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Part - I
ENGLISH, Paper - I

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 100

SECTION - A

- I. Annotate ANY TWO of the following in about 10 to 15 lines each. 2×4=8**
- (a) "But I am surprised how a company such as Telco is discriminating on the basis of gender."
 - (b) There will be many times as many jobs coming into being as are destroyed.
 - (c) All in all, it is rather easier to be Prime Minister of a coalition government, than it is to be wicket-keeper of India.
 - (d) With the six hats, instead of confrontation there is supportive scrutiny of an issue, which is useful where there are fierce arguments, bickering or obstinacy.
- II. Annotate ANY TWO of the following in 10 to 15 lines each. 2×4=8**
- (a) In almost every house we've been,
We've watched them gaping at the screen.
They loll and slop and lounge about,
And stare until their eyes pop out.
 - (b) i am a vessel of righteousness
scattering seeds of justice
and serving the noblest uses.
 - (c) My thoughts on former pleasures ran;
I thought of Kilve's delightful shore.
 - (d) For without words, in friendship, all thoughts,
all desires, all expectations are born and shared,
with joy that is unacclaimed.

III. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following questions in 10-15 lines each. **2×4=8**

- (a) "Lateral thinking is creative or non linear thinking." Provide instances from the essay to support this statement.
- (b) The demands, both mental and physical, of wicket-keeping greatly exceed those of batting, bowling or fielding. Explain.
- (c) Describe Adam Mayblum's escape from the 87th floor of the World Trade Centre.
- (d) How did the teachers outwit Wasserkopf?

IV. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following questions in 10 to 15 lines each. **2×4=8**

- (a) Contrast the attitude of adults as opposed to children as reflected in the poem 'Anecdote for Fathers'.
- (b) Does the poet approve of celebrating Mother's Day? Explain.
- (c) The poem 'A Spider and a Fly' is a celebration of beauty rather than utility. Justify your answer.
- (d) "Who finds a faithful friend, finds a treasure". This is a Jewish saying. Do you agree? Base your answer on Kahlil Gibran's "On Friendship".

V. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following in about 25 to 30 lines. **1×8=8**

- (a) Did Bob and Wells value their friendship? How do you know?
- (b) Why was the nightingale able to understand the sorrow of the student while the others were not? How does she decide to help him?
- (c) How was Bepin Babu tricked by Chunilal?

SECTION - B

VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

5×1=5

Some interviewers ask "Puzzle questions", such as "Why are manhole covers round?" or "How would you design Bill Gates' bathroom?" instead of asking standard, technical questions. Interviewers who pose such questions say that these help to gauge the intelligence, resourcefulness or outside-the-box thinking needed in today's hyper competitive world. The popularity of these questions is generally attributed to Bill Gates' Microsoft Corporation. The software giant receives over 12,000 job applications a month, so it has to

be selective. The website of the company states, "We look for original, creative thinkers and our interview process is designed to find them."

Questions :

- (1) Give one example of a "Puzzle question".
- (2) Why do interviewers pose such "Puzzle questions" ?
- (3) Name the software company which first popularized the use of Puzzle questions in interviews.
- (4) Pick out from the passage the noun form of the word 'intelligent'.
- (5) The word "hyper competitive" in this context suggests that
(Pick the best answer).
 - (a) there is very little competition.
 - (b) there is a lot of competition.
 - (c) there may or may not be any competition.

VII. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

5×1=5

A long time ago in China there were two friends, one who played the harp skillfully and one who listened skillfully. When the one played or sang about a mountain, the other would say : "I can see the mountain before us." When the one played about water, the listener would exclaim : "Here is the running stream !"

But the listener fell sick and died. The first friend cut the strings of his harp and never played again. Since that time the cutting of harp strings has always been a sign of intimate friendship.

Questions :

- (1) To which country did the two friends belong ?
- (2) What happened to the listener ?
- (3) How did the first friend express his grief ?
- (4) Write True or False : The two friends understood each other very well.
- (5) The harp is (Choose the best answer).
 - (a) a kind of game.
 - (b) a kind of musical instrument.
 - (c) a kind of vehicle.

SECTION - C

Note : The answer to questions in this section should be written **at one place** in the answer book separately. The entire section should be answered in one stretch and **not mixed with other sections.**

VIII. Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the'.

6×1/2 = 3

- (a) Sri Lanka is island.
- (b) Ravi is playing tabla.
- (c) Rabindranath Tagore was great poet.
- (d) Rohit is LL.B. student.
- (e) Himalayas are to the north of India.
- (f) He is university professor.

