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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- This paper consists of three sections.
 - Section A Reading Skills (20 marks)
 - Section B Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (22 marks)
 - Section C Literature (38 marks)
 - All sections are compulsory.
 - Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A -READING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

1. Read the passage given below. (10)

1. There are many types of dietary antioxidants, and coffee is a very good source of some of them. According to a new study, the steaming cup of coffee can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.

2. Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer. But Sandra Vinson, a dietitian, said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilised in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the food and beverages studies, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.

3. Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease according to some recently published studies.

4. The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains. Certain groups should be careful about drinking coffee. Not much is known about the effect of coffee on children, and caffeine could be harmful to expecting mothers. Too much caffeine can also cause anxiety in people with panic or anxiety disorder.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

i. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

Based on serving size, _____ has the most antioxidants among all the food and beverages.

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| A. Dates | B. Cranberries |
| C. Tea and milk | D. Coffee |

ii. What can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants?

- iv. Find the correct statement with non-defining adjectival clause.
- (a) Ravi's sweater, which his mother has knitted, is very warm.
 (b) The boy whose father is doctor, is my best friend.
 (c) The Wright Brothers, who flew the first aircraft, were Americans.
 (d) This is the truth that Pluto expressed centuries ago.
- A. a and b B. a and c C. c and d D. c and b
- v. Fill in the blank by using past perfect continuous tense.
 When we met, you _____(work) at the company for six months.
- vi. Complete the following sentence by using a suitable verb.
 If I were an astronaut, I _____ a house on Mars.
- A. will buy B. would buy C. will be buying D. may buy
- vii. Rewrite the underlined part of the sentence with the adverbial type mentioned.
 Everyone in the court room stood up, the judge arrived. (time)
- viii. Change the following sentence into passive voice.
 I advise you to consult a good doctor.
- ix. Complete the sentence with the appropriate form of the word given in the bracket.
 If the weather improved, our crops _____ (will) flourish.
- x. Identify and write the type of adverbial clause used in the sentence.
 Although she is a very shy person, she gave an excellent presentation.
- xi. Complete the sentence by choosing the appropriate word .
 The bird _____ from branch to branch, looking for food.
- A. hope B. hoped C. hopped D. hopping
- xii. Complete the sentence by choosing the correct idiom from given options.
 Could you _____ on my pet when I go to buy some grocery?
- A. see eye to eye B. keep an eye C. apple of eye D eagle eye
- xiii. Change the sentence into the comparative structure.
 If you practice your sum, they will become easier.
- xiv. Choose the plural form of 'focus' from given options.
 A. focusus B. focuses C. focuos D.focal

4. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions. (5)

- i. You are Anirudh/Avantika Roy, the secretary of 'SAMARPAN CLUB' of Vishwa Vidhyalay, Dehradun. You along with some friends were touched by the plight of children living in a slum and wish to make a difference in their lives by lessening their sufferings. You decide to raise fund for this purpose. Write a notice, in 50 words, making an appeal for generous donation.

OR

- ii. Write a paragraph on 'Forest: A Precious Gift of Nature' in 60-80 words.

5. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 100- 120 words. (5)

- i. Neha attended a seminar on harmful effects of watching TV on Children's health. Keeping the given information in mind, Neha writes an **article** for the school magazine on the 'Harms of TV Viewing'.

- TV viewing is harmful to eyes.
- TV viewing affects the child's mind.
- Children lose interest in studies because they spend a good deal of time in front of TV.
- TV viewing encourages consumerism as many advertisements are targeted at children

OR

ii. A lot of garbage is thrown on the main road near the bus stop outside your colony causing bad smell. It becomes worse when it rains. Write a letter to the editor, The Hindustan Times, New Delhi to draw the attention of concerned authorities towards unhygienic conditions outside your colony. You are Peeyush/Pallavi of B- 2, Sector 13, Dwarka, New Delhi.

SECTION C- LITERATURE

6. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions. (4)

“Why, this bond is forfeit!
And lawfully by this Shylock may claim
A pound of flesh, to be by him cut off
Nearest the merchant's heart. Be merciful.
Take thrice thy money; bid me tear the bond.”

- i. How does the bond forfeit?
 - A. Shylock made changes in the bond.
 - B. Antonio was unable to pay back the debt.
 - C. Antonio returned him Ducats.
 - D. Bassanio paid back the loan.
- ii. Whom did Portia appeal to show mercy?
 - A. The Duke
 - B. Bassanio
 - C. Antonio
 - D. Shylock
- iii. What was mentioned in the bond?
- iv. Why did Portia say that mercy is 'twice bless'd' ?
- v. 'The Quality of Mercy' is a part of which play of William Shakespeare.

7. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions. (4)

“To each the boulders that have fallen to each.
And some are loaves and some so nearly ball:
We have to use a spell to make them balance;
'Stay where you are until our backs are turned!'”

- i. What kind of wall is being mended in the poem?
 - A. a stone wall
 - B. a wooden fence
 - C. a dense hedge separation
 - D. a wall made of granite and marble boulder
- ii. Why does the speaker need to use a spell?
 - A. to show magic
 - B. to prepare loaves
 - C. to fix stones back in wall
 - D. he is a magician
- iii. This question contains an Assertion(A) followed by Reason(R). Read the question carefully and answer on the basis of the given options.
Assertion: The neighbors rebuild the wall in the summer.
Reason: It was just another kind of outdoor game.

- A. Both, A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A
- B. Both, A and R, are true but R is not the correct explanation of A
- C. A is true but R is False
- D. A is false but R is true.

- iv. Why does the poet find it difficult to rebuild the wall?
- v. Identify the poetic device used in line two.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (12)

- i. How did the king disguise his inability to command the stars and other planets to obey him? Did he really believe that he could command them to obey? (The Little Prince)
- ii. 'Violence cannot last forever', the master advised the tiger, and so he should alter his behavior. Describe how he explained this to the tiger? (A Tiger in School)
- iii. How did Nick and Joe find money to buy their Mother's day gift? (Half A gift)
- iv. Who do you think the listeners are? Why was the traveller disappointed as he left the place? (The Listeners)
- v. How did the Postmaster's family become a part of Ratan's life? (The Postmaster)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in about 40-50 words each. (6)

- i. It is said that striving for something despite all odds may be difficult, but not impossible. Explain this in relation to 'The Man on the Train'.
- ii. Every parent desire to see his or her child succeed and outshine in all walks of life. This can be achieved with strong will, determination and conviction. Discuss with reference to the poem 'Mother to Son'.
- iii. Is it crucial to accurately assess oneself? How important are self-awareness and self-knowledge to our lives? Write with reference to 'The Little Prince'.

10. Answer ANY TWO of following questions in about 80-100 words. (8)

- i. According to the speaker, there is no need for a wall between the two farms. Why? (Mending Wall)
- ii. How does the speaker in the court try to convince Shylock that mercy is twice blessed and is a divine quality?
- iii. The mosquito was a self-willed bumbler. Explain. (The Louse and the Mosquito)

11. Write the meaning of ANY TWO of the given words and frame meaningful sentences. (4)

- i. yelp
- ii. abandon
- iii. confiscate
