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## PART - A

**Note :** All questions are compulsory except where an internal choice is given.

### SECTION - A

(Reading)

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

Character is formed by a variety of minute circumstances, more or less under the regulation and control of the individual. Not a day passes without its discipline, whether for good or for evil.

The best sort of character, however, cannot be formed without effort. There needs the exercise of constant watchfulness, self-discipline and self-control. There may be much faltering, stumbling and temporary defeat-difficulties and temptations manifold to be battled with and overcome; but if the spirit be strong and the heart upright, no one need despair of ultimate success.

The man of character is conscientious. He puts his conscience into his words, into his every action. He is also reverential. The possession of this quality marks the noblest and highest type of Manhood and Womanhood; reverence for things consecrated by the homage of generations; for high objects, pure thoughts, and noble aims and for the great men of former times, and the highminded workers amongst our contemporaries. Reverence is alike indispensable to the happiness of individuals, of families, and of nations. Without it there can be no trust, no faith, no confidence either in Man or God, neither social peace nor social progress.

1. Answer the following questions.

[3×1=3]

- (i) What quality marks the noblest and highest type of Manhood & Womanhood?
- (ii) What guides a Man of character's action?
- (iii) What is required to form the best sort of character?

2. Choose a word which means "allurements" :

[1×1=1]

- (A) temptation
- (B) self-control
- (C) faltering
- (D) reverence

3. Based on your understanding of the passage, write True or False.

[3×1=3]

- (i) Character is formed without any effort or discipline.
- (ii) A man of character is conscientious and put his conscience into his work and action.
- (iii) Reverence is only important for individuals.



**SECTION - B**  
**(Writing)**

4. The questions given below are based on the given text. Read the text carefully and answer the questions : [4×1=4]

Though the Govt. has imposed ban on the hunting of animals. Yet poaching goes on unabated and animals face the danger of extinction. Write an article as Sukanya urging readers to help the forest authorities check the menace of poaching and emphasise on the need to protect the animals.

- (i) Select the most appropriate title for Sukanya's article.
  - (A) "The importance of Zoos."
  - (B) "The benefits of hunting."
  - (C) "The role of Govt."
  - (D) "The plight of endangered species."
- (ii) Choose the most appropriate logical order to organize ideas in the article.
  - (A) Introduction, Body, Conclusion.
  - (B) Conclusion, Body, Introduction.
  - (C) Body, Conclusion, Introduction.
  - (D) Introduction, Conclusion, Body.
- (iii) What should Sukanya avoid to ensure logical organization of the article?
  - (A) Organizing ideas in a clear structure.
  - (B) Abrupt changing topics and ideas.
  - (C) Using clear and concise language.
  - (D) Including relevant examples and evidence.
- (iv) What language style should Sukanya use to effectively communicate with the target audience?
  - (A) Informal & casual.
  - (B) Highly technical and scientific.
  - (C) Complex and academic.
  - (D) Clear, concise and accessible.



5. Answer the following questions, with reference to the context below : [5×1=5]

You are Shiva Kumar of International Public School, Kamla Nagar, Allahabad. You had placed an order for some books with ABS Book Depot, Nai Sadak, Delhi on checking the parcel, you noticed that the book are not according to your order. You have to write a letter to the firm concerned pointing out the error and asking them to replace the items at their cost.

Choose the correct alternatives of the following questions :

(i) What is the main concern to be expressed in the letter by Shiva Kumar?

- (A) Price discrepancy.
- (B) Incorrect books sent.
- (C) Damage to books.
- (D) Delay in delivery.

(ii) Select the appropriate style of writing the write would adopt when writing the complaint letter :

- (A) Formal and professional
- (B) Friendly & casual
- (C) Emotional and personal
- (D) Sarcastic and aggressive

(iii) What should Shiva Kumar request in the letter to resolve the issue?

- (A) Cancellation of the order.
- (B) A discount on the next order.
- (C) Request a full refund for the order.
- (D) Replacement of the incorrect books with the correct ones.

(iv) What should Shiva Kumar include to facilitate prompt action from the firm?

- (A) The order number, invoice number, date of order, and specific error.
- (B) Emotional language and personal attacks.
- (C) A list of all the books only.
- (D) Only a description of error.

(v) What is a suitable complimentary close for Shiva's letter?

- (A) "Best wishes"
- (B) "Cheers"
- (C) "Sincerely"
- (D) "Thanks"



6. Answer the questions given, with reference to the context below : [4×1=4]

Kumud, Secretary of Nature Club, Kanya Maha Vidhyalaya wants to inform the members about a nature walk being organised by the club. Create all the relevant information and write a notice for her.

Choose the correct alternatives of the following questions :

(i) Select the most appropriate title for the questions.

