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[Maximum Marks : 100

Instructions :

- 1) There are Five sections in this question paper A, B, C, D and E.
- 2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 3) Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
- 4) Number the answers correctly.
- 5) Write in legible handwriting.

SECTION - A

- Write whether the following sentences are true or false : [4]
- 1) When emotions have taken you over, it becomes possible to think very clearly.
 - 2) The carbon footprint is a subset of the ecological footprint.
 - 3) Titles, position and knowledge encourage you to be something.
 - 4) Love is not a freeware.
- Find and write the nearest meanings : [3]
- 5) eliminate — determine, remove, include, overcome
 - 6) drizzling — heavy rainfall, flood, light rain, wind
 - 7) trivial — very big, giant, heavy, small
- Select the most appropriate language functions from the brackets and write them against the given sentences : [3]
- [Expressing reason, Expressing result, Showing habitual action in the past, Showing contrast]
- 8) Bhavesh is so intelligent that he can convince anybody on any issue.
 - 9) Salim Ali used to watch birds when he was at his maternal uncle's home.
 - 10) All the trains have been cancelled today because of heavy rain.

■ Select the most appropriate responses :

11) Ashish : What should I do to improve my handwriting?

Teacher : _____
 _____ (Giving advice)

- (A) You must start writing passages in your notebooks.
- (B) You have to start writing passages in your notebooks.
- (C) You should start writing passages in your notebooks.
- (D) You would have started writing.

12) Mr. Patel : Why did you send your son to the USA?

Mr. Raval : _____
 _____ (Expressing purpose)

- (A) I sent my son to the USA so that he could earn more money.
- (B) I sent my son to the USA with a view to earn more money.
- (C) I sent my son to the USA in order to earning more money.
- (D) I sent my son to the USA so that he can earn more money.

13) Parul : How does Dr. Srushti treat patients?

Mr. Mehta : _____
 _____ (Expressing supposition)

- (A) Dr. Srushti treats patients like an expert.
- (B) Dr. Srushti treats patients as if she were an experienced doctor.
- (C) Dr. Srushti treats patients as an experienced doctor.
- (D) Dr. Srushti treats patients like an experienced doctor.

14) Vipul : Which shirt have you worn today?

Vijay : _____
 _____ (Talking about a thing in relation to something)

- (A) I have worn the shirt as my brother wore yesterday.
- (B) I have worn the same shirt that my brother wore yesterday.
- (C) I have worn such shirt as my brother wore yesterday.
- (D) I have worn the same shirt today as my brother wore yesterday.

- **Select the most appropriate questions to get the underlined words/phrases as their answers :**

[4]

- 15) We hear the noise of birds in the morning.
- (A) How do we hear the noise of birds?
 - (B) What do you hear in the morning?
 - (C) When do we hear the noise of birds?
 - (D) When did we hear the noise of birds?
- 16) Sarita hid her sister's purse in the cupboard.
- (A) Where did Sarita hide her sister's purse?
 - (B) What did Sarita hide in the cupboard?
 - (C) Why did Sarita hide her sister's purse?
 - (D) Whose purse did Sarita hide in the cupboard?
- 17) Mr. White held the paw in his hand.
- (A) What did Mr. White hold in his hand?
 - (B) What did Mr. White held in his hand?
 - (C) Who held paw in his hand?
 - (D) Where did Mr. White hold the paw?
- 18) I feel very comfortable with my friends.
- (A) What do you do?
 - (B) How do you feel with your friends?
 - (C) When do you feel comfortable?
 - (D) Why do you feel comfortable with your friends?

SECTION - B

- **Read the extracts and answer the questions :**

[12]

Climate change and global warming are dramatically urgent and serious problems that can lead to calamitous consequences. We do not need to wait for governments alone to find solutions to these terrible problems. Each individual can play an important part by simply adopting a more responsible lifestyle beginning with some little, everyday Dos and Don'ts. It is the only reasonable way to save our planet, before it is too late.

- 19) Which are the two serious problems?

- 20) How can each person play an important role to save our planet?

