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MODEL QUESTION PAPER
GROUP- V-A
PAPER- II
GENERAL ENGLISH (DEGREE STANDARD)

Duration : 3 Hours

Total Marks : 100

(This question-cum answer booklet consists of pages)

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GROUP- V-A

MODEL QUESTION PAPER

(Descriptive Type)

Paper-II : General English (Degree Standard)

Unit-I

Write an essay on any One of the following in 300 words

(1 X 10 = 10)

- i) 'Mobile phone a boon or a bane' - Discuss.
- ii) Write an essay describing your visit to the Museum.
- iii) Write an essay narrating the consequence of a Cyclonic Storm you have witnessed.
- iv) Write an essay on "Online Classes have affected the knowledge level of students".
- v) Write an essay explaining the importance of agriculture for the development of a country.
- vi) Cashless transactions can eradicate corruption - Discuss.

Unit - II

Answer any One of the following

(1 X 10 = 10)

- i) Write a letter to the local MLA drawing his attention to the need for the opening of a Secondary School for girls in your Village / Town.
- ii) A big department store in Chennai wishes to buy large quantities of bed sheets and towels. Write a letter of enquiry to a textile company in Tirupur.
- iii) You are building a house, place an order for supplying Electric Fitting with a firm in Delhi.
- iv) You are running a store for sports equipments. Write a letter responding to the enquiries made by a school for the purchase of sports equipments.

Unit-III

Précis Writing :

(1 X 10 = 10)

Read the following passage and reduce it to 1/3rd of its length

One of the most difficult problems is what we call discipline, and it is really very complex. You see, society feels that it must control or discipline the citizen. Shape his mind according to certain religious, social, moral and economic patterns.

Is discipline necessary at all? Please listen carefully, don't immediately say 'Yes' or 'No'. Most of us feel, especially while we are young, that there should be no discipline, that we should be allowed to do whatever we like, and we think, that is freedom. But merely to say that we should be free and so on, has very little meaning without understanding the whole problem of discipline.

The keen athlete is disciplining himself all the time, is he not? His joy in playing games and the very necessity to keep fit makes him go to bed early, refrain from smoking, eat the right food and generally observe the rules of good health. His discipline is not an imposition or a conflict but a natural outcome of his enjoyment of athletics.

Human beings throughout the world, in every religion, in every school of philosophy impose discipline on the mind, which implies control resistance, adjustment suppression; and is all this necessary? If discipline brings about a greater output of human energy, then it is worthwhile, then it has meaning; but if it merely suppresses human energy, it is very harmful, destructive. All of us have energy and the question is whether that energy through discipline can be made vital, rich and abundant, or whether discipline destroys whatever energy we have. I think this is the central issue.

Unit-IV

(10X1=10)

Read the following passage and answer the Question given below :

Now that the mammoth is extinct, the elephant is the largest of all animals living, and the strongest. It is a strange – looking animal, with its thick legs, huge sides and back, large hanging ears, small tail, little eyes, long white tusks, and above all, its long nose, called the trunk. The trunk is the elephant's peculiar feature, and it puts it to various uses. It draws up water by its trunk, and can squirt it all over its body like a shower bath; and with it, picks leaves

from the trees and puts them into its mouth. In fact, its trunk serves the elephant as a long arm and hand. Elephants look very clumsy and heavy, and yet they can move very quickly when they like.

Elephants are found in India and in Africa. The African elephant differs in some points from the Indian, being larger, with longer tusks and bigger ears. In fact the two are considered to be different species. In both countries, they live in herds in the jungles and are naturally shy animals that keep away from men. Elephants with their great size and strength, are fine advertisement for vegetarianism, for they live entirely on leaves of trees, grass, roots and bulbs.

The elephant is a very intelligent animal, and its intelligence combined with its great strength, makes it, when tamed, a very useful servant to man; and it has been trained to serve in various ways.

Elephant can carry heavy loads about a thousand seers each; and they are used to draw heavy wagons and big guns that would require many horses. They are very skilful, too, in piling timber. The trained elephant will kneel down, lift a heavy log of wood with its tusks carry it to the place where it is wanted and lay it exactly in position.

Elephant are also trained for tiger-hunting. The huntsmen sit in the *howdah* on the back of the elephant, which is driven and guided by the driver, called the *mahout* who squat on its neck. In this way the hunters are carried through the thickest, and at such a height that they can see and fire at the tiger when it is driven out.

In old days elephant were used in battles, and all Indian Rajas had their regiments of trained fighting elephants. And they still have their place in state processions, when they are painted with bright colours and covered with silk and velvet clothes.

Questions:

- 1) Which was the actual largest land animal?
- 2) What does the elephant do with its trunk?
- 3) What are the differences between Indian and African elephants?
- 4) How are elephant used to hunt tigers?
- 5) What are the interesting facts about elephants?
- 6) What is peculiar about an elephant?
- 7) Why is an elephant considered a largest and strongest of all animals?
- 8) Why does the writer say that elephants "are fine advertisement for vegetarianism"?

9) Why is the elephant a strange looking animal?

10) What do you think of taming an elephant for special occasions?

