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ENGLISH LANGUAGE – I

Max Marks:80

INSTRUCTIONS:

- i) The question paper is divided into 4 sections – A, B, C, D. All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- iii) Questions 4 to13 and 19 to 24 have four alternatives and only one of them is the right answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- iv) Questions 15 to18, 29 and 30 and 35, 36, 37, 38 have an internal choice.
- v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- vi) Figures to the right indicate marks.

SECTION A
(READING SKILLS)

1. Read the following passage carefully

If you are planning to take up engineering as a career path, then you need to know that it is not an easy task to do. While it is the first choice for many students and a mainstream career path, what is required is a lot of hard work and dedication. Many a time people take the career choice very lightly and think that it is extremely easy. Irrespective of the branch of engineering, there are some common points that one needs to be aware of.

Being good at physics, chemistry and mathematics (PCM): One must not only be good at PCM, but must have a thorough understanding of these subjects. The aptitude in PCM is checked in the entrance exams, which are mandatory to get admission in any engineering college. Most of the real-life engineering problems have solutions which are derived from technical and analytical skills set. An aspirant is expected to have decent analytical skills and a problem-solving mindset.

Getting admission to a good college or completing your engineer degree does not make you a good engineer. Only continual performance in the field will lead to your efforts being recognised. Engineering requires reasoning and aptitude skills to understand the subject and to apply them in the real world. Engineering is all about application of the concepts learned and putting them in practice. What is required is a mind to raise questions with a creative and informative thought process. An engineer is expected to think differently from the others.

An engineering degree can help you for sure in earning good money, but you can never get satisfaction out of your job if your interest does not lie in the same. Take up engineering only if you have a deep interest. For that I will advise you to take up a personality and a career assessment test. (Words: 306)

(Source: The Times of India)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 & 3 briefly in 10-15 words and questions 4, 5 ,6, 7 & 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided.

1. What is required to take up engineering as a career path? **1 mk**
2. How can one get admission in any engineering college? **1 mk**
3. Why do engineers require reasoning and aptitude skills? **1 mk**

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below:-

4. Take up engineering only _____, **1 mk**
- o with a creative and informative thought process.
 - o if you have a deep interest.
 - o requires reasoning and aptitude skills.
 - o if you are good at mathematics.

Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below:

5. Dedication **1 mk**
- o Subtract, take away an amount.
 - o Agreement to pay a specified amount.
 - o Devote to a special task or purpose.
 - o Think differently from others.

6. Aptitude **1 mk**
- o The cultivation of plant.
 - o Natural propensity or talent.
 - o The colour aquamarine.
 - o A drink made from mineral water.

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below:

7. Inventive and Imaginative **1 mk**
- o Creative
 - o Career
 - o Recognition
 - o Personality

8. Estimate the size or quality **1 mk**
- o Mandatory
 - o Assessment
 - o Mainstream
 - o Satisfaction

Read the following passage carefully:

A dictionary is defined as a book or electronic resource that lists the words of a language, typically in alphabetical order, and gives their meaning, or gives the equivalent words in a different language, often also providing information about pronunciation, origin, and usage. Primarily, its purpose is to give meanings to words. A dictionary is a very important tool for anyone who is learning a new language. When reading or writing an article, deciphering profound words, phrases or sentences, using a dictionary could be great help. So, using a dictionary is important for students who are learning a language and who are interested in language learning.

There are many advantages of using a dictionary. The first advantage of using a dictionary is pronunciation. Through the aid of a dictionary, you can check out a word's

right utterance. For that, it will help you get the right pronunciation of words. The second advantage of using a dictionary is spelling. Linguistically speaking, it is no doubt that a dictionary could help us know the proper spelling of words. In this connection, it will guide us in writing words, phrases, sentences and paragraphs. The third advantage of using a dictionary is it could inform you which part of speech a certain word belongs to, whether it's a noun, a verb, or a preposition, a dictionary could be a guide to choose a particular word use. Lastly, examples sentences are also provided. When we want to use the word and do not know where to put the word, we can take a look at the example sentences. To sum up, a dictionary is great help for everyone, especially students. It is also helpful in enriching our vocabulary. So, remember to bring a dictionary with us every time when we come to class.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, give it a suitable title and write the para-wise topics using the format given below:

Title: _____ 9 _____

I: _____ 10 _____

II: _____ 11 _____

A: _____ 12 _____

B: _____ 13 _____

9. _____ **1 mk**
- o Dictionary- disliked by students.
 - o Dictionary- a helping tool.
 - o Dictionary- double edged sword.
 - o Dictionary- a book of rules.
10. _____ **1 mk**
- o Types of dictionaries.
 - o Sentences in dictionary.
 - o Advancement of dictionary.
 - o Definition of dictionary.
11. _____ **1 mk**
- o Demerits of dictionary.
 - o Examples of dictionary.
 - o Advantages of dictionary.
 - o Detriment of travelling.
12. _____ **1 mk**
- o Translation and recording.
 - o Electronics and robotics.
 - o It improves pronunciation.
 - o It does'nt improves vocabulary.
13. _____ **1 mk**
- o It brings students to class.
 - o improper spelling of words.
 - o It helps in parts of speech.
 - o It is of great help only to students.

