

ENGLISH – 817 (CK) 2016

Time: 3 Hours 15 Mins

Max Marks: 70

SECTION – A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below it:

Each one of us is a link in the chain, that is our country. If we are weak and poor citizens, our country will suffer, even though we may try to comfort ourselves with the false idea that it does not make any difference what one person does in such a large country, where so many people live. But if one candle goes out, then in that one place there is darkness instead of light. It is only when all the candles burn brightly, the whole house will be full of light.

(a) Write the name of the lesson from which the above lines have been taken. Who is the writer of this lesson? (2)

(b) What will happen, if we are weak and poor citizens? (2)

Solution:

(a) The above lines are taken from the lesson "Citizen and Nation." The writer of this lesson is M.K. Gandhi.

(b) If we are weak and poor citizens, our country will suffer. Even though we may think that one person's actions do not matter in a large country, every individual's contribution is important.

2. Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words: (4)

(a) What were Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's views about the river Ganga and about the people of the country?

(b) Why was Yaksha pleased with Yudhishtira and what did he do then?

Solution:

(a) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru regarded the river Ganga as a symbol of India's culture and history. He saw it as the lifeline of the nation, deeply connected to the lives of the people. He believed that just as the Ganga nourished the land, the people of India should also work together for the progress and unity of the country.

(b) Yaksha was pleased with Yudhishtira because he answered all his questions with wisdom and righteousness. Impressed by his honesty, humility, and adherence to dharma, Yaksha revived Yudhishtira's brothers, who had fallen unconscious after drinking water from the enchanted lake.

3. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: 2+2 =4

(a) What did Socrates try to teach the people by talking to them?

(b) Who was Lencho? What were his main problems?

(c) What did Guru Nanak pray for the people of the second village?

Solution:

(a) Socrates tried to teach people to think logically, question their beliefs, and seek truth. He encouraged self-examination and wisdom rather than blindly following traditions.

(b) Lencho was a poor farmer who depended on his crops for survival. His main problems were the destruction of his crops by a hailstorm and his desperate need for money to sustain his family.

(c) Guru Nanak prayed for the people of the second village to remain poor and miserable because their suffering made them humble and kind, unlike the arrogant rich.

4. Match the words of List A with their meanings in List B: (4)

List A	List B
(a) fame	confused
(b) appreciate	reputation
(c) wealth	admire
(d) puzzled	riches

Solution:

List A	List B
(a) fame	confused (d)
(b) appreciate	reputation (a)
(c) wealth	admire (b)
(d) puzzled	riches (c)

5. Read the following piece of poetry and answer the questions given below it:

Into the moonlight,
Whiter than snow;
Waving so flower-like,
When the winds blow !

(a) What colour is the fountain in the moonlight? (2)

(b) What happens to the fountain when the winds blow? (2)

Solution:

(a) The fountain appears whiter than snow in the moonlight.

(b) When the winds blow, the fountain waves like a flower.

6. Give the central idea of one of the following poems: (3)

(A) The Psalm of Life

(B) The Perfect Life

OR

Write four lines from one of the poems given in your text- book. (Do not copy out the lines given in this question paper.)

Solution:

Central Idea of "A Psalm of Life":

The poem encourages people to live life with purpose, courage, and determination. It teaches that life is not meant for idleness or sorrow but for action and progress. The poet urges readers to leave behind a legacy through hard work and inspire others to follow their path.

7. Answer two of the following questions in about 25 words each: (2 + 2 = 4)

- (a) Describe one important invention made by Edison.
- (b) What changes did the village boys notice in the boy after he sat on the green mound?
- (c) Who was Luz Long?

Solution:

- (a) Edison's invention of the electric bulb was a major breakthrough. It provided a reliable and long-lasting source of light, revolutionising industries, homes, and daily life.
- (b) After sitting on the green mound, the village boys noticed that the boy became silent, thoughtful, and detached, as if he had gained some mystical knowledge.
- (c) Luz Long was a German long jumper and an Olympic athlete. He displayed true sportsmanship by guiding Jesse Owens during the 1936 Berlin Olympics, despite being his competitor.

8. Point out true and false statements in the following: (4)

- (a) Thomas Alva Edison was a great singer.
- (b) The beautiful palace of Vikramaditya stood in Delhi.
- (c) Pierre de Coubertin was the founder of the modern Olympic Games.
- (d) Vikrama Samvat owes its origin to Vikramaditya.

Solution:

- (a) False
- (b) False
- (c) True
- (d) True

9. Select the most suitable alternative to complete the following statements: (4)

- (a) The essential thing in life is
 - (i) earning money
 - (ii) getting success by any means
 - (iii) living well
 - (iv) fighting well
- (b) When Edison tried his experiment on his servant girl
 - (i) she began to run
 - (ii) she began to fly
 - (iii) she began to tremble
 - (iv) she fell ill
- (c) Electric light shone for the first time in America in
 - (i) 1882

- (ii) 1872
- (iii) 1880
- (iv) 1878
- (d) The judgement seat of Vikramaditya was found in
- (i) Agra
- (ii) Delhi
- (iii) Ujjain
- (iv) Dwarka

Solution:

- (a) The essential thing in life is (iv) fighting well.
- (b) When Edison tried his experiment on his servant girl, (iii) she began to tremble.
- (c) Electric light shone for the first time in America in (i) 1882.
- (d) The judgement seat of Vikramaditya was found in (ii) Delhi.

