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GENERAL INSTRUCTION:

The question paper is divided into three sections

Section A : Reading

20 Marks

Section B : Advanced Writing Skills

30 Marks

Section C : Literature and long Reading Text

30 Marks

Section A Reading

[20 Marks]

1. Read the following passage and answer the following

[12 Marks]

1 The defense mechanism of human body is a gift of nature provided to human beings. The power of our body to fight against various disease-producing agents is known as defensive mechanism. This defensive mechanism depends upon various factors which can be categorised mainly into two types—common factors and special factors.

2 Amongst the common factors, the most important is the health of human beings. We all know if we are having a good health, our body automatically remains protected against the diseases. For keeping good health one should have nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fat, proteins, vitamins in proportionate amount

3 The skin of our body saves us against many micro-organisms producing diseases, provided that it is intact. In case there are cuts or abrasions on it, the micro-organisms penetrate the body through those cuts and abrasions and can cause diseases. Therefore, a cut or an abrasion should never be left open. In case there is no bandage, etc. available, it may be covered by a clean cloth.

4. Some bacteria are residing on and inside the human body. They are our friends and are useful for us. They do not cause any disease and by their presence they do not allow disease-causing organisms to settle on those places. For example, the micro-organisms, present in human saliva secrete a chemical which does not allow diphtheria causing bacteria to grow inside the oral cavity.

5. The human body secretes a variety of fluids, which are killers for disease causing micro-organisms. For example, gastric juice (acidic in nature) secreted by our intestinal tract kills all organisms which enter our body through food.

6 There are a few automatic activities of our body known as “reflex phenomenon” which protect the body against many infections. This reflex phenomenon includes sneezing, coughing and vomiting. •

7Fever is one of the most important constituents of the defensive mechanism of our body. The organ which regulates the temperature of our body is known as hypothalamus and it is situated in the brain. When micro-organisms after entering the body release toxic products and these reach the brain through blood, the hypothalamus starts increasing the temperature of body the person gets fever. This fever is very useful for the human body because by the increase of temperature the micro-organisms which are the root cause of the problem get killed.

8We are living in an environment which is full of bacteria. Many of these bacteria can produce serious diseases, but all of us do not suffer from such diseases. It is due to a special power present in our body to fight these diseases. A part of this special power of our body is known as innate immunity. This is inherited by us. The other part of this special power is called acquired immunity. This we gain during our lifetime.

9In a nutshell, we can say since nature has provided us with defensive mechanism to fight against so many diseases, let us maintain it and rather increase it by the way of immunisation.

. Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option: 6

1. One should have nutritious balanced diet because.....
 - (a) it has food items for various tastes
 - (b) it keeps one healthy
 - (c) it is recommended by a dietician
 - (d) it has all essential items
2. The defense mechanism of human body is important as.....
 - (a) it protects us from diseases
 - (b) it checks deterioration of body
 - (c) it saves us from depression
 - (d) it builds up the wear and tear
3. In order to check the micro-organisms penetration in the human body.....
 - (a) we must cover the whole body
 - (b) we must rub insect repelling oil
 - (c) we must use antiseptic solutions
 - (d) we should keep cuts and abrasions covered
4. Gastric juice secreted by our intestinal tract kills all extraneous organisms as.....
 - (a) it flows very fast
 - (b) it is acidic in nature
 - (c) it prevents their multiplication
 - (d) it is a natural stimulant
5. We can increase our defensive mechanism by.....
 - (a) developing friendly bacteria
 - (b) checking infection through reflex phenomenon**
 - (c) seeking proper immunization
 - (d) suppressing fever in initial stages

6. **(d) suppressing fever in initial stages**.....
- (a) blood poisoning
 - (b) study of poisons
 - (c) harmful bacteria in plants/animals
 - (d) poisonous

B. Answer the following questions in brief:

7. How can micro-organism's penetration be checked in the human body?
8. What is the role of gastric juice in human body?
9. How can we increase our defensive mechanism?
10. What do you mean by reflex phenomenon? How is it helpful for human body?
11. Give the similar meanings.
- (a) scraping or rubbing of (para 3)
 - (b) poisonous (para 7)

2. Read the following carefully and answer the question that follows:

[8 Marks]

Good decoration reflects the personality of the people who live in the home. It should, first of all, be distinctive, just as each person is distinctive. A home should have unity not only within each room but also throughout the house. Rooms should, to some degree, harmonize with each other. The colour and styling of each room, particularly, should fit into the colour and styling of the rooms which run out of it.

2 Attractive home furnishings set the stage for pleasant living. If they are an expression of yourself, you will have a feeling of satisfaction every time you enter your home, and friends will share your enjoyment.

3 However, furnishings and surroundings expressive of just the right note of restfulness, gay informality, or elegant simplicity are not often assembled by accident. Even enthusiasm alone is not enough. For most home decorators, it takes poring over plans, trying colour schemes, finding ingenious ways to make the best of what you have, and shopping around to search out just the right purchases at prices you can afford to pay. But there is keen pleasure in striving for the perfect result, and great satisfaction in achieving it.

