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SECTION A

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

I. Read the following prose and answer the questions that follow:

The children were eager to see the sun. They had been on Venus all their lives. They had only been two years old when the sun last came out. They had long since forgotten the colour and the heat of how it really was. They played in the echoing tunnels of the underground city and sang of summer and sun.

The rain stopped.

It was as if a hurricane had lost its sound. There were no motions or tremor but peace. The world grounded to a standstill. The silence was so immense one would feel as if their ears had been stuffed. The children put their hands to their ears. They stood apart. The door slid back. The smell of the silent, waiting world came to them.

The sun came out.

It was the colour of flaming bronze and it was very large. The sky around it was blazing blue. The jungle burned with sunlight. The children released from their spell, rushed out, yelling, into the summertime.

1. Choose the correct options:-

[5 marks]

- a. The children waited for the sun to rise
 - i. Sadly
 - ii. Happily
 - iii. Eagerly

- b. All their lives the children had been on
 - i. Venus
 - ii. Earth
 - iii. Mars

- c. When the sun came out last, the children had been only
 - i. Four years
 - ii. Three years
 - iii. Two years

- d. The colour of the sun was a flaming
 - i. Silver
 - ii. Bronze

iii. Golden

- e. "The jungle burned with sunlight" means
- The jungle was on fire.
 - The sunlight turned the jungle to ash.
 - The jungle was brightly lit by sunlight.

2. Answer the following questions

[2x2=4]

- Describe the atmosphere as soon as the rain stopped.
- What did the children do immediately after the rain stopped?

3. State whether the following statements are true or false. For all the three questions

provide sentences/ phrases from the text in support of your answer: [2x3=6]

- The children usually played on the open grounds wearing heavy raincoats while it was raining on Venus.
- For a moment, when the sun came out, the children were so captivated it was as if they were under a spell.
- As soon as the rain stopped it felt as if a hurricane had started. There was chaos all around.

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

Oh I am gone back to the days of youth,
I am a child once more;
And 'neath my father's sheltering roof,
And near the old hall door.

I watch this cloudy evening fall,
After a day of rain:
Blue mists, sweet mists of summer pall
The horizon's mountain-chain.

The damp stands in the long, green grass
As thick as morning's tears;
And dreamy scents of fragrance pass
That breathe of other years.

1. Choose the correct option:

(6 marks)

- The hall door mentioned in the poem is
 - New
 - Broken
 - Old
- The poet watches the cloudy
 - Morning
 - Evening
 - Afternoon
- The colour of the mist is
 - Grey

- ii. White
- iii. Blue
- d. The damp stands on the
 - i. Wall
 - ii. Grass
 - iii. Door
- e. "Other years" mentioned in the poem signify
 - i. Days of childhood
 - ii. Days of old age
 - iii. Days of adolescence
- f. The phrase "father's shelteing roof" means
 - i. The roof was made of good quality timber
 - ii. The roof gave shelter to her father
 - iii. The roof signifies the sense of love and security she experienced in her childhood days.

2. Answer the following questions:

(3x3=9)

- a. Where does the poet picture herself when she thinks of her childhood?
- b. What did the poet watch on the "cloudy evening"?
- c. explain the comparison in the last stanza.

SECTION B

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

4. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

The story of Robinson Crusoe is based on a real life incident. The son of a cobbler, Alexander Selkirk, was a wayward young man, with little respect for authority. Abject conditions at sea and the cruelty of the captains made the sailors miserable in those days. It was not surprising that Alexander became rebellious and malevolent when he became a sailor.

In 1704, he was the Sailing Master on a ship, when it anchored for repairs near the desolate island of Juan Fernandez, about 650 kilometers west of Chile. Alexander hatched a conspiracy with the other sailors to declare mutiny. Unfortunately for Alexander, the crew played the Judas. The Captain, getting to know of Alexander's part in the planned mutiny left him behind on the island as he was a bad influence on the men.

Alexander marooned on the island populated only by wild cats and goats became adept at hunting, making clothes with goat's skin. In February, 1709, two English ships sailed in to collect freshwater and shoot goats. Alexander rushed to them for help. He took a job on one of the ships as a sailor and reached London in 1711.

Eight years later, Daniel Defoe gave the story a new shape with many twists, calling it 'The Adventures of Robinson Crusoe'. It is now the story of a man who was shipwrecked on an island and lived alone for an unbelievable twenty-eight years.

A. Choose the correct option: (3 marks)

- a. Robinson Crusoe was written by

- i. Alexander Selkirk
 - ii. Daniel Defoe
 - iii. Charles Dickens
- b. Alexander Selkirk was the Sailing Master on a ship in
 - i. 1711
 - ii. 1709
 - iii. 1704
 - c. "The crew played the Judas" means
 - i. One of the crew members was named Judas.
 - ii. The crew members betrayed Alexander like Judas betrayed Jesus.
 - iii. The crew members were all christians.

B. Answer the following questions:

(2x2=4)

- a. Why was Alexander left behind on the island?
- b. How did Alexander manage to escape from the island?

