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ENGLISH, Paper - II

(Third language)

Time : 2 hours 45 min.]

[Maximum Marks : 40

Instructions :

1. This question paper contains **three** sections A, B and C with questions from (01) to (34).
2. Out of the allotted time of 2 hrs. 45 min, the first 15 minutes time is allotted exclusively for reading the question paper.
3. Write **all** the answers in the answer booklet given.
4. Use capital letters while answering the multiple choice questions. Marks will **not** be allotted in case of any over-writing.
5. Use the last page(s) of the answer booklet for rough work while answering the questions under **section - C**.

SECTION - A

(Reading comprehension)

Q.1-5. Read the following passage carefully.

Tyagaraja was born at Tiruvarur in Tanjavur district of Tamilnadu on May 4, 1767. He was the third child of his parents, Ramabrahmam and Sitamma. They spoke Telugu at home. Tyagaraja had an elder brother named Panchapakesan or Jalpesan.

There was music in Tyagaraja's blood. His mother was a good singer. He had his first lessons in music from her. His father was a good scholar in Telugu and Sanskrit. He learnt both the languages from him. When he was seven years old, the family moved to a village called Thiruvaiyaru.

Tyagaraja was interested in music from his childhood. Even as a young boy he used to compose songs and write them on the walls of his house. Noticing his son's interest in music, his father took him to Sonti Venkataramayya, a musician at the court of King Sarabhoji of Tanjavur. Tyagaraja became his disciple and learnt music from him.

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When he grew up, he spent most of his time composing songs and singing them in front of the idol of Lord Rama in his house. He was married at the age of eighteen. Once a week, he went along the streets singing songs in praise of God and maintained his family with what people gave him. He never cared for wealth. But his elder brother, Jalpesan, wanted him to earn money through his music.

One day, the Raja of Tanjavur invited Tyagaraja to sing in his court. He offered him a gift of fifty acres of land and a lot of gold coins. But Tyagaraja refused to sing in the king's court. Jalpesan was wild with anger. He insisted Tyagaraja to sing in the king's court. They can be rich and live a happy life. When Tyagaraja disagreed, he threw the idol of Lord Rama into the river Kaveri.

Not finding his deity at home, Tyagaraja composed many songs in praise of Lord Rama and sang them with great feeling. After two months he had a dream. He saw the place where his idol of Lord Rama was lying. The next morning he went to the place, found the idol and brought it back home. In a joyful mood, he sang many songs in praise of his deity.

(1-3) 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.

3×1=3

1. Tyagaraja refused the gift of land and gold coins offered to him by the king because
 - (a) his songs were his dedication to God.
 - (b) he enjoyed singing on the streets more.
 - (c) he did not have any respect for the king.
 - (d) he had sufficient money to live.
2. Tyagaraja had his first music lessons from his ...
 - (a) father Ramabrahmam.
 - (b) mother Sitamma.
 - (c) music teacher Venkataramayya.
 - (d) brother Jalpesan.
3. Jalpesan threw the idol of Lord Rama into the river because ...
 - (a) the king had ordered him to do so.
 - (b) he wanted to stop Tyagaraja singing in praise of Rama.
 - (c) Tyagaraja was not giving him food.
 - (d) he was jealous of Tyagaraja.

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(4-5) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each.

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4. How did Tyagaraja get the idol back ?
5. Do you support the act of Jalpesan ? Justify your answer.

Q.(6-10) Read the following poem.

WHAT'S THE LIFE OF A MAN

As I was walking one morning with ease
Viewing the leaves that had fell from the trees,
All in full motion appearing to be
Those that had withered, they fell from the tree.

If you had seen the leaves just a few days ago
How beautiful and bright they did all seem to grow,
A frost came upon them and withered them all
A storm came upon them and down they did fall.

What's the life of a man any more than a leaf
A man has his seasons so why should he grieve.
For although through this life we appear fine and gay
Like a leaf we must wither and soon fade away.

(6-7) 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.

2×1=2

6. The leaves have withered because
 - (a) the frost has withered them.
 - (b) they have lost their beauty.
 - (c) the storm has withered them.
 - (d) the man has withered them.
7. Like the bright and beautiful leaf, man is
 - (a) pale and dull in his old age.
 - (b) pale and happy in his youth.
 - (c) fine and gay in his youth.
 - (d) gay and ill in his old age.

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(8-10) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. **3×1=3**

8. How were the leaves a few days ago ?
9. What is the comparison put forward in the poem ?
10. We can relate the four seasons Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter to man's life. How ?

Q.(11-15) Read the following passage carefully.

Great and marvellous indeed are the achievements of Science. It has broken down the barriers of time and distance. Travelling has become short, safe and comfortable. It has made contact and communication with the world easier and quicker by inventing telephones, telegraphs and the wireless. Agriculture is no longer at the mercy of nature. Yields have been multiplied with the help of mechanized farming and chemical fertilizers. Science has brought a revolution in the sphere of trade, commerce, industry and entertainment. It has relieved human suffering by discovering the secrets of health and diseases.

