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Total marks: 80

Time: 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

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)

Nick was bored with life. Every day was exactly the same. He got up at exactly the same time, he caught the same bus to work, he did the same things in the office, he talked to the same people, he came home at the same time, he watched the same programmes on TV-and he went to bed at the same time!

“What I need is a little adventure!” Nick thought as he waited at the bus stop one morning. His little adventure happened sooner than he expected! While he was on the bus, reading the newspaper, a man sitting next to him suddenly pushed a large, brown envelope into his hands. “Here, take this!” he **muttered**. Then he stood up and got off the bus before Nick could say a word.

Nick sat there, holding the envelope. It felt heavy. There were papers inside or money, perhaps. “I had better hand it over to the police,” he thought. There was a police station close to his office and he planned to go there as he got off the bus. But, as he got off, a man approached him. He was obviously waiting for something. “He wants the envelope,” Nick thought to himself. Nick began to walk quickly-and the man hurried after him. Nick started to run, and the man began to run too. But then, just before he got to the police station, Nick finally **managed** to lose the man in the crowds. When he entered the police station, the man was no longer in sight.

Inside the police station, Nick handed over the envelope to the inspector in charge. The inspector opened it. To everybody’s surprise, the envelope was full of money-**counterfeit** money. “Obviously the man made a mistake,” the inspector said. “He mistook you to be one of their gang! Well! Congratulations!”

Nick was **elated**. He felt like a hero. He could already envision his name in all the newspapers the next day. He could imagine an interview on TV.

But the inspector went on, interrupting Nick’s daydreaming, “However, I must ask you to keep quiet about all this. We’re trying to catch some very clever thieves-and we don’t want them to know that we have some of their money. So, you must say a word to anyone-not even your boss-Sorry!”

Nick was on his way to office. He was over an hour late. “I have had my little adventure……. But I can’t tell anyone about it, so what’s the point? I have even got to make up an excuse for the boss for coming late.”

1. What happened when Nick was on the bus? (2)
2. Describe the object in Nick’s hands. (2)
3. What did the inspector instruct Nick to do? (2)
4. Give the meaning of the following. One word or a short phrase is acceptable. (2)
(a) muttered (b) managed (c) counterfeit (d) elated
5. Do as instructed: (2)
(a) When he entered the police station, the man was no longer in sight. (The underlined part is the subordinate adverb/adjective/noun clause)
(b) He got up at exactly the same time. (Frame a w/h question to get the underlined part as an answer)

SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)

Q. 2 A) Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: (10)

- 1) He was brought _____ this house by his uncle _____ his father’s death.
- 2) He who runs _____ money cannot succeed _____ life.
- 3) You must protect yourself _____ cold in winter.

- 4) We began to work _____ small jobs to earn a little money.
- 5) She must comply _____ the orders of her superiors.
- 6) _____ whom do I address this letter?
- 7) It's bad to laugh _____ children for their mistakes.
- 8) This shopkeeper deals _____ stationery items.
- 9) He treated me _____ kindness.
- 10) I don't get _____ very well with him.

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

Oblige, comply, absent, victorious, suffer, admit, reject, feed, sure, attend

Q. 3 (A) Choose the correct option: (10)

- 1) Neither of the boys (has completed/have completed) the assignment.
- 2) A majority of the members (have/has) promised to vote for you.
- 3) She is one of those women who never (says/say) die.
- 4) Your appearance as well as your personality (is/are) against you.
- 5) (Has/Have) either of your friends come in yet?
- 6) Either Dr. Jaffe or one his two assistants (are/is) coming to see you tomorrow.
- 7) One of his cousins (live/lives) in Boston.
- 8) Ten thousand dollars (are/is) too much for that car.
- 9) There (was/were) a man and a woman waiting for you.
- 10) Neither my friends nor I (am/are) interested in this project.

(B) Rewrite the following sentences as instructed in brackets without changing the meaning and the tense: (10)

- a) The letter has been typed by the secretary. (Begin: The secretary)
- b) He performed some religious rituals. (Rewrite using 'religion')
- c) She leads a solitary life. (End: leads!)
- d) Despite obstacles, he succeeded in business. (Use: though)
- e) Everybody will admit it. (Begin: Nobody.....)
- f) This was done in my absence. (Make complex using 'when')
- g) He is said to be a millionaire. (Begin: It.....)
- h) She grew up in a cultured and healthy family. (Use: not only...but also)
- i) We reached the port. The storm came in. (Combine beginning with 'No sooner...')
- j) Ayn Rand is the greatest novelist of modern American fiction. (Begin: No other....)

Q. 4 A) Choose the correct option: (10)

- 1) Make sure you get (too much/plenty of) sleep every night.
- 2) (Most/Much) venomous snakes do not unnecessarily bite humans
- 3) We did get to see (few/a few) boars that night, but no tigers.
- 4) Make sure you revise the topics taught. If you don't do (any/some) revision, you'll forget everything.
- 5) The Taj Mahal has (a/an) universal appeal.
- 6) Many people (loathe/loath) lizards.
- 7) The whole (incident/incidence) taught us a lesson.
- 8) There were twenty soldiers. (Each one/Every one) had a gun.
- 9) He (lay/lie) down for a short nap.
- 10) The (audience/spectators) applauded enthusiastically after the performance was over.

B) Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 300 words: (20)

1. A disciplined mind is a free mind
2. My favourite film
3. Addiction to social media