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KEY

Section A (Reading) Marks : 20

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions. 8 m

1.1. Answer any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. 8m

a. How can we produce the results we aspire?

Ans. We can produce the results we aspire when we do the right things at the right time and in the right way.

b. What are the parameters that lead to sure success?

Ans. The parameters that lead to sure success is to know what to do, at what time to do and in what direction and how to do it.

c. How can we achieve what we aspire to achieve?

Ans. We can achieve what we aspire to achieve when we know for sure our goals, strengths, weaknesses and the timings to them appropriately.

d. What should one bear in mind if one wishes to establish any business?

Ans. One should bear in mind to acquire full knowledge of all the things concerned with the business, their own strengths and weaknesses if one wishes to establish any business.

e. Why is knowledge said to be power as per paragraph 3?

Ans. Knowledge is said to be power as per paragraph 3 because it gives one the capacity and capabilities to know the result of one's actions, probability ratio of success and failure.

f. How is knowledge and a country interconnected?

Ans. Knowledge and a country are interconnected because it is with the former only one can assess the latter's strength. Thus, a country can be vulnerable or strong because knowledge rules the world.

g. Why did Napoleon once remark, 'Show me a family of readers and I will show you the people who move the world.' ?

Ans. Napoleon remarked in the above manner because he firmly believed that the family which reads acquires knowledge and they are the ones who can make the nation go in the right direction for sure success.

h. How do the biographies of the great readers help us?

Ans. The biographies of the great readers help us because we learn from how they faced their problems, and the means they employed to overcome them.

i. What is the word which means the same as 'difficulty' from para 6?

Ans. The word which means the same as 'difficulty' from para 6 is 'adversity'.

Q2. Read the following comprehension and answer the questions that follow:12m

a. Why has dowry related violence and murderous attack on women increased in the society?

Ans. Dowry related violence and murderous attack on women increased in the society with an increase in per capita income and the GDP growth rate. It is because a higher prosperity feeds consumerism and that in turn, raises expectations and demands making them take the maximum amount from the bride's family.

b. How has Indian society lost its right to call itself civilized?

Ans. India is a country which is renowned for hospitality and the respect that we give the women. This has got a setback because cruelty has increased in all dimensions to women. The worst of it is female feticide and burns its women. Thus Indian society has lost its right to call itself civilized.

c. Why has women's campaign against dowry not yielded the desired results?

Ans. The campaign against dowry has been waged almost totally by women. Even women activists are putting the load of fighting against dowry on women itself. This move is wrong and will not make it in justifying it. The women are the defenseless and the sufferers. Therefore, unless the men join hands against the campaign, the results are not going to be effective.

d. How should men do the campaigning against dowry?

Ans. The war against dowry must to be launched by men as they are the cause of the disease and they must provide the cure. They must take for granted moral responsibility for spreading the crime. They must be made conscious of the dishonor they bring to mankind by demanding dowry and then by irritating and setting ablaze their wives.

e. How can the evil of dowry be dealt with effectively?

Ans. Men should be annoyed for the tag of price on them. They should stand up to their family members and avoid to take dowry from the bride's family. Women activists should instill in their sons the right values and attitudes with respect to women at an early stage. Awareness among schoolchildren must also be brought about.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the blanks with appropriate words/phrases.

(1x2=2)

a. Girl children are looked upon as and so the parents look forward to get them married with or without dowry.

Ans. *paraya dhan*

b. Cutting across religious and caste lines men must join forces to

Ans. fight the menace

c. The mindset of men has to get a and understand that they are disgracing the society by harassing and burning their wives.

Ans. sea change

2.3. Attempt any two of the following. Find out words which means the same as under: (1x2=2)

a. the extent to which something happens or has an effect (para 1) **Ans. correlation**

b. the responsibility for something (para 3) **Ans. onus**

c. to work together in order to achieve a particular aim (para 6) **Ans. inculcating**

Section B (Grammar and Writing) Marks : 30

Q3. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words. 8m

Letter writing: Format 1 mark; Content: 4 marks; Accuracy: 1.5 marks; Fluency: 1.5 marks.

Article: Content: 4 marks; Accuracy: 2 marks; Fluency: 2 marks.

Q4. Complete any one of the stories with the given beginning in 200-250 words.10

Story Writing: Title: 1 mark; Content: 4 marks; Accuracy: 2.5 marks; Fluency: 2.5 marks.

Q5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 4m

a. i. a

b. iv. make

c. v. decided

- d. ii. went
- e. iii. about

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against their respective numbers. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. Answer any four of the them. 4m

Error	<u>Correction</u>
a. was	<u>were</u>
b. are	<u>were</u>
c. understood	<u>understand</u>
d. talk	<u>talking</u>
e. raven	<u>ravens</u>

Q7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. Write the answers of any four in your answer script against the correct blank number. 4m

- a. He insisted that the Queen should eat one cake from him.
- b. She readily agreed.
- c. When she finished eating, King Bedar sprinkled water and changed her into a mare.
- d. He took her to Addullah.
- e. Abdulla advised him to mount on the mare and start his journey to Persia.

Section C (Literature and long reading text) Marks : 30

Q8. Read the following extracts and answer any one of them. 4m

a. *Your statue spouting blood in many pipes,
In which so many smiling Romans bathed,
Signifies that from you great Rome shall suck
Reviving blood, and that great men shall press
For tinctures, stains, relics and cognizance.*

- i. Who is speaking these lines and to whom?

Ans. Brutus is speaking these lines to Julius Caesar.

- ii. Why does the speaker interpret the meaning of 'this dream' in this way?

Ans. The speaker interprets the meaning of 'this dream' in this way so as to convince Caesar to come to the senate house. It is because the conspirators planned to assassinate him on that day.

- iii. How does 'you' react to all this?

Ans. 'You,' i.e. Julius Caesar gets ready to go to the senate house breaking the promise given to his wife Calpurnia that he would stay at home that day thereby falling into the trap of the conspirators.

iv. What is the meaning of 'relics'?

Ans. The word 'relics' means 'holy things'.

b. *As I took a sip, I heard a loud crash. I spun round. There, silhouetted in the doorway, was Black-Eyed Jed, the fastest gun in the west. "This town ain't big enough for the both of us, Sheriff Dawson," he drawled, and fingered his guns lightly. "Outside. Just you and me."*

i. What did 'I', that is, the speaker take a sip of?

Ans. 'I', i.e., the speaker took a sip of a drink named 'Sarsaparilla'.

ii. What happened when the speaker named his drink?

Ans. When the speaker named his drink 'sarsaparilla', a glass of fizzy red stuff came sliding to him.

iii. What did the speaker see after he spun around?

Ans. The speaker saw Black-Eyed Jed as soon as he spun around.

iv. Find the word from the passage that means the same as 'spoke in a lazy manner'.

Ans. The word which means the same as 'spoke in a lazy manner' in the passage is 'drawled'.

Q9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. 8m

(1 mark for content and 1 mark for grammatical accuracy)

Questions a to e to be written as per the Golden Reference Book or on their own with suitable value points.

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in 125-175 words. 8m

(4 marks for content, 2 marks for fluency and 2 marks for grammatical accuracy)

Questions a to e to be written as per the Golden Reference Book or on their own with suitable value points.

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in 175-200 words. 10m

(5 marks for content, 2.5 marks for fluency and 2.5 marks for grammatical accuracy)

Questions a to e to be written as per the Golden Reference Book or on their own with suitable value points.