We, thus, see that Science is a blessing, but it is not an unmixed blessing. No doubt, it has turned impossibility into possibility, imagination into reality. But the question is whether it has taught us how to walk on the mother earth. It has brought forth the evils of industrialization. Machines have become the masters of man. Can we forget dirty slums, unequal distribution of wealth and large scale unemployment in the wake of industrialization ? Wars have become more hideous than ever before. Thanks to the invention of terrible engines of destruction by Science.

(11-13) *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.* **3×1=3**

11. Science has brought a revolution in
- (a) trade and distance.
 - (b) trade, commerce and industry.
 - (c) time and commerce.
 - (d) time and distance.

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12. Science has the human suffering.

- (a) reduced
- (b) kept constant
- (c) increased
- (d) added to

13. The following can be the best proposed title to the passage.

- (a) Advantages of Science.
- (b) Advantages and disadvantages of Science.
- (c) Disadvantages of Science.
- (d) Achievements of Science.

Q.(14-15) Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. **2×1=2**

- 14. Why does the writer say, "Agriculture is no longer at the mercy of nature" ?
- 15. What do you think are the evils of industrialization ?

SECTION - B

(Vocabulary and Grammar)

Q.(16-18) Read the following passage focusing on the parts that are underlined and numbered.

A mother bird made the nest in a wheat field. (16) She laid three eggs and patiently waited for them to hatch. Within a few days, the young birds came out of the eggs. They were completely dependent on their mother for food, shelter and protection. (17) The mother bird told her young ones, "Every morning, I will go out to bring food for all of us" (18).

Now complete the following sentences and write them in your answer booklet.

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16. The nest was

17. They were completely dependent,

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18. The mother bird told her young ones that

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Q.(19-22) Complete the passage choosing the right words from those given below. Each blank is numbered and has four choices (A), (B), (C) and (D). Choose the correct answer and write (A), (B), (C) or D in your answer booklet.

 $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$

Thimmakka and Chikkanna were a selfless couple. The sincere efforts and hard work that they put in to (19) the trees along the highway benefitted all the people. Many people criticised and discouraged (20) dream of growing trees for such a long stretch. (21), they believed in themselves and carried on with their plan. Though their efforts (22) recognised many years later, their thoughtful action will be remembered forever.

19. (A) grew (B) growing (C) grow (D) grown
 20. (A) there (B) their (C) his (D) her
 21. (A) But (B) And (C) Hence (D) From
 22. (A) is (B) was (C) were (D) has

Q.(23-28) Read the following passage and fill in the blanks choosing the correct words given in brackets. Write the answers in your own booklet.

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

One day, a farmer's donkey fell into a well by 23 [accident / accidentally]. The donkey was24 [frightening / frightened]. He tried with all his might to25 [jump / trot] and come out, but in vain. He started26 [cry / crying] loudly for hours together. Hearing his cry, the27 [peoples/ people] living nearby came and looked down into the well. The farmer28 [which / who] came in search of his donkey, at last found him and brought the donkey out.

Q.(29-32) Complete the following passage with the right forms of words given in the brackets. Write the answers in your answer booklet. $4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2$

Personality is the29 (combine) of physical, emotional, spiritual and psychological aspects in a person. If you30 (wishing) to enhance your personality, start by respecting yourself and believing in your ability to win respect

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from others. In your31 (interact) with others, be polite and gentle, doing good to them as far as possible. Speak only when it is32 (require) and is of utmost necessity.

SECTION - C

(Creative Expression)

Q.33. You know that 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan' is a mission that was launched by our Prime Minister on 2nd of October, 2014. The Abhiyan was started on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

Gandhiji always dreamt to make India a clean India. Recently our Prime Minister urged some of the celebrities also to participate in the Abhiyan.

Now, prepare an essay on "The need and importance of Swachh Bharat Abhiyan" (Clean India Campaign), highlighting the role and responsibility of every Indian.

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You may use the following ideas :

- Need and importance ...
- Keeping our house clean and healthy
- Need to keep our surroundings clean
- Wastage management strategies
- Minimising pollution

OR

You are the student of a Z.P. High School. Your village is far away from the town where you study. There is no proper bus service to your village. This has adverse affects on the school going children of your village. The poor bus service also affects the life of residents.

Now, keeping in view the above problem write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper highlighting the problems faced. You can also suggest few possible solutions. You may use the following ideas :

- How many school going children are there ?
- Frequency of the bus service.
- Problems of the villagers.
- Your suggestions.

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Q.34. Imagine you are the secretary of the “Cultural Club” of your school. **5**
You wish to conduct “Save Water” campaign in your locality. Now,
prepare a POSTER keeping in view the following details.

- Title of the poster.
 - Proper layout and illustrations.
 - Target audience.
 - Who issued the poster ?
 - Schedule of the campaign.
 - Highlights of the campaign.
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