

This Question Paper contains 12 printed pages.

(Section - A, B, C, D & E)

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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**Instructions :**

- 1) Write in a clear legible handwriting.
- 2) This question paper has five Sections A, B, C, D & E and Question Numbers from 1 to 58.
- 3) All questions are compulsory. There are only internal options.
- 4) The numbers to the right represent the marks of the question.
- 5) Draw neat diagrams wherever necessary.
- 6) New sections should be written in a new page. Write the answers in numerical order. Number the answer correctly.
- 7) For diagram/chart based questions, separate questions are given for visually impaired students. Only they have to attend them.

**SECTION - A**

■ Read the extracts and answer the questions :

[10]

- The secretary of the library pointed out that through reading, women would realize their own strength and forge a unity. It was noted that the lending libraries of earlier times were disappearing and the present rural reading rooms were too often full of only male readers.

- 1) What will be the benefits for women through reading? [1]
- 2) What makes the rural reading rooms inconvenient for female readers? [1]

- The good lord was extremely busy that day. He was into his sixth day of overtime.
- 3) Do you agree that the Lord was in a relaxed mood that day? Why? [1]
  - 4) How many days had the Lord completed doing overtime? [1]
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- The greatest danger of pyrotechnics is that it deals with fire. The industry is notorious for its accidents, whether in the U.S.A., Japan or India. Though the mixture is stable if kept cool and dry, it can catch fire if heat is accidentally applied.
- 5) How can you keep the mixture stable? [1]
  - 6) What is the pyrotechnics industry infamous for? [1]
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- The Asurs had on their side a great saint and teacher, Shukracharya, who knew the mantra or magic formula for bringing dead people back to life. He restored to life many Asurs who were killed in the battles against the Devs.
- 7) Which special power made Shukracharya a great teacher of the Asurs? [1]
  - 8) How did Shukracharya help the Asurs? [1]
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- Six minutes to six, said the clock above the information desk in New York Grand Central Station. A tall, young lieutenant lifted his face, narrowed his eyes, and noted the time. His heart was beating fast. In six minutes he was going to see the woman who had been in his thoughts for the past thirteen months.
- 9) Where was the young lieutenant waiting for his friend? [1]
  - 10) How can you say that the lieutenant was very anxious? [1]



■ Write any one of the following short-notes focusing on the questions : [3]

11) . Arun's NGO-EFI

- What is its full form?
- Who founded it? At what age?
- What was the first activity of EFI?
- How do they clean the surroundings?
- How do they encourage students?

OR

Helen Keller - A Gifted Learner

- What physical challenges did she face from childhood?
- Who helped her with studies?
- How did she learn writing and speaking?
- How did her teacher satisfy her curiosity?
- What were her achievements?
- What did she think about the blind?

■ Write whether the following sentences are True or False : [4]

12) Prem Chopra accepted all the charges against him in the court. [1]

13) Dr. Mrs. Shelat is an eminent educationist. [1]

14) The conflict between disobeying his master and harming others brought Ram Singh's end. [1]

15) The tailor bird is known as 'Sughari' in Gujarati. [1]

SECTION - B

## ■ Read the stanza and answer the questions :

[3]

The stars lean down to kiss you,  
 And I lie awake and miss you.  
 Pour me a heavy dose of atmosphere  
 Because I'll doze off safe and soundly  
 But I'll miss your arms around me  
 I'd send a postcard to your dear  
 Because I wish you were here.

- 16) At what time is the poet singing this song? [1]  
 17) Why would the poet send a letter to his beloved? [1]  
 18) Find out the phrase opposite in meaning of - keep awake. [1]

## ■ Read the paragraph and answer the questions :

[5]

Is it possible for anyone to win a silver medal without taking part in games? R.A. Christie was chosen for Indian Hockey Team which was to play Asian Games at Jakarta in 1962. Later on, due to non availability of foreign exchange, Christie could not accompany the team though his name was very much in the list of players. It so happened, the hockey team played without Christie and won the silver medal. And Christie whose name was still in the list got the medal, sitting at home.

