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SECTION-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks) and write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

The advancement in medical science has increased the life span of people. Today, people live longer than they used to. But unfortunately where science has provided man with longer and healthier life span, it has not provided many solutions for the problems of the aged. Undoubtedly, there has been a marked interest in the problems and psychology of aging in the last couple of years, but not much has

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been done to make people in their twilight years feel wanted, secure and happy. They feel lonely, bored and unwanted and as a consequence wither away. Love and sense of purpose in life are two things which help man to carry on under most adverse circumstances. Unfortunately, elderly people are devoid of both in the modern society.

Before the advent of industrialisation, people used to live in joint families and as such, even after retirement felt useful, sought after for advice and relived their childhood playing with their grand children. But as the joint family system broke down, and was replaced by nuclear family system, the old people became almost an unwanted lot. The old value system was replaced by a new one bringing about many social and economic changes in the society. Both husband and wife going work for sharing the burden of providing for family. It increased the communication gap and the young could no longer understand or even had time to understand the old people and began to find them interfering, rigid and a nuisance.

Most people do not plan life after retirement or on getting aged, and in Indian context, old people expect to be looked after by their offsprings, as was evident in olden days. Retirement is a period of great psychological, social, economical and physical change and when not provided the proper support, results into the a feeling of a loss of status, identity and social prestige and may take them to confusion and even depression and life seems boring and empty.

In fact it is the time of great social and psychological adjustment for both the young and the old. If they understand and accept it, the problems are fewer.

The new generation is so involved in their work so as to carve out a comfortable life in these competitive time, where everyone seems to be racing against the time. Neither they find time nor seems interested in it, the old are relegated to the position of a housekeeper and baby sitters. They have to be useful to remain in the house and accept whatever comes their way. It effects their health also and virtually

they start awaiting death. Some keeping waiting for their own to die comfortably.

It is in the light of these unhappy circumstances, some organizations began to actively think in terms of opening 'Homes For the Aged'. These homes started in the Western countries for a long but now they exist almost everywhere and in every country of the world. The concept is only now gaining acceptance for the aged.

Schools, colleges and voluntary organisations can play a vital role in making the young aware of the needs of the old people by taking them to these 'Homes' to understand the expectations and psychology of these lonely at heart people. It is no longer to be denied that aged need care and love and if they get it at home, there shall be no need of such 'Homes For the Aged'. They worked for us, they lived for us, they earned for us and in return they only need our small time, whenever available, to feel comfortable and loved to live the remaining few years with dignity.

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2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

Superstitions have played a unique role in the human life right from the beginning of the civilisation. Even today we find many people superstitious about different things and do not want to give them up for one or other reason. In fact the ancient man was ignorant about and at a loss to explain various natural phenomena like thunder, lightening and climatic changes. He knew a little about the sun, moon, comets and meteors etc., so he formulated his own theories about these celestial bodies and happenings and so devised methods to protect himself against their adverse effects. However with the advancement in science, man came to know and understand many

heavenly bodies and their characteristics. As a result, the old beliefs should have died down but somehow they continue to have their hold on people even now.

A superstition is a belief, usually born out of fear, which is contrary to reasoning and cannot be proved by experience or logic. For example, a comet was a mysterious phenomenon and was taken to be a sign of imminent plague or war or some big calamity. People also believed that if one looked at the moon for a long time, he would get 'moon struck'. In fact the word 'Lunatic' has been derived from the Latin Word 'Luna' which means 'moon'. The ancient man also failed to understand the behaviour of animals; they built up superstitions about them. A black cat crossing your path was a sign of bad luck. The hooting of an owl at night was a sign of destruction

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or the approaching death and so on. Over the centuries, superstitions about 'luck' and 'unlucky' numbers also developed. For example, 13 is still considered to be unlucky throughout the world even now.

Scandinavian countries believed that thunder and lightening were caused when their God Thor threw his hammer at his enemies.

Sneezing is considered to be bad omen. It is why on sneezing people often say 'God bless you'. It is how there are numberless superstitions prevailing over human beings. It is funny and amazing to know that not only illiterate or less literate people are in the grip of so many superstitions but also well educated fail to shed off the superstitious behaviour.

