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Instructions: 1) Figures to the right indicate full marks. 2) All questions are compulsory.

SECTION A (READING COMPREHENSION)

Q.1 Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (10)

Santosh Yadav, the only woman in the world who has scaled Mt Everest twice was born in a society where the birth of a son was regarded as a blessing, and a daughter, though not considered a curse, was not generally welcome. When her mother was expecting Santosh, a travelling 'holy man', giving her his blessing, assumed that she wanted a son. But, to everyone's surprise, the unborn child's grandmother, who was standing close by, told him that they did not want a son. The holy man was also surprised. Nevertheless, he gave the requested blessing..... and as destiny would have it, the blessing seemed to work. Santosh was born the sixth child in a family with five sons, a sister to five brothers. She was born in the small village of Joniyawas of Rewari District in Haryana. The girl was given the name 'Santosh' which means contentment. But Santosh was not always content with her place in a traditional way of life. She began living life on her own terms from the start. Where other girls wore traditional Indian dresses, Santosh preferred shorts. Her parents were affluent landowners who could afford to send their children to the best schools, even to the country's capital N. Delhi. But in line with the prevailing custom in the family, Santosh had to make do with the local village school. So decided to fight the system in her own quiet way when the right moment arrived. And the right moment came when she turned sixteen. At this age, most of the girls in her village used to get married. Santosh was also under pressure from her parents to do the same. But she threatened her parents that she would never marry if she did not get a proper education. She left home and got herself enrolled in a school in Delhi.

1. Why was the 'holy man' astonished? (2)
2. 'Santosh is a rebellious person.' Pick out examples from the passage to prove this statement. (2)
3. What is your opinion about gender discrimination in our country? (2)
4. Pick out one word from the passage for: (a) satisfaction (b) wealthy (2)
5. Pick out opposites from the passage for: (a) modern (b) inappropriate (2)

SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)

Q.2 A) Choose the correct option: (10)

1. They (live/lives) in a city which (have/has) a high crime rate.
2. In the corner of the living room (is/are) two china dogs.
3. Peggy as well as Grace (are/is) arguing again.
4. Why (are/is) Paul and Simon so tired?
5. She (goes/go) to Douglas College which (has/have) three campuses.
6. The people who own that house (have/has) no insurance.
7. Each of the girls (is participating/are participating) in the contest.
8. On the top of the mountains (is/are) two small temples.
9. Mike, like many other students, (has been trying/have been trying) to decide on the best gift to buy.
10. Neither of my essays (are/is) brilliant.

(B) Make naming words (nouns) from the following words: (10)

beneficial, scholastic, resist, mental, equip, receive, prove, habitual, monetary, contextual

Q.3 (A) Fill the gaps with appropriate prepositions wherever necessary. Put a 'X' if not needed: (10)

1. The robber snatched the chain _____ her neck.
2. He operates a meditation centre and provides ill persons _____ good treatment.
3. Indian Prime Minister called his Russian counterpart _____ his good friend.
4. She poured the tea _____ the mug.

5. It was such a rigorous training that we could not see anything _____ it.
6. For some reasons, I was _____ impression that he was Polish.
7. Unfortunately, he lacks _____ confidence.
8. We should spend money unnecessarily _____ luxuries.
9. Let's meet _____ the afternoon, and not _____ night.
10. 'I' comes _____ 'K' in the English alphabet.

(B) Fill in the gaps with appropriate tense of the verbs given in brackets: (15)

- (a) I _____ (see) many pictures of the pyramids before I went to Egypt last summer.
- (b) It's already 9:30 pm, and I _____ (wait) here for over an hour.
- (c) If nobody _____ (want) it, I'll throw it away.
- (d) The professor asked the students if they _____ (solve) the exercise.
- (e) She worked hard that she _____ (may) achieve her goal.
- (f) Yesterday, the patient _____ (feel) better than he feels today.
- (g) They noticed that they _____ (already/fly) for three hours.
- (h) They asked if the work _____ (finish) by tomorrow.
- (i) She was not lame, but she walked as if she _____ (be).
- (j) The principal will call you as soon as he _____ (come).
- (k) Newton discovered that the force of gravity _____ (pull) all the bodies to the earth.
- (l) Although they _____ (defeat), they did not lose heart.
- (m) His health has improved since he _____ (return) from hospital.
- (n) After getting on to the bus, we discovered that we _____ (board) the wrong one.

(o) If she had completed the assignment in time, her teacher _____ (not/scold) her.

Q.4 [A] Change the voice in the first five sentences, and report the remaining five sentences in the indirect speech: (10)

1. The doctor performed the operation.
2. The sweeper has swept the office.
3. He had written three novels before 1976.
4. They will contact you tomorrow.
5. The government is planning a new road in our locality.
6. The man said to the inspector, "I want to lodge a complaint against my landlord."
7. The doctor asked the patient, "Did you eat anything in the morning?"
8. The guru taught us, "Being virtuous is the best quality."
9. The boss said to her, "If you don't improve your performance, I will fire you."
10. The professor said to the students, "You are going to learn some new words today."

(B) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words: (15)

1. Say NO to PLASTIC
2. Be a part of a solution and not pollution
3. Importance of hard work