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GENERAL ENGLISH

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(DEGREE STANDARD)

Duration : 3 Hours | Total Marks : 100

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2. Candidates should not tear off any leaves from this question-cum-answer booklet.

3. Candidates should sign at all designated places. Answer booklets, not signed by the candidates shall be invalidated.

4. (i) Candidates have to answer each question in the question-cum-answer booklet, only in the space provided for that question. They should not write anything outside the space provided.

   (ii) Candidates should strike out the unused blank spaces of the answered questions and blank spaces of unanswered question with the permitted black colour ink pen without fail.

5. While writing answers wherever required, the candidates should specify the question number and its sub divisions without fail.

6. Candidates should not write their name, register number while answering letter type questions. Putting signature in their name is also not permitted. To answer such questions, the name and address given in the questions alone should be used.

If no name is given in the questions, they should write the general names like ABC or XYZ in 'From' and 'To' addresses.

7. Candidates should answer the number of questions as instructed in the question cum answer booklet in each section. If more than the required number of questions are answered, the excess questions answered at the end of each section will not be taken into account.

8. Candidates should not write their Register Number anywhere in this question-cum-answer booklet. The question cum answer booklet of those candidates who violate this instruction, shall be invalidated.

9. No separate marks will be awarded for neatness of writing and correctness of spelling in respect of this examination.

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UNIT — I

Note : **Write an essay on any ONE of the following in 300 words.**

(1 × 10 = 10)

Q.No. 1	Should parents limit screen time for kids. Argue for and against this statement.
Q.No. 2	Write an essay narrating your experiences of travelling in a crowded bus/train.
Q.No. 3	"Common Superstitious Beliefs" – Write an essay in about 300 words and say why you don't believe in superstitious.
Q.No. 4	Write critically an essay analysing the fact that plastics should be banned.
Q.No. 5	Write an essay on the importance of Vertical Farming.
Q.No. 6	Kindness and why it is the important in the present day scenario.

Answer No.

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UNIT — II

Note : **Answer any ONE of the following :**

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Q.No. 7	Write a letter to the Principal of your college requesting him to provide a COVERED TWO WHEELER PARKING AREA exclusively for students in the college.
Q.No. 8	You are a Government Employee, Write a letter to your higher authorities about the feasibility of you getting a sabbatical leave to study Abroad.
Q.No. 9	You are the Director of an Institute of Physical Education in Chennai. Write a letter to a firm in New Delhi, placing an order for 45 cricket kits.
Q.No. 10	You are running a department store in Chennai. Write a letter responding to the enquiries made by the customer for the purchase of oil and ghee.

Answer No.

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UNIT — III

Note : **i) Read the following passage and reduce it to 1/3rd of its length.**

ii) Précis Writing.

(1 × 10 = 10)

Q.No. 11	In today's scenario, mass media, specifically visual media, plays a pivotal role in creating an atmosphere of awareness in society. Media refers to different communication channels through which knowledge and information are conveyed to viewers or readers. With rapid developments in information and technology, visual media in the shape of television channels – Indian and foreign – and OTT platforms, has reached almost every house, playing a pivotal role in moulding public opinion. It plays a vital role in entertaining and educating the masses. Sitting before the TV, we can pass our time listening to music, watching films, learning about new things or acquiring new skills. News becomes known instantly through the many news channels. Visual media has a great impact on the minds of the viewers. Repeatedly showing or seeing similar or same images ingrains the message behind the images in our minds. Consumerism and aggressive social behaviour are some of the effects of uncritical addiction to visual media. The operative word there is 'uncritical' – it is essential that viewers are critical of what they visually consume. Such mature viewing will go a long way in mitigating the negative effects of visual media consumption.

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Answer

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UNIT — IV

Note : **Read the following passage and answer the question given below :**

(10 × 1 = 10)

Q.No. 12	If you are not in the grip of avarice, you will choose a trade or profession that appeals to you as the means of self expression and social service, even if you cannot earn much money by it. Your daily duty is not merely money making drudgery it is your contribution to social progress and the path of personal development. How sad must be the lot of man who must do uncongenial work simply for the sake of more money? I know a younger professor who loved literature passionately and taught it admirably; but his salary was small, and he became a lawyer in order to secure a larger income. I tell you that man was guilty of a crime, and he will not be happy as a lawyer, though he may be a little more comfortable, a little better fed and dressed and lodged. A musician who is born a violinist can never be personally happy or socially useful as a prosperous merchant or stock broker, as he will miss the violin all the time. Avarice puts round men in square jobs and square men in round jobs. At present many persons in all classes, rich and poor are unhappy and restless because their daily work is not interesting. It does not provide an outlet for the creative impulse and the insistent urge of personality. Therefore, don't ask in youth. How can I earn the biggest salary? Ask rather " How can I be truly happy and do most good to society?" Then you may have less money, but you will have more of life and joy.

Questions :

(1) When can a man choose a profession through which he can express himself and serve others?

Answer

(2) What is man's daily duty?

Answer

(3) Why does the author consider the lawyer know to him guilty of crime?

Answer

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(4) Why are most of the people unhappy at present?

Answer

(5) What does 'avarice' mean?

Answer

(6) What does the author imply by saying round men in square jobs and square men in round jobs?

Answer

(7) When will a violinist be unhappy?

Answer

(8) Who are the misplaced persons according to the writer?

Answer

(9) What is the advice of the writer to the young men?

Answer

(10) When does a person have more of life and joy?

