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ENGLISH

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks
for the questions*

Answer **all** questions

SECTION – A

1. Write the following with the verbs given in brackets in the right tense (*any three*). 1×3=3

(a) I (walk) _____ for half an hour when it suddenly (start) _____ to rain.

(b) I (meet) _____ him in New Delhi in 1996. I (see) _____ him last five years before.

(c) I _____(do) my exercise when Hari _____(come) to see me.

(d) I (write) _____ the letter before he (arrive) _____.

(e) As she (run) _____ to the bus she (trip) _____ on a stone.

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2. Fill in the blanks with appropriate determiners from the options given below (*any four*) $1 \times 4 = 4$
(some, every, little, any, few, the few)

- (a) I will buy ____ mangoes
- (b) I will not buy ____ mangoes.
- (c) ____ seat was taken.
- (d) He has ____ appreciation of good poetry.
- (e) ____ persons can keep a secret.

3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions (*any three*) $1 \times 3 = 3$

- (a) The river flows ____ the bridge.
- (b) I am tired ____ walking.
- (c) This is a matter ____ little importance.
- (d) They live ____ the same roof.
- (e) God is good ____ me.

SECTION – B (Comprehension)

4. Answer the following (*any two*) $10 \times 2 = 20$
- (a) 'Grief's and humiliations survive, but except occasionally, they are mitigated by time.' Discuss with reference to Robert Lynd's argument in his essay, "Window View". 10
 - (b) Describe the incidents that followed when Mark Twain looked around for the pitcher to quench his thirst. 10
 - (c) "Afterwards of course there was endless discussion about the shooting of the elephant" $4+3+3=10$

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- i. How did different people react differently to the shooting of the elephant?
 - ii. Was the speaker legally right to shoot the elephant?
 - iii. Was he morally right to do so?
5. Answer the following (*any one*) 10 × 1 = 10
- (a) Sketch the character of Mr. Hyde.
 - (b) Describe the effect of the transcendental medicine on Dr. Jekyll.

SECTION - C (Composition)

6. Write a letter to your friend describing a curious experience. 10

Or,

Write an application to your Principal of your college seeking permission to go for a health camp organized by local authority, giving all the necessary information. 10

7. Write a report on department you were last posted in. 7
8. Write an essay on *any one* of the following topics. 10
- (a) Examination day
 - (b) An excursion
 - (c) The Olympic games
9. Write a précis of the following passage in about one-third of its original length and add a suitable title. 8

One of the peculiarities which distinguish the present age is the multiplication of books. Everyday brings new advertisements of literary undertakings, and we are flattered with repeated promises of growing wise on easier terms than our progenitors.

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How much either happiness or knowledge is advanced by this multitude of authors is not easy to decide. He, that teaches us anything which we know not before, is undoubtedly to be loved as a benefactor; and he that supplies life with amusement, will be certainly caressed as a pleasing companion.

But few of those who fill the world with books, have any pretensions to the hope either of pleasing or instructing. They have often no other task than to lay two books before them out of which they compile a third without any new materials of their own, and with little application of judgment to those which former authors have supplied. That all compilations are useless, I do not assert particles of science are often very widely scattered upon topics. Very remote from the principal subject, which are often more valuable than formal treatises, and which yet are not known because they are not promised in the title. He that collects those under proper heads is very laudably employed; for though he exerts no great abilities in the work, he facilitates the progress of others, and by making that easy of attainment which is already written, may give some mind more vigorous or more adventurous than his own, leisure for new thoughts and original designs.

But the collections poured lately from the press have seldom been made at any great expense of time or inquiry, and therefore only serve to distract choice without supplying any real want.

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