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General Instructions :

1. Answers of **all** questions are to be given in the Answer-Book given to you.
2. **15** minute time has been allotted to read this Question Paper. The question paper will be distributed at **02.15** p.m. From **02.15** p.m. to **02.30** p.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the Answer-Book during this period.
3. Candidate must write his/her Roll Number on the first page of the Question Paper.
4. Please check the Question Paper to verify that the total pages and the total number of questions contained in the Question Paper are the same as those printed on the top of the first page. Also check to see that the questions are in sequential order.
5. For the objective-type of questions, you have to choose **any one** of the four alternatives given in the question, i.e., (A), (B), (C) or (D) and indicate your correct answer in the Answer-Book given to you. In the case of fill in the blanks, the correct/appropriate answers should be written in the Answer-Book.
6. All the questions including objective-type questions are to be answered within the allotted time and no separate time limit is fixed for answering objective-type questions.
7. Making any identification mark in the Answer-Book or writing Roll Number anywhere other than the specified places will lead to disqualification of the candidate.
8. Write your Question Paper Code No. **67/OS/1-A** on the Answer-Book.

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Time : 3 Hours] **[Maximum Marks : 100**

Note :

(i) There are **33** questions in all divided into two parts.

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks for each question are indicated against it.

(iv) **Q.No. 1 to 16** are Objective type questions in sub-parts that include MCQ, Fill in the blanks, True-False, Match the column, One-word answer type questions.

(v) **Q.No. 17 to 22, 24,** and **31 to 32** are short answer questions carrying **2** marks each. Answers to these questions should not exceed **30** words each.

(vi) **Q.No. 33** is carrying **3** marks. Answers to these questions should not exceed **40** words.

(vii) **Q.No. 23** is carrying **4** marks. Answers to these questions should not exceed **100** words.

(viii) **Q.No. 25** is a long answer question carrying **6** marks. Answer to this question should not exceed **150-200** words.

(ix) **Q.No. 26 to 27** have **2** test items in sub-parts of **1** mark each.

(x) **Q.No. 28** consists of **3** test items in sub-parts of **1** mark each.

(xi) **Q.No. 29 to 30** consists of **4** test items in sub-parts of **1** mark each.

PART - A

SECTION - A : READING

Mowgli grew up with the wolf cubs, though they, of course, were grown wolves almost before he was a boy. Father Wolf taught him the meaning of things in the jungle, until he understood every rustle in the grass, every note of the owls above his head and every splash of every little fish.

When he was not learning, he sat out in the sun and slept, and ate and went to sleep again. When he felt dirty or hot, he swam in the forest pools-when he wanted honey, he climbed trees the way Bagheera the panther showed him to do. He took his place at the Council Rock too, when the Wolf Pack met. There, he discovered that if he stared hard at any wolf, the wolf would be forced to drop his eyes and so he used to stare for fun. At other times, he would pick the long thorns out of the pads of his friends, for wolves suffer terribly from thorns and burrs in their coats.

He would go down the hillside into the cultivated lands by night and look very curiously at the villagers in their huts. He loved better than anything else to go with Bagheera into the dark warm heart of the forest at night and to sleep through the drowsy day.

1. Based on your understanding of the above passage, write True or False of any three. 3x1=3

(i) Mowgli grew up with the bear cubs in the forest.

(ii) When Mowgli felt dirty or hot he swam in the forest pool.

(iii) Bagheera showed Mowgli how to climb trees.

(iv) Mowgli would look at the villagers in their huts during the day.

2. Answer the following questions in one word. (Any three) **3x1=3**

(i) Who was Bagheera ?

(ii) Other than thorns what did wolves suffer terribly from ?

(iii) Where did Mowgli take his place with the wolf pack ?

(iv) What did Mowgli get when he climbed trees ?

3. Pick out the correct word as instructed from the above passage. (Any one) **1x1=1**

(i) Opposite of 'wakeful'

(A) rustle (B) drowsy (C) burrs (D) warm

(ii) Meaning of 'sound of leaves or grass moving'.

