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Communicative English and General Proficiency

Time : 3 Hours

Max.Marks: 80

SECTION-A

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

I. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions:

"I am a stranger to you, but no matter : I have something to tell. I have just arrived home from Mexico, and I learned about that episode. Of course, you do not know who made that remark, But I know, and I am the only person living who does know. It was Goodson. I knew him well, many years ago. I passed through your village that very night, and was his guest till the midnight train came along. I overheard him make that remark to the stranger in the dark — it was in hale alley. He and I talked of it the rest of the way home, and while smoking in his house. He mentioned many of your villagers in the course of his talking — most of them in a very uncomplimentary way, but two or three favorably; among these latter yourself. I say 'Favorably' —nothing stronger."

1. Identify the type of passage choosing the correct alternative: 02

- i) Argumentative ii) Narrative
iii) Autobiographical iv) Descriptive

2. Fill in the blank with the suitable Antonym of the underlined word: 01

He passed in the examination. But many of his friends _____

3. Choose the correct synonym for the underlined word. 2x1=2

- i) At last she arrived.
- a. Left b. Reached
c. Ran d. Went
- ii) I overheard what they said.
- a. understood b. Heard by chance
c. Asked d. Missed

4. Choose one word from the above passage which will give the following meaning. 01

A person not known.

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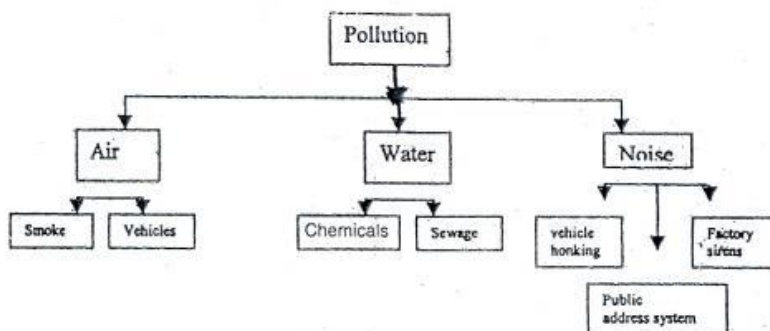
5. Fill in the blanks using the correct Prefix/Suffix to the word given in brackets. 2x1=2
- i) Don't speak _____ of him. (favourable)
 - ii) I want to _____ all these things. (learn)
6. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the given alternatives. 2x1=2
- i) Do you _____ the matter? (no/know)
 - ii) Did she _____ you anything? (tale/tell)

II Read the following passage and answer all the questions below it:

There is an incident which occurred at the examination during my first year at the high school and which is worth recording. Mr. Giles, the educational inspector, had come on a visit of inspection. He had set us five words to write as a spelling exercise. One of the words was 'Kettle'. I had mis-spelt it. The teacher tried to prompt me with the point of his boot, but I would not be prompted. It was beyond me to see that he wanted me to copy the spelling from my neighbour's slate, for I had thought that the teacher was there to supervise us against copying. The result was that all the boys, except myself, were found to have spelt every word correctly. Only I had been stupid. The teacher tried later to bring this stupidity home to me, but without effect. I never could learn the art of 'copying'. Yet the incident did not in the least diminish my respect for my teacher. I was by nature blind to the faults of elders.

1. When did the incident "worth recording" take place? And because of whom? 02
2. What was the test set by the educational inspector? 02
3. What did the teacher try to do with the writer? How? 02
4. What was the writer's "stupidity"? 02
5. Find words from the passage which mean. 02
 - a. A happening or an event
 - b. To provide a clue or a hint.
6. Write a precis of the above passage. 05

III Interpret the following flow chart in about ten sentences. The chart shows how pollution is caused. 05



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SECTION - B
GENERAL PROFICIENCY

IV Answer any THREE of the following questions in about 300 words each : 3x10=30

1. Why does Nehru differentiate between freedom and power? How does Nehru define the new Nation's Foreign Policy?
2. Why is the "Past quarter of a century" so significant in Nehru's view? What role has the national flag played in it?
3. What are the contents of the note attached to the sack? What are the first reactions of Mrs. Richards to that note?
4. What were the men who had received Howard L. Stephenson's letter thinking about that Saturday night? What were their wives thinking?
5. What does the Rev. Burgess say about the well-earned reputation of Hadleyburg? How do the citizens of Hadleyburg react to it?

V Answer any TWO of the following in about 150 words each : 2x5=10

1. What purpose does the design of the flag fulfil, according to Nehru?
2. What type of wheel is represented on the new flag? Why was it chosen?
3. What news does crito bring to Socrates?
4. What is the question that socrates identifies for discussion?
5. Why did some of the leading citizens' wives approach the architect? What was the architect's reaction?
6. Describe the scene at the town hall just before Rev. Burgess makes his appearance.

VI Explain any TWO of the following with reference to the context. 2x5=10

1. "So I present this flag to you. This resolution defines the flag which I trust you will adopt".
2. Soc : What? Has the ship come from delos, on the arrival of which I am to die.
3. "Mercy on us, and the door not locked !"
4. Then cox said, in a vexed tone: "what possessed you to be in such a hurry, I can't make out".
5. "Hadleyburg village woke up world celebrated — Astonished — Happy — vain."

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