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## VARISHTHA UPADHYAYA EXAMINATION, 2017

### ENGLISH (COMPULSORY)

Time : 3¼ Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

#### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE EXAMINEES :

- 1) Candidates must write first their Roll Nos. on the question paper first.
- 2) All the questions are compulsory.
- 3) Write the answer to each question in the given answer-book only.
- 4) For questions having more than one part the answers to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
- 5) This paper is divided into three Sections A, B and C. All Sections are compulsory.
- 6) Separate instructions are given for each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- 7) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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**SECTION - A****(READING)**

- 1) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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 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, 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 Indians, being larger, with longer tusk 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 they 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, make it when tamed, a very useful servant to man, and it has been trained to serve various ways.

Elephants 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. In olden days elephants 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 & velvet clothes.

- a) How does an elephant look like? [1]
- b) What is peculiar in an elephant? [1]
- c) What are the various uses of elephant's trunk? [1]
- d) How are elephants of Africa different from elephant of India? [1]

- e) What is the food of an elephant? [1]
- f) How is an elephant useful to service? [1]
- g) What was the use of an elephant in olden days? [1]
- h) Find out word from the passage which means
- i) A line of people, vehicle etc, moving forward in a ceremonial way \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
- ii) A group of animals living & moving together \_\_\_\_\_. [1]

2) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

Happy is the man who acquires the habit of reading when he is young. He has secured a life long source of pleasure, instruction and inspiration. So long as he has his beloved books, he need never feel lonely. He always has a pleasant occupation of leisure moments, so that he need never feel bored. He is the possessor of wealth more precious than gold. Ruskin calls books. "King's Treasures" - treasuries filled, not with gold and silver and precious stones, but with riches much more valuable than these - knowledge, noble thoughts and high ideals. Poor indeed is the man who does not read, and empty is his life.

The blessings which the reading habit confers on its possessor are many provided we choose the right kind of books. Reading gives the highest kind of pleasure. Some books we read simply for pleasure and amusement - for example good novels. And novels and books of imagination must have their place in everybody's reading. When we are tired, or the brain is weary with serious study, it is healthy recreation to lose ourselves in some absorbing story written by a master hand.

Books are the most faithful of friends. Our friends may change, or die; but our books are always patiently waiting to talk to us. They are never cross, perversish, or unwilling to converse, as our friends sometimes are. No wonder a reader becomes a "book lover".

- a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub headings. [4]
- b) Write a summary of the passage and suggest a suitable title. [2]

**SECTION - B**  
**(WRITING)**

- 3) You are Nikunj/Avantika. As secretary of the Ex serviceman Housing society of your locality, you have organized a cultural benefit programme in aid of the blind people of your town Virat Nagar. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your locality notice board, providing all information about the programme. [4]

OR

You are Puneet/Karishma. Draft a poster in not more than 50 words requesting the people of your city to stop wastage of water and several procedures of rain water harvesting.

- 4) Write a report in about 100 words on the topic 'Clean India'. [7]

OR

Write a factual description in about 100 words 'A house on fire'.

- 5) You are Varun/Rita studying in Govt. S.S.S., Jaipur. The road leading to your school is very dirty & potholes are choked. Students and people are usually caught in traffic jam. In spite of several complaints, the government has not taken bold action to improve the conditions of roads. Write a letter to the Editor of local newspaper drawing the attention of the government to this problem. [7]

OR

Write a letter to Ajay Trading Company regarding supply of sports articles to your club. You have to mention quality and quantity of articles.

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- 6) Write an article to be published in your school magazine in about 100 words on the topic "Education of girl child". [7]

OR

Write a speech in about 100 words on the topic "The role of women in society".

**SECTION - C**  
**(TEXTUAL QUESTIONS)**

- 7) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

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-----

- a) What is the fear of childhood? Explain. [2]  
b) What are the farewell words that the poetess use? [1]  
c) Find word from the extract which means: [1]  
'Pain'. \_\_\_\_\_

OR

And such too is the grandeur of the dooms  
We have imagined for the mighty dead;  
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;  
And endless fountain of immortal drink,  
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- a) What does the poet imagine for mighty dead? Explain it? [2]  
b) What have we heard? [1]  
c) Find word from the extract which means: [1]  
a stream of water into the air \_\_\_\_\_.

8) Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each: [6]

- a) Describe the appearance of slum children?  
(*An Elementary classroom in a slum*)
- b) What does the poet assert in "Now I will count upto twelve and you keep quiet".  
(*Keeping Quiet*)
- c) What were the different kinds of articles for sale at the road side stand?  
(*A Roadside Stand*)
- d) What are the qualities of Aunt-Jennifer's tigers?  
(*Aunt Jennifer's Tigers*)

9) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: [8]

- a) What dress does M.Hamel wear on his special day? (*My Last Lesson*)
- b) What do you know about Saheb? (*Lost Spring*)
- c) Why did William Douglas plan to swim at Y.M.C.A.? (*Deep Water*)
- d) Why did the Crofter become friend to the Peddler? (*The Rattrap*)

10) Answer the question in about 125 words:

What did Gandhiji do for the social and cultural upliftment of Champaran?  
(*Indigo*)[7]

OR

What are the particular differences between Sophie and Jansie? (*Going Places*)

11) Answer the following questions in about 125 words:

What does a physically disabled man expect from people in the story 'on the face of it'? [7]

OR

Discuss Zitkala & Bama's experience of social discrimination?

*(Memories of Childhood)*

12) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each:

a) What does Jack Finney mean by 'The Third Level'?

*(The Third Level)*[2]

b) What does the astrologer foretell about the crown prince Jung Jung Bahadur? [2]

c) Why will the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely?

*(Journey to The End of The Earth)*[2]

d) What was the chief concern of Dr. Sadao's father?

*(The Enemy)*

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