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Time : 3 Hours

ENGLISH LANGUAGE I

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Total No. of Questions : 39 (Printed Pages : 15)

Maximum Marks : 80

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- (i) The question paper is divided into four sections : (A), (B), (C) and (D). All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- (iii) Q. Nos. 4 to 13 and 19 to 24 are MCQ type and have four alternatives out of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer-book.
- (iv) Q. Nos. 15 to 18, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38 and 39 have an internal choice.
- (v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- (vi) Figures to the right indicate full marks.

Section-A

(Reading Skills)

Read the following passage carefully :

A hobby is an activity that a person enjoys doing in their free time for pleasure, personal satisfaction, and relaxation. It is something that they pursue to take their minds off work-related stress rather than for work, academic or financial reasons. Hobbies can range from active pursuits like sports and fitness, creative pursuits like painting and writing, intellectual pursuits like reading and learning new skills, and passive pursuits like watching movies or listening to music.

Hobbies give individuals a sense of accomplishment, personal fulfillment, and enjoyment. They can also offer opportunities for social interaction and networking, skill development and learning, and stress relief and relaxation. There are many benefits of pursuing hobbies, including, improved mental health as hobbies can help reduce stress, anxiety, and depression by providing a healthy outlet for emotions and helping individuals relax and unwind. Hobbies also give us increased creativity. Another benefit of pursuing hobbies is it gives us a sense of personal fulfillment and self-expression.

There are many types of hobbies to choose from and the options are endless. The best way to find a hobby that is right for you is to explore your interests and passions. You can also consider how much time and money you are willing to invest in it. Setting goals can keep you motivated and focused on your hobby.

An individual can consider different types of hobbies depending on their interests and preferences. Active hobbies are those hobbies that involve physical activity, such as sports, fitness, dance, yoga, or hiking, whereas creative hobbies are those hobbies that involve creating or making something, such as painting, drawing, sculpting, writing, photography, or cooking. Pursuing a hobby is a great way to take care of yourself and experience the joys of life.

(284 words, source indiatimes.com)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 and 3 briefly in about 10-15 words each and questions 4 to 8 by choosing the correct alternative from those provided :

1. Why do people pursue hobbies ? 1
2. State *two* benefits of pursuing hobbies. 1
3. Which is the best way to find a hobby ? 1

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below :

4. An individual can consider different types of hobbies depending on : 1
 - body structure
 - house
 - interests and preferences
 - reading

Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below :

5. Pursue : 1

- waiting for someone
- to continue to do something over a period of time
- to walk
- a bag

6. Anxiety : 1

- A feeling of worry or fear
- To buy something
- Fashion designer
- Electrical switch

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the correct alternative to the meaning given below :

7. Very strong feelings of enthusiasm, love 1

- Guilt
- Sad
- Passions
- Proud

8. To make figures or objects by carving or shaping wood, stone

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- sculpting
- fear
- power
- money

Read the following passage carefully :

The curry plant is a tropical to sub-tropical tree in the family "Rutaceae", which is native to India and Sri Lanka. The curry leaves are used extensively in South Indian and Sri Lankan cooking, especially in curries. Although thrown out later, the curry leaves are essential in providing the rich aroma to the curries. Recent studies have shown these leaves to possess anti-diabetic, antioxidant, hepatoprotective properties. They are also good for hair. The plant is cultivated throughout India and in the foothills of Himalayas. The curry plant is a large shrub or small evergreen or deciduous tree 5 m tall with a short trunk, thin, smooth, grey or brown bark and a dense, shady crown. Most parts of the plant have a strong, peculiar smell. The leaves of the plants are pinnately compound and are arranged spirally, crowded on the ends of branchlets. Flowers are white in color.

Curry leaf has many medicinal properties. Curry leaves are rich in Vitamin A and calcium. The calcium content in curry leaves helps in strengthening the bones. It might reduce the possibilities of osteoporosis and managing calcium deficiency. It also prevents deposition of fat in various parts of the body. The presence of carbazole alkaloids in the leaves prevents weight gain and reduces the LDL cholesterol in the blood. It washes out the harmful toxins from the body and burns excess fat. The leaves of Curry plant are also used as a herb in Ayurvedic medicine.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para-wise main topics and sub-topics from the alternatives provided using the format given below :

- Title :9
- I :10
- II :11
- A :12
- B :13

9. 1
- Native to Africa
 - The curry plant
 - Not a deciduous tree
 - Good for the hair

10. 1

- Uses and characteristics of curry plant
- Flowers are white
- Strong peculiar smell
- Short trunk

11. 1

- Not an ayurvedic medicine
- Paste made of curry leaves
- Medicinal properties of curry plant
- Deposition of fat

12. 1

- Makes person weak
- Removes vitamin A
- Helps in strengthening bones
- Gives indigestion

13. 1

- Prevents deposition of fat
- Prevents absorption of Vitamin C
- Makes hair grey
- No medicinal properties

14. Write a summary of the above passage in about **65** words using the topic sentences of the paragraph. 3

Section-B

(Writing Skills)

Attempt any one of the following : 3

15. Your school is organising a Study Tour to Jaipur. Draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board giving all the necessary details. You are Nikhil/Neeta Fernandes, the General Secretary of St. Valentino Higher Secondary School, Bandra. (30-40 words)

Or

You want to sell a shop. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper, giving all the necessary details. You are Niranjan/Namrata Naik residing at 103, Mayfair Apartment, Chandigarh. Phone number 9943201410, email id-nimnaik@gmail.com

(30-40 words)

Attempt any ONE of the following : 5

16. Recently your school organised the 'Annual Sports Day'. Write a report to be published in your school magazine. You are Munawar/Mira Khan, the Sports Secretary of New Horizon Higher Secondary School, Coorg.