C. Given below are the meanings of three words you will find in the passage. Find out the words and write them accordingly:

(3 marks)

- a. having or displaying ill-will; wishing harm on others
- b. well-skilled; thoroughly proficient
- c. to abandon in a remote desolate place as on a deserted island

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs: (1x5=5)

- a. I _____ your cousin the other day.
 - i. Run away with
 - ii. Run into
 - iii. Run through
- b. I _____ a rare flower in the meadow.
 - i. Set up
 - ii. Look into
 - iii. Come across
- c. We have planned to _____ three or four hours to see the museum.
 - i. Set in
 - ii. Set up
 - iii. Set aside
- d. They _____ of the prison in the middle of the night.
 - i. Break up
 - ii. Break out
 - iii. Break in

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(1x3=3)

- a. Waste not and want not. (change into complex sentence)
- b. Is not blood thicker than water? (change into assertive sentence)
- c. Alexander hatched a conspiracy with the other sailors to declare mutiny. (change into verb form)

7. Change the parts of speech of the given words in the chart:

(1/2x4=2)

| Noun | Verb | Adjective | Adverb |
|----------|------|-----------|----------|
| | x | x | brightly |
| honesty | x | | x |
| x | x | automatic | |
| sympathy | | x | x |

SECTION C

8. Write the process of making vegetable soup from the following flow-chart: (5 marks)

Chop the vegetables---heat butter in a pan---saute the vegetables---add water---add spices---add salt---add cornstarch---mix well---bring to a boil---serve in a bowl

9. Write a dialogue between two friends on the importance of reading the newspaper. (10)

Provides a sense of educational value---carries information about politics, economics, sports etc.---enhances knowledge---enriches language skills and vocabulary---enables us to take part in everyday discussions---understanding of what is happening in the country.

10. Write a report for an English Daily using the given information:

(10)

Fire reported in the Royal Taj Hotel in Bangalore---fire started in the kitchen---spread to the second floor---fire brigade arrived and contained the fire to that area---fire was fully extinguished after 2a.m.---no one was killed---certain guests ill due to excessive smoke---rushed to nearby hospital---damage to property---eye witness account---assurance by the Hotel Manager.

- 10 Gd) My cousin is short, yet he is a good basket ball player. (use despite of)
- e) Avoid shortcuts in life. (End ... be avoided)
- f) Mr. Mittal is the best tutor to teach him. (Begin There is.)
- g) "You can go now, Anju", he said. (Begin He told Anju...)
- h) The result surprised everybody in the country (Begin The result took ...)
- i) Our plan cannot be implemented immediately. (use effect)
- j) She is poor but she is generous (use despite)
- k) Few good doctors are to be found in this village. (use dearth)

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SECTION A

I. Prose

1. Choose the correct options:-

[5 marks]

- a. iii. eagerly
- b. i. Venus
- c. iii. two years
- d. ii. bronze
- e. iii. The jungle was brightly lit by sunlight.

2. Answer the following questions

[2x2=4]

- i. It was as if a hurricane had lost its sound. There were no motions or tremor but peace. The world grounded to a standstill.
- ii. The children put their hands to their hands to their ears. They stood apart.

3. State whether the following statements are true or false. For all the three questions provide sentences/ phrases from the text in support of your answer:

[2x3=6]

- i. False. They played in the echoing tunnels of the underground city.
- ii. True. The children released from their spell, rushed out, yelling, into the summertime.
- iii. False. It was as if a hurricane had lost its sound. There were no motions or tremor but peace.

II. Poem

1. Choose the correct option:

(6 marks)

- a. iii. old
- b. ii. evening
- c. iii. blue
- d. ii. Grass
- e. i. days of childhood

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f. iii. The roof signifies the sense of love and security she experienced in her childhood days.

2. Answer the following questions:

(3x3=9)

a. The poet pictures herself standing in her father's house, underneath his sheltering roof, near the old hall door.

b. The poet watched the blue mists of the cloudy evening surrounding the mountain chain in the horizon.

c. The poet compares the rain drops on the long grass to the droplets of morning dew. He says that the rain drops were as numerous as them.

SECTION B

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

4. Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow:

A. Choose the correct option:

(3 marks)

a. ii. Daniel Defoe

b. iii. 1704

c. ii. The crew members betrayed Alexander like Judas betrayed Jesus.

B. Answer the following questions:

(2x2=4)

a. The Captain, getting to know of Alexander's part in the planned mutiny left him behind on the island as he was a bad influence on the men.

b. Two English ships sailed in to collect freshwater and shoot goats. Alexander rushed to them for help. He took a job on one of the ships as a sailor and reached London in 1711.

C. Given below are the meanings of three words you will find in the passage. Find out the words and write them accordingly:

(3 marks)

a. malevolent

b. adept

c. marooned

5. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrasal verbs:

(1x4=4)

a. ii. ran into

b. came across

c. set aside

d. broke out

6. Do as directed:

(1x3=3)

a. If you do not waste, you will not want.

b. Blood is thicker than water.

c. Alexander conspired with the other sailors to declare a mutiny.

7. **Change the parts of speech of the given words in the chart:** (1/2x4=2)

| Noun | Verb | Adjective | Adverb |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| Brightness | x | x | brightly |
| honesty | x | Honest | x |
| x | x | automatic | Automatically |
| sympathy | Sympathize | x | x |

SECTION C

8. **Write the process of making vegetable soup from the following flow-chart:** (6 marks)

The above paragraph has the following features:

- A suitable title
- An introductory sentence
- Passive voice is used
- Use of linkers
- The stages of the flow-chart are carefully followed
- A concluding sentence

9. **Write a dialogue between two friends on the importance of reading the newspaper.** (10)

A dialogue writing should have the following features:

- The setting should be mentioned
- There should be characters
- The stages of the flow-chart are carefully followed
- The character and the dialogue should be separated by a colon

10. **Write a report for an English Daily using the given information:(10)**

The report-writing has the following points:

- There must be a heading.
- Write "By a Staff Reporter" at the top right hand corner below the heading.
- Place and date must be mentioned.