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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the extract from the poem and answer the questions that follow :

My feet are cold with water seeping through my shoes

My eyes are heavy with sleep, or is it fever ?

The ground is very slippery, there is no place to stand.

The mind is exhausted, look for some spot to rest.

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Questions :

(i) What has made the speaker's feet cold ?

(ii) What does his mind look for ?

(iii) There is a rhyme scheme in the poem. (True/False)

(iv) The feet of the poet are wet with water through his shoes. (Fill in the blank)

(v) Show one image created by the poet in the above lines. 1×5=5

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

We who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil.

We thank all our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is, after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.

We have at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuous bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination."

Questions :

- (i) Who were called outlaws in South Africa ?
- (ii) What pledge did the new government of South Africa take ?
- (iii) Give the antonym of 'Victory'.
- (iv) The establishment of a democratic rule in South Africa has been called for justice, peace and human dignity.

(Fill in the blank)

- (v) Under the policy of apartheid all citizens were equal.

(True/False)

1×5=5

3. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Crops plants and animals created for human consumption using latest molecular biology techniques can generally be termed GM foods or GMO (Genetically Modified Organism). It has been possible to infuse the desired genetic traits such as disease and/or pest resistance and cold/drought tolerance into important crops to get better yield and nutritional content.

Similarly, GM technology is employed on farm animals to improve milk yield and meat quality. Traditionally, the enhancement of desired traits has been undertaken through breeding of plants and animals. The potential benefit arising from the use of GM technology in agriculture is increased food production, ensuring food security for the abounding millions.

Questions :

(i) What does GMO stand for ?

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(ii) Why is GM technology employed on farm animals ?

(iii) The potential benefit that arises from the use of GM technology in agriculture is food production.

(Fill in the blank)

(iv) GM plants cannot resist the diseases caused by viruses, fungi etc.

(True/False)

(v) Give the suitable title to the passage.

1×5=5

Section-B

(Grammar)

4. Insert appropriate modals (given below) in the following sentences :

should, would, may, can

(i) I told him that I come.

(ii) I lift this box.

1×2=2

5. Insert suitable articles in the blank :

(i) He is boy who beat my son.

(ii) I have got idea.

1×2=2

6. Join the following sentences by changing one of them into relative clause :

(i) Manzoor works for a company. It makes shoes.

(ii) I heard some news. The news astonished me.

(iii) Arif is always idle. He was punished.

1×3=3

7. Change the narration :

(i) She asked me if I knew her.

(ii) The teacher said, "The sun is a star."

(iii) He said, "Maira is singing."

1×3=3

8. Use appropriate articles, tenses, spellings etc. wherever necessary to edit the passage given below :

Mrs. Bannet came to know of her new neighbour.

Mrs. Bennet have three daughters and (1)

is very serious about her marriage. (2)

She want to get them married as soon (3)

as possible. She comes to knowing that a (4)

rich young man, named Mr. Bingley have (5)

come in the neighbourhood. 1×5=5

Section-C

(Writing Skills)

9. Complete the dialogue given below :

Bookseller : Do you (a) ? ✓

Sufia : No, I do not want to buy a book.

Bookseller : What (b) them ?

Sufia : I want only to change this book.

Bookseller : When did (c) ?

Sufia : (d) yesterday evening.

Bookseller : Who (e) to you ?

Sufia : Your salesman (f) ½×6=3

10. ✓ Your school is organising a debate on 'Pollution and its Hazards'.

Being the incharge of the school debating society, write a notice

informing the students about the same and inviting the names of the

students interested to participate. Put the notice in the box. 3

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11. Mr. M.A. Khan, Principal, Crescent Public School, asks his assistant to draft a message for the Vice Principal and the class teachers of classes X, XI, XII to attend a meeting to discuss the planning for two day excursion to Pahalgam during Summer Vacation. Draft the message.

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12. Do any *one* of the following :

(i) You are Afzal, the librarian of ABC Public School, Srinagar.

Write a letter to 'The Unique Books Co., New Delhi', complaining about the poor quality of books supplied to your library.

(ii) Write a letter to your father inviting him on the Annual

Function of your school.

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13. Do any *one* of the following (80–100 words) :

(i) Using the ideas given below, write a paragraph on 'The Importance of Discipline in Life.'

- *Discipline* : Basis of whole universe, in nature is governed by some laws for harmony.
- *Why needed* : for the happiness and welfare of all, strength of an individual as well as of a nation, helps in personal and national prosperity and growth.

(ii) Arif has to take part in a speech competition on the topic 'Stop Crowding Pahalgam'. Using the hints given below, write a speech.

- Deterioration in civic amenities. Pollution levels increasing everywhere. Overcrowding in streets, buses, markets. Suggest some practical solutions.

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Section-D

(Literature)

14. Read the extracts of the poems carefully and do any *three* of the following (20-30 words) :

(i) Lord ! You are my hope and trust,

Lead me to the way of truth :

How long shall I dwell in ignorance!

Pour me the nectar of knowledge.

Lend ear to my wailing and pleas,

cure me of ills and pains;

- Identify the metaphors used in the above lines.

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(ii) Now is the globe shrunk tight

Round the mouse's dulled wintering heart.

Weasel and crow, as if moulded in brass,

Move through an outer darkness.

- 'Weasel and crow, as if moulded in brass.' Explain briefly.

(iii) I looked again at her, worn, pale, <https://www.jkboseonline.com>

As a late winter's moon and felt that old

familiar ache, my childhood fear, but all

I said was, see you soon, Amma.

- What childhood fears do you think the poet is referring to in the above lines ?

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(iv) Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose

And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,

And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,

Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage.

- Pick out the similes from the above lines.

(v) So shall I take

My last dear fuel of life to heap on my soul

And kindle my will to a flame that shall consume

Their dross of indifference, and take the toll

Of their insults in punishments ? – I will not –

- 'Take the toll of their insults in punishments.' Elaborate: 2×3=6

15. Do any *four* of the following (40–60 words) :

(i) What was the curious episode that took place in the clergyman's study/house ?

(ii) Anny says teachers are most unpredictable. Is Mr. Kessing unpredictable ? How ?

(iii) “ ‘I never want this to happen again’ he told his father. ‘Ever’.”
Who says it and why ?

(iv) What condition does Shylock put forth if the debt is not paid in time ?

(v) Why is May 10 ‘autumn day’ in South Africa ?

(vi) Why does Mrs. Bennet think that Mrs. Long is selfish ? $3 \times 4 = 12$

16. Do any *one* of the following (80–100 words) :

(i) Give a detailed description of the second quarrel in the play ‘The Proposal’ ?

(ii) Discuss the theme of the play ‘The Proposal’.

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17. Do any *one* of the following (80–100 words) :

(i) Draw a character-sketch of Gerasim.

(ii) What effect did the collapse of Rama Rao's business have on him and his family ?

(iii) Who was Bishamber ? Why did Bholi's parents accept his marriage proposal ?

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