- 19) Which sports event did Jakarta host in 1962? [1]  
 20) Why could Christie not go to Jakarta? [1]  
 21) How can you say that Christie was an unfortunate player? [1]  
 22) Christie proved to be lucky in the end. How? [1]  
 23) Find similar word for : travel with [1]

■ Read the data and answer the questions :

[5]

**GS.R.T.C.**

**RANIP DEPOT**

No. 211175

07/07/2024

12:39:00

Express

GJR47

Advance Booking Ticket

Document No. 4774

RANIP - PALANPUR

Total Distance : 143 kms

Toll 0:00

Insurance : 0:00

Full : 1

Not Transferable

24) What is this data?

[1]

25) Which bus depot has issued it?

[1]

26) Where will the passenger reach?

[1]

27) How far is Palanpur from Ranip?

[1]

28) How many persons can travel on this?

[1]



(The following question is only for the blind - visually impaired students)

■ **Read the passage and answer the questions:**

[5]

Shri Vallabhbhai Patel was one of the top leaders of our freedom struggle. Many authors have written his biographies. But the best among them is - 'Patel - a Life' written by Rajmohan Gandhi. It was published by Navjivan Publication for the first time in 1990. The bulky book contains more than 600 pages and a minutely detailed life story of Sardar. Sardar's contribution to our freedom struggle and the mammoth task of merging the princely states into one nation have been nicely documented.

Questions :-

- 24) Who was Vallabhbhai Patel? [1]
- 25) What is - 'Patel - a Life'? [1]
- 26) Who published - 'Patel - a Life'? [1]
- 27) What does the biography of Sardar contain? [1]
- 28) Which mammoth task did Sardar accomplish? [1]

■ **Read the dialogue and answer the questions:**

[4]

- Mr. Vyas : Congrats Neha, you have stood first in standard 8<sup>th</sup> too.
- Neha : Thank you, sir. But...
- Mr. Vyas : What but? Aren't you happy? What's the matter?
- Neha : Sir, my parents can't afford my further studies.
- Mr. Vyas : There is no need to worry for that. If you take admission in a Granted or Government High School, everything is almost free.
- Neha : Is that so, sir?
- Mr. Vyas : Moreover, there are so many schemes like Namo Lakshmi, Namo Saraswati etc. that give scholarships to students. And clever students like you, who have passed the C.M. Gyan Sadhana exam, will get a handsome amount into their bank accounts. This is in addition to all those social welfare scholarships.
- Neha : Oh, Thank God! Thank you so much, sir. Now I will be able to continue my studies and my parents will also be relieved.
- Mr. Vyas : All the Best, Beta.

- 29) What does Mr. Vyas congratulate Neha for? [1]
- 30) Why is Neha worried? [1]
- 31) How much does a student pay if studying in a Government High School? [1]
- 32) Why does Neha feel happy in the end? [1]

- A

B

- (D) All the best!



- Complete the sentences choosing the correct option focusing the functions in the brackets : [3]

39) Hon. C.M. will visit Vadodara \_\_\_\_\_. (Showing time) [1]

- (A) for inauguration of a crocodile sanctuary.
- (B) happily again and again.
- (C) during the month of April.
- (D) because he loves this city much.

40) Pinal will deliver a speech \_\_\_\_\_. (Showing alternatives) [1]

- (A) either on Queen Ahalyabai nor on Jijamata.
- (B) either on Queen Ahalyabai or on Jijamata.
- (C) neither on Queen Ahalyabai or on Jijamata.
- (D) not only on Queen Ahalyabai but also on Jijamata.

41) Take out your textbook, \_\_\_\_\_. (Describing process) [1]

- (A) because it is important.
- (B) all the answers are given there.
- (C) and start writing w-3.
- (D) instead of any other books.

- Complete the paragraph filling in the blanks with the appropriate words from the brackets : [3]

(scavenger, carrion, carcasses)

42) An animal or a bird that feeds on the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ is known as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- Find and write the word having the nearest meaning : [3]

- 43) Deny : approve, reject, applaud, villain [1]
- 44) Isolation : very cold, speculation, loneliness, shivering [1]
- 45) Generate : provide, promise, procure, produce [1]



**SECTION - D**

- 46) Read the dialogue and complete the indirect narration given below choosing the correct option : [2]

Yash : When are you going to the Prerana programme, Vadnagar?

Shreya : Around June, 2025.

Yash : How lucky you are! only one boy and one girl from the entire district get this opportunity.

Shreya : Yes, I am so happy.

