

SAMPLE QUESTION PAPER - 2

Solved _____

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

General Instructions

The question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A	: Reading	20 marks
Section B	: Writing and Grammar	25 marks
Section C	: Literature Textbook and Long Reading Text	25 marks
		70 marks

SECTION – A : READING

(20 marks)

Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow : (8 marks)

A chimpanzee is one of the great apes and the nearest in intelligence to man. Scientists have examined its mental capacities and sent it into space in anticipation of man. Chimpanzees need little description. Being apes and not monkeys, they have no tails. Their arms are longer than their legs and they normally run on all fours. They can also walk upright with toes turned outwards. When erect they stand 3-5 ft high. The hair is long and coarse, black except for a white patch near the rump. The face, ears, hands and feet are bare and except for the black face, the flesh is coloured.

Chimpanzees exhibit great concern for each other. When chimpanzees meet after having been apart they greet each other in a very human way by touching each other or even clasping hands. Chimpanzees have amazing social discipline. When a dominant male arrives, the rest of the chimpanzees hurry to pay respect to it. The dominant male is not allowed to wrest food from his inferiors. The members of a party also spend considerable amount of time grooming each other and themselves. Mothers go through the fur of their babies for any foreign particles, dirt, and ticks and they aid each other when they are injured. Chimpanzees are the best tools users apart from man. Sticks 2-3 ft long are picked off the ground or broken from branches and pushed into nests, then withdrawn and the honey or insects licked off. Stones are used to crack nuts or as missiles to drive humans and baboons away from its food. Chimpanzees are not only tool users but also toolmakers. They make their own rods by stripping the leaves off a twig or tear shreds off a grass stem. Baby chimpanzees learn all this by observing the older chimpanzees making and using them. So man is not the only toolmaker, merely better at it than his relatives.

Answer the following questions :

(1 × 8 = 8 marks)

- Chimpanzees are as as men. (1)
- Chimpanzees greet each other by each other. (1)
- Like man, chimpanzees are (1)
- Chimpanzees tails. (1)
- Baby chimpanzees learn all by (1)

- (f) Chimpanzees have amazing (1)
 (g) The dominant male chimpanzees are not allowed (1)
 (h) The word 'wrest' means (1)

Q. 2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the statements that follow :

(12 marks)

The 'Little Tramp', the unforgettable character Charlie Chaplin invented, was born purely by accident in 1915. While rushing to a film shoot in California, he grabbed clothes other people had left behind in the changing room. And when he emerged, he found he had created a personality everybody loved. A little guy in a bowler hat, a close-fitting jacket, a cane, outsize shoes and a brush-like moustache!

Before long, Chaplin found himself a star. That puzzled him, for he saw himself essentially as a shy British Music hall comedian. The U.S. acknowledged him as its king of silent film comedy. Soon, so did crowds all over the world.

But life wasn't always a laugh for Charles Spencer Chaplin. Both his parents were Music Hall artists, who separated when Charlie was very young. His childhood was very sad, for his mother never earned enough to look after Charlie and his older brother, Sydney. Sometimes, Chaplin had to sleep on the streets and forage for food in the garbage.

Charlie took his first bow on stage when his mother made her last appearance. It happened when her voice broke during a song. Her son stepped on stage and sang a popular song. That's when a star was born.

Through all these years of success, Charlie never forgot his troubled childhood. It made him recall a Christmas when he was denied two oranges and his bag of sweets for breaking a rule at the orphanage he went to after his mother's death. It would have broken his heart, if the other children had not offered him a share of theirs. Spontaneously, the adult Chaplin gifted the orphanage with a motion picture machine and insisted that each child should have as many oranges and sweets as they pleased.

