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GENERAL ENGLISH

Language English (Perceptions - II)

(CBCS Semester Scheme - Repeaters - 2018-2019 Only)

Paper : II**Time : 3 Hours****Maximum Marks : 70****Instructions to Candidates:**

- Answer all questions.
- Mention the correct question number.

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SECTION - A**I** Answer any five of the following in 2 or 3 sentences each: (5×2=10)

- How long did the husband take to count the money he received as dowry?
- What kind of toys did Eleanor want her brother, harvey, to buy for her children during Easter in 'Toys of Peace'?
- What is the name of Anasuya's maid in "Alone"?
- What was the task given by the teacher one day in 'Cartooning'?
- What has been sacrificed in India to accommodate development according to 'Homeless in a global village'?
- Who was the model for girls in school in 'Rule Britannia'?
- What does the free bird symbolize in 'Caged Bird'?
- What contract did the poet take in the poem 'Wall'?

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(4×5=20)

II. Answer any **four** of the following in about a page each.

1. How was the money given as dowry in 'Money' and what happens when the groom gets it in cash?
2. What imaginative ways do the boys find to use the 'peace toys' in their war games?
3. Why did Anasuya wait for the monsoon?
4. Describe the teacher's appearance in 'Cartoonist'.
5. Comment on the two classes of people emerging in the 'global village'.
6. Write a note on the Gandmardhan Movement according to Vandana Shiva.
7. Describe the free bird's surroundings and its effects in the 'Caged Bird'.

III. Answer any **one** of the following in about two pages each.

(1×10=10)

1. The short Story 'Money' highlights the social evil of dowry system'. Elaborate.
2. "Modern development has destroyed the bonding between Man and nature'. Discuss with reference to 'Homeless in a Global Village'.
3. Write a note on the significance of Wall in D.S. Dadhalkar's poem?

SECTION - B

IV. 1. Combine the following simple sentences into complex sentences:-

(2)

- a) An athlete should possess self-command. His friend does not possess it.
- b) He was dismissed from his work. The reason was unknown.

2. Combine the following simple sentences into compound sentences:-

(2)

- a) As a girl he learned any things. She remembers them.
- b) It was useless to continue my investigation. I decided to return.

3. Change the following into exclamatory form:-

(1)

It is a wonderful piece of poetry.

4. Rewrite the following paragraph in reported speech:-

(3)

'Who is that lady?', the children asked their mother. 'She is a good friend, dear to me', said the mother. 'How come you never told us about her?' asked the children.

5. Fill in the blanks with suitable clauses:-

(2)

- a) The truth is that _____
- b) I do not know _____

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- V. Develop a dialogue between two friends regarding advantage of online classes. (5)
- VI. Write an enquiry letter to Akshara Printers requesting them to provide details of printing your annual magazine. Include queries about approximate number of pages, photos, cover pages, copies required and specify the need of delivering on time. (5)
- VII. Write a precis of the passage and suggest a suitable title:- (5)

Youth today do not realize that one is modern only when his thoughts and actions bring out something new which can set an example to the rest of the world. Imitating only the western outlook in lifestyle, leaving aside their values, is not what modernism is. The family also plays a vital role in shaping one's life. If the urban population in India is divided into two broad divisions, elite and the middle-class, we find that youths from both these classes suffer from severe frustrations. The parents in the higher society are so busy with their work that their children are left neglected. The case is similar with the middle-class families. Lack of attention at home ruins them.

- VIII. Read the passage and answer the questions set on it:- (5)

Rumour is the most primitive way of spreading stories - by passing them from mouth to mouth. But civilized countries in normal times have better sources of news than rumour. They have radio, television and newspapers. In times of stress and confusion, however, rumour becomes rife. At such times the different of news are in competition, the press, television and radio versus the grapevine. The rumours spread when war or emergency conditions require censorship on important matters. Rumours are often repeated by those who do not believe the tales. There is a fascination about them. Pessimistic rumours about defeat and disasters show that people who repeat them are worried and anxious. Optimistic rumours about record production or peace leads to complacency.

1. What is the most primitive way of spreading stories?
2. Which are the better sources of rumour in civilized countries?
3. When would rumours require censorship?
4. Who would repeat the rumours?
5. Optimistic rumours lead to

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