

**2017**  
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5. How does one determine if the follower is trustworthy? 3
6. 'When people are enslaved, as long as they hold fast to their language it is as if they had the key to their prison'. Explain. 4
7. a. What according to Russell, is the essence of wisdom? How can it be acquired? 5

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19. a. One of the major themes of the novel 'Great Expectations' is 'Class Consciousness'. Elaborate with examples.

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- b. Comment on the moral lesson of Great Expectations .

### SECTION -E (Grammar)

20. Fill in the blanks with suitable Prepositions: **3x1=3**

- (a) He spoke \_\_\_\_\_ the motion.  
 (b) We stood and watch the boats \_\_\_\_\_ the river.  
 (c) There were pieces of glass all \_\_\_\_\_ the place.

21. Insert correct conjunctions: **3x1=3**

- (a) A small \_\_\_\_\_ comfortable place is what we require.  
 (b) The journey was long and tedious \_\_\_\_\_ we enjoyed ourselves.  
 (c) We decided to go by car \_\_\_\_\_ it was more comfortable.

22. Correct the following sentences / questions and rewrite them: **4x1=4**

- (a) I am fascinated by the lion in the zoo.  
 (b) Is Anjali more better than me?  
 (c) I really don't have nothing to do.  
 (d) The steamer sails yesterday.

### SECTION -F (Writing)

23. Write an essay on:  
 Teachers open the door, but you must enter yourself.

**Or**

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Culture; your identity.

### Section-G (Reading)

24. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Mr Lockwood is the president of the Preston Plastics Corporation. Recently, it was decided by the Board of Directors that it would be profitable for the corporation to open its own Marketing Department. Mr Lockwood has been directed to pick a person who he feels is capable of heading the department, and then putting this person in charge of getting the department on its feet. After considering a number of good people, Mr Lockwood has narrowed the field down to two possible choices, Ted Edmonds and Pete Hernandez.

Ted Edmonds has a good track record with the company. He was hired eight years ago, and through the years he has shown a good deal of drive and initiative in all of his endeavours. Ted is an aggressive young man, and he has received the nickname of go-getter in his department. Although Ted seems to be more concerned at times with ends rather than means, he is very efficient and is considered a good leader by those who work under him. As one worker stated, "Although he can get rough with you at times, you always know where you stand with him, and when you've done a good job, he lets you know it". Ted is also credited with accepting full responsibility, in all cases, and making quick decisions when action is called for.

Pete Hernandez has been with the company for eleven years. He is well-liked by his department, and his work is first rate. Pete's leadership style differs from Ted's in that Pete is not as aggressive and quick to act as Ted. Before Pete makes a decision, he generally consults others who he feels can contribute further information on a given subject. This often includes those who work under him. Those who work under Pete consider him a good leader, and state that the atmosphere of participation produced by Pete really encourages their utmost individual output while on the job. This could be seen by the production increase which soon occurred when Pete became head of his work force.

- a) Answer the following questions:
- i) Why was Mr Lockwood asked to look out for a suitable person to lead the department? **1**
  - ii) Why is Ted called a 'go- getter'? **2**
  - iii) Who, of the two, Pete and Ted, was more popular? Why? **2**
  - iv) Which quality of the person in charge will be more useful while making quick decisions or considered decisions? Why? **2**
- b ) Find the synonyms from the passage: **3x1=3**
- i) Ask
  - ii) Effort
  - iii) Competent

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