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Section -A

♣ Read the following extracts and answer the questions given below them: 10

→ Do his best! Of course he would. For Alan was playing in the school cricket match and was mightily proud of being chosen to play. He had practiced bowling with his father for weeks now, and Daddy said he was shaping well. Daddy was nearly as excited as Alan over the match, and he promised that if Alan's side won, he would buy him a bicycle.

(1) What gift did Alan's father promise him if they won the match?

(2) What was Alan proud of?

→ "He does go and live with Aunt Mable. He also lives with Aunt Emily and Aunt Berly. That's his trouble- he has too many doting sisters ready to put him up and put up with him. Their husbands are all quite well off and can afford to have him now and then. So our Ken spends three months with Emily, and three months with me. That way he gets through the year as everyone's guest and doesn't have to worry about making a living."

(3) Why does the narrator say that Uncle Ken has been very lucky?

(4) How many sisters has Uncle Ken?

→ It is useful to think of how you are going to express yourself, too. Some of us have difficulty in using English and most of these interviews are conducted in English. So that's something you can work on. Ask for help from your teachers, practice using English with your friends or by practicing in front of a mirror ! And may be tired or just bored. So make sure they hear you clearly.

(5) How can one prepare English for himself?

(6) Why should we make sure they hear us clearly.

→ Gobinda had learnt the trade from his father, as had his father from his father's father, the substance of the art of idol making, the Durgas and the Ganesha and the Sivas.

“Perhaps I have no right,” he told his wife, “to meddle with the private lives of gods. That is why they are angry.

(7) What was Gobinda? From whom did he learn the art?

(8) Why did Gobinda feel that gods were angry with him?

➔ The Army Marksmanship Unit (AMU) of Infantry School, Mhow, celebrated in grand way the first Olympic silver medal won by its officer Major Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore in double trap shooting in Athens.

“The entire brass of the unit rejoice over the success of one of their own last night and also called up Major Rathore posted here as officer - in - charge (OIC) of the shotgun team to congratulate him on his historic big bore rifle team.” Major G. S. Dhillon said today.

(9) What is the reason of celebration?

(10) Give similar words for : (a) brave (b) great

♣ Answer the questions based on the text book in two or three sentences each. 04

(11) What advice does Khalil Gibran give to parents?

(12) What was the sisters’ guess about the noise in the kitchen? What was its impact on them?

♣ Write any two short notes: (Que. 13 to 14) 06

(a) Hanumanthappa’s Honesty.

(clues: His appearance- writer’s help- give back money- taken aback)

(b) Nehru’s Principle of Live and Let Live’ in the Prison.

(clues: observant - war of bed- bugs and mosquitoes- wasps, hornets, bats, lizards etc., brain fever bird- scorpion, snakes, dogs)

(c) Mr. Franks’ Love for Nature.

(clues: loved nature - gardening - belief in plants - gifted plants - used to bask)

Section - B

♣ Read the following text and answer the questions given below it: 05

Before the final game, life was ordinary, daily routine. Each day I awakened with a mental list of tasks I had to complete before the end of the day. My life was not too complicated: class, soccer practice, studying and sleep. Often I returned home from soccer field after heavy practice to study until the early hours of the morning.

Having accepted well to my daily routine, I never imagined it would be alerted. However, my life changed the day on the final game. It was the last game of the tournament, and winner would achieve 'championship'. My team had been under vigorous physical training for the past four years in anticipation of this day. But emotionally we were ready as well. I was ready. I entered the game with the mindset that the title was in our hands. We deserved it because our desire to win was great.

Que. (15) How was the writer awakened each day?

(16) What was the daily routine of the writer before he final game?

(17) When did the writer's life change?

(18) Why was the writer confident about their winning the championship?

(19) Find out the similar meaning of the word '**Tough**' from the passage.

♣ Read the following stanza of the poem and answer the questions given below it: 05

"Who stuffed that white owl?" No one spoke in the shop,
The barber was busy, and he couldn't stop;
The customers, waiting their turns, were all reading
The 'Daily', the 'Herald', the 'Post', little heeding
The young man who blurted out such a blunt question;
Not one raised a head, or even made a suggestion;
And the barber kept on shaving.

Questions:

(20) Where was the white owl?

(21) What did the critic say on seeing the white owl?

(22) Why did none care to give a reply to the question?

(23) Make the list of the reading material mentioned in this stanza.

(24) Which line in the stanza shows that the young man was totally ignorant?

♣ Read the following unseen text and answer the questions given below it : 05

The instrument on which a bird makes its music, is placed in its throat and we might say that it is a kind of flute. The air which it breaths out from its lungs makes this flute sound, just as the air from your

lungs makes the sounds of speaking. The cricket has no lungs and does not breath out air through its throat. The cricket plays on a kind of violin, not on a flute. The violinist doesn't blow through his violin to make it sound. He draws the bow across the strings quiver very rapidly and so the music is made.

