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Code No. 201

SET : C

ENGLISH (Core)

[For all Groups I, II, III]

ACADEMIC/OPEN

(Only for Fresh/Re-appear/Improvement/Additional Candidates)

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

- *Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **14** questions.*

- *The **Code No.** and **Set** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.*
- *Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.*
- *Don't leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.*
- *Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.*
- *Candidates must write their Roll No. on the question paper. Except Roll No. do not write anything on question paper and don't make any mark on answers of objective type questions.*

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- *Before answering the questions, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.***
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General Instructions :

- (i) *This question paper is divided into **four** Sections : **A, B, C** and **D**.*
- (ii) ***All the sections are compulsory.***
- (iii) *Attempt all the parts of a question together.*
- (iv) *Stick to the word-limit wherever prescribed.*

SECTION – A**(Reading Skills)**

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

When a seed is grown in the soil, it takes only water and gets ruptured. Two parts come out of it, plumule and radical above and below the surface respectively. At start, both the parts grow almost at the same pace. Then roots take water and other minerals from the soil and shoots grow. The shoots grow upward while the roots grow downward. Initially, the shoots take essential elements from the soil and send it to the shoots; shoots start showing leaves which in turn form food and send to the whole body of the plant. Plants prepare their food in the presence of sunlight, water and carbon dioxide through the process of photosynthesis. Once this process starts, the plant continues to

produce oxygen (O₂) and energy in the form of glucose (sugar). This oxygen is no doubt a vital breath (Pranvayu) for human beings. That is why it is continuously requested to save plants and grow more and more in our vicinity. So, for growing trees we must save seeds also. Today onwards whenever you eat any fruit or vegetable think about saving seeds also. Dry them or let them dry and grow or let them grow in favourable conditions.

Questions :

1 × 4 = 4

(i) Which part grows downward when a seed gets ruptured ?

- (a) plumule
- (b) radical

(c) both of them

(d) none of them

(ii) Leaves come out of which part of a plant ?

- (a) roots
- (b) flowers
- (c) shoots
- (d) all of them

- (iii) What is essential for human beings to survive ?
- (a) roots
 - (b) shoots
 - (c) carbon dioxide
 - (d) oxygen
- (iv) For growing more and more plants in our vicinity what is necessary ?
- (a) save seeds
 - (b) save plants
 - (c) save roots
 - (d) save shoots

OR

Birthday celebration is a common trend in our society. Family members celebrate the birthday of a child with great pomp and show at the very start. Slowly, it becomes a formality of cutting the cake with family and celebrating it with friends. When a child enters the peer group he prefers his/her friends more than the family members at such celebrations. And then comes the stage when the birthday of a child is celebrated at home and the child enjoys the birthday celebrations outside the home. The cake cutting ceremony also comes to a halt.

The children forget that it was a type of family get together. It was an occasion of

meeting and eating together. It was an occasion of joy and happiness together. On the other hand, birthday celebration with friends only may lead to diversions and distractions. Which ultimately lead to depressions and family tensions. Therefore, the children must differentiate the importance of family or friends when they grow up.

Questions : $1 \times 4 = 4$

(i) What becomes a formality slowly ?

(a) Birthday celebration

(b) Cake cutting

(c) Both (a) and (b)

(d) None of the above

(ii) What does a child prefer when he enters peer group ?

(a) family

(b) friends

(c) both

(d) None of them

(iii) Cake cutting ceremony was a type of

- (a) meeting
- (b) eating together
- (c) family get together
- (d) all of them

(iv) Celebrating birthday with friends only may lead to

- (a) diversions
- (b) distractions
- (c) both (a) and (b)
- (d) None of them

2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Supply an appropriate title also : 4 + 1 = 5

There is a question that always flashes in my mind – Are the parents happy now-a-days ? It is a broad category question. Let us specify it. I am particularly talking of those parents who have only two children and both of them go abroad owing to the dazzling world of west and getting trapped by western civilization.

Such parents are very happy when their first child goes abroad. No doubt, they are again happy when the second one also goes abroad. What then ? Only video calling, chatting, talking telephonically and that too rarely because their life is so busy that they talk for a limited time; after a limited no. of days. The parents show a fake smile while telling about them and their progress in a foreign country. Slowly, the visits of their children also fall short what to talk of grandchildren who are completely brought up in western culture. The parents have to lead a seemingly lonely life. Though there is no dearth of money but there is always a dearth of love, emotions, caring and sharing, eating and sitting together and what not.

SECTION – B

(Grammar/Writing Skills)

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3. Attempt any **two** from each sub-part :

(a) Fill in the blank with the *correct form of verbs* given in the brackets :

1 × 2 = 2

(i) We (take) another exam tomorrow.

(ii) If you (obey) your parents, you will always get success in your life.

(iii) The rattrap seller (steal) nothing from the house of ironmaster last Sunday.

(b) *Change the narration* of the following sentences : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) "You cannot win this match." said my Coach to me.

(ii) "Kittu, why are you creating disturbance ?" said the mother.

(iii) The teacher said, "History repeats itself."

(c) *Change the voice of the following sentences* : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) The dragon killed the pirate.

(ii) Did you recite the poem in school today ?

(iii) Who tells you such stories ?

(d) *Supply suitable articles* wherever necessary : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) cricket is not the national game of India.

(ii) honest man is honoured everywhere.

