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ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

Note:- "Attempt any 68 Marks out of 80 Marks".

SECTION-A

(Reading Comprehension)

(15 marks)

Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions
that follow : (1×5=5)

The merry children spilling

Out of their homes, but after the airport's

Security check, standing a few yards

away, I looked again at her, wan, pale



As a late winter's moon and felt that old

familiar ache, my childhood's fear, but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma;

All I did was smile and smile and smile

(i) Which word is the synonym of 'wan'?

(a) Colourless

(b) Cheerful

(c) Colourful

(d) Young

(ii) Why does the poet display a fake smile?

(a) to make herself happy

(b) to make her mother happy

(c) to make others happy

(d) to hide her pain

(iii) 'Smile and smile and smile', which poetic device is this? ✓

(a) Personification

(b) Simile

(c) Metaphor

(d) Repetition

(iv) Who is the poet of the poem?

(a) P.B. Shelly

(b) W.B. Yeats

(c) Kamala Das

(d) Ted Hughes

(v) What was the poet's childhood fear?

Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

(1×5=5)

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us in our day's work. The early riser has done a large amount of hard work before other men have got out of bed. In the early morning the mind is fresh and there are few sounds or other distractions so that work done at that time is generally well done. In many cases the early riser also finds time to take some exercise in the fresh morning air and this exercise supplies him with a fund of energy that will last until the evening. By beginning so early, he has plenty of time to do thoroughly all the work. All his work being finished in good time, he has a long interval of rest in the evening. He gets to sleep several hours before midnight, at the time when sleep is most refreshing and after a sound night's sleep, rises early next morning in good health and spirits for the labours of a new day.

Actually sunrise coincides with a natural surge in cortisol, our body's 'wake-up' hormone. This translates to increased alertness, sharper

- focus, and a natural aversion to that afternoon slump. Waking early in sync with the sun regulates our sleep-wake cycle; thus leading to deeper, more restorative sleep at night. This nocturnal recharge powers our day with renewed vitality.

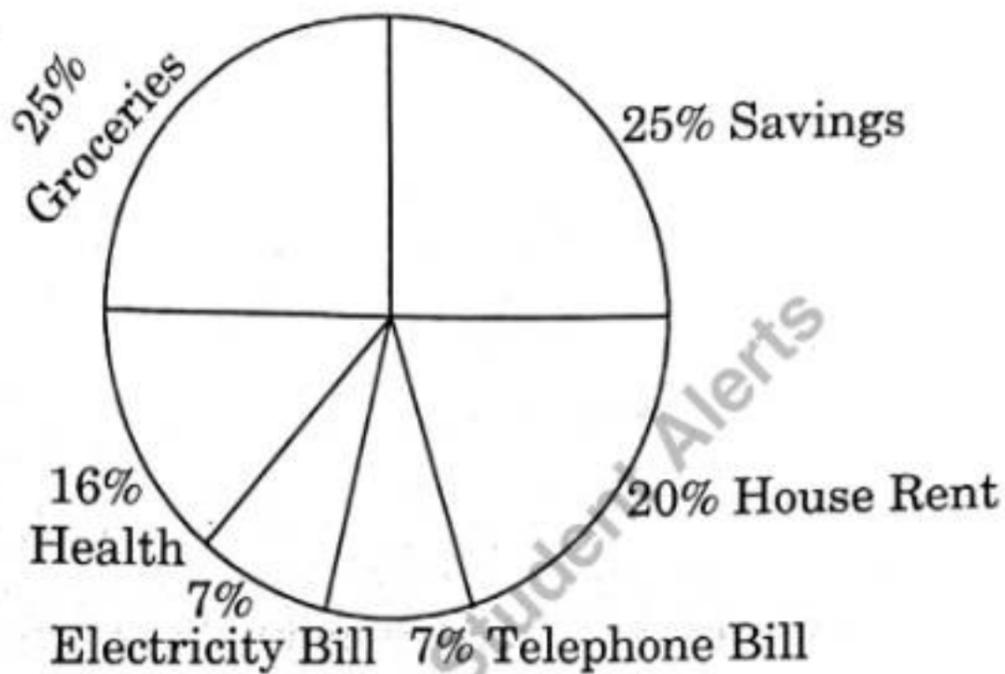
Moreover, witnessing the birth of light is a breathtaking spectacle. This daily ritual fosters gratitude for the beauty and wonder of existence, nurturing a sense of connection to something bigger than ourselves. The serenity of dawn makes it the perfect time for meditation/prayers. In the tranquil quiet, one can delve deeper into introspection, practice mindfulness, and find solace in the stillness of the mind so, shed the blankets, greet the dawn and experience the transformative power of early rising.

Questions :

- (i) What is the spiritual benefit of early rising?

