

Time: 2 Hours 45 Minutes

Marks: 40 Marks

Section – A: Reading Comprehension**(Questions 1-5): Read the following passage.**

An old man who lived in a small side street in the city of Hyderabad had to put up with the nuisance of having boys play cricket outside his house, at night.

One evening when the boys were particularly noisy, he went out to talk to them. He explained that he was a pensioner, who was happiest when he could see or hear boys playing his favourite game, cricket. He said he would give them Rs. 50 each week to play in the street at night. The boys were thrilled. They were being paid to do something they enjoyed!

At the end of the first week they knocked at the old man's house and asked to be paid. He did so.

The second week when they asked for payment he said he had run out of money and sent them away with only Rs. 25.

The third week the man said he had not yet received his pension and gave them only Rs. 15.

The boys were very disappointed but there was not much they could do about it.

The fourth week the man said he could not afford to pay them Rs. 50 as he had promised, but would give Rs. 5 each week without fail.

This was too much for the boys.

“You expect us to play seven days a week for a meager Rs. 5!” they yelled. “Go to blazes.” They stormed away and never played on the street again.

Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet. (3x1=3 marks)

1. What is the passage about?

- A. Life in the Hyderabad city
- B. Cricket ground
- C. The passage is about how a wise old man got rid of nuisance
- D. Street lights

2. “This was too much for the boys.” What is too much for the boys?

- A. Playing cricket
- B. Talking to old man
- C. Getting Rs. 50 every week
- D. Getting Rs. 10 every week

3. “.....they yelled.” Pick the meaning for the word ‘yelled’.

- A. Loud shouting B. Low voice C. Silent D. shriek

Answer the following questions in one or two sentences.

(2x1=2 marks)

4. What did the old man explained to the boys?

5. How did the boys felt when the old man afford to pay Rs. 5 each week?

Questions 6-10): Read the following poem.

Lightly, O lightly we bear her along,
She sways like a flower in the wind of our song;
She skims like a bird on the foam of a stream,
She floats like a laugh from the lips of a dream.
Gail, O gaily we glide and we sing,
We bear her along like a pearl on a string.
Softly, O softly we bear her along,
She hangs like a star in the dew of our song;
She springs like a beam on the brow of the tide,
She falls like a tear from the eyes of a bride.
Lightly, O lightly we glide and we sing,
We bear her along like a pearl on a string.

- Sarojini Naidu

Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet.

(2x1=2 marks)

6. Who are singing?

- A. Bangle sellers B. Palanquin bearers
C. Indian weavers D. Porters

7. How is ‘she’ floating in the poem?

- A. like a flower in the wind B. like a bird on the foam
C. like a laugh from the lips of a dream D. like a star in the dew

Write answers for the given questions in one or two sentences

(3x1=3 marks)

8. The poet used a poetic technique in these lines. What is that?
9. What is the meaning of the expression “a tear from the eyes of a bride”?
10. Few lines are repeated in the poem. Do you feel that they are necessary? Why?

(Questions 11-15): Read the following passage.

Many years ago there was an Emperor who was so fond of new clothes that he spent all his money on them. One day, two men came to the Emperor’s court. “We’re weavers,” they said. “We can make the most beautiful cloth in the world.” The Emperor was very happy.

“Our cloth is also very special,” said the men. “Only wise men can see it, fools cannot,”

“That’s very good,” thought the Emperor. “When I wear clothes made with it, I will know who is wise and who is foolish.”

The Emperor gave the men a lot of money. “Start weaving at once,” he told them.

They set up two looms, and pretended to be very busy, though they had nothing at all on the looms. They asked for the finest silk and the purest gold thread. They put these in their own bags, and they worked at the empty looms until late at night.

Now, answer the following questions. Each question has four choices. Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet. (3x1=3 marks)

11. Why did the Emperor give lot of money to the two men?

- A. To know who is wise and who is foolish
- B. because they were top weavers of the empire
- C. They used golden threads to weave
- D. to weave the most beautiful clothe in the world

12. Emperor said “Start weaving at once”. What does the expression mean?

- A. Start weaving and complete only one piece of cloth
- B. start weaving immediately
- C. start weaving and stop not till the completion
- D. start weaving in one day

13. According to the passage

- A. The emperor was wise and the weavers were fools
- B. The weavers were wise and the emperor was fool

C. The emperor and weavers were wise

D. The emperor and weavers were fools

Write answers for the given questions in one or two sentences

(2x1=2 marks)

14. As per weavers who could see the cloth and who could not see it? Was it really true?

15. Something in the passage is illogical. What is that?

Section-B: Vocabulary and Grammar (10 marks)

(Questions 16-18): Read the passage given below focusing on the parts that are underlined and answer the questions given at the end as directed. Write the answers in your answer sheet. (3x1=3 marks)

Smiling at them, Tenali Raman said, "Thank you, dear friends for watering all the plants in my garden. You have worked very hard indeed. (16) What do you want me to pay you for your labour?"

