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**Part - I**

**ENGLISH - PAPER - I**

(First Language)

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**Time : 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks : 100**

## SECTION - A

**I.** Annotate *any two* of the following in about *10-15* lines each.    **2x4=8**

(a) Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if everyone tells him they are wrong.

(b) India is one of the most disaster prone countries in the world.

(c) Mother India wants hard working good boys and good girls.

(d) Rapid improvements in advanced sensors would make it possible to have such sensing systems at affordable prices in many of our sectors.

**II.** Annotate *any two* of the following in about *10-15* lines each.    **2x4=8**

(a) To break this shadow

Into a thousand lights of Sun

Into a thousand whirling dreams / of Sun!

(b) Give me the strength

to make my love fruitful in service.

(c) Others, like soldiers, armed in their stings,

make boot upon the summer's velvet buds.

(d) The body bears word-fruits

sends out word arrows.

III. Answer *any two* of the following in about *10-15* lines each.      **2x4=8**

(a) How does information technology, according to Abdul Kalam and Rajan, change the agriculture sector ?

(b) Did Arunima lose hope while she was on the hospital bed ? What made her take such a tough decision of climbing a mountain with an amputated leg ?

(c) How do you define disaster management ? Name some natural disasters.

(d) How can the teacher instill faith, love and courage in Lincoln's son ?

IV. Answer *any two* of the following in about *10-15* lines each.      **2x4=8**

(a) Why does the poet Kamala Wijeratne want us to make a medicine with herbs to cure mass lunacy ?

(b) What are Tagore's views on equanimity ?

(c) What is the theme of the poem "As I Grew older" ?

(d) "Real results will emerge when we realize the power of combined individual actions".

How can you justify this statement in the light of the poem "Common Wealth of Bees" ?

V. Answer *any one* of the following questions in about *25-30* lines each.      **1x8=8**

(a) Justify the title of the story "The Immaculate Child".

(b) Give an account of the series of troubles the narrator experienced in the wake of winning a road engine.

(c) How is "The Last Leaf" by O. Henry a story of hope, friendship and sacrifice ?

## SECTION - B

**VI.** Read the following *passage* carefully and answer the questions that follow : **5x1=5**

The Ministry of Human Resource Development under its National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology has initiated the National Digital Library of India (NDL India) pilot project to develop a framework of virtual repository of learning resources with a single window search facility. Filtered and federated searching is employed to facilitate focused searching so that learners can find out the right resource with least effort and in minimum time. NDL India is designed to hold content of any language and provides interface support for leading Indian languages (currently Hindi and Bengali). It is being arranged to provide support for all academic levels including researchers and life long learners, all disciplines, all popular form of access devices and differently abled learners. It is being developed to help students to prepare for entrance and competitive examination, to enable people to learn and prepare from best practices from all over the world and to facilitate researchers to perform inter-linked exploration from multiple sources. The pilot project is devising a framework that is being scaled up with respect to content volume and diversity to serve all levels and disciplines of learners. It is being developed at IIT Kharagpur.

(1) What is the passage about ?
(2) NDL means _____.
(3) Which languages does NDL support currently ?
(4) Find a word from the passage that means 'search'.
(5) Who has developed the pilot project of the NDL ?

**VII.** Read the following *passage* carefully and answer the questions that follow : **5x1=5**

It is sad, but true, that many people focus on negative things. On the other hand, bees are very optimistic. You'll never find a bee saying, "Oh, I'd like to get some nectar, but that flower has too many thorns!". Forget it - bees look right past the thorns and go straight to the flower. Instead of focusing on the negative, they're always looking for that which is sweet. Being positive also helps bees stay persistent when looking for nectar. Sometimes they have to travel for miles to find a flower full of nectar. They also have to deal with people shooing them away from their gardens. But have you noticed that they always come right back ? They're focused on their mission of gathering sweet nectar, not the obstacles that stand in their way. Like bees, you should also be optimistic. Your attitude to others is like a witness. You will always go after that which is positive and be a sweet example to everyone around you.

(1) What is the mission of bees ?
(2) What do people focus on ?
(3) What helps bees to stay persistent ?
(4) Find the word in the passage which means 'continuing'.
(5) Write the antonym of the word 'optimistic'.

