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GROUP – A

1. Choose the correct answer for the following questions:

1x5=5

a) We enjoy going to the library. What kind of phrase are the underlined words?

- i. noun ii. adjective iii. adverb iv. prepositional

Ans. i. noun

b) What kind of conjunction is 'although'?

- i. coordinating ii. subordinating iii. correlative iv. ordinating

Ans. ii. subordinating

c) What kind of sentence is the following: I shall call you when the teacher comes.

- i. simple ii. compound iii. complex iv. exclamatory

Ans. iii. complex

d) What is the adverb phrase of 'in a rude manner'?

- i. rudely ii. rudeness iii. rudily iv. rude

Ans. i. rudely

e) Which tense shows an action that has just happened?

- i. simple present ii. present continuous iii. past perfect iv. present perfect

Ans. iv. present perfect

2) Identify the types of clauses in the underlined parts of the following sentences: 1x5=5

a. The chef will show us how he baked the cake.

Ans. Noun clause

b. The house that I live in is built by my grandfather.

Ans. Adjective clause

c. Success cannot be far away if we work hard.

Ans. Adverb clause

d. I worked hard so that I could finish the work on time.

Ans. Noun clause

e. We must leave as soon as the rain stops.

Ans. Adverb clause

3) Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions:

1x5=5

a. Exercise is good for health.

b. The gift came to me by post.

c. He lost the game though they played with a lot of enthusiasm.

d. He is man of great character.

e. Despite/in spite of all the efforts, he could not score well.

GROUP – B

4) Read the following passage and answer the question:

Chocolate is simply delicious. Christopher Columbus was probably the first to take cacao beans from the New World to Europe around 1502. But the history of chocolate goes back at least 4,000 years! The Aztecs, who lived in America, thought that their bitter cacao drink was a divine gift from heaven. In fact, the scientist Carolus Linnaeus named the plant Theobroma, which means "food of the gods." The Spanish explorer Hernando Cortez went to America in 1519. He visited the Mexican emperor Montezuma. He saw

that Montezuma drank cacao mixed with vanilla and spices. Cortez took some cacao home as a gift to the Spanish King Charles. In Spain, people began to drink Cortez's chocolate in a drink with chili peppers. However, the natural taste of cacao was too bitter for most people. To sweeten the drink, Europeans added sugar to the cacao drink. As a sweet drink, it became more popular. By the 17th century, rich people in Europe were drinking it. Later, people started using chocolate in pastries, like pies and cakes. In 1828, Dutch chocolate makers started using a new process for removing the fat from cacao beans and getting to the centre of the cacao bean. The Dutch chocolate-maker Conrad J. Van Houten made a machine that pressed the fat from the bean. The resulting powder mixed better with water than cacao did. Now, some call Van Houten's chocolate "Dutch chocolate." It was easy to mix Dutch chocolate powder with sugar. So other chocolate makers started trying new recipes that used powdered chocolate. People started mixing sweetened chocolate with cocoa butter to make solid chocolate bars. In 1849, an English chocolate maker made the first chocolate bar. In the 19th century, the Swiss started making milk chocolate by mixing powdered milk with sweetened chocolate. Milk chocolate has not changed much since this process was invented. Today, two countries – Brazil and Ivory Coast – account for almost half the world's chocolate. The United States imports most of the chocolate in the world, but the Swiss eat the most chocolate per person. The most chocolate eaten today is sweet milk chocolate, but people also eat white chocolate and dark chocolate. Cocoa and dark chocolate are believed to help prevent heart attacks or help keep them from happening. They are supposed to be good for the circulatory system. On the other hand, the high-fat content of chocolate can cause weight gain, which is not good for people's health. Other health claims for chocolate have not been proven, but some research shows that chocolate could be good for the brain. Chocolate is a popular holiday gift. A popular Valentine's Day gift is a box of chocolate candies with a card and flowers. Chocolate is sometimes given for Christmas and birthdays. Chocolate eggs are sometimes given at Easter. Chocolate is toxic to some animals. An ingredient in chocolate is poisonous to dogs, cats, parrots, small rodents, and some livestock. Their bodies cannot process some of the chemicals found in chocolate. Therefore, they should never be fed chocolate.

A.i) Describe the history of chocolates.

2x3=6

Ans. The history of chocolate goes back at least 4000 years! The Aztecs who lived in America, thought that their bitter cacao was a divine gift from heaven. The Spanish explorer Hernendo Cortez went to America in 1519. He visited the Mexican emperor Montezuma. He saw that Montezuma drank cacao mixed with vanilla and spices. Cortez took some cocoahome as a gift from Spanish King Charles. In Spain, people began to drink Cortez's chocolate in a drink with chilli peppers. However the natural taste of cacao was too bitter for most people. To sweeten the drink, Europeans added sugar to the cacao drink. As a sweet drink, it became more popular. By the 17th century, rich people in Europe were drinking it.

ii) Why did the chocolate makers start trying new recipes that used powered chocolate?

Ans. The Dutch chocolate-maker Conrad J. Van Houten made a machine that pressed the fat from the bean. The resulting powder mixed better with water than cacao did. Now some call Van Houten's chocolate "Dutch Chocolate." It was easy to mix Dutch chocolate powder with sugar. So other chocolate makers started trying new recipes that used powdered chocolate.

iii) What are the advantages and disadvantages of eating chocolate?

