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ENGLISH — Paper IITime 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 could see the silhouette of a bear near the door.
2. It seemed to be knocking at the door from the outside.
3. He moved to the window near the rear door and looked out.
4. The Principal heard the grating sound of metal against wood.
5. It rattled the rear door for almost half an hour.

- II. Read the given passage and answer the questions given below in a sentence or two each : 10

For sometime we sat in silence. Then on his own he poured out his grief. The bunch of bananas he was holding was the first mature fruit from his garden.

His children had never tasted any such fruit. When one of the banana bunches was ready, it became the centre of intense attention. On the quiet, they even tasted a raw banana but found it no good. He showed me the stub of the missing banana. So, they waited for them to ripen. Several times everyday, regularly, like the refrain of a song, the children would run to the plant and look up expectantly at the big bunch. So much so, that they kept a watchful eye on it even during their games.

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The day finally came. The banana bunch was brought home. To accelerate the ripening, it was also kept near the hearth. The day before, there had been no rice at home and the entire family was nearly starving. At night after the children went to sleep, he and his wife held a very serious discussion. Should the children eat the bananas or should the bananas be sold in the market in order to buy rice and salt ? They took the painful decision to sell.

1. Had the children ever tasted the bananas they grew ?
2. What did the stub of the missing banana show to the writer ?
3. Write the comparison mentioned about the children's visit to the plant.
4. What would accelerate the ripening of the fruits ?
5. What was the subject of the decision between the old man and his wife ?
Why ?

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

$2 \times 10 = 20$

1. Write an essay on the clues that helped Holmes to solve the mystery.
2. How did the author's grandfather escape from the attack of the ostrich ?
3. Narrate how Sivakami was able to bring about a change in her father's attitude.
4. How does the mother's instinct help the seagull to take the first flight ?

PART - B

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

One of our most difficult problems is what we call discipline and it is really very complex. You see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizen, shape his mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns.

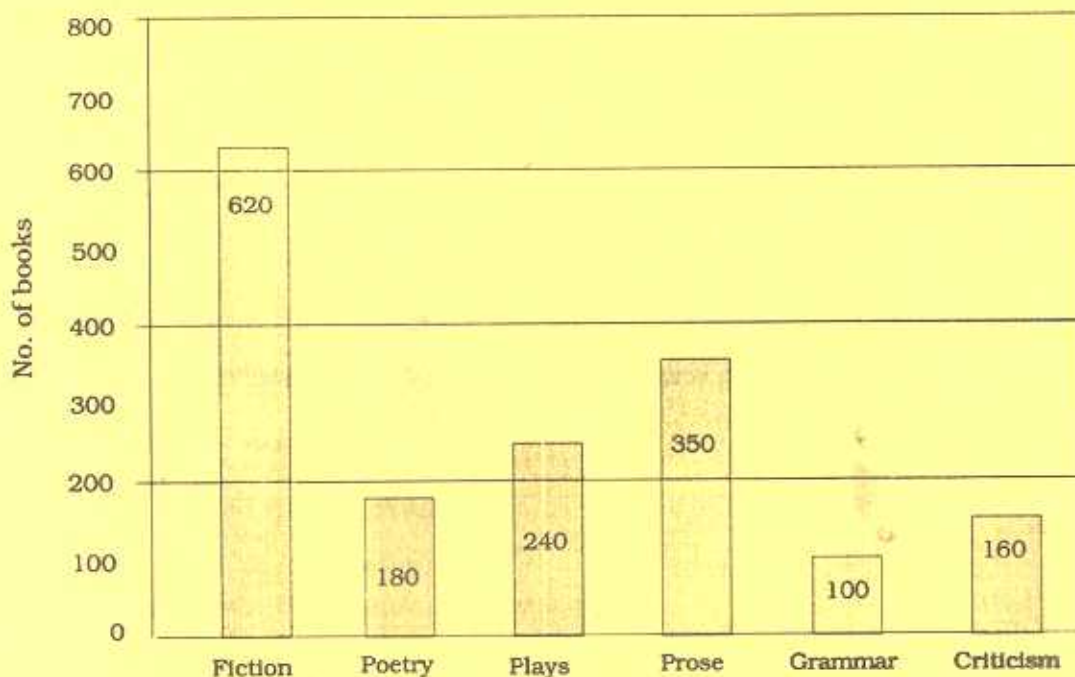
Now, is discipline necessary to all ? Please listen carefully, don't immediately say, 'Yes' or 'No'. Most of us feel, especially while we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed to do whatever we like, and we think that it is 'freedom'. But merely to say that we should be free and so on, has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline.