(A) rustle (B) splash (C) stared (D) curiously

SECTION - B : WRITING

4. Answer the following questions, with reference to the context below : **5x1=5**

Write a letter to the Chief Minister of your state, Bihar, drawing his/her attention to the urgent need of a government hospital in your district.

(i) The letter will be addressed to :

(A) Chief Minister, Bihar

(B) Bihar Chief Minister

(C) The Honourable Chief Minister Government of Bihar

(D) The Honourable Chief Minister Bihar Government.

OR

(ii) The date should be written :

(A) after the receiver's address (B) after the sender's address

(C) after the subject (D) before closing the letter

(iii) Choose the correct subject :

(A) Urgent need of a Government Hospital in Ganganagar, Bihar.

(B) Urgent need of a hospital in Ganganagar, Bihar.

(C) A hospital needed in Ganganagar, Bihar.

(D) A Government hospital needed in Ganganagar, Bihar.

(iv) Your letter will carry the concern that :

(A) Ganganagar is devoid of primary healthcare facilities.

(B) Ganganagar is well equipped with too many hospitals.

(C) There are too many mosquitoes in Ganganagar and people are falling ill.

(D) Ganganagar people have their own quack doctors and do not need any government hospitals.

(v) Your letter will note that with no government hospitals nearby the poor people will have to rely on :

(A) herbs and other plants for their cure

(B) private clinics

(C) quack doctors

(D) all the above

(vi) Your letter will also add the problem that when there are serious cases :

(A) it is easy to transport people to big cities.

(B) it is difficult and risky to take the patient to a far off government hospital.

(C) the villagers know how to treat such patients.

(D) the doctors around are well equipped with adequate facilities.

5. Answer the questions given reference to the context below : **4**

You are Prem/Priya Head boy/girl of Government senior secondary school, Raipur. You have to write a notice as your school is going to celebrate its Annual Day on 16th May 2024.

(i) Select the appropriate subject for the notice.

(A) Annual Function Celebrate (B) Annual Function

(C) Celebrating Annual Function (D) Celebrate Annual Function

OR

(ii) What information will be provided to the readers through this notice ?

(A) number of school children participating.

(B) number of faculty members helping out.

(C) number of classrooms in the school.

(D) when and where the annual function will be held.

(iii) How will the name of the institution be written ?

(A) Government Senior Secondary School, Raipur.

(B) government senior secondary school, Raipur

(C) Government senior secondary school, Raipur.

(D) government Senior Secondary School, Raipur.

(iv) Where is the word 'NOTICE' placed ?

(A) above the name of the institution

(B) below the name of the institution

(C) below the subject

(D) after the date

(v) Which of the following things should a notice include ?

(A) The word 'NOTICE' (B) Designation

(C) Heading (D) All the above

6. Questions given below are based on the given text. Read the text carefully and answer the questions. **4x1=4**

You are Akshita/Akash. You want to write an article about the increasing use of cell phones by people. You write about the risks they are facing like potential health hazards, the threat of brain tumors and brain cancer, accidents that occur on the roads due to cell phones.

(i) Select the appropriate title for the article ?

(A) Cell phones are a danger
(B) Cell phones cause potential health hazards
(C) Accidents are caused due to cell phones
(D) Cell phones should not be used

OR

(ii) To whom should this article be addressed ?

(A) The Government (B) No one in special
(C) Parents (D) The Public

(iii) What does a by-line mean in an article ?

(A) a useless piece of information (B) a specific piece of information
(C) the name of the writer (D) the subject or title

(iv) What points should you keep in mind while coining a title for an article ?

(A) Explain the subject matter in a few words.
(B) It should be eye-catching.
(C) It should be short and relevant.
(D) All the above

(v) What data would you provide in this article ?