- (A) "School Notice"
- (B) "Upcoming Events"
- (C) "Club Activities"
- (D) "Explore Nature with us"

(ii) Point out the main purpose of the notice.

- (A) To announce a new club member.
- (B) To thank members for their support.
- (C) To invite members to a nature walk.
- (D) To request donations.

(iii) Choose the most suitable format for the notice.

- (A) Only the title and date.
- (B) Only the signature & name.
- (C) Date, time, venue, details and signature.
- (D) Question, Answer, Details.

(iv) Select the most suitable conclusion for the notice.

- (A) "Have a great Day!"
- (B) "Interested members may contact the undersigned."
- (C) "Don't miss the opportunity."
- (D) "See you there!"



## SECTION - C

### (Grammar)

7. Fill in the blanks to complete the following : [3×1=3]

Trisha and \_\_\_\_\_ (i) hungry. It was Sunday morning and we \_\_\_\_\_ (ii) early, dressed and run to Church. Now \_\_\_\_\_ (iii) back, eagerly awaiting our breakfast.

(i) (A) we were	(B) I were
(C) we are	(D) I was
(ii) (A) have got up	(B) had get up
(C) has got up	(D) had got up
(iii) (A) I were	(B) we are
(C) we were	(D) I was

8. Fill in the blanks to complete the note : [3×1=3]

Deepawali, is the most \_\_\_\_\_ (wide) celebrated festival of India. Though, it is a five-day festival, the main event is \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) on Amavasya on the fifteenth day of the month of Kartika, which \_\_\_\_\_ (coincide) with the English calendar month of October/November.

9. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the sentences : [3×1=3]

(i) I _____ (have/has) read fifty pages so far.
(ii) We _____ (won't/can't) see them again before Christmas.
(iii) The President _____ (have/has) a lot of support for her actions.



10. Fill in the blanks with correct prepositions :

[4×1=4]

- (i) I get paid \_\_\_\_\_ the last day of the month.
- (ii) It's her birthday \_\_\_\_\_ the 16<sup>th</sup>.
- (iii) You can only come in \_\_\_\_\_ a few minutes.
- (iv) It was so hot, I stood \_\_\_\_\_ a cold shower for ten minutes.

11. Fill in the blanks with correct conjunctions :

[2×1=2]

- (i) Ram \_\_\_\_\_ Shyam are coming to visit us.
- (ii) I have never made a film \_\_\_\_\_ directed one.

#### SECTION - D

(Literature)

12. Read the following passage carefully :

[3×1=3]

Kondiba had been a good swimmer as a young boy before he lost his sight. But years of poverty had made him weak. Once he had been able to dive deep into the wells around his village to pick up shining bits of broken pottery that he and his friends would throw in as part of a game. But it had been many years since he had tried to hold his breath long enough to get to the bottom of a well.

Based on your understanding of the passage fill in the blanks given below :

- (i) Kondiba's physical weakness was because of years of living in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Kondiba had been a good swimmer as a young boy before he lost his \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Kondiba & his friends would throw \_\_\_\_\_ into wells a part of a game.



[3×1=3]

13. Complete the following sentences :

(i) We all need air, water and food to \_\_\_\_\_.

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_ provide us air, water & food.

(iii) When trees are cut and water bodies are polluted many creatures lose their  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(A Prayer for Healing)

14. Match the following :

(i) R.K. Narayan

(a) The Iron Man of India

(ii) Soyarabai

(b) A Tiger Comes to Town - II

(iii) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

(c) The Return of the Lion

15. Identify the following sentences as True or False :

[3×1=3]

(i) The town people were calm and composed when they saw the tiger.

(ii) Humans kill only when they are hungry.

(iii) The prisoner escaped from the constables because the tiger helped him.

16. Identify the following sentences as True or False :

[3×1=3]

(i) Sardar Patel supported the cattle farmers of Gujarat.

(ii) Verghese Kurien helped Tribhuvandas to set up a processing plant.

(iii) Dr. Kurien made India the largest cotton producer of the world.

(Co-operate and Prosper)



## PART - B

**Note :** All questions are compulsory except where an internal choice is given.

### SECTION - A

(Reading)

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

Nainital is glorious hill station for tourism in Uttarakhand. It is 336 kms from Delhi which was discovered by Lord Barron, a Britisher in 1841. It is surrounded by mountains on three sides. The first one is Naina (2615 metres), the second is Deopatha (2438 metres) and the third is Ayarpatha (2278 metres). Naina is the highest mountain among the three.

From the sea-level, Nainital hill station is located at a height of 6,350 feet. In winter Nainital has freezing cold temperature falling below zero degrees centigrade. Every year during December to February Nainital hill station gets its annual snowfall. Summer season is also very cool in Nainital. The highest temperature is not more than 26 degrees centigrade. So most tourists prefer to come in summer to explore Nainital tourism.

