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ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM

GENERAL ENGLISH

(Common for All Groups and Vocational Stream)

(Evening Session)

Time allowed : Three hours

Maximum marks : 65

Note : (i) *You must write the subject-code/paper-code 001/B in the box provided on the title page of your answer-book.*

(ii) *Make sure that the answer-book contains 30 pages (including title page) and are properly serialized as soon as you receive it.*

(iii) *Question/s attempted after leaving blank page/s in the answer-book would not be evaluated.*

(iv) *No extra sheet will be provided. Answer the questions to the point and avoid cancelling the answered questions.*

(v) *Draw a line as soon as you have answered a question.*

(vi) *Write on all pages except the back side of the title.*

(vii) *While writing answers, the question number should be written correctly.*

(viii) *All questions are compulsory.*

Part–I (Objective Type Questions) : 8 Marks

1. Do as directed :

8×1=8

(i) Fill in the blank :

In the Cellular Jail, the convicts had to extract a minimum of _____ pounds of coconut oil. (Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail) 1

(ii) Were the children playing in the ground really physically handicapped ?

(The School for Sympathy) 1

(2)

(iii) What type of woman was Chandu's mother? (The Barber's Trade Union) 1

(iv) Who was Prohor? (A Chameleon) 1

(v) Translate into English : 2×1=2

ਮਾਲੀ ਪੌਦਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਣੀ ਦੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ । ਮਾਲੀ ਪੌਦਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਣੀ ਦੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਸੀ ।

Choose the correct sentence :

- (a) The gardener is watering the plants.
- (b) The gardener was watering the plants.
- (c) The gardeners were watering the plants.
- (d) The gardener will be watering the plants.

ਕਿਸੇ ਦੀ ਚੁਗਲੀ ਨਾ ਕਰੋ । ਕਿਸੀ ਦੀ ਚੁਗਲੀ ਨਾ ਕਰੋ ।

Choose the correct sentence :

- (a) Don't backbite anyone
- (b) Don't disrespect anyone
- (c) Don't insult anyone
- (d) Don't rebuke anyone.

(vi) Select the correct option :

The first class of the day was scheduled at _____

- (a) 7 a.m. (b) 8 a.m.
- (c) 9 a.m. (d) 10 a.m. (Hassan's Attendance Problem) 1

(vii) A. J. Cronin wrote the autobiography, 'The Story of My Life'. True/False 1

Part-II (Reading Skill) : 10 Marks

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : 6×1=6

Less obviously, but just as significant, are the social reasons behind the modern urge to travel. Foreign journeys were, at one time, expensive and difficult for most of the people to organize, in fact, an indulgence for the wealthy. Today, cheap airfares and package holidays have made foreign travel fashionable for many, especially for those who spend their lives working in crowded cities and in industry. Travel to foreign countries is now within the reach of the families who only thirty years ago would have hardly dreamt of such a thing. Indeed, for some, it

has become a matter of personal pride to boast of. The more the time spent abroad, and the more glamorous and far-flung the destination, the better. Indians are now looking beyond the beaches of Goa to Miami beaches or to the mountains of Alps or the Niagara Falls or even the safaris of Africa for a new and vastly different experience. Travel companies have been quick to advertise the cultural and educational advantages of such holidays, selling wildlife exploration trips of the Amazon or the ancient temples of the east just as earnestly as they once did the 'Magic of Rome' or the 'Splendour of Ancient Athens'.

Questions :

- (i) What makes people dream of holidaying abroad now? 1
- (ii) Where do Indians look forward to go for holidaying nowadays? 1
- (iii) Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.
Mumbai is one of the most _____ cities in India. 1
- (iv) Match the words in the column A with their meaning in the column B :
- | A | B |
|-----------|-----------|
| expensive | sincerely |
| earnestly | freely |
| | costly |
- 1
- (v) What was once considered an indulgence for the wealthy ?
- (a) horse riding in the forests
- (b) foreign travel
- (c) playing on the ice
- (d) enjoying with family 1
- (vi) What has made foreign travel fashionable now ?
- (a) beauty of locations
- (b) people's mood
- (c) cheap airfares and package holidays
- (d) internet 1

3. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow :

4 × 1 = 4

The sun does arise
And make happy the skies,
The merry bells ring
To welcome the spring,
The skylark and thrush,
The birds of the bush,
Sing louder around
To the bells' cheerful sound,
While our sports shall be seen
On the Echoing Green.

- (i) What is the rhyme scheme of the first four lines of the above stanza ? 1
(ii) Name the birds that sing to welcome the spring. 1
(iii) What purpose does the ringing of the merry bells serve in the poem ? 1
(iv) Name the poem and the poet. 1

or

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveller, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;
Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim.....

