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(English Communication)

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Time : Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Laxmidhar, a wealthy merchant, was living in a town Kundipur. He had a good business and was earning a lot of money. But alas ! He was extremely selfish and mean and would not part with money even for a good cause. However, his wife Bhagyamati and son Anand were kind-hearted souls. One day at night he had a very unusual dream. He saw in the dream that he had died of heart attack and after death he approached

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the gates of Heaven expecting an admission over there. The two gatekeepers challenged him and asked why he should deserve admission. He explained to them that he was a rich and powerful man. But they asked him clearly what good deeds he had done to deserve admission. Laxmidhar recalled after sometime that he had given two coins to his housemaid Taramati after she begged for it days together. Taramati was in great crisis as she had lost her husband. On another occasion, he had given one coin to a boy Sadanand. Sadanand was the son of one of his retired employees, Sampat. Sampat was seriously ill. He was badly in need of money.

Laxmidhar proudly narrated these deeds to the gatekeepers. They asked him to wait for the decision and passed on this information to Chitrugupta. Pat came the reply "Give him his three coins and ask him to go to Hell." Laxmidhar cried out "No ! No." His dream had vanished. He was shocked and afraid. After sometime he calmed down and thought for himself. He had learnt a lesson. From the next morning people saw a different Laxmidhar who was kind, considerate and helpful. They were pleased and so was Laxmidhar. He then led a full and happy life.

- (a) Who taught a lesson to Laxmidhar ? 1
- (b) Why was Laxmidhar denied admission to Heaven ? 1
- (c) Give a brief account of the character of Laxmidhar. 3
- (d) Why did Laxmidhar explain his good deeds to the gatekeepers ? 1
- (e) Supply the adjective forms of the following words : $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$
- (i) quickly
- (ii) clearly
- (f) Why was Laxmidhar frightened ? 1
- (g) Match the words in Column A with their meanings in context in Column B. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Column A

extreme
unusual
deserve
recall
deed
decision
calm
considerate

Column B

be worthy of
activity
enormous
tranquil
atypical
solicitous
conclusion
recollect

(h) Why did Taramati approach Laxmidhar ? 1

(i) Which of the following aptly describes the moral of the dream ? 1

(i) Tit for tat

(ii) World wiser than the wise

(iii) As you sow so must you reap

(iv) Well begun is half done

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The first and most important thing in increasing one's chances of getting employed is to get clarity in what job fits one's personality. People who choose careers that suit their personality are most likely to be satisfied and successful. For example, if you are flexible, spontaneous and creative then the advertising industry could be an interesting option for you. If you like numbers and working by yourself then accounting could be the thing for you. You need to evaluate your qualifications and your personality traits in order to make the best choice. Once you have identified the job field that fits your personality, it is important to identify the job requirements and align those with your education and work experience. If you are looking for a job in an industry

where you have prior work experience or have done an internship, then you have to highlight this fact in your résumé.

Once you know what kind of opening you would be targeting, to prepare good résumé, which showcases you rather than your dear friend or your whole class. Nowadays most companies use recruiting management software to screen candidates for job opening. Résumé keywords are the words that those hiring managers search for when going through their database of résumés. In order to get noticed, your résumé needs to contain keywords that directly target the jobs you are interested in. So start searching keywords specific to your job requirements, your skills, software and technology competencies and relevant credentials.

Most of the companies rely on recruitment agencies and job portals for acquiring the talent. So post your résumé in different placement agencies. Apart from these, it is a good idea to pass around your résumé to friends and family, and let everyone know that you are looking for a job. A company employee can refer you when there is a job opening.

(a) How do recruiting agencies shortlist perspective candidates ? 2

(b) How can people decide which job will suit them most ? 2

(c) How can friends and family help in job hunting ? 2

(d) Supply the Noun form of the following words : 2

(i) creative

(ii) competent

(e) Supply the Adjective form of the following words : 2

(i) success

(ii) interest

(f) Write the meaning of the following words : 2

(i) spontaneous

(ii) align

3. Punctuate the following sentences appropriately : **(any four)** 1×4=4

(a) Sachin the son of Ramdhani Verma is an honest person.

