

General Instructions:

This question paper is divided into three sections:

1. Section A (Reading) :15 marks
2. Section B (Writing and Grammar) :15 marks
3. Section C (Literature) :30 marks

All questions are compulsory

SECTION-A (Reading) 15M

Read the given passage and answer the following questions.

I'm an angel disguise with dimpled cheeks and laughing eyes. Don't you want me? I am your baby. I have come as a gift from heaven's hall in your heart. Oh, hear my call Mother keep me I am your baby Oh! Mother, let me live, don't take away my life. Mother let me live. You know it isn't right to stop me being born, I want to be yours Oh! Mother, let me live, don't take away my life. Mother let me live.

I want to live my life. Mother, you will see when you look at me and you hold me in your arms You'll fall in love with me, Like a flower in your care, I am a gift so pure and fair. Don't you want me? I am your baby. My little life please don't abort, let me live, don't cut me short. Mother, keep me I am your baby.

Q.1- Now read the questions and choose the correct option

5M

1. The poem is a cry of:

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- (a) an animal (b) an unborn baby girl (c) a daughter (d) a son

2. The speaker is in danger because:

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- (a) she is ugly (b) she is a girl (c) people don't like her (d) she is unsocial

3. The expression that expresses the girl child's desire to live is:

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- (a) I'm an angel (b) I have come as a gift (c) keep me I am your baby (d) don't you want me?

4. The mother will fall in love with the girl when:

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- (a) she will be born (b) she will be gifted (c) she will hold her in her arms (d) she will laugh

5. The poet wonders why people abort girls even when:

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- (a) they are tender, pure and fair (c) it is a crime
(b) it is a sin (d) society doesn't allow it

Q.2- Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions.

10M

For a long time, people thought that Indian history began with the Aryans. These Aryans were shepherds and cowherds at first and lived in small villages. Much later they built cities and kings ruled over them. But in 1922 a digger's spade uncovered cities of men who lived long before the Aryans.

In the valleys of Indus people lived in cities 5 thousand years ago. These cities were clean, comfortable and well-planned. Their houses had no windows but there was a courtyard in the middle and the rooms were around it. Some houses had two floors or even more.

People ground spices for curry. We can still see their grinding stones. They had big jars of clay and wooden chests to keep things in. They had beds, chairs and stools.

Now read the questions and choose the correct option

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| a. What was the thought of the people about Indian history for a long time? | 2 |
| b. What were the professions of the Aryans and where did they live? | 2 |
| c. What articles of furniture did these people have? | 2 |
| d. What did they have to keep things in? | 2 |
| e. Find from the passage:
People ground for curry. (Paragraph 2) | 2 |

SECTION-B (Writing and Grammar) 15M

Q.3- Write a paragraph on any one of the following- (50-60 words) 5M

- a) The Importance of Trees
- b) My best friend
- c) Benefits of Yoga

Q.4- Fill in the blanks with suitable words (Write your answer in your answer sheet) 5M

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| a) You _____ get more exercise. It's good for your health. | (should / must) | 1 |
| b) I _____ finish this project before the deadline. | (must / shall) | 1 |
| c) _____ you please open the window? | (could/ might) | 1 |
| d) This restaurant is _____ than the one we went to last week. | (bad/worse) | 1 |
| e) Shakespeare is known as one of the _____ novelists in English Literature. (great/ greatest) | | 1 |

Q.5- Re-arrange to make meaningful sentences (Write your answer in your answer sheet) 5M

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| i) elephant/land animal/largest/is/the | 1 |
| ii) cow/milk/us/the/gives | 1 |
| iii) we/Indians/all/proud/are | 1 |
| iv) you /mad/?/are | 1 |
| v) is/subject/English/favourite/my | 1 |

SECTION-C (Literature) 30M

Q.6- Read the stanza carefully and answer the questions

Up in the air
See the kites fly,
Like coloured birds
In the wind-whipped sky.
I wish I were small
And light as air,
I would climb on a kite
And sail up there. 5M

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| (i) Where is the kite flying? | 1 |
| (ii) Which poetic device is used in the lines " <i>Like coloured birds</i> "
a. Metaphor b. Simile c. Onomatopoeia | 1 |
| (iii) Which poetic device is used in the lines " <i>In the wind-whipped sky</i> "
a. Alliteration b. Metaphor c. Onomatopoeia | 1 |
| (iv) What is the wish of the poet? | 1 |
| (v) Why poet is willing to climb on the kite? | 1 |

Q.7- Read the extract carefully and answer the questions 5M

If Prabhat sensed that he would lose again, he would not play it. He would take part only when he was sure of winning, even if the game lasted only for a minute. You could not stop him from playing the kind of games he was really good at, like badminton.

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| i) | Complete the sentence suitably | 1 |
| | Prabhat would play a game only if _____ | |
| ii) | In which game Prabhat was good? | 1 |
| iii) | From the given passage, the write the antonym of “win”. | 2 |
| iv) | Select the most suitable option to complete the sentence | |
| | The problem of Prabhat was that he was _____ | 1 |
| a) | Good at the game | |
| b) | sure to win | |
| c) | afraid of losing | |

Q.8- Answer any **EIGHT** of the following questions. (30-40 words each) 16M

- When did the bird feel that the world is made up of leaves?
- Name any two spices and their benefits.
- Which games did Prabhat not play?
- Why do the children’s feet ache?
- How can Yoga promote harmony and balance between body and mind?
- What is Aipan? Describe.
- What is Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Programme?
- What traditional art did Ila Sachani learn?
- What was the motive behind building National War Memorial?
- Name any two spices which are used when we suffer from indigestion.

Q.9- Answer any **One** of the following questions. (50-60 words) 4M

- Write description of Ila Sachani including her struggle, skills and fame.

OR

- Describe ‘Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat’ programme. What is the importance of this programme?