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However, with the advancement of Science, a good number of superstitions have definitely decreased, as many people take to rational reasoning, but still there are many of them which continue to have their way into human life and shall remain so even if man has reached moon.

Questions :

- (i) How do you define a superstition ?
- (ii) Give the antonym of 'adverse'.
- (iii) Why did ancient people formulate so many superstitious beliefs ?
- (iv) In 'Mysterious phenomenon', the word 'mysterious' is :

(A) Noun

☒ (B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

- (v) Give the noun form of 'Ignorant'.
- (vi) "The hooting of an owl at night" is taken as a sign of
..... (complete it)
- (vii) With the advancement of science, superstitions have died down
completely. (True/False[✓])
- (viii) Which number is usually taken to be 'unlucky' ?
- (A) 10
- (B) 13
- (C) 51
- (D) 3

(ix) Which word in Para (2) means : almost certain to happen very soon ?

(x) Give a suitable title for the passage. 1×10=10

SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

3. You need the services of an Electrician for the repair of some damaged wiring and circuit points. Write an advertisement, to be published in a local newspaper, for the same. (40–50 words)

Or

Your parents are celebrating 'Silver Jubilee Wedding Anniversary' at a hotel next week invite your close friends for the occasion. The invitation should mention venue and time. (40–50 words)

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4. Traffic Jamming has created havoc on the city roads. Write a letter to the Traffic Commissioner about this menace and request to take urgent measures to relieve the people of this problem.

(120–150 words)

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper describing the problems being faced by the students, preparing for the examinations, due to abrupt and unscheduled and long power cuts in the locality.

(120–150 words) 6

5. J & K SSRB has advertised the posts of Lecturer in English and Computer Science. Write a resume (4 marks) with a covering letter/ application (2 marks) for one of the said posts. (120–150 words) 6

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- ✓6. As an editor of the school magazine, write an article on "Too much consumption of 'junk food' by the students." Mention its harmful effects, both physical and mental. (200–250 words)

Or

Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on 'Role of Youth in Modern India'. (200–250 words)

7. Edit the following passage :

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Somebody knocked on his door. As soon as I opened the door, I see ^{saw} my friend standing there. I was delighted and welcomed him inside. He ^{had} has come to invite me on the marriage of his sister next week. It was to took place in a near by banquet hall. I accepted the invitation and thanks ^{ed} him for the same. My mother served us with tea and sum snacks. He left soon as he had to visited some other people to the same purpose.

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6. (a) Read the following poetic extract and answer the questions given at the end :

When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie

Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.

The tigers in the panel that she made

Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

Questions :

- (i) Who is the aunt afraid of ?
- (ii) What do the tigers represent here ?
- (iii) How has Mrs. Jennifer failed in her aim ?
- (iv) Name the poetic device used in the second line. 1×4=4

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(b) Answer the following questions (any *two*) from the poems in your text-book (40–50 words each) :

(i) Why does the poet feel her old familiar ache and what is her childhood fear ? (My Mother at Sixty Six)

(ii) What symbols from nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness ?

(Keeping Quiet)

(iii) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to ? Why

is it 'Vain' ?

(A Roadside Stand)

3×2=6

9. Answer any *three* questions of the following in 40–50 words each :

(i) The people in the story 'The Last Lesson' suddenly realise how precious their language is to them. Why does this happen ?

What does it show ?

- (ii) Is Saheb happy working at the tea-stall ? Explain.

(Lost Spring)

- (iii) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water ? (Deep Water)

- (iv) Did the peddler respect the confidence reposed on him by the crofter ? Explain.

(The Rat Trap)

- (v) Why do you think Gandhi considered the Champaran episode to be turning point in his life ?

(Indigo)

3×3=9

10. Answer any *one* of the following questions in 150–200 words :

- (i) The story is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story. <https://www.jkbosenonline.com>

(The Tiger King)

- (ii) Why did Dr. Sadao feel compelled to help the wounded enemy soldier ? What made his wife sympathetic to him in the face of open defiance from the domestic staff ?

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11. Answer any *one* of the following questions in **120–150** words :

(i) Mr. Lamb and Derry are two highly contrasting characters.

Highlight the contrasting traits in their characters.

(ii) How did Mr. Lamb's meeting with Derry became a turning point in Derry's life ?

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