- (i) What does the poet see in front of him ? 1
(ii) What is the poet sorry about ? 1
(iii) What is the rhyme scheme of the first four lines of the above stanza ? 1
(iv) Name the poem and the poet. 1

(5)

Part-III (Writing Skills) 14 Marks

4. Make a Précis of the following passage and give it a suitable title : 5

Time Management is the process of organizing and planning the division of time between specific activities. Good time management enables you to work smarter than harder, so that you get more output with less input and in shorter duration. Inability to manage one's time well, leads to decrease in productivity and also causes stress. On the other hand, if one manages one's time properly, one can achieve important career and life goals with a greater quality of work. This leads to higher productivity and greater professional reputation. A 24 hour day becomes more productive for good time managers, while for others it may turn out to be missed deadlines only. To get the maximum out of a 24 hour day, one must learn how to prioritise between the urgent and the important. One must also avoid distractions, e.g. looking for help even before deciding on the task or assigning duties, checking e-mails and Facebook is neither urgent nor important. One can categorise every work under 'Do it now', 'Do it later' or 'Don't do it at all' priority. Every individual has a particular best time of the day when a person feels full of energy and life. So, one should schedule one's most important and challenging work for that period. Avoid multitasking, rather go for similar tasks consecutively to achieve perfection. This will lead to saving time for other tasks. Stay calm and keep your work place free of clutter. Take a break and review what has been done and revise the plan if required. Keep moving forward step by step.

5. Suppose you are Mohan. You live at House No. 34, Motia Apartments, Khanna.
Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner complaining against the use of loudspeakers in your town. 6

or

Suppose you are Arnab. You live at House No. 92, Model Town, Moga.

Write an application to the District Educational Officer of your city for the job of E. T. T. teacher.

6. Explain the newspaper headline in 15-20 words : 3

WOMEN TO JOIN INDIAN ARMY AS OFFICERS

or

Write an e-mail message to your friend, Aman expressing your condolences on his father's death.

Part-IV (Grammar and Translation) 10 Marks

7. Translate into Punjabi/Hindi : (any two) 2×1=2
- (i) Do you help the poor? 1
- (ii) The sun has set. 1
- (iii) Let him go. 1
8. Do as directed : 2+1+1+1+1+1+1=8
- (i) _____ is her hobby. (paint) [Use Gerund to fill in the blank] 1
- (ii) He is too composed to lose temper. [Remove 'too'] 1
- (iii) As soon as he saw the tiger, he took to heels. [Rewrite using 'No sooner than'] 1
- (iv) The warning bells alarmed the thieves. [Change the Voice] 1
- (v) She said to me, "I can help you in studies." [Change the Narration] 1
- (vi) Fill in the blank with suitable determiners :
- (a) John is _____ smallest boy in the class.
- (b) He has _____ friends at all. 2
- (vii) They had no time _____ (waste). [Fill in the blank with infinitive] 1

Part-V (Literature) 23 Marks

9. Write down the central idea of any *one* of the poems given below : 3
- (a) Cheerfulness Taught by Reason
- (b) Prayer of the Woods
10. Answer the following questions (any *three*) in 40-50 words : 3×2=6
- (i) Why was the passenger hurled out of the lift ? How could the liftman restore his equilibrium? (On Saying Please) 2
- (ii) Why does one feel reluctant to receive an advice ? According to the author, which method is the most appropriate one to give a counsel ? (On Giving Advice) 2

(7)

(iii) Describe the physical appearance of the two boys. Why did they work endlessly ?

(Two Gentlemen of Verona) 2

(iv) Why was Hassan not noticed by the teacher in the class ? According to Hassan, who were nerds ?
(Hassan's Attendance Problem) 2

11. Answer the following questions (any *two*) in 40-50 words : 2×2=4

(i) What was Datta's experience about his customers ? How was his new customer different from the others ?
(The Gold Frame) 2

(ii) Who were Mann Singh and Karam Singh ? Why did the members of Karam Singh's family not break the news of his death to Mann Singh ?
(The Bull Beneath the Earth) 2

(iii) What did Hryukin display to the crowd ? Why did the crowd laugh at Hryukin at the end of the story ?
(A Chameleon) 2

12. Give in brief the theme of the chapter, 'The Story of My Life' in about 100-120 words. 5

or

Write a brief character sketch of John Philip Sousa in about 100-120 words.

(The March King)

13. Write the theme of the lesson, 'The School for Sympathy' in about 100-120 words. 5

or

Write a brief character sketch of Chandu in about 100-120 words. (The Barber's Trade Union)

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