Ans. The most chocolate eaten today is sweet milk chocolate, but people also eat white chocolate and dark chocolate. Cocoa and dark chocolate are believed to help prevent heart attacks or help keep them from happening. They are supposed to be good for circulatory system. On the other hand, the high-fat content of the chocolate can cause weight gain, which is not good for people's health. Other health claims of chocolate have not been proven, but some research shows that chocolate could be good for the brain.

B. Find out the synonyms of the following words from the passage:

1x4=4

Ans. .	Word	Synonym
i. famous	ii. blend	iii. begin
iv. poisonous		iv. poisonous
		popular
		mix
		start
		toxic

5) Write the definition of the following. Provide an example for each of them in a complete

sentence. Answer any five.

3x5=15

- a. Subordinate Clause b. Correlative Conjunction c. Compound Sentence
d. Phrase e. Adverb Phrase f. Conditionals g. Defining Relative Clause

Ans. a. Subordinate clause- A subordinate clause is a clause that cannot stand on its own and requires an independent clause to complete its meaning.

Example: I was talking to my aunt who lives in Kanpur.

'who lives in Kanpur' is the subordinate clause.

b. Correlative Conjunction: Conjunctions that are always used in the pairs to join words, phrases, or clauses of equal importance are called correlative conjunctions.

Example: Picasso was not only a great painter but also a great sculptor.

c. Compound sentence: A sentence with two or more independent clauses joined using a coordinating conjunction is a compound sentence.

Example- She has long and curly hair.

d. Phrase: A group of words that expresses an idea but does not form a complete sentence is called a phrase.

Example: I have kept the book at the side of the table.

e. Adverb Phrase: Phrases that do the work of an adverb are called adverb phrases.

Example: The queen spoke in a kind manner.

f. Conditionals: The sentences that talk about possible future situations depending upon certain conditions are called conditionals.

Example: If you don't exercise, you'll become unhealthy.

g. Defining Relative Clause: give important information about the nouns in sentences. They are needed to complete the meanings of sentences.

Example: I found the bottle that you were looking for.

GROUP – C

6) Transform the sentences as directed:

2x5=10

- a. I know him to be a committed player. (compound sentence)
Ans. I know him and he is a committed player
- b. The person who is careless is not to be trusted. (simple sentence)
Ans. A careless person is not to be trusted.
- c. I was born at this place. (complex sentence)
Ans. This is the place where I was born.
- d. Though she is old, she is active. (simple sentence)
Ans. In spite of being old she is active.
- e. I have nothing to offer you at this moment. (complex sentence)
Ans. I have nothing that/which I can offer you at this moment.

7) Rewrite the following sentences with non-defining relative clauses:

2x5=10

- a. My sister will visit me next month.
Ans. My sister who lives in Australia will visit me next month
- b. I am spending my vacation with my friends.
Ans. I am spending my vacation with my friends who live in Canada.
- c. The film won an award.
Ans. The film which released last month won an award.
- d. My old car occupies all the space in my garage.
Ans. My old car which is red in colour occupies all the space in my garage.
- e. His grandfather can still read without spectacles.
Ans. His grandfather who is ninety years old can still read without spectacles.

[Any other meaningful grammatically correct relative clauses will be awarded marks]

GROUP – D

8) Write a story within 300 words on the topic "A Little Boy's Alertness Saves Robbery in a Bus"

(10)

Ans.

Travelling with Caution

After the end of examination Raman's parents decided to take the whole family for a vacation to Darjeeling. Theirs was a family of 6 consisting of his parents, grand parents, he and his little sister Ranu. Actually both Raman and Ranu had wanted to visit the 'queen of hills' for a long time. On 23rd May 2019 they had boarded the Volvo bus from Esplanade that would take them to Siliguri in 10 hours. Then from Siliguri they would have to hire a car to take them to their hotel in Darjeeling. While they were travelling Raman noticed a man looking at his grandmother's hand bag. When most of the passengers were drowsy after diner the man changed his seat and moved beside his grandmother. Finding the situation suspicious Roman kept watch and after a few minutes found the man taking out a knife. As the man aimed at the handbag Raman shouted and alerted everyone in the bus. Before the thief could escape the other passengers surrounded and caught him and handed him over to the police station which they found on their way. Everyone praised Raman.

Moral: Being alert pays dividend.

9)Write a letter within 150 words to your younger cousin brother telling him about the importance of reading newspaper and encouraging him to read newspaper regularly. (10)

Ans. . Sender's Address : 15, Ballygunge Circular Road

Kolkata -700019

Date: November 29,2019

Recipients Address : The Editor

The Statesman

4, Chowrangee Road

Kolkata -700001

Salutations: Dear Sir,

Subject: Subject: Widespread garbage as a threat to the health of people of the locality.

Through your esteemed daily, I would like to express my concern about the widespread garbage as well as the irregular clearance of garbage in my locality that has made the lives of people living here miserable. The environment of the locality has become unhygienic. The garbage bins and the pavements are overflowing with heaps of waste. The uncollected garbage is left to rot and the air is filled with foul smell. This is also creating health hazards. The locality has become a breeding ground of mosquitoes and flies that spread diseases like cholera and malaria. Some residents suffering from such diseases have already been hospitalized. If measures are not taken for regular removal of garbage in the area, then the spread of diseases might rise to alarming proportions. I would therefore, on behalf of the residents of the locality, request the authorities to arrange for regular disposal of garbage.

Closing : Thanking You

Yours Sincerely

Signature: Your full name with surname

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