3. Read the poem carefully.

***Weed of Bloom***

<i>A habit is a sticky thing; Much good or evil it can bring; It binds a victim, holds him fast, And keeps him in a vice like grasp.</i>	<i>Good habits are a little slow; They need a lot of care to grow; If tended well, they grow more fair Than any bloom a plant can bear.</i>
<i>Bad habits grow with extra speed, Much like a healthy, growing weed. The roots grow deep, the stem grows stout; How difficult it is to pull out!</i>	<i>Good habits help us all through life; Bad habits bring us pain and strife; Our habits, whether right or wrong, Each day will grow more firm and strong.</i>

Answer the following questions on the basis of the poem.

- (a) Are habits good or bad according to the poet? (1)

- (b) What do bad habits bring with them? (1)

Choose the correct answer from given options.

- (c) What does the poet mean when he says, "A habit is a sticky thing"? (1)

- (A) Habit is always a bad thing.  
(B) Habit brings joy and sorrow.  
(C) Habit can be pasted everywhere.  
(D) Habits stick like glue and are hard to change.

- (d) 'Than any bloom a plant can bear'. Here the bloom means \_\_\_\_\_ (1)

- (A) fruit (B) leaves  
(C) flowers (D) rain

- (e) Poet has used \_\_\_\_\_ in the second stanza. "Bad habits grow .... pull out" (1)

- (A) alliteration (B) simile  
(C) personification (D) metaphor

### SECTION- B (WRITING) (16 Marks)

4. (a) Write a diary entry of an incident that moved you to the core and gave you a lesson to remember forever. (3)

**OR**

- (b) Based on the data given below about people's reading habit, write a short paragraph based on your analysis.

Newspaper	25%
E- newspaper	60%
Magazines	8%
Novels	2%
Non- fiction	5%

5. (a) Your school is going to organise a chemistry quiz for students of Classes VII and VIII. Write a notice to inform the students, inventing all necessary details. You are the secretary, Anandalaya Science Club. (4)

**OR**

- (b) Your school has taken your class to Manali for an excursion. Write an email to your cousin describing your educational trip.

6. (a) 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness'. To organize a clean-up drive, design a poster inviting interested people of your town to join. You are a member of Anand People's club. (4)

**OR**

- (b) Traffic jam is a serious problem in today's time. Design a poster for your school to improve traffic jam during students' arrival and dispersal time. You are a member of Students Welfare Committee.

7. (a) Write a letter to the editor of a children's magazine requesting her to improve the standard of the magazine by adding more informative columns. (5)

**OR**

- (a) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper bringing to the notice of the concerned authorities about the problem of frequent power cuts in your locality.

### SECTION- C (GRAMMAR) (14 Marks)

8. During your vacation, you had tried making chocolate cupcakes. Describe the process, how you have prepared them. The instructions are given below. (4)

- Sift the cocoa powder, flour and baking powder together in a large bowl.
- Add melted butter and condensed milk to this mixture and mix.
- To acquire the right consistency, add half cup of water and whisk well.
- Grease the cupcake moulds.
- Pour the mixture and bake in a pre-heated oven at 180<sup>0</sup> C for 20 minutes.
- Unmould and place them in a tray.
- Pour some chocolate sauce and serve.

Cocoa powder, flour and baking soda (a) \_\_\_\_\_ in a large bowl. Melted butter and condensed milk were also added and mixed. ½ cup of water (b) \_\_\_\_\_ to acquire the required consistency. The cupcakes moulds (c) \_\_\_\_\_. The mixture was poured into the moulds and baked in a pre-heated oven at 180 degrees centigrade for 20 minutes. Finally, they were (d) \_\_\_\_\_ in a tray. Chocolate sauce was poured before serving.

9. Read the conversation between an employer and an applicant. Then complete the following paragraph in reported speech. Do not copy the paragraph. (4)

Employer : Why did you leave your previous job?  
 Applicant : They didn't meet my requirement.  
 Employer : What salary do you expect here?  
 Applicant : I am expecting Rs. 5000 per month.  
 Employer : We can pay you just Rs. 3000 per month.

An applicant went for an interview in an office. The employer asked him (a) \_\_\_\_\_ previous job. The applicant replied that they had not met his requirement. The employer further enquired (b) \_\_\_\_\_ there. The applicant told him (c) \_\_\_\_\_ per month. The employer concluded by saying (d) \_\_\_\_\_ per month.