## SECTION - C

**Note :** The answers to questions in this section should be written at one place in the answer-book separately. The entire section should be answered in one stretch and not mixed with other sections.

**VIII.** Fill in the blanks with 'a', 'an' or 'the'.  6x½=3

(a) They held _____ meeting in the Central Library.

(b) He plays _____ guitar.

(c) Hockey is _____ interesting game.

(d) _____ police have been informed about the accident.

(e) _____ Mr. Murthy has come for you.

(f) Have you read _____ book ?

**IX.** Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.  6x½=3

(a) Do you work _____ Sundays ?

(b) Prasad is a cousin _____ mine.

(c) I have been waiting for you _____ 7 o'clock.

(d) Let's stick _____ our original plan.

(e) Shivamani is the man _____ long hair.

(f) In hide and seek, I always used to hide _____ two wooden cupboards.

**X.** Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of the verbs given in the brackets.  5x1=5

(a) We _____ our breakfast an hour ago. (finish)

(b) Please don't make a noise! I _____. (study)

(c) I _____ not _____ him for two days. (see)

(d) I saw him when I _____ out of the window. (look)

(e) If you start at once, you _____ (arrive) by six o'clock.

**XI.** Rewrite the sentences as directed:           **5x1=5**

    (a)    She is making coffee. (Change the sentence into Passive Voice)

    (b)    Vimal said, "I will shut the window." (Change into Indirect Speech)

    (c)    Shakespeare is the greatest dramatist. (Convert into Positive Degree)

    (d)    She is very short. She cannot pluck the fruit. (Combine the sentences using so.... that)

    (e)    Dr. Sumegha will join the research team. (Add a question tag)

**XII.** Rewrite the following sentences correcting the underlined part. The entire sentence must be written :     **5x1=5**

    (a)    I <u>am owning</u> a car.

    (b)    Gautham gave me a chair <u>to sit</u>.

    (c)    To an outsider, the economy <u>of</u> this country <u>seem</u> to be in disarray.

    (d)    This restaurant is <u>more better</u> than the other.

    (e)    Let me give you <u>some advices</u>.

**XIII.** Use *any three* of the following phrasal verbs in your own sentences :     **3x1=3**

    (a)    turn off        (b)    eat away

    (c)    agree with     (d)    breakdown

    (e)    walk out      (f)    look for

**XIV.** Identify silent consonants in the following words :     **6x½=3**

    (a)    knave        (b)    mock

    (c)    buffet        (d)    germ

    (e)    pawn        (f)    scythe

**XV.** Identify the parts of speech of the underlined words.     **6x½=3**

    (a)    <u>Oh</u>! I forgot to bring the book.

    (b)    Who is that <u>man</u> ?

    (c)    Helen promised to write back <u>soon</u>.

    (d)    Not all <u>old</u> trains are considered classics.

    (e)    What clothes did you <u>buy</u> ?

    (f)    Madhav is rich <u>but</u> does not spend a pie.