(b) Kalpana who is always absent is not very popular among the teachers.

(c) Talking about pets they have eight cats two dogs one rabbit and a parrot.

(d) Sumit who is always on tour is not close to his children.

(e) From my window I can watch the water sport activities.

4. Read the following paragraph and use capital letters wherever necessary : $\frac{1}{2} \times 12 = 6$

sabeer bhatia arrived at los angeles international airport at 6 pm on september 23, 1988. His flight from bangalore had taken 22 hours. The california institute of technology, which had offered him scholarship had sent him directions that said merely, "take a shuttle to the campus." But bhatia didn't know what a 'shuttle' was. He didn't know a single person in america.

5. Given below is a conversation between a teacher and a student, where X is the teacher and Y is the student. Complete the conversation with the correct form of the verbs given in the box below : $1 \times 5 = 5$

ask, explain, go, give, face

X : Good morning ! How were the holidays ?

Y : It was fantastic ma'am. I _____ to Goa with my family.

X : I hope you _____ some time to your studies during your vacation.

Y : Yes ma'am, I would dedicate one hour to my studies.

X : That's good, have you finished the work which I _____ you to do ?

Y : I nearly finished it; however I _____ a problem in understanding a few concepts.

X : Let me know which area needs more explanation ! I _____ it in the next class.

Y : Sure ma'am. Thank you ma'am.

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in brackets : $1 \times 5 = 5$

(a) Manisha rang the police station to inform them that she _____ last night.
(*burgle*)

(b) I'd love to _____ to the star of the night.
(*introduce*)

(c) I _____ Rs.500 for speeding. (*fine*)

(d) I _____ French when I was a child.
(*study*)

(e) He _____ of himself. (*ashamed*)

7. Match the word given in Column A with a suitable combination word from Column B :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$$

Column A

break

real

grand

take

to make

burst

Column B

jury

progress

the ice

into tears

estate

progress

8. The table below has descriptive questions and some phrases/sentences that answer those questions. Match each question with a suitable answer :

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

Column-I

Column-II

(a) In which class does Sweta read ?

(i) Miss Rose

(b) What does Sweta like ?

(ii) 1.5km approx.

(c) Which subject she likes best/most ?

(iii) class X

(d) Who is Sweta's favourite teacher ?

(iv) dancing

(e) How far is the school from her home ?

(v) English

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the adjectives given in brackets :

$$1 \times 6 = 6$$

(a) I am more _____ than that student.

(wise)

- (b) Jonathan is the _____ man on campus.
(handsome)
- (c) He _____ ate the whole cake which
was baked for the party. (definite)
- (d) I just finished reading the _____ book
available in the library. (good)
- (e) She's mad at me for not _____ her for
my birthday party. (invite)
- (f) Mala is the _____ girl in the class.
(old)

10. The box below contains some words that
come under the category of verbs. Match
the words from the box with words or
expressions given below : $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

meet	hug	add up	travel	have
become	go out	kick	make	get

- (a) _____ a call
- (b) _____ your friend
- (c) _____ at the culprit
- (d) _____ with someone
- (e) _____ to something
- (f) _____ a credit card
- (g) _____ to a different country

- (h) _____ a new
(i) _____ famous
(j) _____ somebody

11. The sentences below are given using contracted forms of words. Rewrite **any five** of the following sentences using the full form of the contracted words. The first one has been done as an example : $1 \times 5 = 5$

Example : We'd be joining them soon. We would be joining them soon.

- (a) Seema has'n't responded to my query.
(b) We've been going there everyday.
(c) He'll call you tomorrow to invite you to his wedding.
(d) Jill's not at home.
(e) Let's go there to meet them.
(f) You can't talk ill of him in my presence.

12. Write a paragraph (*within 350 words*) on **any one** of the following topics : $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (a) E-mail network
(b) Social media