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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) counterfeit
5. Do as instructed: (2)
 - (a) He waited at the bus stop. (Rewrite into present perfect continuous tense)
 - (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) The assassin shot the leader _____ a gun.
- 2) _____ receiving the message, he immediately set off.
- 3) He is good _____ swimming.

- 4) The lecture was cancelled _____ our professor's illness.
- 5) She often brooded _____ the past.
- 6) He has suffered so many setbacks _____ no reason.
- 7) Although his family opposed him, he stuck _____ his decision to go abroad.
- 8) She did not find any solution _____ her problem.
- 9) The teacher punished the boy _____ disobedience.
- 10) The mountaintop was enveloped _____ thick clouds.

(B) Complete the following table:

(20)

NOUN	VERB	ADJECTIVE
Difference		
Confusion		
Water		
Description		
Success		
Hope		
Necessity		
Response		
Suggestion		
Expression		

Q. 3 (A) Choose the correct option:

(10)

- 1) Mobile phones today play (duel/dual) roles helping us communicate and offering us entertainment.
- 2) They got into a verbal (dual/duel) owing to their opposite views on politics.
- 3) His father is a Supreme Court (counsel/council).
- 4) Our building is a five (story/storey) architectural marvel.
- 5) They appointed human rights (council/counsel) to look into the problem.
- 6) We made (discreet/discrete) enquiries about the family my sister was to marry into.
- 7) Vehicles (omit/emit) poisonous gases.
- 8) He was arrested for selling (illicit/elicit) drugs.
- 9) I bought (canvass/canvas) shoes yesterday.
- 10) Your salary is low. You should search for (other/another) job.

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

(10)

- a) The professor asked the students if they _____ (solve) the exercise.
- b) Our Guru taught us that being virtuous _____ (be) the best quality.
- c) Her health has improved since she _____ (return) from hospital.
- d) I eat potatoes every day because I _____ (always/love) them.
- e) When I went to the hospital, the doctor _____ (already/perform) the operation.
- f) He _____ (read) a number of detective novels by the time he was fifteen.
- g) They _____ (live) in New York for the last ten years.
- h) If _____ (have) money, I would buy a big villa.
- i) It _____ (rain) heavily last night.
- j) Currently, I _____ (read) 'Shakuntal' by Kalidas.

Q.4 A) : Complete the following table:

(20)

BASE VERB	PAST TENSE	PAST PARTICIPLE
Grow		
flee		
arise		
beat		
break		
learn		
mean		
hold		
keep		
telecast		

B) Make sentences of your own using the phrases given below (Choose any five):

(10)

As soon as, in the long run, to look for, to give up, in spite of, according to, to create awareness

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

(10)

- 1) My favourite Bollywood movie
 - 2) If you want a rose, learn to respect thorns
 - 3) Harmful effects of addiction to social media
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