Unit - V

(1 X 10 = 10)

a) Translate the following from Tamil to English

தஞ்சாவூர் மாவட்ட முதன்மைக்கல்வி அலுவலர் அவர்களின் செயல்முறைகள்

ந.க.எண்.0065/அ5/2021(நாள் 22.01.2021)

பொருள் : பள்ளிக் கல்வி - அரசு/ அரசு உதவிபெறும் மற்றும் தனியார் பள்ளிகள் - 10 மற்றும் 12-ஆம் வகுப்புகளுக்கு 19.01.2021 அன்று பள்ளிகள் திறப்பது குறித்து நிலையான வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளை கடைபிடிக்க அறிவுறுத்துதல் மற்றும் பள்ளிகள் வாரத்தில் ஆறு நாட்கள் செயல்பட தலைமையாசிரியர்களுக்கு அறிவுறுத்துதல் சார்பு.

பார்வை : 1. சென்னை-06 தமிழ்நாடு பள்ளிக்கல்வி இயக்குநரகத்திலிருந்து பெறப்பட்ட பள்ளிகள் மீண்டும் திறப்பதற்கான உடல்நலம், சுகாதாரம் மற்றும் பாதுகாப்பு குறித்த வரைவு நிலையான வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகள்.

பார்வையில் காணும் வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகளுக்கிணங்க 10 மற்றும் 12-ஆம் வகுப்பு மாணவர்களின் கல்வி நலன் கருதி பொதுத்தேர்வை எதிர்கொள்ள ஏதுவாக முதற்கட்டமாக 10 மற்றும் 12 வகுப்புகளுக்கு 19.01.2021 அன்று முதல் பள்ளிகள் திறக்கப்பட்டு செயல்பட்டு வருகிறது.

அரசால் எடுக்கப்படும் முடிவுக்கு உட்பட்டு பாடங்களை முடிக்க ஏதுவாக பள்ளிகள் வாரத்தில் ஆறு நாட்கள் செயல்படும் என்று தெரிவிக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதைத் தொடர்ந்து நாளை முதல் சனிக்கிழமைதோறும் பள்ளி வேலை நாளாகச் செயல்படும் என அனைத்துப் பள்ளி தலைமையாசிரியர்களுக்கும் தெரிவிக்கப்படுகிறது.

முதன்மைக்கல்வி அலுவலர்,
தஞ்சாவூர்.

இணைப்பு:

பள்ளிகள் மீண்டும் திறப்பதற்கான உடலநலம், சுகாதாரம் மற்றும் பாதுகாப்பு குறித்த வரைவுநிலையான வழிகாட்டு நெறிமுறைகள்.

பெறுநர்: அனைத்து உயர் மற்றும் மேல்நிலைப்பள்ளி
தலைமையாசிரியர்கள் தஞ்சாவூர் வருவாய் மாவட்டம்
(உரிய வழியாக).

நகல் : மாவட்டக் கல்வி அலுவலர், தஞ்சாவூர், கும்பகோணம், பட்டுக்கோட்டை
மற்றும் ஓரத்தநாடு (அனைத்துப் பள்ளிகளுக்கும் தகவல் தெரிவிக்கக்
கேட்டுக்கொள்ளப்படுகிறது).

b) Translate the following into Tamil :

(1 X 10 = 10)

- 1) His belief that some day he would succeed cheered him through many disappointment.
- 2) He is a man of deep learning, but totally ignorant of life and manners.
- 3) The income derived from the ownership of land is commonly called rent.
- 4) Man is entirely different from other animals in the utter helplessness of his babyhood.
- 5) The moors were famous for their learning and their skill in all kinds of industries.

Unit – VI

(1x10 = 10)

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

A king distressed ----- his people lazy ----- to teach them a lesson he had a big stone put in the middle of the road one night ----- next day merchant pass and goes round it ----- an officer driving in his carriage did the same -----

---- a young soldier came riding, did the same ----- all cursed the stone and blamed the Government for not removing it ----- then the king had the stone removed ----- under it was an iron box, marked, "For the man who moves away the stone" ----- inside a purse full of money ----- the people were ashamed.

Unit-VII

(2 X 5=10)

Answer the following:

- 1) Draft a circular informing the staff about the change in the office working time.
- 2) Write an advertisement inviting application for the post of marketing manager.

Unit-VIII

(20X1=20)

Answer the Questions as directed:

1) Active Voice to Passive Voice

Everyone loves him.

2) Passive Voice to Active Voice

The work will be finished by him in a fortnight.

3) Direct to Indirect Speech

He said, "I have been studying a lot".

4) Indirect to Direct Speech

He asked us when we were leaving.

5) Rewrite Compound Sentence as Simple Sentence

We followed the trail and reached the destination.

6) Rewrite Simple Sentence or Complex Sentence

Besides being a good doctor, Geetha is a great artist.

7) Transform statement into a strong question

You have come late.

8) Transform statement into a weak question.

He is handsome.

9) Transform assertive sentence into a negative sentence.

I have bought a few books.

10) Add a suitable question tag.

The baby elephant that fell into the well was rescued by the locals.

11) Use the Homophones in meaningful sentences

hear, here

12) Use the right adverb

She welcomed us ----- (warm/warmly)

13) Fill in the blanks with right prepositions

Visitors are not allowed to go ----- this line.

(A) after (B) beyond (C) within (D) in

14) Rewrite the sentence in comparative degree

Calcutta is the largest town in India.

15) Rewrite the sentence in Past tense.

My mother has a severe head ache.

16) Change the underlined phrase into clause

I expect to get a prize

17) Change the underlined clause into phrase

The boy who sits near me is my cousin.

18) Identify the pattern of the given sentence

The birds fly.

19) Fill in the blanks with a suitable Article

It was ----- earthquake. (a, an, the)

20) Rewrite the sentence correcting the error

All the teachers are present at yesterday's farewell party.