Nainital is named after its beautiful lake Naini and it is the base for tourism here. This lake is called Naini because it looks like eye shape. This lake is famed among the visitors, tourists and nature lovers for yachting and boating.

The Southern end area of the lake is called Tallital and the Northern end area is called Mallital. Both the areas have pretty colleges, luxuries hotels, villas, restaurants, food zones, shopping centres, game parlours and luxury shops.

Naina Peak, which is also known as Cheena Peak is the most favourite picnic spot of Nainital. Its height is 2612 metres. It is 6 km far from Nainital. We can easily view the snow garbing Himalayas, Plane areas, Nainital city and its locality. Naina Devi Temple is situated on the northern shore of Naini Lake. The presiding goddess of this temple is "Maa Naina Devi".



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions :

17. What activities can be done on Naini Lake? What is the shape of Naini Lake? [2]

18. Pick out the words that mean : [2]

- (i) Searching for new information or insights.
- (ii) Covered or dressed in snow.

19. Describe the winter season in Nainital. [2]

20. What are the names of the two ends of Naini Lake? [2]

### SECTION - B

#### (Writing)

21. Read the telephonic conversation written below : [2]

Mukul : Hello! May I talk to Ms. Devika, who works in the purchase section.

Receptionist : I'm afraid Ms. Devika has not yet arrived.

Mukul : Will you convey her that her mother is quite serious in Mumbai and she should leave for Mumbai immediately.

Receptionist : Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. Yes, I'll and I pray for her recovery.

Mukul : Thank you so much.

Write a message to be left at the desk of Ms. Devika about telephone received for her when she was away.



22. You are Sheetal Sharma. You saw a news on T.V. and feel concerned about the diseases caused by mosquitoes. Write an article for the School Magazine expressing your concern at the problem and suggesting some measures to prevent mosquito breeding. Use the following clues : [6]

- Menace of mosquito-borne diseases.
- Causes of mosquito breeding.
- Health risks
- Prevention measures
- Community involvement
- Call to action

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India's Independence Day was celebrated in the School with great enthusiasm. As Virat, the Head Boy of the School, Write a report for the School Magazine.

23. Suppose you are Vrinda, the Monitor of class 9<sup>th</sup> B. Your Music teacher is on two months long leave and students are facing problem in her absence. Write an application to the principal requesting him/her to arrange some other teacher till your teacher resumes her/his duties. [4]

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Recently, you participated in a inter-school badminton championship and won all the matches except the final match. Write an e-mail as Ritik to your friend Rahul sharing your experience with him.



## SECTION - C

### (Grammar)

**24.** Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words.

[3×1=3]

Teacher : Ravi, where \_\_\_\_\_ you buy your practical book from?

Ravi : From carbon stationery in G.K.-I.

Teacher : \_\_\_\_\_ you buy one for me?

Ravi : Sir, \_\_\_\_\_ you want exactly the same.

Teacher : Yes, Ravi.

**25.** Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions :

[2]

(i) Why do you cry \_\_\_\_\_ spilt milk.

(ii) This book belongs \_\_\_\_\_ Krishna.

**26.** Change to reported speech:

[2×1=2]

(i) Mehak said, "He may come tomorrow".

(ii) He said to me, "Please pass on the book".



27. Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in the brackets : [4×1=4]

(i) The quality of Mangoes \_\_\_\_\_ (was/were) not good.

(ii) When did you \_\_\_\_\_ (received/receive) my letter?

(iii) I \_\_\_\_\_ (could/might) go to the Cinema this evening.

(iv) He \_\_\_\_\_ (know/knows) several persons here.

28. Complete the sentences given below using proper conjunctions : [4×1=4]

(i) He asked me \_\_\_\_\_ I wrote poems.

(ii) I sent him a letter \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't reply.

(iii) She cried \_\_\_\_\_ entered into the room.

(iv) I came here \_\_\_\_\_ I can meet her.



**SECTION - D**  
**(Literature)**

Answer the following questions in one or two sentences each :

29. What is the child pleading for in the poem “My Only Cry”? [2]

30. Who was Dr. Verghese Kurien? What were his contribution to making India the largest milk producer of the world? [3]

31. Why did the officers at Shivaji’s court initially thought that Shivaji was dead? [2]  
(The Return of the Lion)

32. How did Ustad Bismillah Khan attain perfection at playing Shehnai? [2]  
(Ustad Bismillah Khan)

33. What garments are the weavers weaving at fall of night in the poem India weavers’ by Sarojini Naidu? [2]

34. What is the poem ‘Nine Gold Medals’ about? [2]

35. What misunderstanding did the author’s grandfather get in when he saw the blue mark on the author’s finger? [2]

