

# ENGLISH

(302)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :**
- (i) This Question Paper consists of **two** Sections, viz., 'A' and 'B'.
  - (ii) **All** the questions from Section 'A' are compulsory.
  - (iii) Section 'B' has **two** options. Candidates are required to attempt questions from **one option** only.
  - (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.

## SECTION - A

1 Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) He stared strangely at the watch in his hand. The crystal was cracked, the top was broken, he turned the watch over and held it closer to the lamp. He studied the worn inscription there.

"To Private T. Evans, Ambulance Section, whose personal bravery preserved our lives the night of November 3, 1943 near the Italian front. Nurses Nesbitt, Jones and Wingate."

- (i) Why did the doctor stare strangely at the watch ? 1
- (ii) What did the doctor realise when he held the watch closer to the lamp ? 1



(iii) What information did the inscription give about Evans ? 1

(iv) Which words in the extract are similar in meaning to the  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

following expressions ?

- words cut in stone or metal.
- in an unusual or surprising way.

**OR**

When my mother learned of my father's decision to send me to the Dadar School, she was appalled. She could not understand the reason for sending me nine hundred miles away from home to attend school with orphans and children of the poorest classes. Yet she placed her faith in my father's superior judgement, and in her quiet way, she agreed.

(i) How did the writer's mother react when she learned of his father's decision to send him to the Dadar School ? 1

(ii) What is it that the writer's mother failed to understand ? 1

(iii) Why did she agree finally ? 1

(iv) Which words in the extract are similar in meaning to the  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

following expressions ?

- showing horror and disgust at something unpleasant.
- an opinion that is formed about something after thinking about it carefully.



(b) The tiger, roaring with pain, now sprang upon Baldeo, bringing him down and then tearing at his broken body. It was all over in a sharp few minutes. Baldeo was conscious only of a searing pain down his back, and then there was blackness and the night closed in on him forever.

(i) Describe the way the tiger attacked Baldeo. 1

(ii) What was the only thing that Baldeo was conscious of? 1

(iii) Quote the words which suggest that Baldeo was no more. 1

(iv) Which words in the extract are similar in meaning to the following expressions?  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

- so strong that it seems to burn.

- to be aware of something.

OR

In the tumult and confusion of our time, we stand facing both ways, forward to the future and backwards to the past, being pulled in both directions. How can we resolve this conflict and evolve a structure for living which fulfils our material needs and at the same time, sustains our mind and spirit? What new ideals or old ideals, varied and adapted to the new world, can we place before our people, and how can we galvanize the people into wakefulness and action?

(i) What is the conflict that the writer is keen to resolve? 1

(ii) What kind of a structure for living does the writer want to be evolved? 1



(iii) What is the writer's chief concern about the people of India ? 1

(iv) Which words in the extract are similar in meaning to the following expressions ?  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

- to make people react in a dramatic way.
- a confused situation, often involving large number of people.

2 Answer any **three** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : 2×3=6

- (a) What did Sunil's uncle Mr. Narayan Masurekar notice when he came to see the baby in hospital ? (My First Steps)
- (b) What difference does the writer see in his mother's nature and his grandmother's ? (Father, Dear Father)
- (c) Name some sources of clean renewable energy. (Fuel of the Future)
- (d) Why was the intruder a hunted rat ? (If I Were You)

3 Answer the following in about 60 words : 6

"Bholi's meeting with her teacher was a turning point in her life".

Quote details from the text in support of the above statement.

(BHOLI)

OR

What is the truth Aradhana wanted to find out ? What did she actually discover ?

(I MUST KNOW THE TRUTH)



4 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Where the mind is without fear  
and the head is held high

Where knowledge is free

Where the world has not been broken  
up into fragments by narrow domestic walls;

Where words come out from the  
depths of truth;

- (a) What is meant by "mind is without fear and head is held high" ? 1
- (b) What does the poet mean by "Where knowledge is free" ? 2
- (c) What kind of world does the poet visualise for his country ? 2

OR

What is this life if full of care

We have no time to stand and stare ?

No time to stand beneath the boughs.

And stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see when woods we pass

Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

- (a) What does the poet mean by the phrase, "stand and stare" ? 1
- (b) What is it that sheep and cows do for which we have no time ? 2
- (c) What does the poet think we need time for when we pass the woods ? 2



- 5 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Sita is a new student who has joined our school recently. It took us a few days to get used to her because she walks with the help of crutches. Her legs were afflicted by polio when she was very young. What makes her really special is the fact that she has a beautiful smile on her face all the time.

Watching her struggle to walk makes me realize how lucky I am to be able to run and play. Though Sita cannot join us in playing games, she sits and watches us without any trace of regret or self-pity.

