

This Question paper is divided into 3 sections.

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| Section A: Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B: Writing and Grammar | 30 marks |
| Section C: Literature and Long Reading Text | 30 marks |

SECTION A-(READING)

20 MARKS

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)

- 1) The hopping kangaroo is a familiar sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. Members of the kangaroo family can be as small as a rat or as big as man. Kangaroos are found mainly in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea. Kangaroos, which are big footed marsupials that evolved in Australia, use their short front legs like arms. The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are capable of speeding up to 88km/hr. for short distances, their means of locomotion being their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time.
- 2) Weighing around 70 kg, they have an average lifespan of around six to eight years and a maximum lifetime of 20years. When bothered by predators, kangaroos often head for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him underwater. Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their adversary with their clawed hind feet sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. Normally shy animals, they alert other kangaroos to danger by beating on the ground with their hind feet. This loud alarm signal carries over a long distance.
- 3) The tail is important for kangaroos. It holds them in balance and supports them when they sit or fight against other kangaroos. The kangaroo uses its short legs as arms. With them it scratches itself, cleans its fur and holds branches when it eats leaves. Kangaroos are marsupials and the females carry new born in a pouch in front of their abdomens. The babies are born small and climb up in to the safety of the pouch. Therefor the next 225 days or so, they eat, sleep and grow. Once they reach full development, they leave the pouch. A young kangaroo that leaves the pouch is called a 'joey'. To keep from getting too hot, the kangaroos take naps in the afternoon and do most of the its grazing at night. But the best stay-cool secret of these creatures is the spit bath! Kangaroos drool and lick saliva all over their faces and bodies to cooldown.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences with appropriate words/phrases: (1x8=8)

- (a) Kangaroos are mainly found in _____.
- (b) The powerful hind legs help kangaroos to _____.
- (c) When followed by predators, kangaroos head for the water and _____.
- (d) Kangaroos warn others of danger by _____.
- (e) They use their front legs to _____.

- (f) They have an average lifespan of -----.
- (g) The secret of kangaroos to stay cool is _____.
- (h) Before becoming 'joeys', the young ones stay in the _____.

2. Read the passage given below:

- 1) It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits — in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.
- 2) Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologize; else it may haunt you for life.
- 3) Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, and think before you speak.' When I get ready to speak to people, 'Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say.' Adding humors and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly:

(2x4=8)

- (a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills along with technical skills?
- (b) How can communication skills be developed?
- (c) What, according to the writer, should be avoided while communicating?
- (d) Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous?

2.2 Answer the following questions:

(1x4=4)

- (a) How are habits formed?
- (b) Why are we inclined to speak fast?
- (c) Find the word from the passage which mean the same as 'assess'.
- (d) Find the word from the passage which mean the same as 'avoid'.

SECTION B-WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

3. You are interested in a short term course in computer graphics during the holidays. Write a letter to the Director, Fortune Graphics Computers, inquiring about their short-time

courses and asking for all the necessary details. You are Anuj/Anju of 28A UttamNagar, New Delhi. (word limit-100-120 words) 8 marks

4. Develop a story in about 150-200 words with the given lines as beginning. Also give a suitable title to it. 10 Marks

All alone on a winter evening, sitting near the beach, I felt a tap on my shoulder. When I turned to see, I

5. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words. 4 Marks

Yesterday I (a) received a phone call that my father (b) was unwell. I (c) booked a ticket online and (d) left for Amritsar.

6. In the following passage, there is one error in each of the indicated lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. 4 Marks

When a diamond is find in the earth,
Its outside appear is rather dull.
Then skillful hands makes it into
a sparkling gem we all knew about.
Most diamonds are sawed into two,
and every half is shaped or cut
into the round diamond.

Incorrect word

e.g. find

a) appear

b) make

c) knew

d) _____

correct word

found

appear

make

know

7. Read the following conversation and complete the passage given below. 3 Marks

Raman : Chaman, when did the guests leave your house?

Chaman : Most of the guests left in the afternoon.

Raman : Are some of them still staying with you?

Chaman : Yes. They will leave in a day or two.

Raman : Have you planned anything interesting for them?

Chaman : Yes, I am taking them for a city tour.

Raman asked Chaman a) _____, Chaman replied b) _____

Then Raman enquired c) _____, Chaman replied in affirmative. He

further told Raman that they would leave in a day or two. Raman asked (d) _____

Chaman replied in affirmative that he was taking them for a city

tour.

SECTION C- LITERATURE AND LONG READING TEXT - 30 marks

3. Read the extracts given below and answer any one of the questions 4 Marks

1) "So I went home and sat down before my desk andwaited, but nothing happened.

2) "pretty soon my mind began to wander off to other things."

a) Who is 'I' in the above lines?

b) What did 'I' wait for?

c) What does the phrase, 'wander off' mean?

d) What 'other things' did the author start thinking off?

OR

1) Even in the eyes of all posterity

That wear this world out to the ending doom

So, till the judgement that yourself arise,

You live in this, and dwell in lovers' eyes.

- Which judgement is being talked about here?
- Which poetic device is used in the second line?
- What does the phrase "ending doom" mean?
- Who does 'you' refer to in the above lines?

9. Answer the questions given below in 30-40 words. 4x2=8

- "We do many things, sir". Explain this statement with reference to context.
- Who arranged for the tiger shooting and how?
- What happened when the sailors' ship got stuck at one place?
- Briefly describe the character of Victoria in the play The Dear Departed.

10. Answer any one of the questions given below in 100-120 words. (Value Based) . 8 marks

- "A faint memory was stirred up in PatolBabu's mind. Some priceless words of advice given in a deep mellow voice." The advice of our elders and teachers always comes to our rescue as they have wisdom and experience of life. Elaborate on the statement with reference to PatolBabu.

OR

- The play 'The Dear Departed' on one side is pessimistic because it highlights on the plight of old people yet on the other side the play is optimistic because it gives a hope that even elderly people may choose to live merrily, despite their old age. Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer taking instances from the play.

11. Long reading text: The story of My Life

Answer any one question given below in 150- 200 words.

10 marks

- Give a character sketch of Helen to bring out the grit and determination she had to face the ordeals of life.
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