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ENGLISH

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Time : 3 Hours



SECTION- A

COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH

I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

I am a foreigner and presently going back to my own country, to settle there permanently. I am grateful to America for what I have received at her hands during my long stay under her flag; and to one of her citizens-a citizen of Hadleyburg - I am especially grateful for a great kindness done to me a year or two ago. Two great kindnesses, in fact. I will explain. I was gambler. I say I WAS. I was a ruined gambler. I arrived in this village at night, hungry and without a penny. I asked for help-in the dark; I was ashamed to beg in the light. I begged of the right man. He gave me twenty dollars - that is to say, he gave me life, as I considered it. He also gave me fortune; for out of that money I have made myself rich at the gaming table. And finally, a remark which he made to me has remained with me to this day, and he at last conquered me; and in conquering has saved the remnant of my morals: I shall gamble no more. Now I have no idea who that man was, but I want him found, and I want him to have this money, to give away, throw away, or keep as he pleases. Its merely my way of testifying my gratitude to him.

1. Write the synonyms of the underlined words by choosing the correct answer from the multiple choice. 3x1=3

- a. The money he gave me saved whatever was left of my morals.
- i) story ii) painting
iii) principles iv) confidence
- b. The stranger was not ashamed to tell the truth.
- i) willing ii) asked
iii) proud iv) guilty.
- c. Mittal has made a fortune by selling steel.
- i) luck ii) chance
iii) predict iv) wealth

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2. Fill up the blanks with the Antonyms of the underlined words. 3x1=3

a. Some of the buildings are permanent but a few others are just _____ structures.

- i) short ii) multistoried
iii) temporary iv) tents

b. The Railway Time Table has information about the arrival and _____ of trains.

- i) platform ii) departure
iii) entry iv) timings

c. Ramu has a great sense of right and _____

- i) correct ii) opposite
iii) read iv) wrong

3. Write one-word substitutes for the following: 2x1=2

a. A person who plays cards and bets money on horses.

b. The name of the currency used in America.

4. Choose the correct word and fill up the blanks: 2x1=2

a. Raju was so poor that he did not have a _____ on him. (poney/ penny)

b. That money _____ me rich. (maid/ made)

II Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. Keep your answers short and to the point.

David Livingstone, the second son of a poor Scottish family, went to work 14 hours a day in a cotton mill when he was only ten years old. In the early 19th century there was no free education, so David set to work to teach himself. By the time he was twenty, he had learnt more than many people who go to school, and he had made up his mind to train as a doctor and go abroad as a medical missionary. He worked very hard, and by the time he was twenty seven he had completed both his medical missionary training. About that time Livingstone met Dr. Moffat, a medical missionary, home from Kuruman in South Africa, and Moffat persuaded him to come to Africa. So, Livingstone, set off for the 'Dark Continent' where he spent the rest of his life and became world famous as the greatest explorer of Central Africa.

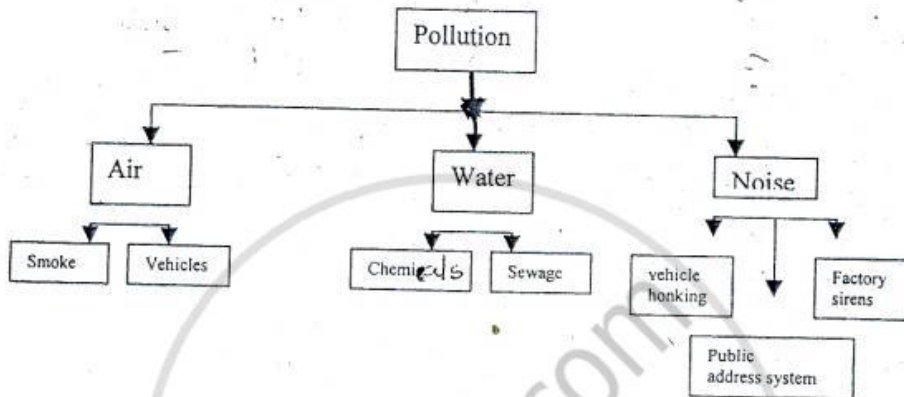
1. a. Identify the type of passage choosing the correct alternative :

- i) Autobiographical ii) narrative
iii) prescriptive iv) argumentative. 02

b. Give two reasons as to why Livingstone could not go to school. 02

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- c. What was his achievement when he was twenty seven years old? 02
- d. Where did Dr. Muffat work? 02
- e. Name the country which is 'home' to both Dr. Muffat and Livingstone. 02
2. Write a Precis of the above passage on David Livingstone. 05
- III Interpret the following flow chart in at least ten sentences. This chart shows how pollution is caused. 05



SECTION - B

GENERAL PROFICIENCY

- IV Answer any THREE of the following in about 300 words each: 3x10=30
- What role has the Flag played in the Struggle for Freedom?
 - Why does Nehru call Asokan period an "International" period of Indian history?
 - How does the stranger control the action of the story in 'The Man who Corrupted Hadleyburg'?
 - Why does Mary Richards think that the town's honesty is artificial?
 - Why is Hadleyburg forced to change its name and motto? Comment on the new motto.
 - What according to Jawaharlal Nehru is the new nation's foreign policy?
- V Answer any TWO of the following in about 150 words each: 2x5=10
- Why is the 'past quarter of a century' so significant in Nehru's view?
 - What news does Crito bring?
 - What type of a wheel is represented on the new flag?
 - Why was Jack Halliday a puzzled man?
 - Why did the stranger plan to corrupt Hadleyburg?
 - What is the method of discussion that Socrates proposes to Crito?

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

- a. "This resolution, Sir, is in simple language, and there is no glow or warmth in the words that I have read. Yet I'm sure that many in this house will feel that glow and warmth which I feel at present.
- b. Crito : 'I come here to bring you a message which is sad and painful'
- c. "To Be Published ; or the right man sought out by private enquiry - either will answer. This sack contains gold coins weighing a hundred and sixty pounds four ounces".
- d. He began to form a plan at once, saying to himself, "That is the thing to do - I will corrupt the town."
- e. "Very well, madam, it is no matter. I merely wanted to leave that sack in his care, to be delivered to the rightful owner when he shall be found".