Headache gives the sufferer a touch of importance. All other aches sound crude and physiological and sensitive people would not mention them. No other ailment can be so openly mentioned with impunity. You could mention headache in the most elegant social gathering and no one would be shocked by it. The only expression which is superior to headache is indisposition.

- 21) Which ailment can openly be mentioned?

- 22) What is superior to headache?

Sojourner Truth (ca. 1797-1883) was a black American freedom fighter and orator. She was born Isabella Baumfree in Ulster county, New York, the daughter of an African named Baumfree (after his Dutch owner) and a woman called Elizabeth. About the age of 9, she was auctioned off to an Englishman named John Neely. The Neelys understood very little of Dutch jargon and as a result she was often brutally punished for no real reason.

- 23) Who were the parents of Sojourner Truth?

- 24) Why was Sojourner Truth punished very often?

The function of education, then, is to help you from childhood not to imitate anybody, but to be yourself all the time. And this is the most difficult thing to do; whether you are ugly or beautiful, whether you are envious or jealous, always to be what you are, but understand it. To be yourself is very difficult, because you think that you are ignoble and that if you could only change what you are into something noble, it would be marvellous but that never happens.

- 25) What is very difficult?

- 26) What is the function of education?

I know what I am talking about. My sources of information are as good and reliable as anybody else's. I have papers and magazines from England, France, Germany and Austria that I can read myself. Not all the editors I have met can do

that. Quite a number of them have to take their French and German second hand. No, I will not depreciate the editors.

27) From which countries does the writer have magazines and papers?

28) Find out similar words for the following from the passage :

(i) Criticize (ii) Trustworthy

Customer Service Rep. : No problem. Love will automatically erase PASTHURT.EXE from your current operating system. It may remain in the permanent memory, but it will no longer disrupt other programmes. Love will eventually overwrite LOWESTEEM.EXE with a module of its own called HIGHESTEEM.EXE. However you have to completely turn off GRUDGE.EXE and RESENTMENT.COM.

29) What will remain in the permanent memory?

30) Which programmes will the customer have to turn off completely?

■ Write any one short note focusing on the questions :

[3]

31) Appropriateness of the title 'Adjustment'.

- How did Nana and Nani live together?
- How did Nani adjust with Nana?
- How did the children and their mother adjust themselves?
- How was Nana changed after Nani's death?
- How is the title appropriate?

OR

Walt – A man of imagination and a creator.

- How was Walt?
- How was his personality?
- How was Walt for his brother?
- How was Walt for the writers?
- What did Walt bring to people's homes through his TV shows?
- What was his dream project?

- **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in the brackets :**

[3]

[version, partial, outcomes, concentrate]

If there could be a number of different positive 32, then simply 33 on visualising one 34 today and another tomorrow.

SECTION - C

- **Read the following passages and answer the questions :**

[5]

When I regained consciousness, I found myself in a hospital bed, surrounded by family, friends and teammates. Also at my side were doctors, the determiners of my future. In a matter of moments they would tell me the severity of my injuries.

I was told that I would have to undergo an extremely rarer surgery. This type of surgery had only been performed a limited number of times, with a mere 50 percent success rate. After some thinking, I decided to undergo the surgery, knowing that either way, many challenges would await me.

Questions :

- 35) Where did the writer find herself when she became conscious?
- 36) Who were to decide her future?
- 37) What did she decide at last?

One day the Guru set out for the capital. The two disciples accompanied him. As usual, they argued over many issues most of which were useless.

A heavy shower detained them midway at a rest house. They resumed their journey after the rains subsided. By the time, they approached the town, it was past midnight. The capital was protected by a high circular wall and the gates used to be locked at midnight by sentries (soldiers who guard the buildings) who camped atop the wall.

Questions :

- 38) When did the Guru and disciples start their journey again?
- 39) How was the capital protected?