(A) Answer the following questions : (2 × 4 = 8 marks)

- (a) Which unforgettable character did Charlie Chaplin invent? (2)
 (b) Describe the personality created by Charlie, whom everybody loved. (2)
 (c) What did Charlie see himself as? (2)
 (d) Give two reasons to show that his early life was very sad. (2)

(B) Do as directed : (1 × 4 = 4 marks)

- (e) The word that means 'to search for food' is (para 3) (1)
 (f) What is meant by the word 'invented'? (para 1) (1)
 (g) Find the word in the passage opposite in meaning to 'bold'? (para 2) (1)
 (h) Find the word opposite in meaning to 'failure'? (para 5) (1)

SECTION — B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(25 marks)

Q. 3. Though there is a movement like 'Sarvashiksha Abhiyan' and enrolling of under-privileged children in schools, there are still many children, like the one in the picture, who do not go to school, rather have never seen a school. It is indeed disturbing. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views and the steps to be taken. Take ideas from the MCB unit 'Education'. Write the letter in about 120 words. (5 marks)



Q. 4. I got up in the middle of the night, I was sweating profusely Complete the story in 150-200 words. (10 marks)

Q.5. Fill in the blanks with the help of options that follow : (3 marks)

Before alighting, the Wild Pigeon, like the Carolina Parrot and a few other species of birds, breaks the force of its flight by repeated flapping, (a) (so/although/even/as if) apprehensive of receiving injury from coming too suddenly (b) (with/in/inside/at) contact, either with the branch, (c) (or/and/neither/nor) the spot of ground on which it intends to settle.

Q. 6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it. The first one has been done as an example. (4 marks)

	Before	Missing	After
Space Shuttle Atlantis which is orbiter	e.g., is	an	orbiter
began its first flight October 1985 and	(a)
retired recently after completing last flight	(b)
in July 2011 weighed around 80 tonne. It	(c)
spent 306 days, 14 hours, 12 minutes	(d)
43 seconds in space.			

Q. 7. Rearrange the following to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example : (3 marks)

e.g., stands/a/at/population/tiger/in/slim 1411/India/the/today

The tiger population stands at a slim 1411 in India today.

(a) concerned/the/really/Indian/are/authorities

(b) tigers/the/of/population/falling/is/sharply

(c) considered/was/tigers,/Sariska,/for/sanctuary/a/which/tigers left/have/any/does not

SECTION – C : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT (25 marks)

Q. 8. Read the extracts given below and complete the statements that follow : (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

Now the frog puffed up with rage.

“Brainless bird-you’re on the stage-

Use your wits and follow fashion.

Puff your lungs out with your passion”.

(a) Why was the frog puffed up with rage ? (1)

(b) Give the opposite of ‘Brainless’ ? (1)

(c) What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs ? (1)

OR

The following afternoon we drove to the tiny village set high upon the hill side.

(a) Who went on a trip to the tiny village ? (1)

(b) Which village had they driven to ? (1)

(c) Why was the narrator surprised when Jacopo directed him as to where he should stop ? (1)

Q. 9. Answer the following in 30-40 words : (2 × 4 = 8 marks)

(a) Why did the two sisters fight with each other ? (2)

(b) Bring out the sum and substance of Shakespeare’s sonnet, ‘Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments ?’ (2)

(c) How did the frog impress the nightingale when he first met her ? (2)

(d) Why was Ali leading a cheerless existence ? (2)

Q. 10. Answer any one of the following questions in 80-100 words : (4 marks)

Materialistic things don't really last. What matters most are the people we care about and the values we live with. Explain this with reference to the poem 'Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments'.

OR

Life is often a reflection of one's own deeds. God renders us according to our deeds. Do you think Ali and the postmaster are examples of this philosophical thought ? (The Letter)

NOVEL/LONG READING TEXT

(10 marks)

Attempt any one question from 11(a) or 11(b) in about 150 words.

The Story of My Life

Q. 11. (a) Helen was very close to nature. She could understand nature through touch and smell. Discuss the role of nature in Helen's life. (10 marks)

OR

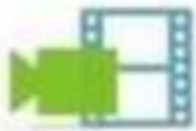
(a) What were the qualities that attracted everyone towards Helen before she fell victim to her mysterious illness ? Give your views.

The Diary of a Young Girl

Q. 11. (b) What tells you that human beings continue to be petty-minded even in the most trying circumstances after reading 'Diary of a Young Girl' ? (10 marks)

OR

(b) The diary fulfilled a deeply felt need to write in Anne. Discuss.



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