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Instructions -

- (1) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (2) *Marks are indicated in front of each question.*

SECTION – A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions on the basis of comprehension of the passage -

[10]

According to fitness experts, if you think muscles are just for gym enthusiasts, think again! Latest research conducted at the University of Texas in the US says that a 30-minute workout a day could turn you into a genius. We show you five ways how working out can make smarter. Says fitness expert, "Exercise improves your mood. It works as an antidepressant and thus helps lift your mood instantly. Apart from this, it also helps you to concentrate on things that do on a daily basis. So, working out on a daily basis can actually make you smarter and more confident about yourself."

Did you know the more you move, the more energised you feel? Well, we all think that moving around too much or exercising a lot can make you feel tired and dizzy. But regular activity improves your muscle strength and boosts your endurance. It gives you the energy to think clearer and come up with new ideas. If you move around for a good 15 minutes, it will make your body produce more energy at the cellular level. An author said exercise improves your brain in the short term by raising your focus for two to three hours afterwards. For example, if you have a presentation to make at work or have to make a speech, try to work out an hour before. It is believed that you will be at your peak when you perform.

Exercise is known to trigger endorphins, which improve the functioning of your brain. Thus, after you've exercised, your ability to sort out priorities improves, allowing you to block out distractions in life and also concentrate better on the tasks at hand.

Do you know that your brain retains more when your body is active? In an experiment published in a journal, students were asked to memorise a string of letters and were then allowed to run, lift weights or sit quietly. The students who worked out were more accurate with their answers than those who chose to sit quietly after memorising. Have you ever heard of the saying, 'If you want something done, give it to the busy person.' When you're productive and efficient, you are bound to succeed. It is also said that workers who exercise once mid-day between working hours, tend to contribute more than what others do. They are also more productive at work.

Question -

- (i) How does exercise improve muscle strength?
 - (a) By raising our focus
 - (b) By making us healthy
 - (c) By boosting endurance
 - (d) By regular activity
- (ii) How does our focus sharpen?
 - (a) Through making a speech
 - (b) Through working out an hour before an important task
 - (c) Through pumping of blood
 - (d) Through brain ageing

- (iii) What does endorphins improve?
- (a) Functioning of brain (b) Blocking distractions
(c) Increasing concentration (d) All of these
- (iv) How is memory improved?
- (a) By sitting quietly (b) By memorizing notes
(c) By regular work out (d) By eating junk food
- (v) What does the word 'endurance' in the passage mean?
- (a) Creation (b) Tiredness
(c) Ability to continue (d) Power
- (vi) What is the main idea of the passage?
- (a) Importance of productivity
(b) Importance of physical exercise
(c) Importance of priorities
(d) All of the above
- (vii) Which of the following is true about the passage?
- (a) Exercise makes a person young.
(b) Exercise keeps a person active.
(c) Exercise improves memory.
(d) Both (b) and (c)
- (viii) How can we get our work done?
- (a) By work out
(b) By exercise
(c) By an active and productive person
(d) None of these
- (ix) Which of these is the correct synonym of the word 'distraction'?
- (a) Disturbance (b) Divergent
(c) Dimension (d) Concentration
- (x) "It is believed that you will be at your peak when you perform."
Which of the following gives the correct meaning of the underlined word in the above sentence?
- (a) Top of mountain (b) Highest point
(c) Specific time (d) Maximum

- Q.2 Read the following passage and make notes on the basis of your comprehension of the passage. Give a suitable title -

[4]

This isn't a mountain region of mere subjective beauty. Nor one, which claims its greatness, based on just an overwhelming opinion of a large majority. For Sikkim is a treasure that few know about. However, the facts of its remarkable geography bear enough testimony to pitch Sikkim in a slot that no other mountain region, anywhere in the world, could duplicate or rival. What Everest is to peaks, Sikkim is to the mountains? Tragically, a region so wild and exotic and with such geographic and climatic extremes, with its amazing wilds and not its unremarkable hill stations, ensure its accessibility to the adventurous only.

Just delve on these facts a bit. From the plains, in a mere 80 km as the crow flies, the altitude reaches 28,168 feet at the very top of Kanchenjunga, the third highest peak in the world. Such a sharp elevation is unrivalled anywhere else and is the first geographical claim of Sikkim.

The second is an offshoot of the first. Nowhere else do so many 7,000 metre plus peaks crowd up in such a confined space. And the third is really a consequence of the first and the second with the sharp gradation, creating the most variegated flora and fauna possible anywhere in the mountains. The fourth uniqueness is also a consequence of the first and the second and lies in the extremes of the climate which ranges from the tropical to the typical arctic type. And the fifth claim is its thin permanent population and relatively fewer travellers by virtue of its remote far-eastern Himalayan location.

SECTION – B (Writing)

- Q.3 You are the member of school 'Echo-Club'. Write a notice informing the students about the tree plantation drive in your school.

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OR

Prepare a poster to be placed in various parts of the city urging the people to save trees.

- Q.4 You are Abhishek Saxena, residing at 54, DIG Colony Indore. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in your locality.

[4]

OR

You are Anil Verma, residing at 20, Shivaji Nagar, Sagar. Write a letter to your friend Dinesh inviting him to spend summer vacation in your village.

Q.5 Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 120 words. [4]

- (1) Importance of Protecting Trees
- (2) Benefits of Modern Technology
- (3) Importance of Games and Sports

OR

Write a report giving the detailed account of the 'Annual Sports Day' held in your school.