(17) The thieves were too shocked to say anything. They fell at Tenali Raman's feet and begged for his forgiveness. Tenali Raman took them to the king's court and told them to promise that they would never steal again.

(18) When the king came to know how Tenali Raman had caught the thieves, he rewarded him with many gifts.

Now answer the questions:

16. Rewrite the sentence beginning from: Tenali Raman asked

17. Rewrite the sentence replacing in the word 'too-to' with 'so'.

18. Rewrite the sentence beginning it with: Coming

(Questions 19-22): Complete the passage choosing the right word from those given below it. Each blank is numbered and for each blank has four choices (A), (B), (C) or (D) given. Choose the correct answer from these choices and write (A), (B), (C) or (D) in your answer booklet. (4x 1/2 =2 marks)

Amateur Radio Operators have to qualify in an examination conducted by Ministry of Communications, Government of India and obtain license for operating / possessing a Radio Station. (19) individual above the age of 12 (20) permitted to appear for Amateur Station Operator License Examination and No Educational qualification is prescribed. It takes just two months (say two hours a day training) to (21) eligible for the examination. One should qualify a simple test (22) in three subjects.

- 19. A. any B. no C. every D. some
- 20. A. are B. were C. is D. was
- 21. A. become B. can C. have D. may
- 22. A. will conduct B. conduct C. conducting D. conducted

(Questions 23-28): Read the following passage and fill the blanks choosing the correct words from the brackets and write them in your answer booklet. (6x ½ =3 marks)

A man's intelligence should be measured (23) (buy/by) placing him at different heights. If a man shows no change in his wits with the change of elevation he should be (24) (took/taken) as hopeless. The power of agitation (25) (upon/under) one's spirits is well known. As one (26) (went/goes) up one experiences more and more agitation. This is (27) (for/because) of the rotation of earth. People who live at tropics are fierier than those living in other places. The former are carried about with more swiftness (28) (to/than) the latter.

(Questions 29-32): Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of word given in the brackets. (4x ½ = 2 marks)

The detective story (29) (enjoy) popularity. This is forcing it into an (30) (artificiality) mould. It is (31) (given) what the public wants. It is being set into a type. There are stock characters and stock incidents. There are characters like the Butler, Detective's friend and the tramp. Even the detective is being (32) (develop) into a type.

Section-C: Creative Writing (Discourses) (15 marks)

33. Look at the Profile of great scientist, Stephen Hawking and write his biography. (10 marks)

- Full Name : Stephen William Hawking
- Date of Birth :8th January, 1942
- Birth Place : Oxford, England
- Alma matter : Physics - University College, Oxford. Did research in Cambridge
- Professor : Since 1979, post of professor of Mathematics.
- Ill health : from the age of 17 and hospitalized at the age of 21
- Operation to wind pipe: 1980 and lost speech
- Awards : 12 honorary degrees
- Title : living Einstein
- Inspiration : to the world

Or

Write a letter to the editor to any leading News magazine about old age problems and human relations.

34. Imagine that you are secretary for Youth Organisation. Your organisation is conducting a seminar on "National Integration" Prepare a Poster for that occassion. (5 Marks)

Answers:

Section-A:

1. C
2. D
3. A
4. The old man explained that he was a pensioner, who was happiest when he could see or hear boys playing his favourite game, cricket. He said he would give them Rs. 50 each week to play in the street at night.
5. The boys were yelled at the old man as he offered to pay only Rs. 10 a week. They felt that the old man cheated them and decided to stop playing cricket in the street forever.
6. B
7. C
8. The poet used “simili” in these lines.
9. Here ‘tear from the eyes of a bride’ is a symbol for purity in nature and weight less to roll.
10. Yes, they are necessary. They give a musical touch to the poem. Repeated rhythm gives beauty to the poem.
11. D
12. B
13. B
14. According to the weavers, only wise men could see the cloth and fools could not see it. It was not really true.
15. Clothes give us protection and beauty. Believing ‘the special cloth, which can be seen by wise only’ is the most illogical.
16. Tenali Raman asked the thieves what they wanted him to pay for their labour.
17. The thieves were so shocked and speechless.
18. Coming to know how Tenali Raman had caught the thieves, the King rewarded him with many gifts.
19. A
20. C
21. A
22. D

23. by

24. taken

25. upon

26. goes

27. because

28. than

29. enjoys

30. artificial

31. giving

32. developed

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