**XVI.** Match the words in **Column 'A'** with their meanings/definitions in **Column 'B'**.
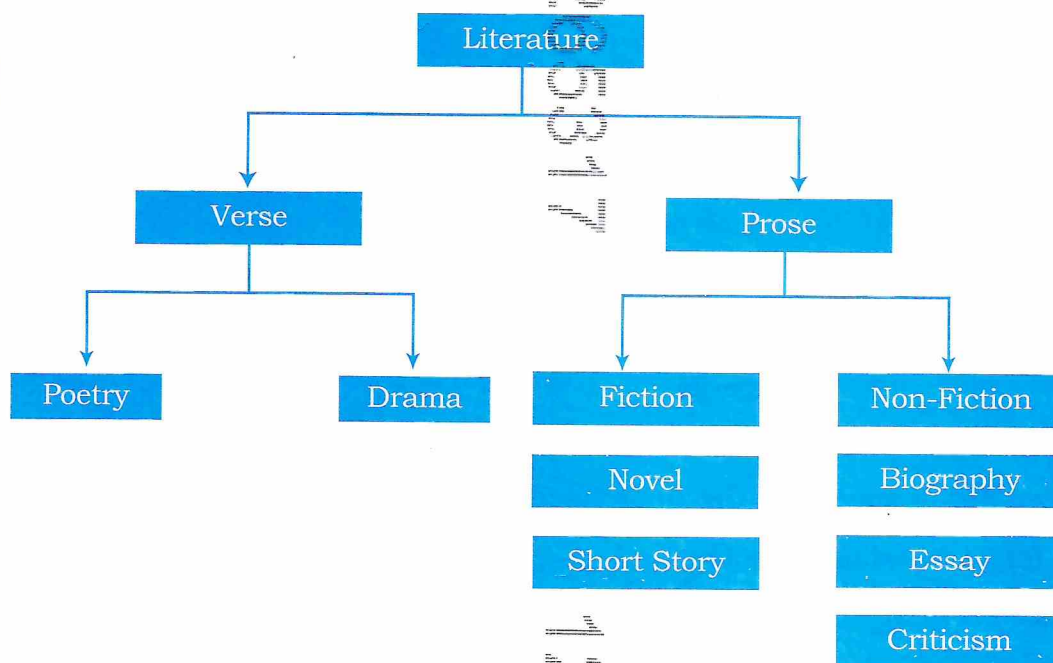
|  | Column 'A' |  | Column 'B' | 6x½=3 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| (1) | kindred | (a) | made less severe, serious | |
| (2) | vestige | (b) | an agreement, accord | |
| (3) | mitigated | (c) | the state of being very poor | |
| (4) | giggle | (d) | related, connected | |
| (5) | consent | (e) | to laugh repeatedly in a quiet but in an uncontrolled way | |
| (6) | penury | (f) | remains, trace | |
|  |  | (g) | to get used to | |
|  |  | (h) | feeling there is no hope | |

**XVII.** Look at the following tree diagram which shows classification of Literature.  Present the information in a short paragraph.     **1x5=5**

Literature
- Verse
  - Poetry
  - Drama
- Prose
  - Fiction
    - Novel
    - Short Story
  - Non-Fiction
    - Biography
    - Essay
    - Criticism

**OR**

Mr. Gowtham's monthly income is Rs. 30,000. He spends 25% of his salary on rent and 15% on food. Another 15% is spent on the education of his children. He uses 5% of his income for entertainment. Household and other expenses consume 20% of his salary. The remaining 20% of his income is saved. Represent this data by a Pie chart.

**XVIII.** Read the following transcriptions and write *any five* words in ordinary spellings.

5x1=5

(a) /feɪo/   (b) /hɪstbrɪkl/   (c) /æksɪdənt/   (d) /sɪvəl/

(e) /tiːtʃə(r)/   (f) /rɪzɪlɪəns/   (g) /maʊntən/   (h) /səkses/

(i) /dɑːk/   (j) /klevə(r)/

**OR**

Find the word that is different from the other words in the group with regard to the sound of the underlined letters.

(a)   genuine   gent   guest

(b)   feather   father   truth

(c)   honour   hour   huge

(d)   student   study   super

(e)   pink   palm   psychology

**XIX.** Write the number of syllables for *any six* of the following words :

6x½=3

(a) surrender   (b) confide   (c) intervention

(d) shame   (e) immaculate   (f) humanitarian

(g) revive   (h) flattery   (i) truth

(j) logistics

**XX.** Complete the following dialogue.

4x1=4

Chintu   :   I heard that you went to a ____(1)____ several days ago.

Banti   :   Yes I did. I caught flu and fever. The doctor gave me antibiotics and some multivitamin tablets and, ... it cost rather ____(2)____ !

Chintu   :   It's becoming trend that some doctors are now more business minded. They choose expensive antibiotics for the ____(3)____.

Banti   :   Is it a must for taking antibiotics just for flu ?

Chintu   :   If you just suffer flu without having infections, I suggest that you take only pain relievers er drugs to control body ____(4)____.

Banti   :   Is it true that the frequent use of antibiotics to treat infections can result in an increase in antibiotic resistant bacteria ?

Chintu   :   Yes, many experts said so.