(70-80 words)

Or

You are a Staff Reporter of a local newspaper. Write a report for a newspaper on the 'International Furniture Exhibition' held at Commercial Multipurpose Hall, Kolkata. (70-80 words)

Attempt any one of the following :

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17. The branches of the trees along the main road in Sattal village in Uttarakhand are obstructing the movement of traffic. Write a letter to the Sarpanch complaining about the same and suggest cutting of the branches. You are Hanoy/Henna Pal residing at H.No. 10, Interstate Road, Sattal, Uttarakhand.

(100-150 words)

Or

You are Prem/Prema Singh a resident of Flat S2, Park View Colony, Viman Nagar, Pune. Write a letter to the Editor of the 'Times of India' about the need for a Park for Senior Citizens in your locality.

(100-150 words)

18. Write an essay in about 200-250 words on any one of the following topics :

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- Importance of Punctuality
- If I were a fish in the sea
- Plant a tree, save life
- Dog—A man's best friend
- Yoga—A way of life

Section-C

(Grammar)

Rewrite the sentence by selecting the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given in the brackets :

19. The mother bird (check) the surrounding before she (enter) the bushes. 1

(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below and rewrite the sentence)

- checking, entering
- had checked, entered .
- will check, will enter
- check, enter

20. The children go to France for their summer vacation. 1

(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal indicating possibility from the alternatives provided below)

- should
- have
- may
- will

21. Very few animals are as useful as the horse : 1

(Select the select alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using the Superlative Degree of Comparison)

- The horse is the most useful animal
- Few animals are more useful than the horse.
- The horse is one of the most useful animals.
- The horse is a useful animal.

22. If you do not have a license, you cannot ride the bike. 1

(Select the correct alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using 'Unless')

- Unless you do not have a licence, you cannot ride the bike.
- If you have a license, you cannot ride the bike.
- If you do not have a licence, unless you cannot ride the bike.
- Unless you have a license, you cannot ride the bike.

23. "Did you take your medicine ?", the doctor asked Mr Smith. 1

(Select the correct alternative from the ones given and rewrite the sentence in the indirect speech)

- The doctor asked Mr. Smith whether he had taken his medicine.
- The doctor told Mr. Smith to take his medicine.
- Did you take your medicine the doctor said to Mr Smith.
- Take your medicine the doctor said to Mr. Smith.

24. The cupboard is too heavy for us to carry. 1

(Select the correct alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so that')

- The cupboard is so heavy to carry.
- The cupboard is so heavy that we cannot carry it.
- The cupboard is so heavy that we can carry it.
- The cupboard is too heavy to carry.

Section-D

(Textual)

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about 10-15 words each :

Unless governor, inspector, visitor,

This map becomes their window and these windows

That shut upon their lives like catacombs,

Break O break open till they break the town

25. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line. 1

26. What does the poet want for the slum children ? 1

*I looked again at her, wan, pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,
but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,
all I did was smile and smile and smile*

27. Name and explain the figure of speech in the last line. 1
28. What does the poet mean by 'familiar ache' ? 1

Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each :

29. What does the poet want us to do after counting to twelve ? 2

Or

Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character ?

30. According to the poet John Keats, what are the things that cause pain and suffering to mankind ? 2

Or

Why were the people who put up the roadside stand upset ?

Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each :

31. Why was the peddler reluctant to go with the Iron master to the manor house ? 2

32. What makes the author feel that Saheb is unhappy with his job at the tea stall ? 2
33. How did Gandhi improve the health conditions of the people of Champaran ? 2
34. What was the 'misadventure' that William Douglas speaks of in the lesson 'Deep Water' ? 2
35. Why does Jansie discourage Sophie from having a boutique ? 2

Or

How did the Legal Adviser in the story department stand out amongst the others ?

36. Why does M. Hamel blame the parents ? 2

Or

How does Mukund describe Umberto Eco's writing style ?

Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words each :

37. Why did Roger Skunk's mother not like her son smelling like roses ? Give reasons. 4
38. Suggest a different ending to the story 'On The Face Of It.' 4

Or

"Take care of the small things and the big things will fall in place." Justify with reference to the lesson 'Journey to the end of the Earth.'

39. Why do you think Dr. Sadao helped the enemy soldier escape ? 4

Or

Annan advised Bama to study very hard and excel in her studies. He assured her that this would earn her respect and appreciation from others. Do you think this is the best way to fight injustice ? Give reasons for your answer.