Talking to her is very inspiring because she always looks at the brighter side of things. She always expresses her gratitude to God for giving her caring parents and friends. No one has ever heard her complaining about or discussing her disabilities. On the other hand, she participates enthusiastically in all the class activities and goes out of her way to help others in whichever way she can. No wonder she has become popular with both the staff and the students.

- (a) Why did the students take time in getting used to Sita ? 2
- (b) What made Sita really special ? 2
- (c) The writer talks about an inspiring experience, what was it ? 2  
What was it and why was it an inspiring experience ?
- (d) How did Sita become so popular with both the staff and the students ? 2



6 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

One of the most deadly and destructive of all the diseases that prey upon mankind is malaria. Over one million people die of it every year in India alone. It is the cruel enemy both of the white and the coloured races in most tropical countries. Some scholars declared that the break up of the ancient Greek civilization was caused by great epidemics of malaria. In the Middle Ages people realized that the infection was most prevalent in places where water was stagnant, places such as marshes and swamps. Thinking that the air was to blame, they gave the disease the name malaria, 'bad air'. Not until nearly the end of the nineteenth century was the great discovery made that it was not the stagnant water nor was it the marshy air, which spread malaria. The guilty factor was actually the mosquito breeding in such water and conveying the malarial parasite to healthy human beings.

- (a) Why has malaria been called the most deadly and destructive of all the diseases that prey upon mankind ? 2
- (b) How did the disease 'malaria' get its name ? 2
- (c) What was the great discovery that was made at the end of the nineteenth century ? 2
- (d) Which words in the passage are similar in meaning to the following expressions ? 2
- an area of low land that is always soft and wet.
  - a large number of cases of a particular disease happening at the same time in a particular community.



7 Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow :

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An estimated seven million children a year travel alone by air, many as young as seven. Some are travelling between home and their boarding schools in the UK, particularly from Asia. Last year, one airline alone carried 3000 flyers aged between five and eleven. Specialist staff are provided by airlines, known in the trade as 'aunties', to escort these transcontinental commuters from check-in to aircraft. They have to reassure nervous flyers and give them cuddles, and even clean clothes if necessary.

The children tend to be treated as VIPs, being seated and fed before the other passengers. They pass the time with video games and puzzles and are so well looked after that many say they prefer flying solo to travelling with their families.

- (a) An estimated \_\_\_\_\_ (i) \_\_\_\_\_ travel alone by air, \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ seven. 1
- (b) Last year, one airline alone \_\_\_\_\_ (i) \_\_\_\_\_ flyers aged \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ eleven. 1
- (c) Specialist staff are provided by airlines, \_\_\_\_\_ (i) \_\_\_\_\_, to escort these \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ from check-in to aircraft. 1
- (d) They pass the time with \_\_\_\_\_ (i) \_\_\_\_\_ that many say they \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ with their families. 1





- 8 Read the passage given below and make a summary in about 100 words :

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My grandfather immediately pulled me inside the house and we hid behind an almirah. There was darkness everywhere. The men entered the house and started looking for us. One man entered the room we were in. He shone his torch and in the beam of light I clearly recognized the person. He was our neighbour Tutu. I could not believe my eyes. I was filled with anger and I sprang out of my hiding place and charged towards him. Tutu at once put his arms around me and closed my mouth. He made a lot of noise. The other men asked him if he had found someone. He asked them to go upstairs to look for us. He then dragged me to the back door and asked me to go to his house. I did not want to leave Grandpa behind. He said he would take care of him. His mother was waiting for me. I cried for a while. Tutu's mother assured me that my Grandpa would be safe and Tutu will definitely bring him home. After all the noise subsided we heard footsteps and then both Grandpa and Tutu entered the house. I was very relieved and cried a second time.

- 9 Fill in the blanks in the following sentence with appropriate passive form of the verbs given in brackets :

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To overcome gum inflammation, some fresh blue berries (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (squash), water (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (add) to make a paste, which (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (apply) over the inflamed gums.



- 10 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate form of the verbs given in brackets : 4

I \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (write) this book because I \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (worry) about the future of democracy. Globally, democracy \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (face) threats on many levels. In India, the younger generation's frustration with the current political system \_\_\_\_\_ (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (translate) into impatience with democracy itself.

- 11 Combine the following pairs of sentences using the connectors given against each pair : 4

- (a) (i) The examination was over.  
(ii) The boys rejoiced.

(when)

- (b) (i) Sidhant helped his friends.  
(ii) He loved them.

(because)

- (c) (i) A good education is the best road to success in life.  
(ii) My mother believes it.

(that)

- (d) (i) The man committed a burglary last night.  
(ii) The man has been caught.

(who)



12 Report the following conversation in indirect speech :

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Sid : I am hungry. Let's order something from the 'Corner-Cafe'.

Siya : Their ad says, they can deliver within forty minutes. Do you have their Menu at home ?

Sid : Yes, I am ordering a pizza. And you ?

