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**Instructions:**

- **This paper is divided into three sections:**
  - Section A: Reading** (20 Marks)
  - Section B: Writing Skills & Grammar** (30 Marks)
  - Section C: Literature** (30 Marks)
- **All sections are compulsory.**
- **Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.**
- **Strictly adhere to the prescribed word limit.**

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**SECTION A: READING** (20 Marks)

**I. Read the passage given below carefully:** (12)

1. Fear of failure is an attitude problem. All of us postpone things. We procrastinate. We rationalize. We make excuses. We foolishly believe that to be creative and to have a positive attitude and to simply do things, we have to have all kinds of preconditions.

2. You can find several excuses for waiting to be more creative. But scratch the surface of these smooth and logical rationalizations, and if you are honest, you will see the face of a little demon, the fear of failure, hiding there.

3. Zig Ziglar reminds us that this is nothing but an attitude problem: "The future can be depressing or magnificent – it is not correlated to the present or the past, past failures or past successes." It is only our attitude towards these failures or successes which determines our future. You can change yourself by changing your attitude without fear of error.

4. Problems cause stress and stress reduces our effectiveness. So it is very logical that once we solve our problems, we should be able to increase our efficiency and effectiveness. Incidentally, we can't eliminate problems unless we have the final exit – the very thought of this itself is very stressful.

5. What causes our problems? Well, roughly speaking one-third of our problems are there because we are alive and kicking. Another one-third of our problems are created by ourselves; and the remaining one-third of our problems exist because of greed and ego.

6. When too many problems are causing you enormous stress and strain, do the following:

(i) Think ... there must be a better way to solve these problems. It helps to remember the crow and jug story! Recall similar stories and incidents.

(ii) Ask, ask, ask... yourself and others, how to do things in better ways. May be certain things should not be done at all or should be clubbed with other activities! Don't forget that even stupid questions will get your intelligent and common sense answers

(iii) Do it now! Start doing it. Don't forget that the first step towards solving a problem is to begin. The first step is the most difficult one, but taking it will kill procrastination—a disease or a problem in itself. Do not forget to prioritize your problems first. Those which are "C" category jobs should be delegated to others, but do not forget to check and recheck till these get done.

7. There is always a silver lining in any gloomy situation, provided you starve the problems and feed the opportunities. For every problem, there could be several solutions, and solutions point towards opportunities.

8. Apply the MISER concept to solve problems. MISER ...where M stands for Merge, I for Improve, S for Simplify, E for Eliminate and R for Reduce. MISER is an excellent conceptual sieve that helps in reducing many problems to a very few ones.

**A. Read the questions given below and write the most appropriate option: (4)**

i) Problems cause stress and reduce our .....

- a) problems
- b) depression
- c) stress
- d) effectiveness

ii) We cannot eliminate problems because .....

- a) we are alive and kicking
- b) we are inactive
- c) we are afraid of final exit
- d) we postpone actions

iii) The best way to tackle a problem is .....

- a) to defer it for some time
- b) to seek help of a friend
- c) to think of an easy solution
- d) to begin at once

iv) The word 'procrastinate' in para 1 means .....

- a) obtain with difficulty
- b) natural tendency to do something bad
- c) delay or postpone action
- d) start a court case

**B. Answer the following questions briefly: (6)**

- i) What is Zig Ziglar's opinion about the future?
- ii) Can we eliminate problems? Why not?
- iii) What determines our future?
- iv) What are the causes of our problems?
- v) Which saying has been used in the passage for being optimist?
- vi) What strategies can be used in order to solve problems?

**C. Find words in above passage which convey the same meaning as the following: (2)**

- i) get rid of (para 4)
- ii) very large (para 6)

**II. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8)**

1. The most alarming of man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers and sea with lethal materials. This pollution is for the most part irrevocable; the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. In this contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into the soil, enters the grass or corn, or wheat grown there and reaches the bones of a human being, there to remain until his death.

2. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie long in soil, entering living organisms, passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. They pass by underground streams until they emerge and combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle, and harm those who drink from the once pure wells.

3. It took millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reach a state of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment contains elements that are hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, there are short-wave radiations with power to injure. Given time, life has adjusted and a balance reached. For time is the essential ingredient, but in the modern world there is no time.

4. The rapidity of change and the speed with which new situations are created follow the heedless pace of man rather than the deliberate pace of nature. Radiation is no longer the bombardment of cosmic rays; it is now the unnatural creation of man's tampering with the atom. The chemicals to which life is asked to make adjustments are no longer merely calcium and silica and copper and all the rest of the minerals washed out of the rocks and carried in the rivers to the sea; they are the synthetic creations of man's inventive mind, brewed in his laboratories, and having no counterparts in nature.