- Read the following passage, write its summary and suggest a suitable title to it :

[5]

40) There was a farmer, once, who was cross and surly (unfriendly) and a very disagreeable man. Everyone who knew him disliked him. He was sure to make the most of whatever went wrong about him and the poor offender always met with severe punishment. There was not a boy in all the neighbourhood who did not feel uncomfortable as he passed his gate; and the poor dog that barked at his geese, or the neighbour's rooster that crowed on his wall, was speedily visited either with the lash of his whip (blow or stroke with a whip) or the shot from his gun. The very cat knew his footsteps, and slunk away (moved away) from him in terror. He was a complete pest, so much so to himself as to those about him. Every day brought him some fresh trouble, and found him in continual 'hot water' (in a difficult situation); indeed, his very life was made up of broils. (full of tensions).

B c A
M c A

- Read the news clipping and answer the questions :

[5]

'Govt. to think over GST on Health Insurance'

New Delhi

Times of India

Sept. 1, 2024

The GST council has established a group of ministers to scrutinize the GST on health insurance policies. Currently premiums for both health and life insurance are subject to an 18% tax. This initiative was announced during the 54th council meeting, chaired by Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi.

This comes after reports that the council was likely to offer substantial relief to individuals and senior citizens by reducing the GST rate on health insurance premiums. In the year 2023-24, the centre and states collected ₹ 8,262.94 crore GST from health insurance premiums - The 54th GST council meet began on Monday at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi.

Questions :

- 41) Why has the GST council established a group of ministers?
- 42) What is the GST on health insurance at present?
- 43) By whom was the 54th council meeting chaired?
- 44) How much was the GST collection during the year 2023-24?
- 45) Where was the 54th council meeting held?

■ **Read the stanzas and answer the questions :**

[6]

The vapours rise
 To the morning skies,
Clad in a purple glory;
 While the love light glows
On th' Eternal snows
 Upon the summits hoary
And the Himalaya's Queen,
 Calm and serene
Returns the heaven's greeting.

Questions :

- 46) Which two adjectives does the poet use for Kangchenjunga?
- 47) Where does the love light glow?
- 48) Who is Himalaya's Queen?

I was a fashioner of swords
In days that now are gone
Which on a hundred battlefields,
Glittered and gleamed and shone.
But now that I am brimming with
The silence of the Lord, ~
I have ceased to be sword - maker
And have learned to be the sword.

Questions :

- 49) What was the poet in the past?
- 50) With what is his heart overflowing?

- 51) This stanza is about _____ (choose correct option)
- (A) self-realization of the poet.
 - (B) gain from fighting battles.
 - (C) advantages of getting materialistic things.
 - (D) benefits of harming others.

SECTION - D

■ Do as directed :

[4]

- 52) When I reached to school, the boys were playing football. The girls were arranging chairs on the ground. The sports teacher was giving instructions to the girls. The principal was watching them.

Start like this : When I reached to school, football was being _____.

- 53) A meeting is held in the hall. The principal comes to address the students. He tells them that exam is near and you have to prepare well.

Start like this : A meeting will be _____.

- 54) Render the following dialogue into indirect speech :

[3]

Customer Service Rep : Can you find the directory called 'SELF-ACCEPTANCE'?

Customer : Yes, I have it.

Customer Service Rep : Excellent, you are getting good at it.

Customer : Thank you.

■ Complete the sentences choosing correct option :

[5]

- 55) Very few children _____

(Comparing)

- (a) are more intelligent than Harshiv.
- (b) are more intelligent then Harshiv.
- (c) are as intelligent as Harshiv.
- (d) are the most intelligent as Harshiv.

56) Priya sings songs _____
(Showing manner of action)

- (a) as if she was Shreya Ghoshal.
- (b) as if she were Shreya Ghoshal.
- (c) as she is Shreya Ghoshal.
- (d) as Shreya Ghoshal does. (sings)

57) The storm blew so furiously _____
(Expressing result)

- (a) that many trees fell down.
- (b) that many trees fall down.
- (c) then many trees fell down.
- (d) because many trees fell down.

58) Is this the same shirt _____?
(Talking about a thing or person in relation to something)

- (a) that was worn by your brother yesterday?
- (b) as was worn by your brother yesterday?
- (c) which was worn by your brother yesterday?
- (d) who was worn by your brother yesterday?

