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**Part – I**  
**ENGLISH, Paper – I**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

## SECTION – A

- I. Annotate any two of the following in about 10 to 15 lines each : 2 × 4 = 8
- (a) "Because I didn't get my money's worth,  
that's why!"
- (b) "It is thinking differently or doing something  
different; doing something that might be quite  
novel and unconventional in nature."
- (c) "He must focus and focus relentlessly."
- (d) "If muscles aren't used much, they get flabby,  
and that's true of the brain, too"
- II. Annotate any two of the following in about 10 to 15 lines each : 2 × 4 = 8
- (a) "It rots the sense in the head !  
It kills imagination dead !  
It clogs and clutters up the mind !"
- (b) "Holding a candelabrum before an idol,  
Just once a year  
Is desecrating it."
- (c) "For without words, in friendship, all thoughts,  
all desires, all expectations are born and  
shared, with joy that is unacclaimed."
- (d) "At kilve there was no weather-cock,  
And that's the reason why."

- III. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **10 to 15** lines each :  $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) How does human intelligence differ from robotic or computer intelligence ?
  - (b) What did the teachers decide to do when Wasserkopf asked for a refund ?
  - (c) Sudha Murthy was extremely determined and resolute. Justify this statement.
  - (d) Explain the use of six thinking hats. How does it help in group discussions ?
- IV. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about **10 to 15** lines each :  $2 \times 4 = 8$
- (a) The poem, "A Spider and a Fly" is a celebration of beauty rather than utility. Justify your answer.
  - (b) 'Could I but teach the hundredth part of what from thee I learn.' the poet exclaims. Describe the lesson that the father learnt from his son.
  - (c) How does the poet contrast the celebration of Mother's Day in Western Countries and in our Country ?
  - (d) "Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure." This is a Jewish saying. Do you agree ? Base your answer on Kahlil Gibran's, 'On Friendship'.
- V. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **25 to 30** lines each :  $1 \times 8 = 8$
- (a) Why was the nightingale able to understand the sorrow of the student while the others were not ? How does she decide to help him ?
  - (b) At the start of the bachelor's story how did Bertha's goodness reward her ? How did this change towards the end of the story ?
  - (c) Datta found a solution to his problem. Did it really work for him ? Justify your answer.

#### SECTION - B

- VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

The greatest disease is not T.B or leprosy, it is being unwanted, unloved and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread, but there are many more dying for a little love.

#### Questions :

- (1) What is the only cure for loneliness and despair according to the writer ?
- (2) Write the positive degree form of the adjective, 'greatest'.

- (3) 'dying for a little love' means (Choose the best answer.) :
- (a) people fall in love and die
  - (b) people prefer to die rather than to love someone
  - (c) people crave to be loved and cared for
- (4) What can we cure with medicine ?
- (5) Write the antonym of the word 'love'.

VII. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5 × 1 = 5

Some interviewers ask "puzzle questions" such as "Why are manhole covers round ?" or "How would you design Bill Gates' bathroom ?" instead of asking standard, technical questions. Interviewers who pose such questions say that these help to gauge the intelligence, resourcefulness or outside – the – box thinking needed in today's hypercompetitive world. The popularity of these questions is generally attributed to Bill Gates' Microsoft Corporation. The software giant receives over 12,000 job applications a month, so it has to be selective. The website of the company states, "We look for original, creative thinkers and our interview process is designed to find them."

**Questions :**

- (1) Give one example for puzzle question.
- (2) Why do interviewers pose such "puzzle questions" ?
- (3) Name the software company which first popularised the use of puzzle questions in interviews.
- (4) Write the adjective form of the word 'intelligence'.
- (5) The word 'hypercompetitive' in this context suggests that (Pick out the best answer.) :
  - (a) there is very little competition
  - (b) there is a lot of competition
  - (c) there may or may not be any competition

SECTION – C

**Note :** The answers to questions in this section should be written at **one place** in the answer book separately. The entire section should be answered in one stretch and not mixed with other sections.

VIII. Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the' :

$6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

- (a) We have just completed \_\_\_\_\_ Ninth Chapter.
- (b) It is \_\_\_\_\_ universal rule.
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ rich are not always happy.
- (d) He is \_\_\_\_\_ employee of Varun Motors.
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Shyam wishes to speak to you.
- (f) The children are busy making \_\_\_\_\_ X'mas card.

IX. Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions :

$6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

- (a) He is \_\_\_\_\_ a good mood.
- (b) The President will preside \_\_\_\_\_ the function.
- (c) The bus fell \_\_\_\_\_ a ditch.
- (d) The boy is going \_\_\_\_\_ school.
- (e) The door is made \_\_\_\_\_ glass.
- (f) Money should never be borrowed \_\_\_\_\_ friends.

X. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in brackets :

$5 \times 1 = 5$

- (a) Rajiv \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) for Bangalore yesterday.
- (b) India \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a large country.
- (c) The little boy \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) when the mosquito bit him on the cheek.
- (d) Listen ! Someone \_\_\_\_\_ (play) on the flute.
- (e) Water \_\_\_\_\_ (boil) at 100 °C.

XI. Rewrite the following sentences as directed :

5 × 1 = 5

- (a) We expect good news. (Begin with Good news.)
- (b) She said, "I am very poor". (Change into Indirect Speech.)
- (c) Silver is not as precious as gold. (Use ... more precious than.)
- (d) He saw a tiger. It was wounded. (Combine the sentences using 'which'.)
- (e) The children went to sleep. (Add a Question tag.)

XII. Rewrite the following sentences correcting the underlined part. The entire sentence must be written.

5 × 1 = 5

- (a) Susheela and me returned home.
- (b) Vikram prefers coffee for tea.
- (c) Why you are laughing ?
- (d) Ganesh lives here since 1990.
- (e) The platinum is a very expensive metal.

XIII. Supply the missing letters in the following words :

6 × ½ = 3

- (a) ch \_\_\_ p
- (b) f \_\_\_ m \_\_\_ ng
- (c) ab \_\_\_ li \_\_\_ hed
- (d) t \_\_\_ ist \_\_\_ d
- (e) d \_\_\_ br \_\_\_ s
- (f) pe \_\_\_ le

XIV. Identify the silent consonant(s) in the following words :

6 × ½ = 3

- (a) debt
- (b) solemn
- (c) shawl
- (d) kneel
- (e) honour
- (f) buffet

XV. Identify the part of speech of the underlined words :

$6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

- Srisanth bowls fast.
- Jawaharlal Nehru is fond of children.
- I bought six mangoes.
- Virtue is its own reward.
- She can dance for hours and hours.
- Have you taken my mobile phone ?

XVI. Match the words in **Column 'A'** with their meanings/definitions in **Column 'B'** :

$6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

Column 'A'	Column 'B'
(1) pinnacle	(a) to make an urgent appeal
(2) stupendous	(b) to cause damage or spoil
(3) peer	(c) the highest point
(4) rot	(d) to move rapidly, to hurry
(5) scurry	(e) nearness or closeness
(6) proximity	(f) great or huge
	(g) a person of equal rank, age or class
	(h) having lofty or noble ideas

XVII. Look at the following table and present the information given in the table in the form of a paragraph.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

Number of runs scored by four batsmen in the Intercollege Tournament in three consecutive years.

Name of the cricketer	Year 2009	Year 2008	Year 2007
Yadanna	1076	734	989
Ajay	1054	923	875
Ketan	1155	1032	764
Samson	654	765	1055

OR

Draw a bar chart to convey the following information :

A survey was conducted to see how many vehicles used a flyover over a period of three years. It was observed that on 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2,000 two wheelers and 5,000 four wheelers used the flyover. On 16<sup>th</sup> January, 3,000 two wheelers and 7,000 four wheelers used the flyover whereas on 17<sup>th</sup> January, only 1,000 two wheelers and 4,000 four wheelers plied on the flyover.

XVIII. Read the following transcriptions and write any five words in ordinary spelling : 5 × 1 = 5

For example: fi:l/ = feel

- (1) / ma :vl /
- (2) / feiməs /
- (3) / ɪntəvju: /
- (4) / ʃeltə(r) /
- (5) / keɪs /
- (6) / ju: /
- (7) / la :dʒ /
- (8) / θɪŋk /
- (9) / ju /
- (10) / fæn /

OR

Find the word that is different from the other words in the group with regard to the sound of the underlined letters :

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|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| (1) <u>st</u> op  | st <u>o</u> le | st <u>o</u> ck |
| (2) <u>y</u> acht | <u>ch</u> at   | <u>ch</u> ip   |
| (3) <u>h</u> ate  | <u>h</u> at    | <u>h</u> appy  |
| (4) <u>bl</u> ood | <u>f</u> lood  | <u>fo</u> od   |
| (5) <u>w</u> hy   | tr <u>a</u> y  | tr <u>y</u>    |

XIX. Write the number of the syllables for any six of the following words :  $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

- (1) carry
- (2) winter
- (3) fantasy
- (4) eighteen
- (5) observation
- (6) girl
- (7) apple
- (8) photograph
- (9) storm
- (10) intimate

XX. Complete the following dialogue :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

Usha : \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher : Good morning Usha.  
I have not seen \_\_\_\_\_  
Usha : Yes Ma'am. I was \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher : And how are you \_\_\_\_\_  
Usha : I am fine Ma'am.  
Teacher : Good. Come in.  
\_\_\_\_\_