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**ENGLISH**

**Time : 3 Hours ]**

**[ Maximum Marks : 80**

**Section-A**

**(Reading Comprehension)**

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

Self-help is the best kind of help. It enables us to overcome all the difficulties and face all dangers. It is said that a man who depends upon himself may not need the help of others. Self-efforts and self-reliance are the keys to success. A heroic mind is ever ready 'to strive, to seek, to find and not to yield'. Then there are idlers and shirkers who look up to God for help and do not work hard themselves. Since they lack self-confidence, they are bound to face failures. Those who put their shoulders to the wheel are also helped by God. A Cartman whose carriage was stuck up in mud, applied his shoulders in its wheel and God Hercules also helped him in taking it out of the mud. Our self efforts along with our full faith

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in God, are often crowned with success. The lives of all great men remind us that it has always been their self-help and self-reliance, self-effort and self-confidence that have led them to success in life. It is pluck and not luck that carries the day. 5+5=10

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :
- If a man has health and wealth, he needs two others to be happy :  
(a) a stable framework built round a central purpose, (b) 'play' or doing things for fun'. The suitable framework must be an outward expression of fairly constant impulses, e.g., those connected with family or work. But sometimes family becomes hateful and work painful. They cannot bring happiness. If at that time a man looks upon his duty towards the family or regards his work as 'play', he can get happiness. Much depends upon our attitude towards life. Our mind can make a heaven of hell or hell of heaven. Life is tragedy to those who feel; it is a comedy to those who think. Even the
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- we take them non-seriously as 'play' and discharge our duties for fun. Doing things for fun saves us from a lot of disappointment in case of our failure. Life is a vast play-ground where we are players. We have to play the game of life good-humouredly. Success or failure, victory or defeat does not matter much. Our motto should be "play up ! play up ! play up ! play up the game" ! This means that we should take things easy and discharge our duties in a spirit of play or fun.

**Questions :**

- (i) What does a man need if he has health and wealth ?
- (ii) 'Stable' means :
- (A) fixed
- (B) strong
- (C) reasonable
- (D) useful
- (iii) Life is a tragedy ? Explain.
- (iv) What is life compared to ?
- (v) Doing things for fun saves us from :
- (A) anxiety
- (B) disappointment
- (C) failure
- (D) sadness
- (vi) The word 'tragedy' is used as, a noun/a verb/an adjective/an adverb.
- (vii) Use the word 'vast' in a sentence other than that in the passage.
- (viii) What is the antonym of 'painful' ?
- (ix) Life is a tragedy to those ..... . (Complete it)
- (x) What should be our motto in life ? 1×10=10

**Section-B**

**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. You are Principal of J.N.M. School, Srinagar. You want an English teacher to teach XI and XII Classes. Draft a classified advertisement for the post of English Teacher in your school. (Not exceeding 50 words).

*Or*

You are Mr. Riwan Samson, the Principal of a reputed college; you have been invited to be the chief guest on the opening of new library section of a Public library in your town. Draft a reply to the invitation to express your inability to attend the occasion.

4. Write a letter to the editor of a reputed newspaper, highlighting the issue of environmental pollution at various local picnic spots. (120–150 words).

*Or*

You are Vivek, the sports secretary of your school. Write a letter to National Prime Sports, Srinagar requesting them to supply their trade catalogue. Mention the items you would require and ask for a discount on the catalogue prices. (120–150 words).

5. You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of office assistant in Godrej Soap Company, Srinagar. Write your job application and resume to the Chief Manager, G.S.C., applying for the advertised post. (120–150 words).

*Or*

You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of Lecturer in Higher Secondary School, Srinagar. Write your job application and resume to the Principal, applying for the advertised post. (120–150 words).

6. Covid–19 has checked the economic growth of India. Write an article on 'The effects of Covid–19 in 200–250 words'.

*Or*

Regular habit of morning walk and exercise helps in maintaining good health and prevention of many ailments. Write a speech on the benefits of morning walk and exercise to be delivered on the morning assembly. (200–250 words).

7. Edit the following passage :

It is his Karam his destiny says Mukesh grandmother who have watched her own husband go blind with dust from polish the glass of bangles can a god given lineage ever be broken she implies Born in the caste of bangle maker they have seen nothing but bangles in the house in the yard in every other house every other yard every street in Firozabad.

**Section-C**

**(Literature)**

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

(a) Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

Out of their homes, but after the airport's

Security check, standing a few yards away.

I looked again at her, wan pale

as a late winter's moon and felt that old

familiar ache. <https://www.jkboseonline.com>

*Questions :*

- (i) Why are the young trees described as sprinting ?
- (ii) Why has the mother been compared to the 'Late Winter's moon' ?
- (iii) Name the poet/poetess.
- (iv) Who is standing a few yards away ?

(b) Once upon a time there was a man who went around selling small rattraps of wire. He made them himself at odd moments from the material he got by begging in the stores or at the big farms. But even so, the business was not especially profitable, so he had to resort to both begging and petty thievery to keep body and soul together.

*Questions :*

- (i) Name the chapter and its writer.
- (ii) Why had he resorted to begging and thievery ?
- (iii) Of what material, did he make rattraps ?
- (iv) Why was his business not profitable ?

3. Answer any *five* of the following questions in **30-40** words each :

- (a) ~~How~~ How, in your opinion, can Mukesh realise his dream ?
- (b) Why did the Peddler leave a Christmas gift for Edia ?
- (c) How was Gandhi able to influence lawyers ? Give two examples.
- (d) What does the poet want for the children of the slums ? Why ?

(e) In the poem 'keeping quiet', does the poet advocate total inactivity and death ?

(f) What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley ?

(g) Why is an adult's perspective on life different from that of a child's ?

5×2=10

10. Answer the following question in 120–150 words :

The reader's sympathy is with the Peddler right from the beginning of the story. Why is this so ? Is the sympathy justified ?

*Or*

Why do celebrities find fault with an interview ?

11. Answer the following question in 150–180 words :

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?

*Or*

What happened at the Golden Lion Hotel ? (Evans Tries an O-level).