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Section-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

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

Man has been constructing buildings for ages now. However, some buildings have become popular because of their peculiar design or their importance in the culture of a particular society. For instance, the Taj Mahal is not only important because it was constructed as a mark of love of a king for a queen but also as a fine piece of architecture. Such buildings are called man-made wonders (opposite to natural wonders). One such man-made wonder (one of the seven wonders in the world) is in Europe. It was basically a clock or bell tower. It is

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called TORRE PENDENTE DI PISA (The leaning tower of Pisa, in Italy). Pisa is eighty kilometres from Florence, Central Italy, and ten kilometres from the Ligurian sea. The tower is famous for the settling of its foundation, causing it to lean 17 feet (5.2 m) from the perpendicular. It is because of this leaning that the tower is popularly known as the **Leaning Tower of Pisa**. Its construction was begin in 1174 as the third and final structure of the city's cathedral complex.

It was designed to stand 185 feet (56 m) high and was constructed of white marble. Three out of its eight storeys were completed when the uneven settling of the building's foundation in the soft ground become noticeable.

Bonnano Pisano, the engineer in charge sought to compensate for the lean by making the new storeys slightly taller on the short side. But the extra-masonry caused the structure to sink still further work was suspended several times as engineers sought solutions, but the tower was ultimately topped out in the 14th century still leaning.

Questions :

- (i) Why have some buildings become popular in the world ?
- (ii) The word 'wonders' mean :
 - (A) Peculiar
 - (B) Strange
 - (C) **Puzzle**
- (iii) The total number of storeys in the tower is :
 - (A) Three
 - (B) Five
 - (C) **Eight**
 - (D) Thirteen
- (iv) Give the opposite of 'uneven'.
- (v) Use the word 'extra' in your own sentence.
- (vi) Where is the 'Leaning Tower of Pisa' situated ?

(vii) The word 'Lean' means :

- (A) Sink
- (B) Thin
- (C) Slope
- (D) Slope in one direction

(viii) The tower was completed in the :

- (A) 12th century
- (B) 13th century
- (C) 14th century
- (D) 20th century

(ix) Name of the seven wonders of the world situated in Europe.

(x) In 'The Various Schemes', the word 'various' has been used as :

- (A) Noun
- (B) Verb
- (C) Adverb
- (D) Adjective

Section-B

(LANGUAGE SKILLS)

2. Attempt *five* of the following :

- (a) Traffic Jamming has created havoc on the city roads. Write a letter to the Traffic Commissioner about this menace and to take measures to relieve the people of this problem.
- (b) A massive fire broke out due to short circuit in the residential area, creating a lot of damage to the nearby buildings; though there was no loss of life. As a reporter with the Kashmir times, write a report about it for the newspaper. (150–200 words)
- (c) Your school is organizing a cultural programme in the vicinity against smoking. 'No smoking' is the slogan. Design a poster pointing out the hazards created by smoking. (50 words)
- (d) Write a paragraph on 'Importance of Female Education'. (80–100 words)

- (e) Your friend arranged a picnic party and you were also invited. You had lot of fun and enjoyment during the event. Write a diary entry about the event (60–75 words). And also write an e-mail thanking your friend for arranging such a nice programme (20–30 words).
- (f) Little buds school has advertised a Post of English Teacher for primary classes. Draft a resume that will go along with your application for the post. (100–120 words)
- (g) Your cousin recently came back from his abroad tour of Australia. Write a dialogue that took place between you two on your first meet after the tour. <https://www.jkboseonline.com>
- (h) The emerging role of media in the mindset of teenagers is very strong and lasting. Write an article on this thought for your school magazine. (150–200 words)

6×5=30

Section-C

(GRAMMAR)

3. Supply two articles, two conjunctions and two prepositions at their respective places in the following passage :

(a) He is good writer. The essays he wrote female education earned him a lot fame. He wrote also many poems they were never published his friends still stress him to publish poems.

- (b) Use the verbs given in the brackets in the correct forms :

I (feel) nervous whenever I (speak) in public. That is natural, especially at first but as you (get) used to, you will overcome that.

