

Section – A

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

1. Read the following paragraph and answer the questions that follow:

Full thirty days after Ramzan comes Id. It is a “glorious” morning. Trees look greener, the fields more “Luxuriant”, the sky more colourful. Look at this morning’s sun. How lovely, fresh looking! As if they all were congratulating the world on this day of Id. The village is full of excitement. People are getting ready to go to the Idgah. One man needs a button on his kurta; he rushes to the neighbour for a needle and thread. Another finds that the leather of his shoes has hardened; he runs to the grocer for some oil. There is a rush to feed the cattle; it will be late getting back from the “Idgah”. A walk of three miles, greeting hundreds of people; it would be impossible to return before noon!

The boys are the happiest. Some had fasted only for a day, and that too only up to mid-day; some not even that but their joy at going to the Idgah could not be less. Fasting is for grown-ups and old people. They had waited eagerly for the Id and at last the day has arrived. Now they are impatient. Why aren’t the grown-ups hurrying up? They are not bothered about the problems in a household. They don’t care if there is no sugar and milk in the house for the sweets. They are only interested in having them.

They never tire of taking the treasure out of their pockets counting and recounting it. Mehmood has counted his twelve paise over ten times. Mohsin has a fortune—fifteen paise! Out of this “countless hoard” they will buy innumerable things—toys, sweets, trumpets, balls and much more.

But the happiest of the lot is Hamid. This boy is four or five-year old, thin and lean. His father has died of cholera the “previous year” and his mother also died soon after that. Hamid now lives with his old grandmother, Amina and is just as happy as ever.

- A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1×4=4

(i) After Ramzan comes Id in _____.

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| (a) full thirty days | (b) full sixty days |
| (c) full ninety days | (d) full ninety five days |

(ii) It is a glorious morning when _____.

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| (a) the trees look greener and the sky more colourful | (b) ponds look full |
| (c) seas look wavy | (d) houses look newer |

(iii) People are getting ready to go to the _____.

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| (a) playground | (b) warfield |
| (c) Idgah | (d) office |

(iv) Mohsin has _____ paise.

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| (a) twelve | (b) thirteen |
| (c) fourteen | (d) fifteen |

B. Answer the following questions in not more than 30 words (*any two*):

2×3=6

(i) How many paises do Mehmood and Mohsin have?

Ans:

(ii) Why are the boys happiest?

Ans:

(iii) How is the morning on the day of Id?

Ans:

C. Answer the questions that follow (*Attempt any three*):

5×3=15

(i) What is Id? How is it celebrated by the villagers?

2+3

Ans:

(ii) How are the joys of Mehmood and Mohsin reflected on the auspicious occasion of Id? 5

Ans:

(iii) Who are the boys referred to in the text? How many times do they count their paises? What is meant by “countless hoard”?

2+2+1

Ans:

- (iv) How is the old people attracted by the Idgah? What preparations do they have for the same?
3+2

Ans:

- (v) How many miles do the people walk to go to the Idgah? Who is the happiest boy? How old is he?
2+2+1

Ans:

2. Read the poem below and answer the questions as per instruction.

To one who has been long in city pent,
'Tis very sweet to look into the fair
And open face of heaven,—to breathe a prayer
Full in the smile of the blue firmament.
Who is more happy, when, with heart's content,
Fatigued he sinks into some pleasant lair
Of wavy grass, and reads a debonair
And gentle tale of love and languishment?
Returning home at evening, with an ear
Catching the notes of Philomel,—an eye
Watching the sailing cloudlet's bright career,
He mourns that day so soon has glided by:
E'en like the passage of an angel's tear
That falls through the clear ether silently.

- A. Write the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

1×4=4

- (i) "To one who has been long in city pent" is an / a _____.

(a) sonnet

(b) ballad

(c) epic

(d) melodrama

(ii) The word “pent” is used in the poem to describe a man _____.

- (a) shut up in a village (b) shut up in a city
- (c) shut up in a state (d) shut up at home

(iii) The city dweller mourns in the _____.

- (a) morning (b) daytime
(c) evening (d) night

(iv) Being fatigued, the city dweller sinks into _____.