Que: (25) How do we speak or sing?

(26) How does a violinist produce the music on a violin?

(27) Where is the instrument on which a bird makes its music?

(28) How does the bird make the flute sound?

(29) Find out the similar word from the text which means : 'Tremble'

♣ Read the following passage and write its summary. Also give it suitable title: 05

(30) Kalah was a small and a beautiful village with a population of only 200. We took shelter in a Sarai, a small house with a kitchen and a hall, constructed for the pilgrims. The evening was very cold with temperature around 7-8°C degree temperature. It further dropped at night to 2-3°C. Our cook, who had joined us from Tyori cooked food for us. We had a welcome hot dinner followed by a sound sleep in the warmth of our sleeping bags. The morning in Kalah was beautiful. Everyone was at ease as it was acclimatization halt. It was a rich mix in the true sense of the term as there were painters, writers, photographers, ornithologists and adventure lovers. Someone took a sketch book and a pencil and started sketching beautiful wooden houses of the village. A few of us capture beautiful views and Himalayan village life in our camera. Ornithologists took their binocular and started studying the variety of birds. Our local guide, Sansar Chand, informed us about a temple at some height from the village. Bawaji and I visited the temple.

Section - C

(31) Prince K. Pathak, 15, Dream Colony, Rajeev Gandhi National Park, Ahmedabad - 380004, complains to the Regional Manager, Torrent Electricity Company, Sola Road, Ahmedabad - 380013 about **an irregularity of electricity** in his area. 07

(32) Write a brief report on how you celebrated 'The Teacher's Day'. 05

(33) Write an essay on any one of following in about 150 words: 08

➔ **Satellite at Our Service**

(What is ISRO? – history of satellite – satellites launched by India – jobs they perform)

Or

➔ **Natural Calamities**

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(Nature's frowning mood – kinds of calamities – damages done by them – measures to be taken – man's helplessness – hand of sympathy – nature's upper hand)

Section - D

(34) Study the following table and make eight sentences: 04

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<i>RESULT - 2008 - 2009</i>							
Exam	Appeared	Fail	Pass	70% to 70%	1 st Class	2 nd Class	Percentage
S.S.C.	250	10	240	120	85	35	96%
H.S.C. Science	180	30	150	50	35	65	83.33%
H.S.C. General	325	25	300	150	100	50	92.30%

(35) Indra Shah from 8 / B, Green Campus, Nr. Railway station, Bharuch writes an application for the post of an **accountant** to The CEO, The Super Finance Company, Valsad. 06

♣ Rewrite following paragraph selecting the correct words from the brackets: (Que.36 to 45) 05

The (better / best) way of (avoiding / avoid) stress is to learn (how / what) to relax. (For a while / For long) don't pay attention (to / in) your worries. Find activities (that / who) give you joy. It can also be good for your mental and physical health. Forget about always (winning / to win). Focus on (relax / relaxation), enjoyment and health. (following / Follow) the method that works for you and (here / thus) you can say 'No' to your stress.

(46) Turn the following conversation into the indirect speech: 04

"Do you play tennis?" asked the Maharaja.

"Yes, I played a little bit at school," said Uncle Ken.

"Good! The job is yours. Get ready for it. But the way, were you at Cambridge?"

"NO, at Oxford", replied Uncle Ken.

Section - E

♣ Fill in the gaps with the appropriate forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (Que.47 to 51) 05

We (learn) English for the last two years. We (master) all the topics with the help of our English teacher so far. No sentence seems too difficult (answer). Now we (practice) English speech. Our speaking course (will + complete) by the next five months.

♣ Complete the following sentences using the words given in the brackets : 06

(52) It is surprising that (the P.S.I., a thief)

(53) Very few Prime Ministers of India are (successful, Narendra Modi)

(54) Fancy dances (as if, Dipeeka)

(55) 'Noun Clause' is too (difficult, understand)

(56) Scarcely had the warning bell rung (the supervisor, collect, the O.M.R. sheets)

(57) Do you know the time? (Jammu Express, arrive)

(58) Combine the following sentences and make one meaningful sentence: 03

The computer is a machine. It is called a mechanical brain. It can solve many mathematical problems. It cannot feel like human beings.

♣ Rewrite the following text by replacing the underlined words with those given in the brackets. Make necessary changes: (Que. 59 to 61) 03

(must not realize, may feel nervousness, incontrovertible concept)

While facing an interview, you will have cold feet, but interviewers don't have to know it. Positive thinking is the attitude that will enable you to give a good interview.

♣ Rewrite the following text filling in the gaps using proper form of words given in the brackets:

(Que. 62 to 65) 04

Heart is an (importance) organ which (pure) blood. It removes waste material from the body. It controls the amount of water. If it stops (function), blood (press) and other diseases develop.

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Go on Reading Actively, Silently & Precisely.