59) If Yash had walked faster, _____
(Expressing condition in the past)

- (a) he can have reached school in time.
- (b) he could reach school in time.
- (c) he could have reached school in time.
- (d) he may have reached school in time.

60) **Combine the following sentences to make a meaningful sentence :**

That cheque did not get cleared.

The cheque was drawn to be in favour of her friend.

Mitali had insufficient balance in her bank account.

[3]

■ **Questions 61 to 64 : Complete the passage choosing the correct options from the brackets :**

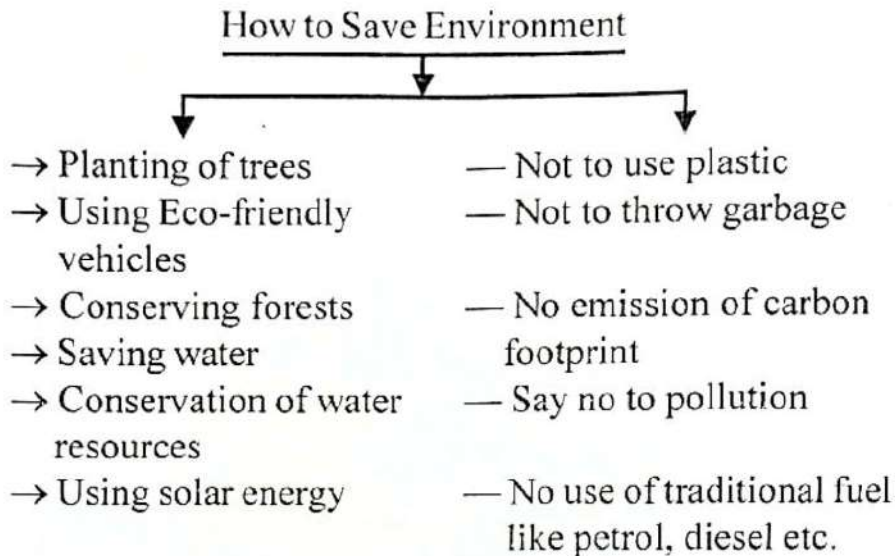
The ants organised the work in this way, 61 (where, while, that) some were carrying 62 (up, on, into) the 63 (bite, bits, beats) of insects in front and cleared away any sand or stone 64 (who, as, that) obstructed the way.

[4]

SECTION - E

- 65) Study the following data and describe it in about 80 words :

[5]



OR

- 65) Write a story based on the following points and give it a suitable title :

(For blind students only)

(Points : A fox – forest – hungry – No food – wanders – a garden of grapes – happy – grapes were high – jumps – can not reach – sighs – moral of the story.)

- 66) Write a paragraph in about 150 words using the keywords :

[8]

- Your favourite Cartoon Series :

(Points : Name of the series – main characters – creator of the show – story of theme of the series – why you like it.)

OR

- Superstitions :

(Points : What is superstition? – How do they prevail? – various superstitions in the world –

superstitions about animals, birds, numbers etc.
– people’s beliefs – scientific review.)

OR

- My favourite National Leader :

(Points : So many leaders – your favourite national leader
– his/her name – contribution to the nation –
role – achievements – why is he/she your
favourite?)

- 67) You are invited as a chief guest on the Sports Day in your school. You have to deliver a speech on ‘Importance of Sports in Life’. Draft that speech in about 100 words :

[6]

(Points : Sports day – Importance of sports – health is wealth – how sports help to maintain health – daily routine – physical as well as mental health.)

OR

Shree Krishna Vidyalaya, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad-01 is in need of a computer operator. Apply on behalf of Punit Shah, 105, Shyam Bungalows, Baroda.

- 68) Vishva Patil (vishva2001@smail.com) wants to write an e-mail to the Principal of her school (principal@cmail.com) requesting him to grant her a leave for ten days.

[5]

OR

Prepare a brief report in about 100 words on how Independence Day was celebrated in your school. You may use the following points.

(Points : Place – Date – preparations – songs of patriotism – flag hoisting ceremony – National anthem – various activities and cultural programmes – speech of chief guest.)