(iii) This man is S. H. O. of our area, he solved my case.

(e) Fill in the blanks with *suitable modal auxiliary* given in the brackets :

$1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) There are no clouds in the sky, it rain today. (might, will, shall)

(ii) By now, you have completed your exam. (used to, dare, should)

(iii) She to sing well in her childhood. (used, dare, should)

4. Attempt any **two** of the following :

3 × 2 = 6

- (a) The Eco club of your school is planning to organize a campaign of 'plant a plant' for a week. You need volunteers for this campaign. Write a notice for your school board inviting names of those who are interested to make the people aware.
- (b) You want to sale your motorcycle. Draft an advertisement for a local daily giving all its features.
- (c) Design a poster on 'Say no to Plastic'.

5. Attempt any **one** of the following :

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- (a) Write a report on 'Yoga Day Celebration in Your School'.
 - (b) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on "Online classes – their merits and demerits".
6. You are Tanuj/Tanuja living at 781, New Prashant Vihar, Delhi. You lost your new schooty. Write a letter to the S. H. O. of your city reporting about the theft of your schooty giving necessary details. 5

SECTION – C

(A) Main Reader [Prose]

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7. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Listening to them, I see two distinct worlds – one of the family, caught in a web of poverty, burned by the stigma of caste in which they are born: the other a

vicious circle of Sahukars, the middleman, the policemen, the keepers of law, the bureaucrats and the politicians. To do anything else would mean to dare. And daring is not part of his growing up. When I sense a flash of it in Mukesh I am cheered. "I want to be a motor mechanic." he repeats.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Who is 'I' in the first line of the passage – Author, Mukesh or Saheb ?
- (ii) Who is the author of these lines ?
- (iii) Out of the two worlds, first world is that of family. Which one is the other world ?
- (iv) Who wants to be a motor mechanic ?
- (v) What type of flash does the author sense in Mukesh ?

OR

He was kneeling on the floor in the next room tinkering with a part of his motorcycle over some newspaper spread on the carpet. He was three years out of school, an apprentice mechanic, travelling to his work each day to the far side of the city. He was almost grown up now, and she suspected areas of his life about which she knew nothing, about which he never spoke. And she was jealous of his silence.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Who was kneeling on the floor ?
- (ii) What was he doing ? Or what was he ?
- (iii) Who is she in the last lines ?
- (iv) What is 'she' jealous' of ?
- (v) Who is the writer of these lines ?

8. Answer the following in about 80-100 words :

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What was Champaran episode ? Why do you think Gandhi considered the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life ?

OR

Did Umberto Eco consider himself a novelist first or an academic scholar ? How did he find the time to write so much ?

9. Answer any *five* of the following in *a sentence* or *two* :

2 × 5 = 10

- (i) How was M. Hamel dressed on his last day in the school ?
- (ii) Is Saheb happy working at tea-stall ? Explain a little.
- (iii) What did Douglas do to get over his fear of water ?

- (iv) Did the peddler respect the faith shown in him by the crofter ?
- (v) What does the writer mean by 'the fiery misery' of those subjected to make-up ?
- (vi) Who was Subbu ? Write his complete name.
- (vii) What were Sophie's plans after school education ?

SECTION – C**(B) Main Reader [Poetry]**

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10. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

At back of the dim class

One unnoted, sweet and young.

His eyes live in a dream,

of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) Why has the class been said 'dim' ?

- (iii) Who is sitting at the back of dim class ?
- (iv) Was the boy present in the class mentally also ?
- (v) What type of dream he was lost in ?

OR

Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen

Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.

They do not fear the men beneath the tree;

They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) What do the tigers do ?
- (iii) What is the colour of the tigers compared with in the stanza ?
- (iv) How can we say that tigers are fearless ?
- (v) How do they walk with grace ?

(14)

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11. Answer any **two** of the following briefly :

$3 \times 2 = 6$

- (i) What is the central idea of the poem '*A Roadside Stand*' ?
- (ii) Why has the mother been compared to the '*late winter's moon*' ?
- (iii) What message does the poet want to give through the poem '*Keeping Quiet*' ?

SECTION – D

(Supplementary Reader)

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12. Answer any **one** of the following in about **80-100** words :

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Do you think that the enemy's help was the right decision by Dr. Sadao and was the best solution to the problem in those circumstances ?

OR

What message do we get from the story – We Too are Human Beings ?

13. Answer any **three** of the following briefly :

$2 \times 3 = 6$

- (i) How were Zitkala-Sa's long hair cut ?

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- (ii) Why does Derry not want to meet people ?
- (iii) How long was Tishani Doshi's journey to Antarctica ?
- (iv) Why did Dewan think of procuring a tiger from the zoo ?

14. Write the **correct** answers of the following questions in your answer-sheet : 3

- (i) How many surgeons were brought in from Madras to treat the king ?
 - (a) Two
 - (b) Three
 - (c) Four
 - (d) No one
- (ii) Who was Sam in 'The Third Level' ?
 - (a) a doctor
 - (b) a friend
 - (c) a psychiatrist and a friend of Charley
 - (d) both (a) and (b)

(iii) Evan's examination started at what time ?

(a) at 9 : 10 a.m.

(b) at 9 : 15 a.m.

(c) at 9 : 25 a.m.

(d) at 9 : 35 a.m.