14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs. 3 mks

**SECTION B
(WRITING SKILLS)**

Attempt any one of the following: 3 mks

15. You are Zoya / Zafar Mulla, the Secretary of Science Club of St. Edward Higher Secondary School, Assolna. Write a notice for your school notice board encouraging and inviting students to participate in the Inter Higher Secondary School Science Exhibition to be held next week in a neighbouring school. (About 30-40 words)

OR

15. You are Misha/Mark Rebello. You want to sell your two-wheeler. Draft an advertisement giving all the relevant details for the classified columns of a local newspaper. You are residing at F-5, Block A, Riverdale Enclave Fatorda. Contact No 9890723412. (About 30-40 words)

Attempt any one of the following: 5 mks

16. Recently your school with the help of the Goa State Fire Force Department organised a one day workshop on precautions and Fire Fighting Techniques for the students. Write a report for publication in the School Magazine. You are Kian / Kiara Pinto, Secretary of Students Welfare Club of New Era Higher Secondary School, Vasco. (About 70-80 words)

OR

16. You are a staff reporter of a local daily. Write a report about the International Energy Week, Betul, Goa, giving all the necessary details.

Attempt any one of the following: 8 mks

17. Write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India, expressing your concern about the large scale Deforestation taking place in the state of Goa. Suggest ways to tackle this problem. You are Namita Fernandes, residing at H.No 210, Rua de Ourem, Panaji-Goa. (Use the full Block Format)

OR

17. You have noticed many polythene bags full of litter lying alongside the roads in your city. These bags full of litter cause pollution. Write a letter to the Chief Officer of your Municipality telling him about the nuisance created. Suggest remedies and also request him to take prompt action. Your name is Miss Shaina Desai. Your address: Sunshine Villa, Comba, Margao-Goa. (Use the full Block Format)

Write an essay of about 200-250 words on any one of the following topics: 10 mks

- 18. Importance of healthy breakfast.
- 18. Electronic gadgets- part and parcel of daily life.
- 18. Narrate a festival you celebrated.
- 18. Merits and Demerits of AI tools in Education.
- 18. Acceleration of crime in our state.

**SECTION C
(GRAMMAR)**

Choose the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given within brackets:

19. He _____ in the States but he still does not have a command over the English language. (Choose the best alternative from those provided below to re-phrase the sentence by choosing the verb in the right tense) **1 mk**

- have been living
- has been living
- have lived
- living

20. An essay is written by him. **1 mk**
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the Active Voice)

- He has written an essay.
- He was writing an essay.
- He writes an essay.
- He had written an essay.

21. You will not achieve your goals if you do not work hard. **1 mk**
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using 'unless')

- You will not achieve your goals, unless you work hard.
- Unless you do not work hard, you will not achieve your goals.
- Unless you do not work hard, you will never achieve your goals.
- Unless you work hard, you will achieve your goals.

22. Abhinav said, "I am going to play the drums". (Change to Indirect Speech) **1 mk**

- Abhinav said that he was going to play the drums.
- Abhinav said that he will go and play the drums.
- Abhinav said that he is playing the drums.
- Abhinav told that he would play the drums.

23. She was too scared to open the door. **1 mk**
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to re-phrase the sentence by removing 'too' and using 'so...that')

- She was not scared to open the door.
- She was so scared that she could't open the door.
- She is scared that she cannot open the door.
- She was scared that she would open the door.

24. She read the telegram, she fainted at once. **1 mk**
(Re-phrase using No Sooner--- Than)

- No sooner did she was reading the telegram she fainted.
- No sooner than she read and fainted.
- No sooner than she read the telegram she fainted.
- No sooner did she read the telegram than she fainted.

**SECTION D
(TEXTUAL)**

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in about 10-15 words each:

“ When did my childhood go?
Was it the time I realised that adults were not
All they seemed to be,
They talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly,
Was that the day?”

25. Why was the speaker unhappy with the behaviour of adults? **1 mk**
26. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line of the given stanza. **1 mk**

The seed I spent or sown it where
The land is his and none of mine?
We speak like strangers, there's no sign
Of understanding in the air.
This child is built to my design
Yet what he loves I cannot share.

27. Why do you think the father is not able to understand the child? **1 mk**
28. Name and explain the figure of speech in the third line of the given stanza. **1 mk**

Answer the following questions in 25 - 30 words:

29. What is the message of the poem 'The Different Normals'? **4mks**
30. What happens to the Laburnum Tree in September ?

OR

30. What according to the poem is involved in the process of growing up?

Answer the following questions in 25 - 30 words: **12mks**

31. What is the western concept of figurative painting?
32. What was Nick Middleton's experience at Darchen?
33. How are the Earth's principal biological systems being destroyed ?
34. What was Taplow's opinion of his teacher Mr. Crocker-Harris?
35. How has the Green Movement changed people's outlook of the world?
36. Who was Norbu? Why did he undertake the Kailash Kora?

OR

36. Explain the concept of Shanshui.

Answer any three of the following questions in about 40-50 words. **12mks**

37. Narrate 'The Tale of Melon City' in your words.

OR

37. What lessons do you learn from the play 'Mother's Day'?.
38. Do you think the title of the story 'Birth' is suitable? Give reasons for your answer.
39. Shivram's passion could be seen in his dedication to till the land that he loved. After reading about his experiences, do you agree that the common man can live up to his personal dedications? Justify .