(A) increasing use of cell phones in the last twenty years.
(B) increasing number of deaths by accidents due to the usage of cell phones in the last ten years.
(C) increasing number of health hazards due to cell phones in the last five years.
(D) all the above

SECTION - C : GRAMMAR

7. Fill in the blanks : **3x1=3**

(A) Salim Ali was a great ornithologist. As a child he ___(i)___ of a sparrow. He ___(ii)___ . He decided ___(iii)___ to the preservation of birds.

(i) (A) was seeing the death (B) saw the death
(C) see the death (D) seeing the death

(ii) (A) is shocked (B) is being shocked
(C) was being shocked (D) was shocked

(iii) (A) to devote his life (B) to devotion his life
(C) to devoted his life (D) devoted his life

OR

(B) Mr. Winston sold all his property. He ___(i)___ his small house. He ___(ii)___ a trust. He ___(iii)___ the living condition of the tribals.

(i) (A) would not sell (B) did not sell
(C) could not sell (D) need not sell

(ii) (A) was creating a trust (B) wanted to creating a trust
(C) created a trust (D) should create a trust

(iii) (A) want to improve (B) wanted to improve
(C) willing to improve (D) will want to improve

8. Fill in the blanks to complete the note. 3x1=3

(A) As I was ___(i)___ (wait) at the bus stop, I saw a balloon ___(ii)___ (carry) the Pepsi advertisement ___(iii)___ (float) in the air.

OR

(B) When Mr. Subramanian ___(i)___ (suffer) heavy losses in business he ___(ii)___ (get) a shock and never ___(iii)___ (recover) from it.

9. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the passage. 3x1=3

(A) Dina told her friend Ragini that she was in a terrible shape. Ragini agreed and asked ___(i)___ do ? Dina replied that since she was putting on weight she ___(ii)___ a healthy diet, Ragini agreed and said that she ___(iii)___ so many chocolates and junk food.

(i) (A) what she should (B) what could she
(C) what can she (D) what need she

(ii) (A) must plan (B) would plan
(C) can plan (D) will plan

(iii) (A) cannot eat (B) could not eat
(C) would not eat (D) shall not eat

OR

(B) Alex asked Bryan if he was attending Annie's birthday party that night. Bryan replied ___(i)___ as he had a couple of unit tests the next day and he ___(ii)___ so that he ___(iii)___ pass the tests.

(i) (A) that he couldn't (B) that he can't
(C) that he must (D) that he could

(ii) (A) will study hard (B) should study hard
(C) can study hard (D) will have to study hard

(iii) (A) could be able to (B) would be able to
(C) should be able to (D) can be able to

10. Fill in the blanks of any FOUR with correct preposition. **4x1=4**

(i) Send these candidates for the interview one _____ one.
(ii) Would you like to go _____ a swim ?
(iii) I bought this lovely dress _____ only two hundred rupees.
(iv) Someone threw a stone _____ the speaker.
(v) The child ran _____ his father.

11. Fill in the blanks of any TWO with correct conjunctions. **2x1=2**

(i) Mr. Nitin is the proprietor _____ manager of the firm.
(ii) I am afraid _____ this action will backfire.
(iii) I want to see _____ you can solve this paper in three hours.
(iv) You must switch off all the lights _____ you retire for the night.

SECTION - D : LITERATURE
POEM (6 Marks) + PROSE (9 Marks) = 15 Marks

12. Complete the following sentences. (Any three) **3x1=3**

The Indian Weavers are weaving a garment which is blue in ___(i)___. It looks like the wings of a ___(ii)___. They are weaving it at ___(iii)___ of day. The garment is the robes of a ___(iv)___.

13. Identify any three sentences as True or False. **3**

(i) When the smallest athlete fell none of the other athletes even looked at him.
(ii) The athletes came from all over the country.
(iii) The hundred-yard race had eight winners as all eight athletes reached the finish line together.
(iv) When the smallest athlete fell, the eight other runners turned around and went back to help him.