Siya : I think I'll have a cheese burger and a cold coffee.

13 Write a paragraph of about 100 words on any **one** of the following topics :

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(a) You have a cute little pup 'Oreo', who is very funny. Describe his behaviour and funny habits.

(b) My Favourite T.V. Serial.

(c) Failures are the Pillars of Success.

14 Study the following advertisement and then write suitable letter of application :

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**XYZ NEWSPAPER DATED 10-8-2015**

REQUIRED A STENOGRAPHER SECRETARY, PREFERABLY A TRAINED LADY GRADUATE WITH FIVE YEARS' EXPERIENCE, FOR CHALLENGING POSITION IN A FIVE STAR HOTEL. GOOD ENGLISH ESSENTIAL. APPLY WITHIN 10 DAYS, STATING SALARY EXPECTED, TO P.O. BOX 11119, MUMBAI - 400060.



- 15 The following passage has seven mistakes of spellings and other grammatical inaccuracies. Spot the errors and provide corrections in your answer book.

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One has been done as an example :

to an astronomor, a solar eklipse is mere shadow play. This is a occasion when the moons shadow under the Sun fall on the earth, and to an obserber, the Sun becomes momentarily invisible.

S.No.	ERROR	CORRECTION
1	to	To
2	—	—
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- 16 Read the following passage carefully. Make notes in points only, using appropriate headings and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations :

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AMUL is the short form of Anand Milk Union Limited. AMUL began in 1949 when Dr. Kurien took up the job of organizing milk production at Anand in Gujarat. He was the first person to think of setting up dairy cooperatives, supported by medical services for dairy cows and buffaloes as well as cattle breeding centres. A cooperative is a business owned and run by the people involved, with the profits shared by them. In 1965 he became head of the National Dairy Development Board or NDDDB. His job at NDDDB was to produce an AMUL model for the whole nation. Five years later, in 1970, he launched Operation Flood. Operation Flood has been rated as the world's largest dairy development programme. Do you know why ? Operation Flood has six million dairy owners in 75,000 village cooperatives producing and marketing milk in 500 cities and towns across India ! Amazing, isn't it ?

For his services to the nation Dr. Kurien has been honoured with the Padma Shri, the Padma Bhushan, the Padma Vibhushan, the Magsaysay Award, the World Food Prize — the list is endless. And yet this humble man from Kerala never tires of saying that his success is entirely due to the efforts of the farmers in Gujarat !



## SECTION - B

- Note :**
- (i) Attempt any **one** of the two options.
  - (ii) **All** the questions should be attempted from the same option.

### OPTION - I

#### [E.S.P. FOR RECEPTIONISTS]

- 17 What is the role of a receptionist in an organization ? What are the qualities of an efficient receptionist ? 4
- 18 Complete the following statements :  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ is a register in which all callers have to write their names, date and time of arrival.
  - (b) The receptionist works in what is called the \_\_\_\_\_.
- 19 Write notes on : 6
- (a) Early Morning Call Sheet
  - (b) Internal Telephone Directory
  - (c) Registration Form / 'C' Form



- 20 Read carefully the following replies given by a receptionist to a caller and decide whether they are polite or impolite. Write your answer in the answer book. 2
- (a) Yes, of course, Mr. Mittal. I'll give her your message.
- (b) I don't know.
- (c) I am sorry, Mr. Ramachandra is not in his room.
- (d) Are you Nitish Puri ?
- 21 What are the two common problems that a receptionist faces while handling telephone calls ? 2

**OPTION - II**

**[E.S.P. FOR OFFICE USE]**

- 17 Write an e-mail addressed to the members of Resident Welfare Association, informing them about the change in the date and time of the first quarterly meeting. 2
- 18 Complete the statements : 2
- (a) Electronic communication is fundamentally different from \_\_\_\_\_ communication.
- (b) Office memos are neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor notices.
- (c) Communication in office is quite different from \_\_\_\_\_ communication.
- (d) While drafting letters of complaint we must state clearly what \_\_\_\_\_ to do.
- 19 What are the two very important kinds of communication in office ? 1



20 Read the following advertisement published in a local daily :

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REQUIRED  
MALE, FEMALE  
ARTIST  
FOR  
FILMS & T.V. SERIAL PRODUCTIONS  
BASED IN DELHI & MUMBAI

250, FILM CITY  
SHIVALIK  
NEW DELHI-110017

Write an application for consideration.

21 Read the following statements carefully, then decide whether they are True or False. Write your answer in the answer book :

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- (a) A tour report is generally written in the form of a memo.
- (b) While writing an accident report, get immediately to the point.
- (c) To prepare for an interview one must buy designer clothes.
- (d) It is always advisable to be a little late for an interview.
- (e) Reports are a form of written communication.
- (f) You should aim to get a job that gives you a high pay.