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Section A

READING COMPREHENSION (SEEN)

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

1. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:

(4x1=4)

- a. The policeman who strolled up to the bus spoke to the passengers
- Pleasantly**
 - Angrily
 - Drowsily
- b. The number of policeman the woman expressed her anger to were
- Two
 - Three**
 - Four
- c. A policeman who strolled up to the bus was joined by _____ constables
- Two**
 - Three
 - Four
- d. "The bus conductor was as cold as the night" means
- The bus conductor was feeling cold
 - The bus conductor was immune to the cold weather
 - The bus conductor was insensitive to the protests of the passengers.**

2. Complete the sentences:

(1x3=3)

- Two or three passengers got out and disappeared into the night.
- A woman passenger's voice rose above the gale, threatening the bus conductor.
- A policeman strolled up and looked in at the door.

3. Answer the following questions:

(2x2=4)

- What happened when the last bus turned up the road?

When the last bus on the road, went by, it seemed indifferent to the shouts of the passengers to stop.

- In his hour of victory, how did the conductor behave? How did the dog react?

The conductor walked to and fro like a captain in the hour of victory. The little dog blinked at the lights, oblivious to the fact that the whole dispute was about him.

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

1. Choose the correct alternative to complete the following sentences:
(3x1=3)

- a. The sparrow sat on
 - i. House-top
 - ii. Cottage rig**
 - iii. Mossy elm tree
- b. The poet loves to see the shaking twigs dance till
 - i. Coming of dawn
 - ii. End of afternoon
 - iii. Shut of eve**
- c. The pigeons nestled round the
 - i. Cote**
 - ii. Branch
 - iii. Casement

2. State whether the following statements are true or false. For both the questions provide statements/phrases from the text in support of your answer:
(2x2=4)

- a. The shaking twig falls from the elm tree. **False.**

The shaking twigs dance till the shut of eve.

- b. The sparrow's chirp creates a world of make-believe for the poet.
True.

The sparrow's chirp would make the poet believe that spring had just now ended.

3. Answer the following questions:
(2x2=4)

- a. State two things the poet loves to see on November days.

On November days the poet loved to see the twigs shaking in the wind till dusk and the cottage smoke curl upwards through the bare trees.

- b. What does the sparrow's chirp remind the poet?

The sparrow's chirp reminded the poet of the pleasant season of spring and summer when the flowers are in bloom.

READING COMPREHENSION (UNSEEN)

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

1. Choose the correct option:
(5x1=5)

- a. Sport has become an established part of
 - i. Entertainment industry**
 - ii. Media
 - iii. Marketing industry
- b. Top professionals are described as
 - i. Diamonds
 - ii. Stars**
 - iii. Sun
- c. The sportsmen's private lives can be scrutinized by
 - i. The media
 - ii. The industries
 - iii. The public**
- d. Newspapers sell more copies if

- i. **The sports coverage is good**
- ii. Sportsmen's lives are written about
- iii. Failure-rates of young entrants are mentioned

e. The media exposes

i. the profit made by industries

ii. the details of a sportsman's life

iii. failure-rates of the young entrants

2. **Answer the questions:**

(2x3=6)

- a. Mention two ways in which large business interests exploit sportsmen's skills?

Considerable profits are made out of selling sports gear which is a replica of that used by the professionals/ newspapers sell more copies if their sports coverage is good/ substantial gains can be made out of the spectators' willingness to gamble on results.

(any two points)

- b. What is the popular image of professional sport? How does the media help to keep up this image?

The popular image of professional sport is that of a highly glamorous occupation. The jealousy shown to players who succeed and the failure-rate of young entrants are ignored by the press.

- c. What are the problems faced by the players who reach great heights?

Players those who reach the heights maintain their supremacy only for a relatively short period and then desperately need help to establish themselves in a new career.

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

(2x2=4)

- a. The sportsman cannot enjoy their private lives peacefully after Sports has become a part of the entertainment industry. **True.**

The smallest detail of the sportsmen's private lives is exposed by the media to public scrutiny.

- b. Selling of any ordinary sports gear generates substantial gains. **False.**

Considerable profits are made out of selling sports gear which is a replica of that used by the professionals.

SECTION-B

GRAMMAR AND VOCABULARY

IV. **Choose the correct option:**

(3X1=3)

- a. Please give me the book I asked ___for___.
 - i. At
 - ii. By
 - iii. For

- b. Gandhiji is known all over the world
- Over
 - Beyond
 - For
- c. That is the boy I was speaking of.
- Of
 - Off
 - At
- d. They ran across the hill and the plain
- With
 - Across
 - Under

V. Do as directed: (3x1=3)

- a. They always work hard. (underline the adverb and state what kind of adverb it is)
Adverb of Frequency.
- b. The train was damaged but no one was hurt. (identify whether the given sentence is Simple, Compound or Complex)
Compound Sentence.
- c. He said, "The earth moves round the sun." (Change into indirect speech.)
He said that the earth moves round the sun.

VI. Choose the correct form of the verbs from the brackets: (3X1=3)

- a. The Headmaster wants to speak with you. (wants/is wanting/ was wanting)
- b. It has been raining since early morning. (rained/ is raining/ has been raining)
- c. We finished our breakfast half an hour ago. (finished/ have finished/ had finished)

VII. Fill in the blanks with suitable articles and preposition: (3X1=3)

The great advantage of early rising is the good start it gives us to our day's work.

VIII. Find suitable words from the Unseen Comprehension according to the meanings given below: (2X3=6)

- i.) a copy made at a smaller scale of the original; **Replica**
- ii.) a new comer who enters a contest **Entrants**
- iii.) thorough inspection of a situation or a case **Scrutiny**

SECTION C

IX. Write a story within 100 words using the hints provided and give a title to it (10)

[A farmer's fields produce plentiful crops every year---his neighbours never get such rich harvests---they complain to the king that the farmer is an evil magician---farmer is called before the king---answers the charge that his magic consists of hard labour, healthy cattle and sharp tools---king is pleased with him and advises the neighbours to learn the same magic]

Answers are indicative, explanation required: A short story needs to be written based on the hints provided. The story should have a proper setting, characters, dialogues, climax, a proper resolution/ending and an appropriate title.

X. Write a biography of 100 words on the following hints and provide suitable title: (10)

(Hints: Born in 1910 in Skopje, Macedonia---at a young age she felt a calling to serve others---at 18 she was given permission to join a group of nuns in Ireland---training with the Sisters of Loreto---began working as a teacher in India---appalled by the widespread poverty---starting a new order called Missionaries of Charity---serving the poor and the needy---died 5th September 1997, Kolkata.)

Answers are indicative, explanation required. A biography needs to be written about Mother Teresa based on the hints provided. The biography can comprise of extra authentic facts provided by the student. It should have an appropriate title.