Yash \_\_\_\_\_ (said, asked, told) Shreya \_\_\_\_\_ (when, why, where) she was going to the Prerana Programme, Vadnagar. Shreya replied that she would go around in June, 2025. Yash \_\_\_\_\_ (asked, proposed, exclaimed) with praise that she \_\_\_\_\_ (is, was, were) very lucky because only one boy and one girl from the entire district got that opportunity. Shreya agreed and added that she was very happy.

- Join the sentences using the appropriate conjunctions in the brackets : [3]

- 47) Chandubha gifted Aman with an encyclopedia. He can get more knowledge about flora and fauna. [1]

(and, so that, or)

- 48) Kavya will go to her Grandma's home in the vacation. She will spend whole summer with her. [1]

(and, but, therefore)

- 49) It was an urgent call. Rushil could not go there. [1]

(though, because, so that)

- 50) Rewrite the paragraph filling in the blanks with appropriate words in the brackets : [3]

Kokila was preparing Gujarati Kadhee \_\_\_\_\_ (under, on, in) her kitchen. The aroma of the dish was so mouthwatering \_\_\_\_\_ (there, that, then) her neighbour came to see \_\_\_\_\_ (what, who, which) was being cooked.

■ Do as directed :

- 51) Spandan called Astika. He told her to stay home. He also requested her to prepare some food. [4]

Begin like this : Astika was called by Spandan.....

- 52) We love and respect our country. We are proud Indians. We will not hesitate in taking the lives of the enemies of our nation. [2]

Begin like this : I love and respect my country.....

■ Select the appropriate question to get the underlined words/phrases as their answers : [3]

- 53) The cave temple situated at Chhapara has become popular. [1]

- A) Which temple situated at Chhapara has become popular?
- B) Which cave temple has become popular?
- C) Where is the cave temple situated?
- D) How has the cave temple situated at chhapara become popular?

- 54) Tusharbhai often sends ganthiya from Bhavnagar. [1]

- A) What does Tusharbhai often send from Bhavnagar?
- B) Where does Tusharbhai often send ganthiya from?
- C) Whom does Tusharbhai often send ganthiya to?
- D) Who often sends ganthiya from Bhavnagar?

- 55) Daksh worked very hard for getting the top position. [1]

- A) What did Daksh do?
- B) Who worked very hard?
- C) Why did Daksh work very hard?
- D) How did Daksh work?



**SECTION - E**

- 56) Write a paragraph in about 125 words on the following : (any one) [6]

**TV - An Idiot Box or a Smart One?**

(Modern invention - necessity of each house - Good and bad effects - keeps updated with latest news, present socio-economic conditions - gives entertainment - too much use - eyes tired - disturbs sleeping hours - noise pollution - TV commercials leading to buy useless and unnecessary things - improper shows harm the moral behaviour - can make one smarter or dumber depending on the use)

OR

**Making my Village/City Better**

(Problems of your village/city - damaged or no roads, cleanliness, traffic, street light, drainage facility, how you will solve them, modern amenities like public parks, jogging grounds, play-grounds, use of solar and other non - conventional energy sources - CCTV for security etc.)

OR

**My Best Friend**

(Name - since when are you friends? - Physical appearance - reasons for your liking him/her - His/Her hobbies - how you spend time together - how you help each other - future of your friendship - proud friends)

- 57) Write any one of the following : [5]

Preeti Parmar writes an e-mail to her friend Jeet on jvt2106@gmail.com describing how she celebrated Diwali this year in 40 words.

OR

Write a report on how the famous lake of your town - Maan Sarovar - was cleaned by you and your team of volunteers.

(Lake very much polluted - used to dump the sewage of town - water weeds covering the whole surface - your efforts - use of masks, sanitary gloves, rakes, spades, garbage collection buckets, garbage trucks, Machinery like earth movers and poclain to desilt the lake - now a beautiful place - water birds - fish etc. - people happy)

58) Describe the picture in about ten sentences.

[5]



(The following question is only for the blind (visually impaired) students)

58) Write a story based on the following points and give an appropriate title. [5]

(A thirsty fox - falling in a big pit full of water - trying to come out - failed - waiting for someone - A goat reaching there - asking whether the water was sweet - Fox's reply - very sweet - Goat trying to drink water - the fox jumping out putting legs on the goat's horns - the goat falling in the pit - moral.)

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