10. The passage below has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error and the correct answer against each number. One has been done for you. Do not copy the paragraph. (3)

	Error	Correct Answer
Popcorn certainly is an yummy snack but it is	an	a
also, the fascinating food. When Europeans first	(a)	
landed to America, they found the Native	(b)	
Americans used popcorn about a variety of	(c)	
things. They made ornaments, garlands but	(d)	
decorated their hair by popcorns. They believed	(e)	
that a spirit live inside each kernel of popcorn.	(f)	

11. Rearrange the words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. One has been done for you. (3)

eg: without / is an / without / a man / brake / discipline / engine

Ans: A man without discipline is an engine without a brake.

(a) obedience / rules of / means / conduct / discipline / to establish

(b) in fact, / very basis / is the / discipline / the / of progress

(c) cultivates / respect / teaches / discipline / and / a spirit of / gentlemanly behaviour/ for elders

**SECTION - D (LITERATURE) (30 marks)**

12. Read the extract from the poem 'Garden Snake' and answer the following questions. (2)

*I saw a snake and ran away...  
Some snakes are dangerous, they say;  
But mother says that kind is good,  
And eats up insects for his food.*

- (a) Some snakes are dangerous, they say, who is 'they' referred to?  
(b) Explain where and how the literary device Alliteration is used in the above stanza.

**OR**

Read the extract from the poem 'The Shed' and answer the following questions.

*There's a dusty old window around at the side  
With three cracked panes of glass,  
I often think there's someone staring at me  
Each time that I pass,  
I'll peep through that window one day*

- (a) Which figure of speech does the poet use in the third line?  
(b) Why did the child not peep through that window but instead hop for another day?

13. Read the extract from the lesson 'The Story of Cricket' and answer the following questions. (3)

*If you look at the game's equipment, you can see how cricket both changed with changing times and yet fundamentally remained true to its origins in rural England.*

- (a) Why did the cricket fundamentally remain same with the passing of time?  
(b) Cricket rejected all industrial and man-made materials. Give a reason  
(c) How did the cricket get influence by technological advancement in the equipment?

14. Read the extract from the lesson 'An Alien Hand' and answer the following questions. (3)

*"There was a time when our forefathers lived on the surface quite naturally. Indeed, they did so for millions of years. But times changed. The very sun, which had provided us with sustenance, turned hostile. It changed only slightly but the change was sufficient to upset the balance of nature on this planet*

- (a) What changes occurred when the balance of nature was upset?  
(b) Why did people leave the surface of the earth and where did they go?  
(c) How did the sun which is a source of light turn hostile?

15. Answer the following questions from the book '*Honeycomb*'. **(ANY FOUR)** 4x2=8
- (a) Why was the child confident next time when he saw the garden snake?
  - (b) Why did the good old couple become wealthy?
  - (c) How has television contributed to the expansion of cricket worldwide?
  - (d) Who was Ramesh? What was his role in the story?
  - (e) Man is digging his own grave by destroying the nature. Comment with reference to 'Meadow Surprises'.
16. Answer the following questions from the book '*An Alien Hand*'. **(ANY THREE)** 3x2=6
- (a) What was the turning point of Soapy's life? How did it affect him?
  - (b) Why did Abbu khan's goat gradually depart from him?
  - (c) The stranger spent all his hard-earned money on buying a pair of doves. Give reasons.
  - (d) Why did Tilloo's father advise him not to try to reach the surface of the planet?
17. Answer the following question in not more than 100 – 120 words. **(ANY ONE)**
- A. Mr. Gessler used to work really hard to make shoes, but barely had any money left for his livelihood. He almost worked himself to death without breaks. Do you agree that quality is the only aspect for successful business. Give reasons to support your answer. (4)
- OR**
- B. Gessler Brothers are the epitome of 'Quality. Bring out the characters of Gessler Brothers from the chapter 'Quality.'
18. Answer the following question in not more than 100 – 120 words. **(ANY ONE)**
- A. "Freedom is the birth right of every living being." Compare and contrast Chandni's freedom with that Timothy's freedom. (4)
- OR**
- B. The scientists try to explore new world and make invention for the benefits of the mankind. What values do they teach us and as a student how can you help them