

Section- A (Reading) 3×5=15

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow-

The old Turkish and other races; who inhabited Afghanistan and parts of central asia before the advent of Islam, were largely Buddhists and earlier still, during the period of the epics, Hindus.

The frontier area was one of the principal centres of old Indian culture and it abounds still runs of monuments and monastries and specially, of the great university of Taxila, which was at the height of its fame all over the India as well as different parts of Asia. Changes of Religion made difference but could not change entirely the mental back grounds which the people of those areas had developed.

- (a) What religious groups inhabited Afghanistan before the advent of Islam?
- (b) What meant by the phrase "the period of Epics"?
- (c) What was Taxila famous for?
- (d) What has been common to the people of Afghanistan and parts of central asia despite their different religious?
- (e) (i) Which word in the passage means 'arrival' or 'coming'?
- (ii) What is meant by 'monastries'?
- (iii) Give the synonym of 'entirely'.

Section- B (Writing)

2. Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words- 10

- (a) My school
- (b) Covid-19 Pandemic
- (c) Social media- Advantages and disadvantages

3. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper describing the problem of poor health condition of your locality. 10

OR

Write an application to the district magistrate of your district requesting him to improve and control the black marketing under public distribution system in your area.

Section- C (Grammar)

4. Choose the correct option to answer the following question- $2 \times 5 = 10$

(a) The act of intentionally killing oneself- $2 \times 5 = 10$

(i) Homicide (ii) Genocide (iii) Suicide (iv) Murder

(b) Phrase 'to pick holes' means-

(i) To destroy something

(ii) To criticise someone

(iii) To cut some part

(iv) To cut some part of an item

(c) The synonym of "Embrace" is-

(i) Accept (ii) Reject (iii) Disturb (iv) Exclude

(d) The antonym of "Alive" is-

(i) Ancient (ii) Dead (iii) Allow (iv) Prefer

(e) 'He prevented me to do it.' Which word in the sentence has an error-

(i) He (ii) Prevented (iii) Do (iv) It

5. (a) Change any one of the following sentences into indirect speech- 2

He said, "I washed my shirts yesterday."

OR

He said to me, "I will read the Maths online tomorrow."

- (b) Change any one of the following as directed- 2

Premchand wrote "Godan". He was a great novelist.
(Into simple sentence)

OR

Ram finished his work. He went to play.

(c) Change any one of the following sentences as directed-

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Mr. Tomar is the wisest man in the company.

(Positive degree)

OR

Ram was reading the book of English. (Passive voice)

(d) Correct anyone of the following sentences-

'Each of the player played well in the match.'

OR

'I have met him in the way.

(e) Use any one of the following pairs of words in your own sentences to make the difference in their meaning clear-

(i) Check-Cheque (ii) Weak-Week

6. Translate into English :

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आगरा शहर यमुना नदी के किनारे स्थित है। प्राचीन साहित्य में इसका उल्लेख मिलता है। यह सुन्दर ऐतिहासिक भवनों का नगर है। यहाँ मुगलकालीन अनेक इमारते हैं। फतेहपुर सीकरी का भवन अकबर ने बनवाएँ थे। मोती मस्जिद और ताजमहल शाहजहाँ द्वारा बनवाये गये थे। आगरे का किला भी अकबर ने ही बनवाया था। यहाँ का ताजमहल संसार का एक बहुत बड़ा आश्चर्य है।

Section- D (Literature)

7. Answer the following questions in about 40 words (any two)-

4+4=8

(a) How did Franz perform when his turn came to recite?

OR

What does the title 'Lost spring' convey the meaning?

(b) How did Douglas get rescued when he was thrown in the pool?

OR

How did Rajkumar Shukla establish that he was resolute?

8. Answer any one of the following in about 80 words-

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(a) Why did the groomster invite the peddler to his home?

Why did he not want to go with groomster?

(b) "The Champaran episode was a turning point in Gandhi's life." Explain it.

9. Read one of the extract given below and answer the questions that follow- $3 \times 2 = 6$

"Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive
Now I will count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go."

- (a) What does the Earth teach us?
- (b) What is the significance of Keeping quiet?
- (c) Where does the poet go?

10. Give the central idea of one of the following- $4 + 4 = 8$

- (a) A thing of beauty
- (b) A Road side stand
- (c) Keeping Quiet

11. Answer any two of the following questions- $4 + 4 = 8$

- (a) What made the chief astrologer place his finger on his nose?
- (b) How did Antarctica amaze the writer when she first saw it?
- (c) Why did Charlie run away from the Third level?

12. Answer any one of the following- 7
How did Dr.Sadao resolve the conflict in his mind between his loyalty to his country and his duty as a doctor?

OR

What actions were taken by the Maharaja to escape the prophecy and prediction?
