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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)

When I told my family that I was thinking of taking a cooking job, the roar of laughter was rather discouraging. No one believed that I could cook at all, as I had never had a chance to practice cooking at home. Our cook, aged sixty five and slightly couched, had ruled the kitchen for the last thirty years and had an irritating tendency to regard all saucepans, stove and all other kitchen fittings to be her own property.

I once crept down there when I thought she was asleep in her room, to try out an omelette. Noiselessly, I removed a frying pan from its hook and the eggs from the fridge. It was the turning on of the gas that woke her. I was just breaking the first egg when a pair of slippers feet shuffled round the door and a shriek of horror caused me to break the egg on the floor. She was upset so much that she locked herself up in her room with all the food and we had to make our Sunday dinner of bananas.

I had seen one advertisement in the newspaper and applied for the job. A dingy, bottle green atmosphere of the office sobered me and I sat meekly on the chair. The woman at the desk scrutinized me for a while through rimless glasses. She murmured questions to me and I answered in a hoarse whisper. I felt pathetic when she told me that it would be difficult to get a job without experience or references.

She rustled about among her papers for a bit and I wondered whether I ought to leave, when the telephone on her desk rang. While she was conducting a mysterious conversation, she kept looking at me. Then I heard her say, "As a matter of fact, I've got someone in the office this very moment who might suit you." She wrote down number and my spirits soared as I took the slip of paper. She said, "Ring up this lady, she wants a cook immediately. In fact, you would have to start tomorrow by cooking dinner for ten people. Could you imagine that I wonder?"

"Oh yes," said INever having cooked dinner for than four people in my life.

Answer the following questions in your own words:

1. Why did the writer's family laugh when she told them that she was thinking of taking a cooking job? [2]
2. What made the cook angry and upset? [2]
3. Why do you think the writer answered the woman's questions in a whisper? [2]
4. Give the meanings of the following words used in the passage. One word or short phrases will be accepted- (a) shuffled (b) scrutinized (c) dingy (d) soared [4]

SECTION B (LANGUAGE SKILLS/STRUCTURES/COMPOSITION)

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

- 1) The robber snatched the gold chain _____ her neck.
- 2) He operates a meditation centre and provides ill persons _____ good treatment.
- 3) We should not give _____ our education.
- 4) It was such a rigorous training that we could not see _____ it.
- 5) The sun sets _____ the horizon.

- 6) The thief saw a policeman running after him, and he jumped _____ the wall.
- 7) I suffered so many setbacks and losses _____ no reason.
- 8) We should take responsibility for everything that happens _____ our life.
- 9) A renowned artist was honoured _____ the Padmashri Award.
- 10) I was _____ impression that he was an Italian.

(B) Make describing words (adjectives) from the following words: (10)

Habit, time, money, selection, ability, context, space, industry, job, advantage

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

- 1) Music (soothes/soothe) me.
- 2) The people who own that house (has/have) no insurance.
- 3) One of these medicines (has/have) side effects.
- 4) Neither of my essays (are/is) brilliant.
- 5) Every one of the workers (receives/receive) the same benefits.
- 6) John as well as his young brothers (are/is) going to study at that school.
- 7) Not only the students but also their instructor (have/has) been called to the principal's office.
- 8) Most of the milk (has/have) gone bad.
- 9) Each of us (are/is) bringing a small gift on his birthday.
- 10) Four years (is/are) a long time to spend away from your family.

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

- a) Joseph died in an accident. (Use: accidental)
- b) I suspect his honesty. (Use: suspicious)
- c) Auckland is not as populated as Beijing. (Use: more populated)
- d) He has offered her a job. (Begin: She)
- e) As soon as you arrive, go to the conference hall. (Begin: No sooner)
- f) The result surprised everybody in the town. (Begin: The result took)
- g) The lecture was cancelled because the professor was ill. (Use: because of)
- h) I could not suppress my laughter. (Use: unable)
- i) A ship is to arrive with the cargo. A boat is to arrive with the cargo. (Combine using 'either or')
- j) His voice was pleasant. (End: Was!)

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

- 1) (An/A) unique picture captured my attention.
- 2) Would you like to have (some/any) breakfast?
- 3) The party was fun. There were (a few/few) people I knew.
- 4) Your house is almost empty. You have (little/a little) furniture.
- 5) Where did the tourist (loose/lose) his passport?
- 6) I am not sure, but her name begins with (no article/an) 'R'.
- 7) (Mother-in-laws/Mothers-in-law) are the most unpopular of all relatives.
- 8) He is rude and (unsocial/antisocial). Everyone dislikes him.
- 9) It was (she/her) I was referring to you.
- 10) I don't care who gets the last piece of cake. Give it to (whoever/whomever) wants it.

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

1. Grammar is the backbone of any language
2. No pains; No gains
3. Save water; Save life