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**Part - I**  
**ENGLISH - Paper - I**  
 (First Language)

**Time : 3 Hours****Max. Marks : 80****SECTION - A**

1. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 100 words each. 2×4=8
- (a) What is the attitude of teachers towards learners as illustrated in Father, Dear Father?
- (b) All great things have humble, small beginnings. Justify the statement based on the life and work of Thimmakka.
- (c) What gave Dr. Bannister strength in final spurt?
2. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 100 words each. 2×4=8
- (a) "Dr. Ammangi Venugopal's creativity is rooted deeply in the complexities and contradictions of modern life," says observers.  
 Explain the statement, taking **The Beggar** as a reference point.
- (b) 'An essay-to-read poem, **Keep Going** is rich both in its content and form.'  
 Explain the above statement with examples.
- (c) Explain with the example of the lily that size matters not but beauty counts a lot.



3. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following questions in about 100 words each.

2×4=8

- (a) Helping the old is as good as playing the game. Elucidate with reference to the story.
- (b) Were the brothers successful in executing their tricks? Support your answer.
- (c) Describe the scene of the dinner party.

### SECTION – B

4. Read the following passage carefully and answer **ANY FOUR** questions given after it in a word or a sentence each.

4×1=4

The tablet has a flowery border. "The second brother went away very pleased with himself. Hardly had he gone when the third brother arrived there. He too enquired about the inscription and on being told what it was, asked if there was any other writing on it."

"Only the donor's name, Wang Lee, at the bottom," said the monk.

- (i) What did the tablet have for its decoration?
- (ii) Who was very happy to know about that decoration?
- (iii) When did the third brother reach the monastery?
- (iv) ~~When~~ <sup>what</sup> did the youngest brother want to know particularly?
- (v) Where was the donor's name mentioned?
- (vi) Write the Antonym of **departed** from the passage.



5. Read the following **passage** carefully and answer **ANY FOUR** questions given after it in a word or a sentence each.

4×1=4

### The Secret Under Ground

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Nature is the best teacher. Redwood trees share a secret. They are the largest trees on the planet. Some of them are even of thousands of years old. But, interestingly, their roots do not grow deep. Yet, they endure massive wind storms, devastating earthquakes etc. for centuries. How is it possible? The secret of redwood trees lies under the ground. Their roots reach outward seeking the roots of other redwood trees. When they meet, they intertwine, making a permanent bond with one another. This way, all the redwood trees support one another. Unity is strength. Thus, they give humanity a crucial lesson: when you receive, you make a living; but when you give, you make a life!

- (i) Regarding size, what is unique about redwood trees?
- (ii) How long do redwood trees live?
- (iii) What is the secret of redwood trees lying under the ground?
- (iv) How do all redwood trees support one another?
- (v) What is the crucial lesson redwood trees teach humanity?
- (vi) Write the **antonym** of **shallow** from the passage.



## SECTION - C

**Note:-** Answer of this Section must be written at **one place** in the same serial order.

**6.** Identify the **Parts of Speech** of **ANY EIGHT** of the following **underlined words**.

**8×1/2=4**

- (i) Hyderabad is a historical city.
- (ii) Honesty is the best policy.
- (iii) Alas! The legendary athlete Milkha Singh is dead.
- (iv) The boy ran into the park joyfully.
- (v) Several writers wrote about education.
- (vi) People eat vegetables across the world.
- (vii) I invited him to the party.
- (viii) She is interested in painting.
- (ix) She has two children.
- (x) Since he was tired, he went to bed early.

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**7.** Fill in **ANY EIGHT** of the following blanks with **a, an** or **the**.

**8×1/2=4**

- (i) ..... (1) talent of..... (2) writer can't be underestimated.
- (ii) I interviewed..... (3) M.P. in..... (4) evening.
- (iii) .....(5) more you learn..... (6) more you benefit.
- (iv) Mukesh Ambani is.....(7) Bill Gates of India.
- (v) Did you get married after leaving.....(8) university?
- (vi) It was.....(9) hottest day ever.
- (vii) I put .....(10) unopened letters over there.





8. Fill in ANY EIGHT of the following blanks with suitable prepositions.

8×1/2=4

(i) Thimmakka and her husband used to carry four pails.....(1) water .....(2) a distance .....(3) 4 km to water the saplings.

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(ii) Don't rely..... (4) others for everything.

(iii) India got Independence.....(5) 1947.

(iv) He jumped.....(6) the well.

(v) There is a beautiful painting.....(7) the wall.

(vi) My first rank is.....(8) stake, you see.

(vii) Can you translate this.....(9) English.....(10) Telugu?

9. Fill in ANY FOUR of the following blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in brackets.

4×1=4

(i) Water.....(freeze) during winter in some areas of the Atlantic Ocean.

(ii) Don't disturb! The child.....(sleep).

(iii) The birds.....just.....(fly) away.

(iv) I wish I.....(have) a car.

(v) The audience.....(occupy) their seats before the cinema began.

(vi) I.....(know, not) the right answer right now.



10.

Rewrite ANY FOUR of the following sentences as directed.

4×2=8

- (i) The workers called off the strike.  
(Change the Sentence to Passive Voice)
- (ii) The Inspector said to the Constable, "I am your boss."  
(Change the Sentence to Indirect Speech)
- (iii) A classmate said to me, "Is your father a businessman?"  
(Change the Sentence to Indirect Speech)
- (iv) Shimla is cooler than Ooty.  
(Change the Sentence to Positive Degree)
- (v) Very few TV channels are as popular as ETV.  
(Change the Sentence to Superlative Degree)
- (vi) You have done your homework, .....?  
(Add a Question Tag)

11.

Rewrite ANY FOUR of the following sentences **correcting the underlined errors.**

4×1=4

- (i) Every woman raised their voice.
- (ii) Sheila and Nancy like one another.
- (iii) He is more better than she.
- (iv) He and me are brothers.
- (v) He is having many imported clothes.
- (vi) This coffee is very hot to drink.

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12. Supply the missing letters to **ANY EIGHT** of the following words.

8×1/2=4

- (i) thr \_ \_ gh                      (ii) sli \_ \_ tly  
(iii) gr \_ \_ nd                      (iv) wo \_ \_ y  
(v) sp \_ \_ d                      (vi) ang \_ \_ sh  
(vii) prev \_ \_ us                      (viii) mi \_ \_ t  
(ix) rec \_ \_ ve                      (x) p \_ \_ ce

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13. Identify the **silent consonant letters** in **ANY EIGHT** of the following words.

8×1/2=4

- (i) limb                      (ii) malign  
(iii) doubt                      (iv) thorough  
(v) chalk                      (vi) night  
(vii) depot                      (viii) lodge  
(ix) coup                      (x) christmas

14. Write **ANY FOUR** of the following **transcriptions** using **ordinary English spelling**.

4×1=4

- (i) /stretʃ/                      (ii) /m'kredəbl/  
(iii) /plɑ:nt/                      (iv) /kən'diʃn/  
(v) /'hɒspɪtl/                      (vi) /m'taɪə(r)/



15. Circle **ANY FOUR** of the words that **sound different** from the other words in that set with regard to the sounds of the **bold** letters. **4×1=4**

(i) kite know **knife**

(ii) **that** think **thousand**

(iii) easy escape sand

(iv) go to no

(v) hope rod rope

(vi) earn earth each

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16. Mention the number of syllables in **ANY FOUR** of the following words. **4×1=4**

(i) observatory (ii) bun

(iii) examine (iv) apology

(v) history (vi) question

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