SECTION – C (Grammar)

Q.6 Fill in the blanks – (Any five)

[1×5=5]

- (1) They are watching movie. (a/an/the)
- (2) He hasn't got.....money in his pocket. (any/some/few)
- (3) They.....to a restaurant yesterday. (go/went/gone)
- (4) Do you know.....has happened? (that/what/why)
- (5) The weather was cold but there was.....wind. (any/no/none)
- (6) The post office is.....the street from the grocery store.
(across/by/among)

Q.7 Do as directed – (Any five)

[1×5=5]

- (1) We did it.
(Change into negative)
- (2) The/is/Himalaya/highest/the/world/mountain/of/the.
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
- (3) He is sleeping for three hours.
(Correct the sentence)
- (4) He is very poor. He cannot pay his fees.
(Combine using 'so-that')
- (5) They are playing Football.
(Change the voice)
- (6) Raja cried for milk.
(Change into present indefinite)

SECTION – D (Textbook)

- Q.8 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below -

[5]

IN July 1976, my wife Mary, son Jonathan, 6, daughter Suzanne, 7, and I set sail from Plymouth, England to duplicate the round the world voyage made 200 years earlier by Captain James Cook. For the longest time, Mary and I – a 37-year-old businessman – had dreamt of sailing in the wake of the famous explorer, and for the past 16 years, we had spent all our leisure time honing our seafaring skills in British waters. Our boat Wave walker, a 23 meter, 30-ton wooden-hulled beauty, had been professionally built, and we had spent months fitting it out and testing it in the roughest weather we could find. The first leg of our planned three year, 105,000 kilometre journey passed pleasantly as we sailed down the west coast of Africa to Cape Town.

Questions -

- (i) What was the occupation of the writer?
 - (a) a businessman
 - (b) a sailor
 - (c) a doctor
 - (d) a Navy office
- (ii) What does 'seafaring' mean?
 - (a) Swimming in a sea
 - (b) trading by sea
 - (c) regular travelling by sea
 - (d) None of these
- (iii) What was the name of their boat?
 - (a) Titanic
 - (b) Voyager
 - (c) Wave walker
 - (d) Avenger
- (iv) Which of these is similar in meaning to leisure?
 - (a) limited time
 - (b) free time
 - (c) labour
 - (d) difficulty

- Q.9 (A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below -

[3]

And who art thou? Said I to the soft falling shower,
Which, strange to tell, gave me an answer, as here translated:
I am the poem of Earth, said the voice of rain,
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land and the bottomless sea,
Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd, altogether
changed, and yet the same.

Questions -

- (i) The poem of earth is -
(a) Tree (b) River
(c) Rain (d) Flower
- (ii) What is the meaning of impalpable?
(a) Something that cannot be eaten
(b) Something that cannot be digested
(c) Something that cannot be smelled
(d) Something that cannot be touched
- (iii) Which poem these lines have been taken from?
(a) The voice of the Rain (b) A photograph
(c) The laburnum top (d) Father to son
- (B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below -

[4]

It wasn't morning yet, but it was summer and with daybreak not many minutes around the corner of the world it was light enough for me to know I wasn't dreaming. My cousin Mourad was sitting on a beautiful white horse. I stuck my head out of the window and rubbed my eyes. Yes, he said in Armenian. It's a horse. You're not dreaming. Make it quick if you want to ride.

Questions -

- (i) Who was sitting on the horse?
(a) cousin of the speaker (b) the speaker
(c) no one (d) both (a) and (b)
- (ii) From which lesson the above extract has been taken?
(a) The Address
(b) Birth
(c) The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse
(d) Mother's Day
- (iii) In which language did Mourad speak?
(a) German (b) English
(c) Armenian (d) Arabian
- (iv) Write the noun form of the word 'beautiful'.

beauty.

Q.10 Answer the following questions from Hornbill in about 30 words- (Any 5) [10]

- (1) What did the grandmother do when the author returned from abroad after five years?
- (2) Which Island did they find nearby using their charts?
- (3) When was the mummy examined in X-Ray by the anatomy professor?
- (4) Who were other two crew men that accompanied the journey?
- (5) What did grandmother used to feed village dogs and why?
- (6) What name did Amenhotep IV change to?

Q.11 Answer the following questions from poetry in about 30 words- (Any 3) [6]

- (1) Who are the person in the photograph? (The Photograph)
- (2) Why the laburnum tree become yellow in the month of September? (The Laburnum Top)
- (3) What will happen if it doesn't rain? (The Voice of Rain)
- (4) What was compared with Goldfinch movement? (The Laburnum Top)

Q.12 Answer the following questions from Snapshots in about 30 words- (Any 3) [4]

- (1) What sort of understanding did Mourad have with the horse?
- (2) Why did the boys return the white horse to its owner?
- (3) Why had the author come to visit Mrs. Dorling?
- (4) When did the narrator first learn about the existence of Mrs. Dorling?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words- (Any 2) [6]

- (1) Describe the author's grandmother. (The portrait of a Lady)
- (2) Under the adverse conditions, children had exhibited exemplary courage. Please elaborate the statement (We are not afraid to die)
- (3) Write a short note in 75 words about King Tut. (Discovering Tut)

Q.14 Describe the central idea of the poem 'A Photograph.' [3]

OR

What is the central idea of the poem, The Voice of the Rain?

Q.15 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war. Comment. [3]

OR

The story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' begins in a mood of nostalgia. Can you narrate some incident from your childhood that might make an interesting story.