

Total No. of Questions : 20  
Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100  
Pass Marks : 33

**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 :**

The elephant is the only animal with a trunk. It uses its trunk in many ways. It pulls leaves of trees with its trunk and then puts them into its mouth. It can even use its trunk to get water. The trunk can hold a lot of water as an elephant needs to drink more than three pints of water everyday. When an elephant is angry its trunk can be dangerous. The tusks of an elephant are really its front teeth. People pay a lot of money for ivory of an elephant’s tusks. In Africa men have hunted elephants for their tusks. The ivory from tusks is made into many beautiful things. It has been easy for men to train elephants in Asia. They use elephants to carry heavy things for long distance.

**Questions :**

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| a) How does the elephant use its trunk ?           | 2   |
| b) How much water does an elephant need everyday ? | 2   |
| c) Why do people in Africa kill elephants ?        | 2   |
| d) Complete the following :                        |     |
| i) When an elephant is angry its .....             | 1+1 |
| ii) They use elephant to carry heavy .....         |     |

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

In India working women lead a life of double responsibilities if they are married and have a family. In the west many women are career- Conscious. They are committed to their jobs. Here in India women still have traditional roles to fulfill. They prefer a career to avoid domestic boring work.

There are four categories of working women in India. Some work while they are waiting for marriage. A majority work because they are qualified. They want a second income and a different kind of life for part of the day. A small section consists of career – women. A sizeable section of women are bread- winners.

It is quite clear that with a majority of working women the family comes over the job. They prefer to stay in joint families. Their children can be taken care of while they are at work. When they come back in the evenings from their work-spots, their personalities undergo a change. These women often do their shopping on the way from office. They reserve their weekends for heavy house work. Weekends are also reserved for spending time with their spouses and children. These are also reserved for entertainment, family duties, visits and other such endless chores.

Working women have the freedom and confidence of their jobs and pay packets. But they prefer to leave the financial decision – making and budgeting to their husbands. They prefer jobs with flexible timings. They are fashion – conscious. But they like to wear clothes gracefully. Indian working women are managing their double roles successfully.

**Questions :**

- a) Give any two reasons behind working by a majority of women. 2
- b) Why do a majority of women prefer to stay in joint families ? 2
- c) When do the working women do shopping ? 2
- d) To whom do these women leave the financial decision- making and budgeting? 2
- e) Complete the following :
  - i) There are four ..... 1+1
  - ii) They prefer jobs with ..... 1+1
- f) Make sentences :
  - i) qualified      ii) entertainment

**Section – B**

(Writing)

(Marks : 20)

- 3) Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success. 8  
(In about 100 words)

OR

Write an application to your headmaster for providing computer learning facility.

(In about 100 words)

- 4) Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 80 words : 4  
 a) Your aim in life    b) Scene at a railway station    c) Life in a big city
- 5) Last month you visited a Holy place with your parents. Describe your visit in about 80 words. 8

**Section – C**

(Grammar) Marks : 15

- 6) Fill in the blanks with the correct non-finite verbs given below : 4  
 (answer, swimming, broken, to smoke) × ½ = 2
  - a) ..... is good for health.
  - b) You need not ..... all the questions.
  - c) You are not allowed ..... here.
  - d) A ..... chair is of no use.
- 7) Fill in the blanks with suitable sentence connectors given below : 3×1 = 3  
 (until, while, than)
  - a) Make hay ..... the sun shines.
  - b) We will have to wait ..... the train passes.
  - c) Nothing is more pleasant ..... climbing mountains.
- 8) Transform the following sentence as directed : 3×1 = 3
  - a) He is too fat to run. (Remove Too)
  - b) Who can control the wind. (Into Assertive)
  - c) He said to me. “please open the door.” (Into indirect speech)
- 9) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given below : 4 × ½ = 2  
 (can, could, may, must)
  - a) Parents ..... look after their children.
  - b) ..... god have mercy on you.
  - c) I ..... jump over the wall.
  - d) She said that she ..... attend the meeting.

- 10) Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in brackets : 2×1  
 a) Babur ..... the Mughal Empire. (found) = 2  
 b) The bell ..... before I reached the school. (go)
- 11) Fill in the blanks with, “what, how, who.” 3×1  
 a) He told me ..... to solve the sum. = 3  
 b) I don’t know ..... did it  
 c) Let me do ..... I like

**Section – D**

**(Text-Book) Marks : 45**

**(a) Prose - Marks : 20**

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

The next day, Tuesday, Wanda was not in school, either. And nobody noticed her absence again.

But on Wednesday, Peggy and Maddie, who sat down in front with other children who got good marks and who didn’t track in a whole lot of mud, did notice that Wanda wasn’t there. Peggy was the most popular girl in School. She was pretty, she had many pretty clothes and her hair was curly. Maddie was her closest friend. The reason Peggy and Maddie noticed Wanda’s absence was because Wanda had made them late to School. They had waited and waited for Wanda, to have some fun with her, and she just hadn’t come. The often waited for Wanda Petronski to have fun with her.

**Questions :**

- a) Why did not Peggy and Maddie track in a whole lot of mud? 1  
 b) Why were Wanda’s shoes caked with mud? 1  
 c) Why were Peggy and Maddie late for School on some days? 1  
 d) What did Peggy and Maddie do with Wanda? 1  
 e) Find a word from the passage which means ‘walk’. 1
- 13) Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

I finished my poem, and it was beautiful. It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments, and to several other classes as well. Since then I’ve been allowed to talk and haven’t been assigned any extra homework. On the Contrary, Mr Keesing was always making jokes these days.

**Questions :**

- a) Who is ‘I’ here in the first line ? 1  
 b) What was the poem about ? 1  
 c) Why did the father swan kill the baby ducklings ? 1  
 d) Whom did father swan actually stand for ? 1  
 e) Find a word or a phrase from the passage which means opposite to it. 1
- 14) Describe the narrator’s experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm. 6

OR

Where is coorg ? How is coorg a place worth visiting ?

- 15) How was Mij to be transported to England ? 4

OR

Why did Lencho write a letter to god ?

**(b) Poetry Marks : 10**

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

I think I could turn and live with animals,  
They are so placid and self contained,  
I stand and look at them long and long,

**Questions :**

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| a) Name the poem from where these lines have been taken.                           | 1   |
| b) Who has written these lines?  | 1   |
| c) What is the poet turning from ?   | 1   |
| d) Why does the poet want to turn and live with animals.                           | 1   |
| 17) Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :          | 2×3 |
| a) How does the tiger terrify the villages?  | = 6 |
| b) How does the dragon look in appearance ?  |     |
| c) Where has the boy lost his ball ? what was the effect of the loss on his mind ? |     |

**(c) Supplementary Reader**

**(Marks : 15)**

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| 18) Give a character sketch of Matilda.                                     | 8 |
| OR  |   |
| “Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest.” Comment. |   |
| 19) Why is Bholi’s father worried about her                                 | 4 |
| OR  |   |
| Why is the doctor tempted to keep Tricki on as a permanent guest ?          |   |
| 20) Why was Griffin wandering the streets ?                                 | 3 |
| OR  |   |
| How is Ansable different from other secret agents ?                         |   |

**End.**