(Nine Gold Medals)

14. Read the following passage : **3**

When he returned to India, he joined the Government Dairy at Anand in Gujarat as a Dairy Engineer. But he felt it was not a challenging job for him. So, he agreed to help Mr. Tribhuvandas Patel in setting up a milk processing plant. This was how the Amul Dairy came into existence in Gujarat.

(Co-operate and Prosper)

Based on your understanding of the passage fill in the blanks of any three questions given below.

(i) When Dr. Kurien returned to India from the U.S.A. he joined the Government Dairy at _____.

(ii) Soon he found that the job was not _____ enough.

(iii) He then agreed to help Mr. Tribhuvandas Patel set up a _____.

(iv) _____ came into existence in Gujarat.

15. Read the following passage : **3x1=3**

Bismillah Khan religiously practised the Shehnai and attained perfection in a very short time. The flowing waters of the River Ganga inspired him to improve and invent 'ragas' that were earlier considered to be beyond the range of Shehnai. He often played the Shehnai at the Vishwanath Temple on the banks of River Ganga.

(Ustad Bismillah Khan)

Based on your understanding of the passage, identify True or False sentences of any three questions given below :

(i) Bismillah Khan religiously practised the violin in order to attain perfection.

(ii) The waters of the River Ganga inspired Bismillah Khan to invent ragas beyond the range of the Shehnai.

(iii) Bismillah Khan often played the Shehnai at the Hanuman Temple.

(iv) The Vishwanath Temple was situated on the banks of the River Ganga.

16. Match the character with the story. **3x1=3**

(A)	(i)	Soysbai	(a)	The Return of the Lion
	(ii)	Ali Baksh	(b)	The Parrot who Wouldn't Talk
	(iii)	A bird catcher	(c)	Ustad Bismillah Khan

OR

(B)	(i)	The grey haired man	(a)	A Birthday Letter
	(ii)	Headmaster	(b)	Snake Bite
	(iii)	Indira	(c)	A Tiger Comes to Town

PART - B

Note : All questions are compulsory except where an internal choice is given.

SECTION - A : READING

Read the following passage carefully :

One day, a Brahmin by the name of Sevaram asked Birbal for help. He said that his forefathers had been great Sanskrit scholars and that people used to respectfully refer to them as Panditji. He said that he had no money nor need for wealth; he was content living a simple life, but he had just one wish. He wished people would refer to him as Panditji. He asked Birbal how he could achieve this.

Birbal said that the task was fairly simple. If the Brahmin were to follow his advice word for word, this task could be achieved. Then Birbal advised the Brahmin to shout at anyone who would call him Panditji from then on.

Now, the children who lived on the same street as the Brahmin did not like him since he scolded them often. They were just waiting for an opportunity to get back at him. Birbal told the children that the Brahmin would get really irritated if they were to start calling him Panditji. The children started calling him Panditji and the Brahmin, as advised by Birbal, started shouting at them. The children spread the word to all the other children in the neighbourhood that Sevaram hated being called Panditji, so they in turn all started calling him Panditji.

After a while, Sevaram got tired of scolding them, but by then, everyone was already used to calling him Panditji. Hence, the game was over, but the name stuck.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions.

17. What did Sevaram tell Birbal about his forefathers ? **2**

OR

18. What did Sevaram want Birbal to do for him ?

19. What advice did Birbal give Sevaram ? **2**

OR

20. Why did the children start calling Sevaram 'Panditji' ?

21. How did the name 'Panditji' get stuck to Sevaram ? **2**

22. Pick out the words that mean the same as : **2**

(a) ancestors (b) vexed

SECTION - B : WRITING

23. Your school is holding a Musical Drama for the upcoming Annual Day. Write a letter to the Director of the Delhi School of Dance and Drama inviting him/her to be the chief guest for the occasion. You are Santosh/Sabina the cultural president of your school. **4**

OR

Your brother was out of station when your school held a Musical Drama where you were the leading character. Write an email to him telling him about the drama and how you enjoyed performing in it, and how much he was missed by you.