4. A successful house and successful rooms will depend upon the proper relationship of each element in it to the others and to the whole. Therefore, in selecting each piece it is well to consider the background, the usage, the draperies, the floor covering, the upholstering materials, the woods, shapes, colour scheme, and the "feeling" you prefer for the room.

5. Work and plan to enjoy your house. Limit the expenditures of time, effort and money to the extent of your abilities, so that just running the house doesn't dominate your life. Elegance and delicate things may be a drain you can afford only in a limited way. If you can't afford outside help, select a house and furnishings that require less care. Plan your activities so that tumult and upset are limited to a few rooms—an activity room or a bedroom, or a corner of the dining room.

6. You'll get more pleasure out of a house if you have a hobby connected with it—collecting glass or antiques, gardening or indoor flower growing ceramics, art, cooking, decorating, flower arrangements, etc. And you'll get more satisfaction and a great deal of help from studying household activities.

7. You can select a pleasing combination of colours from a wallpaper, a fabric, an oriental rug, a flower or scene, or even a picture in a magazine. If you don't already have the furniture or rugs, it is a good idea to make up a colour scheme in this way. Let one colour predominate. Limit a colour scheme to two or three colours, with white or gray tones.

2.1 Make notes on the passage in any suitable format. Use abbreviations, wherever necessary. Give a suitable title. 5

2.2 Make a summary of the passage. 3

Section B Advance Writing

[30 Marks]

3 As the President of Lions Club of Temple Town, prepare a poster on behalf of Lions Club and Leo Club for 'Diwali Mela' to be held at Nehru Stadium, mentioning some of the attractions. **[4 marks]**

OR

You are Rahul/Rashmi. As President of the Literary Club of your school you have organized an inter-school debate competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of your school about the competition. **[4 Marks]**

4 One of the water taps near your classroom drips continuously. As a result, a lot of water is wasted. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting her/ him to take immediate action in getting the drip repaired. You are Sandhya/ Shubh of St. John's School, Karol Bagh, Delhi. **[10 Marks]**

5 You are Ankit/Ankita. You have to deliver a speech on the topic "Education Gives One Power". You have jotted down the following notes: Education trains mind—sharpens skill and abilities—Education: a source of power—improve self—be independent—earn money—ignorance to knowledge—removes superstition—develops a free spirit—important for women: gives them freedom from social ills—independent—responsible. Write your speech in 150-200 words. **[10Marks]**

6 Rearrange the following to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. **[3 marks]**

e.g., stands/a/at/population/tiger/in/slim 1411/India/the/today

The tiger population stands at a slim 1411 in India today.

(a) concerned/the/really/Indian/are/authorities

(b) tigers/the/of/population/falling/is/sharply

(c) considered/was/tigers,/Sariska,/for/sanctuary/a/which/tigers left/have/any/does not

7 Rewrite these sentences as directed

[3 Marks]

- a) She was so tired that she could not keep her eyes open.(use too)
- b) I am not sure that he is a graduate (rewrite using might)
- c) Speak loudly. (rewrite using could)

Section C

[30 Marks]

8 Read the following lines and answer the question that follows:

[3 Marks]

A] The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling.
Each one holding one of my mother's hands
And she the big girl – some twelve years or so.

- a) What does the word 'cardboard' suggest?
- b) Why were the two cousins holding on to poet's mother's hand?
- c) What feelings are aroused in these lines

[3 Marks]

B] Then sleek as a lizard, and alert and abrupt,
She enters the thickness and a machine starts up of
Chitterlings and a tremor of wings and trillings. ”

- a) Name the poem and the poet
- b) What has she been compared to?
- c) Who does she refer to?

9 Answer any four of the following questions in 30 – 40

[12 Marks]

- a) What preparation did the author and his wife make for their round-the-world sea voyage?
- b) What is the significance of sparrows in grandmothers life ?
- c) Which tribe did Aram belong to? What was the image of his tribe?
- d) Who was Mrs. Dorling? What did the narrator's mother tell her about the woman?
- e) How would you classify 'art' on the basis of your reading the chapter 'Landscape of The Soul'?
- f) What happens to the Laburnum Tree after the goldfinch flies away?
- g) Why was Ranga's homecoming a great event?

10 Answer any one the following questions

[6 Marks]

- a) Draw a character sketch of Khushwant Singh's grandmother as portrayed by him in the lesson 'The Portrait of a Lady'.
- b) How has Tut's mummy fascinated the scientists and commoners alike over the previous decades?

11 Answer any one the following questions

[6 Marks]

- a) Comment on the role of Aram the narrator in the story “the summer of the beautiful white horse “
- b) Comment on the significance of the title of the story “The Address”.