(c) Supply appropriate modals in the blanks :

Everybody learn the art of swimming. In my
childhood days I like to swim but was afraid and
..... not learn the art of swimming.

1×12=12

4. Do as directed :

(a) You might feel better. You take more exercise.

(Join the two by 'if')

(b) A girl was injured in an accident. She is now in hospital.

(Combine the two by using 'who')

(c) She said to me, "Are you going to school today ?"

(Report in Indirect Speech)

1×3=3

Section-D

(LITERATURE)

5. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :

(20–30 words each)

Today the world is a little more my own

No need to remember the pain

A blue frocked woman caused, throwing

words at me like pots and pans, to drain

That honey-coloured day of peace.

‘Why don’t you join the others, what

A peculiar child you are !

On the lawn, in clusters sat my schoolmates sipping

Sugarcane, they turned and laughed;

Children are funny, things, they laugh
In mirth at others tears, I buried
My face in the sun-warmed hedge
And smelt the flowers and the pain
The words are muffled now, the laughing
Faces only a blur. The years have
Sped along, stopping briefly
At beloved halts and moving
Sadly on. My mind has found
An adult peace. No need to remember
That picnic day when I lay hidden
By a hedge, watching the steel white sun
Standing lonely in the sky.

Questions :

- (i) Explain the line 'the world is a little more my own'.
- (ii) Why did the other children laugh at the poet ?
- (iii) How different is the world today than it was in the childhood days to the poet ?

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6. (a) In 'Sunrise' cowering at the back means :

(i) Hidden in fear

(ii) Shrinking in fear

(iii) Shivering

(iv) Watching

(b) Quote an example of Metaphor from the poem 'Once Upon a Time'.

1x2=2

7. Attempt *two* of the following in **40–50** words each :

(a) The wish of the father in 'Once Upon a Time' is not practicable.

Comment.

(b) What does apple picking refer to ? Why justify the title 'Apple Picking' ?

(c) What message does the poet want to convey through the following lines ?

By now the sun was shining in all its splendour,

It answered proudly,

'What is the point of getting annoyed,

There is no set time for the sun to rise.

Whenever it rises, that is sun-rise'.

(d) The poem 'Inklings From the Dark' starts from the tone of dejection but leads to the tone of hope. Comment. 3×2=6

8. (a) The writer of "After Twenty Years" is :

(i) Bob

(ii) Jimmy

(iii) O'Henry

(iv) Thompson

(b) In letter 'A' the author is suffering from a particular disease.

Name the disease author was suffering from.

1×2=2

9. Attempt *two* of the following questions in **20–30** words each :

(a) What attracted Mriganko Babu to the Scarecrow ?

(b) How was the Sniper injured ?

(c) Why was Zaman an important person in the village ?

10. Attempt *two* of the following in **60–80** words each :

- (a) In the end Jimmy got his own friend arrested. Would you call him a true friend ? Why ? Discuss.
- (b) Narrate Mriganko Babu's encounter with the Scarecrow in your own words.
- (c) What major idea is the writer trying to get across to the readers in the story 'The Sniper' ? Discuss.
- (d) The department had never taken Barnaby seriously. Discuss. 2×4=8

11. Attempt *two* of the following in **20–30** words each :

- (a) Why does the writer feel that Leh is different from Antarctica and the Sahara ?
- (b) How are the writers and composers different from statesmen ?
- (c) How was C.V. Raman a proud Indian ? 2×2=4

12. Attempt *two* of the following in **60–80** words each :

- (a) “Your freedom ends where my nose begins.” Discuss it in the light of “The Rule of the Road”.
- (b) Comment on the contents of the speech delivered by Dr. C.V. Raman at Agra University.
- (c) The author of ‘Leh’ decided not to enter the Rani’s palace. Discuss.
- (d) Forgetting is sometimes considered as a gift in some people. Do you agree ? Discuss. 2×4=8

13. Attempt *one* of the following in **100–200** words :

- (a) In contrast to Mrs. Bouncer, both Cox and Box are simpletons. Discuss.
- (b) Describe the scene when both Box and Cox started preparing their breakfast but none of them could eat anything. 5×1=5