24. **Read the telephonic conversation given below :** **2**

Yash : Hello! May I speak to Sanjeev ?

Sangeeta : Sanjeev is not at home. I am Sangeeta, his sister. Is there a message for him ?

Yash : Yes. I am Yash, his schoolmate. I called to tell him that today's cricket coaching is cancelled as our coach had a family emergency. The class will now be held on Sunday at the same time. Please inform him.

Sangeeta : I will certainly let him know.

Yash : Thank you.

Sangeeta had to go out to meet her friend. She leaves a message for her brother. As Sangeeta write out the message.

25. You read in the newspaper about a baby girl found abandoned near the garbage heap of a nearby locality. You cannot understand why people still consider the girl-child a burden on them. Write an article for the newspaper on the topic, "Saving the Girl Child." You are Naveen/Naveena. You may use the hints given below. **6**

- value and worth of each child
- number of female foeticides in our country
- importance of balancing the boy girl ratio
- create awareness in society

OR

You are Sachi/Sanju of Intelligence Academy. Your school conducted a seminar on the topic, "Increasing Obesity in Children". Today there is an increasing problem of obesity among school children. Write a report on the seminar bringing out the points discussed about obesity and how to overcome it. Use the hints given below with your own.

- Sedentary life style
- Watching T.V.
- Very little physical exercise
- Social networking
- Eating junk food

SECTION - C : GRAMMAR

26. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words. The first one has been done as an example. **2**

System : How may I help you ?

User : I have a question

System : Ok, what is your question ?

User : I _____ like to know my account balance.

System : I _____ help you with that, what is your account number ?

27. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : **2**

Mr. Kumar works _____ the furniture department _____ the second floor.

(A) in, at (B) at, on (C) in, on (D) on, at

28. Change to reported speech : **3x1=3**

(i) The captain said, "The aircraft will be taking off in a few minutes''.

(ii) She said, "This letter gave me a pleasant surprise yesterday".

(iii) The teacher said to Shivani, "which lines of this poem have you not understood ?"

29. Complete the passage given below with conjunctions : **4x1=4**

A war was raging all around ___(i)___ the entire village was in panic ___(ii)___ the two children slept soundly on a cot. The old lady spent the whole night trembling with fear, ___(iii)___ the morning came, she realised she was without food ___(iv)___ she had money with her, there was no possibility of getting anything to eat.

30. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks using correct form of verbs given in brackets. **4x1=4**

Someone should have ___(i)___ (nuture) her talent. It could have ___(ii)___ (blossom). She could have ___(iii)___ (touch) great heights in the tinsel world. She had the potential of ___(iv)___ (become) a very sensitive artist.

SECTION - D : LITERATURE

POEM (6 Marks) + PROSE (9 Marks) = 15 Marks

31. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. **3x2=6**

(i) What can't the children rebuilt ?

(My Only Cry)

OR

(ii) What should humans do to make the world a better place to live in ?

(A Prayer For Healing)

(iii) Why are words referred to ghosts in the poem ?

(Truth)

(iv) How did the race in the poem 'Nine Gold Medals' end ?

(Nine Gold Medals)

32. Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each. **3x2=6**

(i) What message did the Attendant give Rani Jijabai ?

(The Return of the Lion)

OR

(ii) What did Sardar Vallabhbai Patel determine to bring into the lives of the farmers of Gujarat and why ?

(Co-operate and Prosper)

(iii) Why did Kondiba take to begging even though he hated it ?

(Kondiba - A Hero)

(iv) What did the master have to say about words like 'beast' and 'brute' ?

(A Tiger Comes To Town II)

33. Answer any one question in 30 - 40 words each : **1x3=3**

(i) What was the magic cure that the grey old man performed on Raja ?

(Snake Bite)

OR

(ii) What made Aunt Ruby go ruby red ?

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