

English

Total No. of Questions : 20
Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100

General Instruction :

1. This paper consists of four sections.
Section – A – Reading : 20 Marks
Section – B – Writing : 20 Marks
Section – C – Grammar : 15 Marks
Section – D – Text book : 45 Marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Figures in the margin indicate full marks.
4. Candidates are required to give their answer in their own words as far as practicable.
5. Answers of the questions must be in the context of the instructions given therein.
6. Answer the questions in the space provided and nowhere else.

Section – A

(Reading) Marks : 20

- 1) **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :**

In England Gandhiji, at first, did not give his time entirely to his studies. Instead, he tried to copy fashionable English gentlemen in every way. Like so many young men of his age, he was attracted by what was new and foreign. He wasted a lot of money on buying smart English clothes. He started taking lessons in ball room dancing, playing the violin etc. What a change from the shy boy on the ship, who would not talk to other passengers ! After three months he suddenly realized how silly it was to waste his good brother's money on such things. After this, he devoted all his time to serious study. From the very childhood, when Gandhiji found that he was doing a wrong thing, he at once stopped doing it.

Questions :

- a) Where did Gandhiji go for his studies ? 2
- b) What attracted him most in England? 2
- c) What did he suddenly realize after his three months of stay in England? 2
- d) Complete the following :
 - i) He wasted a lot of money 1+1
 - ii) After this, he devoted all his time

- 2) **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :**

The Mohwa is one of the most important of Indian forest trees, not for its timber but for its delicious flowers. To the people of Central India it provides the most important article of food as the flowers can be stored almost indefinitely.

The Mohwa tree has a large thick grey bark. Most of the leaves fall from February to April and during that time the scented flowers appear hanging in close bunches of a dozen or so. It is at night that the trees bloom and at dawn each short-lived flower falls to the ground. A couple of months after the flowering period, the fruit opens. They are fleshy green berries. They are quite large and contains from one to four shiny, brown seeds.

The gathering of the edible Mohwa flowers is an important business to the country people. Below the tree the ground is cleared and swept and dawn blooms are collected and allowed to dry out on the earth. The flowers taste something like pressed figs. Sugar puddings and other sweetmeats are made from them. All parts of the fruits, both ripe and

unripe are used. A thick oil is extracted from the kernels, which being yellowish, give it the name of 'Butter Tree'. The oil is used for cooking, making soap and candles.

Questions :

- a) Why is Mohwa one of the most important of Indian forest trees? 2
- b) How do the fruits of Mohwa look? How many seeds does each fruit have? 2
- c) What delicacy is made of the flowers? 2
- d) What is the other name of Mohwa? 2
- e) Complete the following :
 - i) A couple of months after the flowering period, the 1+1
 - ii) All parts of the fruits, both ripe and
- f) Make sentences with the following words : 1+1
 - i) delicious ii) thick

Section – B

(Writing)

(Marks : 20)

- 3) Write a letter to your younger brother scolding him for having neglected his health. 8
(In about 100 words)

OR

Write a letter to the editor of the Hindustan Times, about the frequent breakdowns of electricity in your area.

(In about 100 words)

- 4) Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 80 words : 4
 - a) Value of games and sports
 - b) My best friend
 - c) Your favourite festival
- 5) Recently you visited a book fair held in your city. Describe the same in about 80 words. 8

Section – C

(Grammar) Marks : 15

- 6) Fill in the blanks with the correct non-finite verbs given in brackets : 4
(locked, to climb, realize, barking) × ½
 - a) dogs seldom bite =2
 - b) I found the door
 - c) I made him his mistakes.
 - d) The tree is easy
- 7) Fill in the blanks with suitable sentence connectors given below : 3×1
(while, as, until) =3
 - a) Let us wait the rain stops.
 - b) you sow, so shall you reap.
 - c) in prison, he wrote his first letter.
- 8) Transform the following sentence as directed in the brackets : 3×1
 - a) She was too small to speak. (Remove Too) = 3
 - b) The tall man is John's father. (Into Complex)
 - c) He said to me. "Where are you going?"
- 9) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below : 4
(can, could, may, must) × ½
 - a) I..... speak French. = 2
 - b) Soldiers obey their officers.
 - c) I come in ?
 - d) He run faster ten years ago.

- 10) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in brackets : 2×1
 a) She hundred rupees from me. (borrow) = 2
 b) I my clothes when the bell rang. (wash)
- 11) Fill in the blanks with, “what, where, how.” 3×1
 a) You may go you like. = 3
 b) I won't believe you say.
 c) He told me to solve the sum.

Section – D
(Text-Book) Marks : 45
(a) Prose - Marks : 20

- 12) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Very soon Mij would follow me without a lead and come to me when I called his name. He spent most of his time in play. He spent hours shuffling a rubber ball round the room like a four-footed soccer player using all four feet to dribble the ball, and he could also throw it, with a powerful flick of the neck, to a surprising height and distance. But the real play of an otter is when he lies on his back and juggles with small objects between his paws. Marbles were Mij's favourite toys for this pastime, he would lie on his back rolling two or more of them up and down his wide, flat belly without ever dropping one to the floor.

Questions :

- a) What did the otter do to a rubber ball? 1
 b) How did he throw the ball? 1
 c) What is the real play of an otter? 1
 d) What did he do to the marbles? 1
 e) Find a word from the passage which means 'hobby'. 1
- 13) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

She went home and she pinned her drawing over a torn place in the pink-flowered wallpaper in the bedroom. The shabby room came alive from the brilliancy of the colours. Maddie sat down on her bed and looked at the drawing. She had stood by and said nothing, but Wanda had been nice to her, anyway.

Tears blurred her eyes and she gazed for a long time at the picture. Then hastily she rubbed her eyes and studied it intently. The colours in the dress were so vivid that she had scarcely noticed the face and head of the drawing. But it looked like her, Maddie ! It really looked like her own mouth. Why it really looked like her own self. Wanda had really drawn this for her. Excitedly, she ran over to Peggy's.

Questions :

- a) What happened when Maddie pinned her drawing in the room ? 1
 b) What did Maddie do after doing so? 1
 c) What did Maddie do when tears blurred her eyes ? 1
 d) What did she look at in the drawing when she studied it intently? 1
 e) Find a word from the passage which means 'Keenly'. 1
- 14) Why does Anne want to keep a diary? What was the name of her diary? 6

OR

What twin obligations does Mandela mention ?

- 15) Who or what did Lencho have faith in ? What did he do ? 4
OR
What was Valli's strongest desire ?

(b) Poetry Marks : 10

- 16) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

The true Chameleon is small
A lizard sort of thing,
He hasn't any ears at all,
And not a single wing.
If there is nothing on the tree,
'Tis the Chameleon you see.

Questions :

- a) Name the poem from where these lines have been taken ? 1
b) Who has written these lines? 1
c) How does a Chameleon look like? 1
d) What are the two things that a chameleon doesn't have? 1
17) Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : 2×3
a) How does the fog come and what form it assumes? = 6
b) What is a dust of snow? What does the poet say has changed his mood?
c) What happens to the house when the trees move out of it ?

**(c) Supplementary Reader
(Marks : 15)**

- 18) Give a character sketch of Griffin ? 8
OR
Horace Danby was a successful thief. What went wrong at Shotover Grange ?
- 19) Why did the marriage of Bholi not take place ? 4
OR
Why is Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricki ?
- 20) What did Matilda do to replace the necklace? 3
OR
How did Ebright's mother encourage him in learning ?