- (a) the hard mountain rock (b) the pleasant lair of wavy grass
(c) the snowy hill (d) the tumultuous sea

B. Answer the following questions in not more than 30 words (Attempt *any two*): 2×3=6

(i) Why does the city dweller think that the day has passed very quickly?

Ans:

(ii) How does the city dweller feel when he goes to the country side for a day's outing?

Ans:

(iii) What according to the poet is very sweet to look at in the poem?

Ans:

C. Answer the questions that follow (Attempt *any two*): 5×2=10

(i) Who is poet of this poem? Why is the city compared to a 'pent' in the poem? 2+3

Ans:

- (ii) Bring out a pen-picture of the city dweller as you find him in the poem. 5

Ans:

- (iii) Why does the city dweller take rest and what does he do then? 2+3

Ans:

- (iv) What elements of romanticism do you find in the poem? 5

Ans:

3. Answer the following questions in not more than 20 words: 1×3=3

- (a) Why do you find Dr. Stronetz a good friend of Prince Dimitri?

Ans:

- (b) Why doesn't Prince Dimitri want to die?

Ans:

- (c) What is the 'urgent business' of Girnitza with Prince Dimitri?

Ans:

4. Answer the questions in a sentence:

1×3=3

(a) How old is Prince Dimitri?

Ans:

(b) What does Prince Dimitri want to do after he gets to know about his illness?

Ans:

(c) What do the three officers plan?

Ans:

5. Answer the following questions within 50 words:

4×1=4

Who decides not to kill the Prince? How does Dr. Stronetz try to save the Prince?

1+3

Ans:

6. Answer the following questions in a sentence or two:

1×5=5

(a) Who has emerged to play a significant role in health care delivery system?

Ans:

(b) What policies were set by the Bretton Woods institution for the social sectors?

Ans:

(c) Name the full form of the IMF.

Ans:

(d) What was a major breakthrough for guidelines of private health sector?

Ans:

(e) What is the immediate outcome of globalization?

Ans:

Section – B

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

7. A. Choose the correct phrasal verbs from the list given below to replace the words underlined. Write the correct phrasal verbs in the boxes on the right-hand side, changing the form where necessary. There is one extra phrasal verb in the list. 1×3=3

(i) The injured soldier succumbed to death at last.

(ii) He went on a journey to England last year.

(iii) He had to quit smoking once he was diagnosed with lung cancer.

[List: gave in, set out, give up, set in]

- B. Do as directed:

1×4=4

(i) I carried out, “Save the boy, he will slip into the water” (Change the mode of narration.) 1

Ans:

(ii) I said to him, “I am so happy for your success”! (Change the mode of narration.) 1

Ans:

(iii) This decision had been taken by the authority. (Change the voice.) 1

Ans:

(iv) Can you do this for me? (Change the voice.) 1

Ans:

- C. Find out the clauses in each sentence:

1×3=3

(i) Smith was running when a dog suddenly came to his way. 1

Ans:

(ii) Rabin did not pass in the examination as he could not attend the classes. 1

Ans:

(iii) Suchi is so beautiful to see that everybody compares her with a flower. 1

Ans:

Section – C

WRITING SKILL

- 8.** Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper (within 100 words) about the use of loudspeakers in your locality. You may use the following points. 5

[Points : Loudspeakers used loudly — Problems to examinees, patients, seniors — Noise pollution]

Ans:

9. Write a story (within 100 words) using the given hints. Give a title to the story. 5

[A poor farmer bought a goose — Laid golden eggs everyday — Became greedy — Wanted all eggs at a time — Cut the belly with a knife — No egg there — Lost the goose as well as eggs.]

Ans:

- 10. A.** Write a paragraph on “Your Parents” (within 150 words) based on the following points:

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[Points: Introduction — Names of your parents — Their professions — Your love and respect for them — Their love for you — Their qualities you admire — Conclusion]

Or,

- B.** Write a paragraph on “Your Country” (in about 150 words) based on the following points:

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[Points: Introduction — Name of your country — Why do you love your country — Flora and fauna — Conclusion]

Ans: