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ENGLISH

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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

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

I saw my mother, beside me,

Doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that

Of a corpse and realized with pain

That she was as old as she looked but soon

Put that thought away, and looked out at Young

Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

Out of their homes

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Turn Over

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Questions :

(i) Who is the poet ?

(a) Ted Hughes

(b) W.B. Yeats

(c) Kamala Das

(d) Ved Pal Deep

(ii) She soon put that thought out of her mind and :

(a) smiled

(b) laughed

(c) cried bitterly

(d) looked out of the window

(iii) The person in the car, beside the poetess was :

- (a) Her aunt
- (b) Her daughter
- (c) Her mother
- (d) Her niece

(iv) 'Children spilling out' is a :

- (a) Simile
- (b) Metaphor
- (c) Personification
- (d) Epithet

(v) The poetess realized that her mother was very :

- (a) Young
- (b) Energetic
- (c) Old
- (d) Ill

1×5=5

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

Today's kids can identify with none of the traditional toys. If it's girl, she's busy adding to her Barbie collection, if it's a boy there's Tarzan or Superman or even Sony's Playstation for him. Toy carts have made way for black and gold Ferraris and Lamborghinis. As for the cartwheels and windmills, few kids would know what you are talking of. Many parents feel that children cannot even differentiate between toys that are Indian and foreign. All that matters is that they should be familiar figures or trendy palythings, as seen on television. In a market-driven economy, toy manufactureres are only cashing on this trend. The fallout from this is two-fold : one, the death of India's toy-making tradition, and two, the influence of an alien culture on a child's mind. That is why some social activists have begun campaigning for a ban on what they describe as 'Western

toys'. "Indian toys are not only part of an art tradition but contribute to the well-rounded growth of an individual's personality", explains Vaidehi Thakkar, a child specialist, "Besides, they are environment-friendly since we have a custom of making toys from bio-degradable material".

Clay modellers who used to make dolls, masks, animal forms and tiny carts are no longer seen even in village fairs. Many have turned to farming or are working as coolies in big cities and the few left behind, are tying their hand at pottery and making idols during festival season.

Makers of toys from wood, paper and cloth are also complaining about the gradual extinction of an art form, but they find themselves completely powerless in countering the popularity of machine-made toys.

Questions :

(i) Indian toys help :

- (a) Keep children occupied
- (b) Develop their all round personality
- (c) Children become sensitive to environment degradation
- (d) Children learn to respect their traditions

(ii) Toy carts have been replaced by

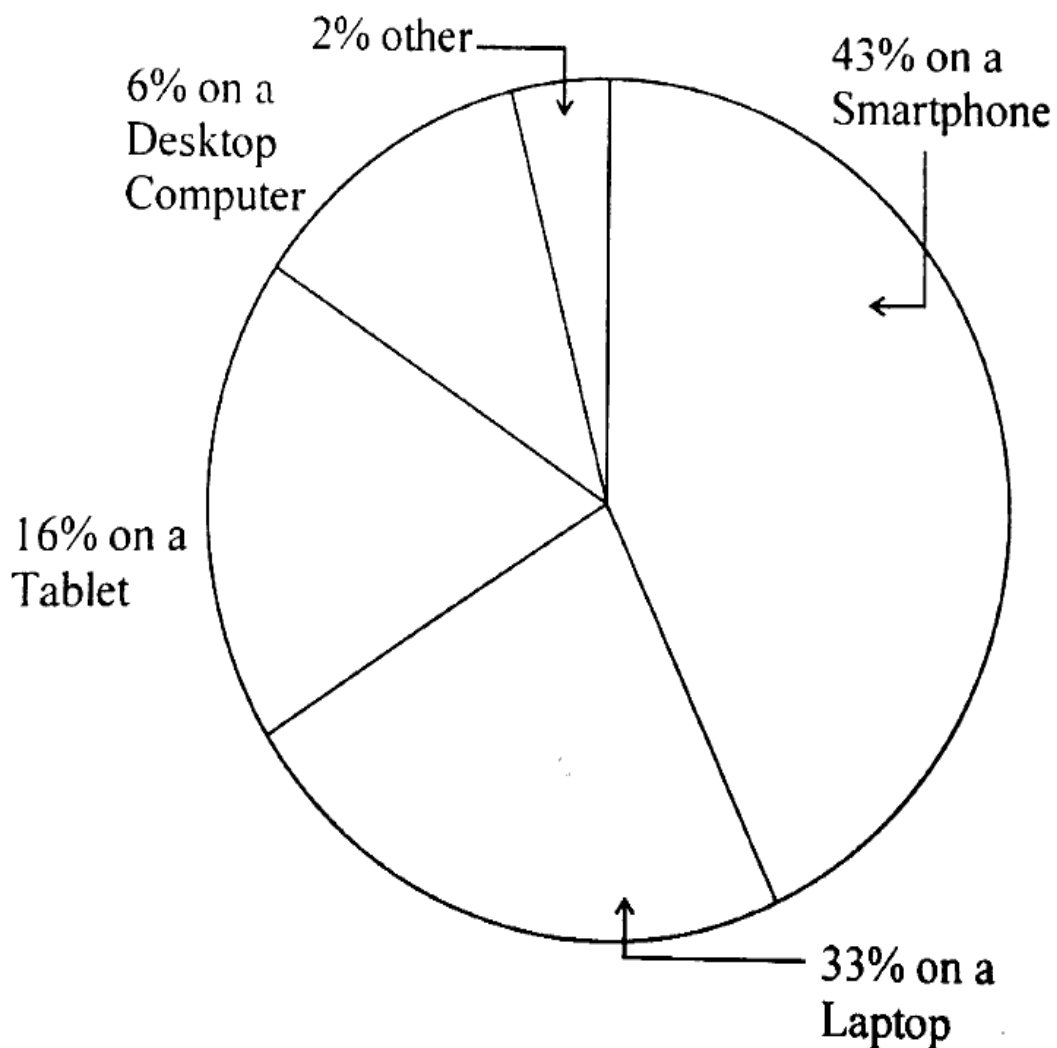
(iii) 'The death of India's toy-making tradition' is one fallout and the second one is

(iv) The Indian toys are environment friendly because they are made from

(v) Give a suitable title.