**a. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it, using headings and sub headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary – (minimum four) and a suitable format. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)**

**b. Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. (3)**

**SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR (30 Marks)**

**III. You are the Principal of Dave Public School, Ashok Vihar, Delhi. Draft an advertisement for the post of a Science teacher in your school to be published in the classified columns of a daily newspaper in not more than 50 words. (4)**

**OR**

You are Sunil / Rekha, Head Boy/Head Girl of 'The Millennium School'. Write a **Notice** in not more than **50 words** for your school Notice Board asking the students to participate in the **English Exhibition** to be held in your school. Invent necessary details. (4)

**IV.** You are a resident of Gorakhnagar. You are disappointed to learn that the fields and forest areas around your town are going to be converted into concrete skyscrapers for commercial and residential purposes. Write a **letter to the editor** of a local newspaper in about **120 to 150 words** highlighting how detrimental this change would be for the residents. Also give suitable suggestions to evade this problem. **(6)**

**OR**

Draft an **application** in about **120 -150 words** for the **post of an accountant** in Pioneers Pvt. Ltd. Co. Hyderabad in response to their advertisement that appeared in India Times dated 10th September, 2018. Prepare a **bio-data** to be enclosed. You are Reena / Ronald. **(6)**

**V.** You are Amit/ Amrita. You believe that if every citizen of the country is educated and made aware of his/her rights and duties, our country could become one of the most powerful nations of the world. Write an **article** on "**Education- Path to Enlightenment and Power**" in about **150 - 200 words**. **(10)**

**OR**

The Information Technology has provided new avenues to the students for knowledge, creativity, discovery as well as job opportunities at home and abroad. Computers have brought in a silent revolution. Write an **article** in **150 - 200 words** showing how the information technology has provided the younger generation new opportunities, joys of discovery and thrill of creativity. You are Mania / Mohit. **(10)**

**VI. The following passage is not edited. There is a mistake in each line. Find the mistake. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. (4)**

The process of borrowing the book from the school library is very simple. Each student is issuing a library card. The library maintains the record of all books in catalogues. The student which wants to borrow a book have to fill up a requisition slip bearing the name of the book and it's author. If it is available, it is at once issued for the student against his borrower's card. In case it has being issued to another card holder, the student is asking to contact on a particular date when the book is due.

- Eg. the a
- a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. \_\_\_\_\_

**VII. Re-arrange the following words to make meaningful sentences: (2)**

- a. world/pottery / crafts / across the / is / the / one of / oldest / practiced
- b. has been / of ancient / wheel-made / cities / in the ruins / found / pottery

**VIII. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with suitable words: (4)**

Roald Dahl's love (a) \_\_\_\_\_ his children inspired him to write for the young minds, for children (b) \_\_\_\_\_ have an insatiable sense of curiosity (c) \_\_\_\_\_ a mind that can be nurtured with

excitement. In 1961, he wrote *James and the Giant Peach* and (d) \_\_\_\_\_ few years later came '*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*'. (e) \_\_\_\_\_ stories were made (f) \_\_\_\_\_ films which the children found incredibly exciting. *Fantastic Fox, The Witches and Matilda* (g) \_\_\_\_\_ three other great works of (h) \_\_\_\_\_ brilliant writer.

### SECTION C: LITERATURE

(30 Marks)

IX. Read the extract given below and answer any three questions that follow:

(3)

*"I descend to lave the droughts, Atomies,  
dust - layers of the globe,  
And all that in them without me were  
seeds only, latent, unborn;"*

- With what purpose does the rain descend from the sky?
- How does the rain help the seeds?
- What does the word 'lave' in the above extract mean?
- What is latent and unborn? Why?

OR

*"Then with eerie delicate whistle- chirrup whispering  
She launches away, towards the infinite  
And the laburnum subsides to empty."*

- Who has been described in the first line?
- What impression is created by the description?
- Explain the second line.
- Name the poetic device used in the first line.

X. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(9)

- A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart. In what context was this observation made and by whom? (The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse)
- When the people are pious and good, even Nature mourns their death. Justify with reference to 'The Portrait of a Lady'.
- Compare and contrast the reactions of the children and the adults when faced with extreme danger in 'We're not Afraid To Die.....Together'.
- What do the Laburnum and Goldfinch symbolize in "The Laburnum Top"? Explain.

**XI. Answer any one of the following questions in about 120-150 words: (6)**

a. A. R. William says, King Tut is "In death, as in life moving regally ahead of his countrymen". How far do you agree with the assertion and why?

**OR**

b. We, today known as the 'World's most dangerous animal', are custodians of the future. Discuss.

**XII. Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: (6)**

a. The narrator should have been happy with the articles of her mother but she decided to forget the address. Why did she take this decision?

**OR**

b. What impression do you form of the narrator in 'Ranga's Marriage'? How does he add to the humour of the story?

**XIII. Answer any one of the following question in 120-150 words: (6)**

a. What is the essence of the lesson, 'The landscape of the Soul'? Explain the concept of Yang and Yin.

**OR**

b. Each photograph is a memory.' Justify this statement in the light of the poem 'A Photograph'

\*\*\*\*\*The End\*\*\*\*\*