The keen athlete is disciplining himself the whole time, isn't he ? His joy in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit makes him go to bed early, restrict from smoking, eat the right food and generally observe the rules of good health.

V. Study the graph given below and answer the questions :

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Titles in a Library



Questions :

1. What does the graph represent ?
2. What title has a large number of books ?

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3. Which titles need improvement ?
4. What is the total number of books ?
5. Which title has the minimum number of books ?

OR

Read the following passage and make notes :

Birds have many shapes and sizes of wings. The type of wings depends on the way the bird lives and needs to be able to fly. People have tried to copy the birds. What sort of a flying the wings are designed to ? Long wings are best for gliding. Most seagulls have long slim wings and can glide across the seas and oceans for hundreds of kilometres. The bird albatross glides so well that it can sleep while flying. Short wings let a bird twist and turn sharply. Birds like the kingfisher have short wings as they twist and turn among the branches of trees and swoop and dive for fishes in the rivers. Wide wings are best for soaring. Eagles have this type of wings.

- VI. Rewrite each of the following sentences correctly : 5 × 1 = 5
1. One of the banana was even tasted.
 2. The amnesia is the loss of the memory.
 3. Sammy found it difficult to make his choice among the two shirts.
 4. I cannot be able to do that job.
 5. Neither of your suggestions are practical.

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

I wanted to be Shakespeare,
But was poor at writing plays,
I wanted to be Jane Austen,
But didn't know to spin stories
I wanted to be Ramanujam
But Maths gave me a headache,
I wanted to be Columbus,
But did not like to travel

I wanted to be Tennyson,
But didn't know to write poetry,
I wanted to be Archimedes,
But was weak in Physics.
I wanted to be Gandhiji,
But didn't have the patience
I wanted to be Bismarck,
But I felt I was too weak
I finally wanted to be myself
and I'm so good at it.

Questions :

1. Why could not the author become a Shakespearé ?
2. Did the writer know to write stories ? What did he want to become ?
3. What should one have to become like Gandhi ?
4. What is the greatness of Bismarck ?
5. When can a person become good ?

OR

Paraphrase the poem given below :

Speak gently to the aged one,
Grieve not the careworn heart ;
The sands of life are nearly run,
Let them in peace depart.

Speak gently to the erring ones
They must have toiled in vain ;
Perhaps unkindness made them so,
Oh ! Win them back again.

Speak gently ! — it is a little thing
Dropped in the heart's deep well,
The good, the joy that it may bring,
The rolling years shall tell.

VIII. Answer in a page any one of the following :

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1. Write a letter to your brother in Singapore asking him to send you a personal computer.
2. Write a letter to your Principal asking him / her to certify your article that you want to send to a newspaper for publication.
3. Write a letter to the Health Officer of the Corporation complaining about accumulation of garbage in your street corner.

(Note : Do not write your name, address or register number in your letter. If you write them, your answer paper will not be valued. Sign X instead of your name).

- IX. Build up a dialogue between a policeman and a tourist who needs some guidance.

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OR

Complete the dialogue with at least 5 exchanges :

Mother : Stop playing now, Beena ! You're on the computer all the time.
What a waste of time !

Beena : Ma, I don't agree with you. It's not a waste of time. I'am
not

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

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There is an opening of a brand new Toy Shop in a residential area which includes books for children too with 20 per cent discount.

Contact No. 25214674

No. 14-B, Amar Flats, Gandhi Road,

East Tambaram, Chennai.

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

A bad workman blames his tools.

OR

Prevention is better than cure.