IX. Fill in the blanks with suitable *Prepositions*.

6×1/2 = 3

- (a) I congratulated him his success.
- (b) She has gone for a walk her child.
- (c) The boys quarrelled themselves.
- (d) When we went to Delhi last year, we travelled air.
- (e) Mohan died Cancer.
- (f) Divya has been ill Monday.

X. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the *verbs* given in brackets. **5×1=5**

- (a) The Earth around the Sun. (*revolve*)
- (b) India a large country. (*be*)
- (c) Venu the letter a week ago. (*receive*)
- (d) If Sonam invites me, I the party. (*attend*)
- (e) The match by the time, I reached the stadium. (*start*)

XI. Rewrite the sentences as directed.**5×1=5**

(a) The wood cutter has cut the tree.

(Rewrite the sentence beginning with "The tree")

(b) The boy said, "I am doing my home work".

(Change into indirect speech)

(c) Keshav is one of the most brilliant persons I have met.

(Rewrite using 'as brilliant as')

(d) Sheela did not visit me. She contacted me on telephone.

(Combine the sentences with "but")

(e) She can sing.

(Add a question tag)

XII. Rewrite the following sentences correcting the underlined part.

The entire sentence must be written.

5×1=5(a) Measles are an infectious disease.(b) I and he went for the movie.(c) My friend, which lives in Gudivada, is a doctor.(d) The Monalisa is an unique painting.(e) Every woman clapped their hands.**XIII. Supply the missing letters in the following words.****6×1½ = 3**

(a) lat _ _ al

(b) vigi _ _ nt

(c) pl _ _ sant

(d) br _ ll _ ant

(e) ima _ _ ne

(f) ge _ _ er

XIV. Identify the *Silent Consonants* in the following words.

6×½ = 3

- (a) climb
- (b) talk
- (c) knife
- (d) plough
- (e) listen
- (f) world

XV. Identify the *Parts of Speech* of the underlined words.

6×½ = 3

- (a) Nehru was fond of children.
- (b) The lazy boy was punished.
- (c) I will be waiting for you at the bus stop.
- (d) If it rains, the match will be cancelled.
- (e) Alas ! I have lost everything.
- (f) Read it carefully.

XVI. Match the words in column 'A' with their *meanings / definitions*

✓ in column 'B'.

6×½ = 3

Column 'A'

Column 'B'

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|----------------|------------------------------------|
| (i) Scrutiny | (a) took a liking for. |
| (ii) Fancied | (b) stops or comes to an end. |
| (iii) Pinnacle | (c) varied or different. |
| (iv) Diverse | (d) close and careful examination. |
| (v) Ceases | (e) the highest point. |
| (vi) Spurious | (f) looking back on things past. |
| | (g) false, not genuine. |
| | (h) silly, not serious. |

XVII. Convert the given information into a Tree diagram.

1×5=5

Nouns can be divided into four kinds. We have Proper nouns, Common nouns, Collective nouns and Abstract nouns. Common nouns can further be sub-divided into Countable nouns and Uncountable nouns. Countable nouns can be singular (eg-star) and plural (eg-stars). Uncountable nouns can only be used in the singular (eg-sugar).

OR

Present the information given in the table in a short paragraph.

**TOP SEVEN SPORTS VIEWED IN INDIA ON
TELEVISION (JAN - DEC, 2008)**

Rank	Sport	No. of Viewers
1.	Cricket	122 million
2.	Wrestling	96 million
3.	Football	83 million
4.	Tennis	70 million
5.	Golf	65 million
6.	Car/Bike racing	59 million
7.	Hockey	35 million

XVIII. Read the following transcriptions and write **ANY FIVE** words in ordinary spelling.

5×1=5

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| (1) / pebl / | (2) / ækədəmɪk / |
| (3) / edʒukeɪfən / | (4) / kəmpjuːte(r) / |
| (5) / feɪməs / | (6) / aɪdiəlɪstɪk / |
| (7) / dɪfɪkəlt / | (8) / θɪŋk / |
| (9) / læf / | (10) / pələrt / |

OR

Find the word that is different from the other words in the group with regard to the sound of the underlined letters.

1. this think thing
2. laughter daughter cough
3. island if ink
4. sturdy student stupid
5. meal measure mean

XIX. Write the number of syllables for **ANY SIX** of the following words.

6 × 1/2 = 3

1. season
2. impression
3. one
4. alternative
5. photograph
6. observation
7. return
8. recollect
9. new
10. remarkable

XX. Complete the following dialogue :

1 × 4 = 4

- Stranger : Excuse me.
- Local resident : Yes, how can I help you ?
- Stranger : Could you railway station ?
- Local resident : Sure. Go
- Stranger : How far is it from here ?
- Local resident : Only a
- Stranger : Thank you so much.
- Local resident : You're