Answer

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UNIT — V

Q.No.		
13	Translate the following from Tamil to English :	**(1 × 10 = 10)**

செயின்ட் ABC
ஏப்ரல், 2022

சுற்றறிக்கை

இக எண் 123/மா dt : 10.01.2022

நம் பள்ளி வளாகத்தின் பாதுகாப்பு நிலையை அதிகரிக்கும் வகையில், செயின்ட் ABC மாணவர்கள் பின்வரும் விதிகளை கடைபிடிக்க வேண்டும் என இத்துடன் அறிவிக்கிறோம் :

1. பள்ளி வளாகத்தில் அடையாள அட்டைகளை அணிவது கட்டாயம் மற்றும் பள்ளிக்கு மொபைல் போன்களை எடுத்து வரக்கூடாது.
2. தாழ்வாரங்களில் ஒன்றாக குழுக்களாக கூடி வழியைத் தடுக்க வேண்டாம்.
3. பள்ளிச் சொத்துக்களை மதித்து நடக்கவும்.

அனைத்து மாணவர்களும் இந்த விதிகளுக்குக் கீழ்ப்படிவதைக் கண்காணித்து உறுதி செய்ய உத்தியோகபூர்வ ஊழியர்கள் இருப்பார்கள். மேலே குறிப்பிட்டுள்ள விதிகளை மதியாதவர்கள் அல்லது மீறுபவர்கள் மீது கடுமையான நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும். இந்த புதிய விதிகள் பற்றிய கூடுதல் தகவலுக்கு, 1234567890 என்ற எண்ணில் பணியில் இருக்கும் அதிகாரிகளை தொடர்பு கொள்ளவும்.

ஒப்பம் _____
பள்ளி முதல்வர்
செயின்ட் ஏபிஸி பள்ளி
சென்னை.

Answer

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Q.No. 14	Translate the following into Tamil :	(10 Marks)

(1) Cyclone Fengal, deemed "erratic" by the IMD, may be one of the slowest systems to reach the Tamil Nadu coast in 50 years, taking five days to cover 500 km.

Answer

(2) A family of seven, including five children, were feared to be trapped in a landslide in Tiruvannamalai.

Answer

(3) Chief Minister M.K. Stalin is set to bring a resolution in the upcoming legislative assembly session, urging the Union Government to revoke the rights awarded to Hindustan Zinc Limited to mine tungsten mineral in Madurai District.

Answer

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(4) Researchers spotted a large sized adult antlion, palpares contarius, that resembles a dragonfly for the first time in Tamil Nadu on Madras Christian College (MCC) Campus.

Answer

(5) A Puppet show was staged for around 150 children, aged 8-18, in Vysarpadi as part of the Mental Health festival organised by the local community and civil society organisations.

Answer

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UNIT — VI

Note : **Develop the following hints into a passage and give a suitable title to it.**

(1 × 10 = 10)

Q.No. 15	A Carter drives along a muddy road — the wheels of his cart sink into the mud — the carter whips the bullocks in vain — prays to Hercules to come to his help — Hercules comes and asks him to put his shoulder to the wheels — the cart moves.

Answer

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UNIT — VII

Note : **Answer the following.**

(2 × 5 = 10)

Q.No. 16	On behalf of a school principal, write an advertisement inviting application for the post of a P.G. Teacher in History.

Answer

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Q.No. 17	Draft a circular informing staff about working on the following second Saturday as compensatory working day.

Answer

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UNIT — VIII

(20 × 1 = 20)

Q.No. 18	**Answer the questions as directed :**

(1) **Active voice to Passive voice.**

The Romans expected to conquer Carthage.

Answer

(2) **Passive voice to Active voice.**

A pen may be purchased by me.

Answer

(3) **Direct to Indirect Speech.**

She told him, "I will call you once I arrive".

Answer

(4) **Indirect to Direct Speech.**

They said that they had been doing their work.

Answer

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(5) **Rewrite compound sentence as simple sentence.**

Not only did his father give him money, but his mother too.

Answer

(6) **Rewrite simple sentence as complex sentence.**

She invited me to a party. I do not want to go.

Answer

(7) **Transform statement into a strong question :**

The company is launching a new product.

Answer

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(8) **Transform statement into a weak question.**

The local minister went to the airport to receive the Chief Minister.

Answer

(9) **Transform assertive sentence into a negative sentence.**

You must accept the proposal.

Answer

(10) **Add a suitable question tag :**

This book is very useful

Answer

(11) **Use the Homophones in meaningful sentences :**

(a) metal (b) mettle

Answer

(12) **Use the right adverb :**

He is a ———————— runner (fast/fastly).

Answer

(13) **Fill in the blanks with right prepositions :**

His duties were of a kind ill-suited ———————— his ardent and daring character.

(a) by (b) on (c) into (d) to

Answer

(14) **Rewrite the sentence in comparative degree :**

The last chapter is good.

Answer

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(15) **Rewrite the sentence in Past tense :**
Fatima has hurt herself badly.

Answer

(16) **Change the underlined phrase into clause :**
My father has always wanted to live near the ocean.

Answer

(17) **Change the underlined clause into a phrase.**
She slept as she was tired.

Answer

(18) **Identify the pattern of the given sentence :**
They are baking cookies and cakes

Answer .

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(19) **Fill in the blanks with a suitable Article :**
We are living in ———————— apartment. (a, an, the)

Answer

(20) **Rewrite the sentence correcting the error :**
My mother along with my sisters are going to the park.

Answer

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