Section B

10. Do as indicated against each of the following sentences:

- (a) ever shall you remember I. 2
- (Frame a correct sentence by re-ordering the words)
- (b) Who writes a letter? 2
- (Change into passive voice)
- (c) I said to my teacher, "Sir! please explain this stanza again." 2
- (Change into indirect narration)
- (d) The work is being _____ by me. 2
- (Use the correct form of the verb 'do' to fill in the blank)

Solution:

- (a) I shall ever remember you.
- (b) A letter is written by whom?
- (c) I requested my teacher to explain that stanza again.
- (d) The work is being done by me.

11. (a) Choose the correct preposition from the ones given below the sentence to fill in the blank: 2

She is good _____ mathematics. (in, for, at, with)

(b) Complete the following sentence: 2

Will you wait, unless _____ .

(c) Complete the spellings of the following words :

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(i) in_e_l_g_n_

(ii) s _ _ g _ _ _ f _ _ _ _ nc _

(d) Punctuate the following sentence using capital letters wherever necessary :

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ramesh said to suresh did the teacher call you

Solution:

(a) She is good at mathematics.

(b) Will you wait, unless I return soon?

(c) Complete spellings:

(i) intelligence

(ii) significance

(d) Punctuated sentence:

Ramesh said to Suresh, "Did the teacher call you?"

12. Translate the following into English: (4)

मेरा मित्र आज सवेरे की रेलगाड़ी से बरेली से आया है । मुझे उसे इलाहाबाद के दर्शनीय स्थान दिखाने हैं । आज वह थका हुआ है । मैं कल उसे ग्रा और यमुना का संगम दिखाने ले जाऊँगा ।

Solution:

My friend has arrived from Bareilly by the morning train today. I have to show him the tourist attractions of Allahabad. He is tired today. I will take him to see the confluence of the Ganga and Yamuna tomorrow.

13. Write an application to the Principal of your college, requesting him to make a regular arrangement for evening games. (Do not write your Name and Roll Number)

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OR

Write a letter to your father, requesting him to purchase some books and school dress for you. (Do not write your Name, Roll Number and Place)

Solution:

Application to the Principal for Regular Evening Games

To,
The Principal,
JB College,
Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

Respected Sir/Madam,

I humbly request you to make a regular arrangement for evening games in our college. Many students are interested in participating in sports, but due to the absence of a scheduled time, we are unable to practise properly. Regular evening games will not only improve our physical fitness but also enhance our overall performance in academics.

Kindly consider this request and arrange for necessary facilities. We shall be grateful for your support.

Thank you.

Yours obediently,
XYZ, X-A

14. Write a composition on any one of the following topics in about 60 words. Points are given below for each topic to develop the composition.

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(a) My Mother

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) Her dress and behaviour
- (iii) Her daily life
- (iv) Her qualities
- (v) Why do I love her most

(b) Pollution

- (i) What is pollution?
- (ii) Sources of pollution
- (iii) How does it harm?
- (iv) How can it be checked ?
- (v) Conclusion

(c) An Indian Festival

- (i) Introduction
- (ii) The time of celebration
- (iii) Preparations for the festival
- (iv) How it is celebrated
- (v) Conclusion

Solution:

(b) Pollution

Pollution is the contamination of natural resources like air, water, and land, causing harm to humans, animals, and the environment. The main sources of pollution are factories, vehicles, plastic waste, and deforestation. It leads to serious problems like global warming, respiratory diseases, and the destruction of ecosystems. Air pollution from smoke and chemicals affects breathing, while water pollution harms marine life and spreads diseases. To reduce pollution, we should use eco-friendly products, plant more trees, and properly dispose of waste. Governments should enforce strict laws to control industrial emissions and promote clean energy. Pollution must be controlled to ensure a healthy and safe future for all.

15. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set thereon:

A man was kept in jail without any fault. When the King visited the jail, he told him that he was innocent. The King found out that it was true. The King gave him a sum of money and set him free. He went straight to the market, where some birds were kept for sale. He purchased all the birds from the shopkeeper and set them free. At this, the shopkeeper was surprised. Then the man said to him, "If you had been in prison like me for no fault, you would have done the same."

(a) Why was the shopkeeper surprised? 3

(b) What did the man say to the shopkeeper? 3

Solution:

(a) The shopkeeper was surprised because he did not expect the man to buy all the birds just to release them. Normally, people buy birds to keep them as pets, but this man freed them instead. His action seemed unusual and unexpected to the shopkeeper, making him curious about the reason behind it.

(b) The man told the shopkeeper that if he had experienced being imprisoned without any fault, he would have understood the suffering of captivity. He explained that his time in jail had made him realise how painful it was to be trapped. By freeing the birds, he was giving them the freedom that he had once lost, showing his empathy towards them.