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ENGLISH — Paper II

Time Allowed : $2\frac{1}{2}$ Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

PART - A

- I. Rearrange the following sentences in logical sequence and rewrite in a paragraph using connectors wherever necessary : 5 + 5

1. He ran speedily towards the fence.
2. Grandfather had to go through an ostrich farm.
3. His dog left him giving a chase to a hare.
4. He was accompanied by his dog.
5. A male ostrich bounded towards him.

- II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below in a sentence or two each :

Usually, when school began, there was a great bustle which could be heard out in the street. One could hear the opening and closing of desks, lessons repeated very loud, without hands over our ears to understand better, and the teacher's great ruler rapping on the table. But now it was all so still ! I had counted on the confusion to get to my desk without being seen. But, of course, that day everything had to be as quite as Sunday morning. Through the window I saw my classmates, already in their places. Mr. Hamel was walking up and down with his terrible iron ruler under his arm. I had to open the door and go in before everybody you can imagine how I blushed and how frightened I was.

1. What was the usual situation when school began ? 2
2. How different was the situation in school on that particular day ? 2
3. Who was Mr. Hamel ? 2
4. Why was Mr. Hamel looking so serious and sad ? 2
5. Who was the boy and how did Mr. Hamel react to his entry ? 2

- III. Answer any *two* of the following in an essay form within 200 words each :

2 × 10 = 20

1. Narrate the encounter of the author with the tribal people in Orissa.
2. Justify the title "stolen banana" relating it to the story.
3. Write an essay on the clues that helped Sherlock Holmes to nail the culprit.
4. Narrate how Sivagami succeeded in changing her father's attitude.

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PART - B

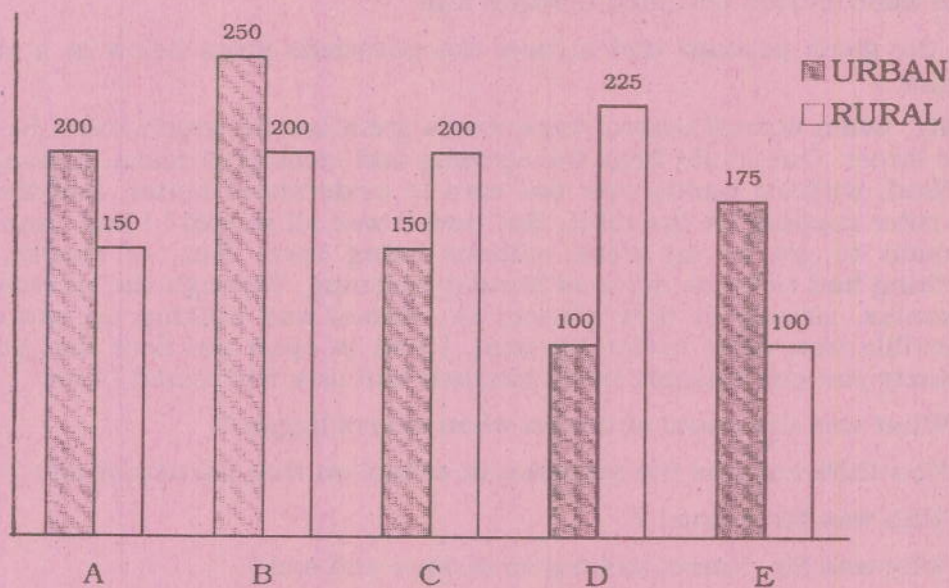
- IV. Write a précis of the following passage reducing it to one-third of its length : 10

The use of tobacco can also seriously impair the user's health. It can lead to cancer, heart attack, strokes and chronic lung disease. Babies born to mothers who smoke are often smaller and less healthier than babies born to mothers who do not smoke. Bronchitis and Pneumonia are serious illnesses common in babies born to parents who smoke, but less common in babies born to parents who do not smoke. Babies whose parents smoke also have a greater risk of suffering from chronic lung disease after they become adults.

We know that alcoholic beverages actually poison the body. Drinking alcohol causes changes in mood and results in lack of judgement and restraint, slurred speech, staggering and clumsiness. Larger amount of alcohol can produce drowsiness, stupor and even death. People who become addicted to alcoholic beverages are called alcoholics. They drink so much of alcohol that damages their health completely.

- V. Read the diagram given below and answer the questions : 5

Number of branches of five banks in urban and rural areas.



Questions

1. What is the total number of rural banks shown in the chart ?
2. What is the ratio of rural branches to the urban branches in the block C ?
3. State the blocks having equal number of banks either in rural or urban.
4. Mention the name of the block containing the least number of banks in this chart.
5. Which block has the largest number of urban banks ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

A popular technique for discouraging undesirable behaviour – especially with younger children – is called the "time-out". During a "time-out", children are required to stay in their room or sit quietly by themselves. Studies have shown that time-outs are effective when used correctly and consistently, increasing compliance with parental expectations by as much as 80 per cent.

Time-outs should not be too long as the child could construe frequent, prolonged time-outs as parental rejection.

VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly : 5 × 1 = 5

1. After that, Susai took another route for the village.
2. I don't knew whether it was the dog's bark or my own shouting.
3. The banana bunch were brought home.
4. That day it was tamarind rice tarnished with fresh roasted peanuts.
5. They turned towards the Principal with horror written in their faces.

VII. Read the given poem and answer the questions given below : 10

"Child, how happy you are sitting in the dust, playing with a broken-twig all the morning!"

I smile at your play with that little bit of a broken-twig

I am busy with my accounts, adding up figures by the hour

Perhaps you glance at me and think, "What a

Stupid game to spoil your morning with!"

Child, I have forgotten the art of being absorbed in sticks and mud-pies.

I seek out costly playthings, and gather lumps of gold and silver with whatever you find you create your glad games.

I spend both my time and strength over things I can never obtain.

Questions :

1. What is the child doing ?
2. Which, according to the child, is a stupid game ?
3. What has the poet forgotten ?
4. Why does the narrator seek out costly playthings ?
5. How does the poet spend his time and strength ?

OR

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Paraphrase the poem given below :

Here's an example from

A Butterfly;

That on a rough, hard rock

Happy can lie;

Friendless and all alone

On this unsweetened stone.

Now let my bed be hard

No care take I:

I'll make my joy like this

Small Butterfly;

Whose happy heart has power

To make a stone a flower.

- VIII. 1. Write a letter to a dealer of electronic goods regarding a defect in an electric rice-cooker recently purchased. 10

OR

2. Write a letter to your cousin explaining what made you opt for the Science group in you Higher Secondary course.

OR

3. Write a letter to The Editor, Deccan Chronicle highlighting the usage of cellphones among youngsters.

(Sign yourself as X. If you write your Name, Reg. No. or Address, your answer paper will not be valued)

- IX. Build up a dialogue between a passenger and a clerk at the Railway Enquiry counter. 5

OR

Complete the dialogue with at least *five* exchanges :

Teacher : Children, you should not bring polythene covers to the school.

Student : Why, Ma'm ? What's wrong with polythene covers ?

Teacher : (complete)

- X. Read the given passage and prepare an attractive advertisement : 5

Sale : Latest designs in men's and ladies' wear. For three days only 30% discount available on all items. Venue : Fair Grounds, Stall No. 113, Coimbatore.

- XI. Expand the idea contained in the following statement in about 100 words : 10

Many a drop make an ocean.

OR

Money is a good servant, but a bad master.