- (ii) Another word for 'distraction' is
- (a) disturbance
 - (b) fun
 - (c) noise
 - (d) amusement
- (iii) A sleep of several hours before midnight is most _____.
- (iv) Who finds time to take some exercise in the morning?
- (v) In the early morning :
- (a) mind is fresh and there are few sounds
 - (b) mind is lazy and there are few sounds
 - (c) mind is fresh and there is noise

The pie-chart below shows the percentage wise breakup of spending pattern of a family in a month. Total amount earned in a month is Rs.50,000. Study the pie-chart and answer the questions : (1×5=5)



25000

12,500

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- (i) The maximum expenditure is on _____.
- (ii) How much is the saving?
- (iii) The total house rent is
- (a) 10,000
- (b) 5,000
- (c) 20,000

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(iv) The total amount (in percentage) spent on bills is _____.

(v) How can a family increase its savings?

SECTION-B

(Grammar)

(10 marks)

4. Fill in the blanks by using appropriate articles (a, an, the)

_____ old woman was sitting on _____ bench near my house.

_____ woman looked unhappy. (3)

5. Rewrite the following passage in indirect form : X

The traveller said, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest inn?"

"Yes", said the peasant. (3)

✓ There are four errors in the following passage indicated by numbers in the brackets, correct the errors and rewrite the corrected passage. (4)

A (1) integrated circuit or microchip as it is generally call (2) is a tiny component that are (3) heart and soul of all single electronic device (4) from washing machine to traffic signals.

SECTION-C

(Writing Skills)

(25 marks)

7. ✓ Complete the following dialogue between Ravi and Anil : (4)

Ravi : I am going to Singapore next week.

Anil : Really ? Have

Ravi : No, I have applied for it. Visa is not a problem.

Anil : Why

Ravi : I am going to visit my cousin who lives there.

Anil :

Ravi : Sightseeing? Of course! Singapore is a tourist's delight,
they say.

You are the monitor of your class. Your science teacher has asked you to prepare a notice for the students of class X. Using the information given in the following notes, write a notice on behalf of your science teacher in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box. (3)

- Pre-Board Practical Examination
- Subject-Science and Technology
- Date and time-2nd of March; 9 : 00 AM to 11 : 30 AM
- At New Science Lab

9. Read the following telephonic conversation between Sneha and Ronit.

As Ronit's sister is not at home and he himself has to leave for a game of tennis, he writes a message for his sister. Write the message from Ronit to his sister, Pooja in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box. (2)

Sneha : Hello! Is this 3214141?

Ronit : Yes, May I know who is calling?

Sneha : I am Sneha, Pooja's classmate, Could I speak to her please?

Ronit : I am his brother this side. Pooja has gone to the market.

Sneha : Could you please tell her that I won't be coming to school for three days because my cousin's marriage has been fixed and we all are leaving tonight. She must submit my leave application.

Ronit : Don't worry. I will certainly convey the message.

Sneha : Thank you.

10. Attempt any **one** of the following :

(5)

- (i) Write a letter from M/s B.K. Sharma and Sons, Jammu to M/s Arihant Prakashan, New Delhi requesting to supply the books.
- (ii) Write a letter to your father explaining him the reasons of your not scoring good marks.

11. Attempt any **one** of the following :

(5)

- (i) Write an article for a leading newspaper highlighting the damage that plastic bags do to the environment (80-100 words):

- Plastic bags everywhere – plastic pollution
- Take hundred years to decay
- Burning – toxic fumes
- Cut down use of plastic bags – carry cloth bags for shopping
- Develop environment friendly biodegradable plastics.

(ii) Write a paragraph on "The Day before an examination",
(80-100 words).

- A tense day
- State of uncertainty
- Many revisions
- Crucial hours for preparation
- Many reference books
- Examinee – apprehension
- Day of disturbed mind
- Must try to keep thoughts focussed.

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \times 10 \\ \hline 130 \\ \hline 130 \end{array}$$

12. Construct a readable story from the outline. Give a suitable title.

(200-250 words) :

(6)

A king distressed — his people lazy — to teach them a lesson — a big stone put — middle of the road — merchants pass and go round it —

An officer driving in his carriage — a young soldier came riding did

the same — cursed the stone — blamed the government — king had the stone removed — under it was an iron box marked, “for the man —.” — inside a purse full of money — The people were ashamed.

SECTION-D

(Literature)

(30 marks)

13. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

(3×3=9)

- (i) Do you think Griffin misused his discovery? How?
- (ii) What does Anne write in her first essay?
- (iii) Write the character of Antonio.
- (iv) How did Mandela’s “hunger for freedom” change his life?
- (v) How did Mammachi stand out as an independent and resilient woman in the text?

14. Answer any *three* of the following questions :

(3×3=9)

- (i) ‘Subject me not to trials, shame not my human form’. Explain.

- (ii) 'Weasel and crow as if moulded in brass'. Explain the simile used.
- (iii) What are the memories that the poet talks about in the poem, 'From I Explain a Few things' ?
- (iv) 'But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you'. Explain.
- (v) What makes the poet tired in 'An Evening wet with Rain'?

15. Answer any **one** of the following questions : (1×6=6)

- (i) Why was Matilda always unhappy?
- (ii) What was the atmosphere at the Hyde Park?
- (iii) Explain the portrayal of 'Generation Gap' in 'Abhiley'.

16. Answer any **one** of the following questions : (1×6=6)

- (i) 'The proposal is in danger of being forgotten'. Why?
- (ii) Describe the scene when Natalya and Lomov quarrel over their dogs.