1×5=5

3. The Pie Chart below illustrates how many internet users aged 16+ prefer to access the internet at home and in other places. Study it and answer the given questions :



Questions :

- (i) What is the Pie Chart about ?
- (ii) How many persons prefer to access internet on smartphones ?
- (iii) of young people navigate internet on laptops.
- (iv) Do you think the Pie Chart truly reflects our youngsters
addiction to internet ?
- (v) What percentage of young persons like to use internet in other
places ? 1×5=5

Section-B

(Grammar)

4. Complete the following sentences by filling in 'a', 'an' or 'the' as
may be suitable :

- (i) Yesterday European called at my office.

(ii) He is not honourable man.

(iii) This is useful book.

(iv) I bought horse, ox and buffalo.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

5. Rewrite the following passage in indirect form :

As the stranger entered the town, he was met by a policeman, who

asked, "Are you a traveller ?"

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6. There are four errors in the following passage indicated by the number of brackets. Correct the errors and rewrite the passage :

An individual blink (1) around 15 times at (2) a minute. Blinking

is an involuntary action what (3) protects the eyes from dust in a

(4) atmosphere.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

Section-C

(Writing Skills)

7. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the gaps :

Customer : I want some mustard oil.

Shopkeeper : ?

Customer : I need two litres.

Shopkeeper : I'm sorry, in the stock.

Customer : Then, give me a little less.

Shopkeeper : left in the container.

Customer : Give me as much as you have and ?

Shopkeeper : Just ₹ 500 please.

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8. You are Shreyak. Your new Tennis kit has been stolen from your locker. Write a notice giving the following details :

Brief description of the tennis kit, contact name, class and section.

Also mention a suitable reward for the finder of your tennis kit.

(Not more than 50 words). Put the notice in a box.

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9. As the monitor of your class, you have to attend an important meeting with other monitors and the teachers after school. Write a message to your parents telling them that you will be late in reaching home (**50** words).

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10. Attempt any *one* of the following (about **150** words) :

(i) You are Anirudh living at Vijaypur Enclave. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper about a bad piece of road in your locality that is in need of repair.

(ii) You are Anisha. Your family has moved to a new city following your father's job transfer. You have almost settled down in the new place and new school. Write a letter to your best friend telling him/her about the new place, school and classmates.

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11. Attempt any *one* of the following :

- (i) On the occasion of Children's Day, your school is organising a declamation contest. One of the topics is 'Child Labour — The worst form of child exploitation'. Prepare a powerful speech in about **80–100** words taking ideas from the given hints :

- More than 18 million child labourers in India
- They need play, nutrition and education
- How the society at large is responsible for growing child labour
- Suggest some solutions to the problem
- Make an appeal to join hands to end exploitation of children

- (ii) Write a paragraph on 'Drug : Addiction' taking help from the given clues (80–100 words) :

Drug addiction major concern.

A large percentage youth losing lives.

No drugs without a doctor's advice.

Bad for physical, mental and emotional health
rehabilitation.

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12. Following are the hints of a story. Complete it in about 200 words and give a suitable title :

A bee — falls into a tank — a dove flies past — drops a large leaf into the water — the bee climbs on the leaf — flies away — a hunter takes aim at the dove — the bee stings — the dove is saved. 6

Section-D

(Literature)

13. Answer *three* of the following questions :

- (i) Griffin entered the shop of a theatrical company. What did he do there ?

(ii) Do you feel that mother's love is different from father's love ?

Why or why not ?

(iii) What does Anne write in her first essay ?

(iv) What is a sermon ? How is it different from a lecture ?

(v) Narrate any instance of humour from 'Pappachi's Moth'. $3 \times 3 = 9$

14. Answer *three* of the following questions :

(i) Or watch honeybees busy around the hives on a summer

forenoon.

Or animals feeding in the fields, <https://www.jkb oseonline.com>

Or the wonderfulness of the sundown, or of stars shining so

quiet and bright,

Or the exquisite delicate thin curve of the new moon in spring :

- Identify the images used by the poet.

(ii) When you are old and grey and full of sleep,

And nodding by the fire, take down this book.

● What does the phrase 'full of sleep' mean ?

(iii) Write a short note on Hughes' view of nature.

(iv) In childhood, I stood alone in my courtyard

And waves of air brought the sound of cymbals.

We regret that the days gone by don't return

How to call back times past and gone !

● Discuss the poet's regret.

(v) Who are the characters in the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' ? List them with their pet names.

3×3=9

15. Answer *one* of the following questions :

(i) Draw a character sketch of Matilda.

(ii) What are the major themes of the short story 'Abhilek' ?

(iii) How did the Coachman persuade his master to employ Gerasim ?

1×6=6

16. Answer *one* of the following questions :

(i) Why is Lomov anxious to marry Natalya ? Discuss.

(ii) How does Natalya react when she comes to know what Lomov

had come to propose for her hand ?

1×6=6