

This Question Paper contains 12 printed pages.
(Sections - A, B, C, D & E)

Sl.No. 771462

16 (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 questions based on charts/diagrams/pictures separate questions are given for the visually impaired students.
- 8) Question Nos. 24-A to 28-A and 58-A are for the normal students only whereas question Nos. 24-B to 28-B and 58-B are meant only for the visually impaired students.

SECTION-A

- Read the extracts and answer the questions: [10]
- When Kach was missing again, Devayani said to her father, "Father, Kach went out to gather firewood but he has not come back. Surely he is lost or dead."
- 1) Why did Kach go out? [1]
 - 2) What did Devayani fear about Kach? [1]

- Her name was inside the cover of the book - 'Hollis Meynell'. He had found her address in a New York telephone directory. He had written her a letter and she had answered. The next day Blandford's army group had moved overseas but he and Hollis Meynell had continued writing to each other.

3) Which city did Hollis Meynell live in? [1]

4) Why could they not meet each other? [1]

- Everything - from a diaper to worn out slippers - we find everything in our lakes. This is so disturbing because it is water and water is the basis of life. How can we not care for these water bodies?

5) What type of garbage do we find in lakes? [1]

6) How is water very important? [1]

- One should never wear long, loose clothes or nylon clothes when lighting crackers. And since the powder in crackers is poisonous, they should never be carried loose in your pocket or your hand.

7) What type of clothes must not be worn when lighting crackers? [1]

8) Is it safe if a child eats the powder of the crackers? Why? [1]

- Shubhangi : Didi, I have not seen any vulture soaring in the sky for last so many months. What is the reason?

Devangi : At present people use medicines to cure sick cattle. When that cattle dies, vulture eats its body. Diclofenac is very harmful for the vulture. After eating such flesh, it slowly dies within a few days. Nearly 97% of the vulture population is lost.

9) What is Shubhangi's worry about the vulture? [1]

10) How can you say that the vulture population is on the verge of extinction? [1]

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

11) MGP's drive for Solar Power in Sitapur District.

- What is MGP?
- How do they provide light?
- What is the cost per week?
- How has this benefitted the customers?
- What are the opportunities for development?
- How has it helped in business growth?

OR

Mother - A Wonderful Creation:

- How much care did the Lord take in creating this special creature?
- What is special about all parts of a mother?
- What is the strength of a mother's kiss?
- How many pairs of hands and eyes does she have?
- Why are tears a miracle?

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

- 12) Prem Chopra does not harm people. [1]
- 13) Miss Sullivan sacrificed her eyesight for her student Helen. [1]
- 14) The seminar 'Bring out your Best' was organized to advise the students and their parents. [1]
- 15) The problem Bharat faces is that he remembers whatever he reads. [1]

SECTION - B

- **Read the stanza and answer the questions:** [3]

When you are alone it will sit by your side and whisper in your ear,

When you are in the crowd, it will fence you about with aloofness.

My song will be like a pair of wings to your dreams,

It will transport your heart to the verge of the unknown.

- 16) Where will the song carry the child's heart? [1]
- 17) How will the song accompany the child in loneliness? [1]
- 18) How will the song protect the child when in the crowd? [1]

- **Read the paragraph and answer the questions:** [5]

Phatik Chakravarti was the ringleader among the boys of his village. One day he planned for a new mischief. There was a heavy log lying on the bank of the river. Phatik's plan was to roll it away with the help of his friends. The owner of the log would be angry but they would all enjoy the fun. Everyone liked the idea. But Phatik's younger brother, Makhan, sat on the log. Phatik was very angry.

"Makhan", he cried, "Get up just now. If you don't, I'll thrash you!"

- 19) Who is the elder one between the two brothers? [1]
- 20) What new mischief did Phatik plan with his friends? [1]
- 21) How did Makhan become an obstacle? [1]
- 22) Where did the heavy log lie? [1]
- 23) Find out the similar sentence from this para : "I will beat you." [1]

[Note:- The following question is only for normal students

- Read the data and answer the questions: [5]



PERMANENT ACCOUNT NUMBER

DKSKJ4373D

Name : ZANKHANKUMAR DAVE

Father's Name : VASUDEVBHAI DAVE

Date of Birth : 04/12/1973

Signature

ZV DAVE

Commissioner of Income-tax

(Computer Operations)

In case this card is lost/found, kindly inform/return to the issuing authority :

Commissioner of Income Tax,

Aayakar Bhawan,

Ashram Road, Navaangpura,

Ahmedabad - 380009

- 24) A) What is this data? [1]
- 25) A) Which department is the data concerned with? [1]
- 26) A) Whose son is the owner of this card? [1]
- 27) A) How old is the owner of this card? [1]
- 28) A) Who will you inform to if you found this card? [1]

[Note:- The following question is only for the blind-visually impaired students.]

■ Read the passage and answer the questions: [5]

The temple of Lord Somnath situated at Prabhas Patan near Veraval is one of the holiest temples in the world. It is the first among 12 Jyotirlingas. It was first built by Chandradev after he became free from the curse of Daksh Prajapati. The Arabian Sea washes the feet of Lord Somnath. Three holy rivers namely Hiranya, Saraswati and Kapila meet here and merge into the sea. Bhalka Teerth, where Lord Krishna completed his Leela and went to his heavenly abode, is also very close Gujarat's only Sanskrit University - Shri Somnath Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya is also situated here.

- 24) B) What is special about the temple situated at Prabhas Patan? [1]
 25) B) Who had cursed Chandradev? [1]
 26) B) How many waterbodies are mentioned here? [1]
 27) B) Which educational institute is unique and situated here? [1]
 28) B) Why is Bhalka Teerth revered by the devotees of Lord Krishna? [1]

■ Read the dialogue and answer the questions: [4]

Mr. Limbachiya : The idea you suggested is brilliant. It will solve the problem surely.

Abhishek : Is that so, Sir? My brain overflows with such ideas but I'm scared. People will call me crazy and laugh at me.

Mr. Limbachiya : You should bring all those ideas out and try them practically. You may be successful in making some new innovations.

Abhishek : Oh, thank you, Sir.

Mr. Limbachiya : Not only that. Now every school has an innovation council. You can get your original ideas registered there. If your innovation is worth. You may get help for your project and prizes also from the Govt.

Abhishek : That's really great, Sir. I'll do it today only.

- 29) Why does Mr. Limbachiya praise Abhishek? [1]
 30) Why does Abhishek hesitate about his ideas? [1]
 31) How can one make some new innovations? [1]
 32) How is the Govt. helpful to innovators? [1]

SECTION - C

■ **Match the language functions with proper sentences:**

[3]

A

B

- 33) I was late because I could not get up early in the morning. a) Expressing niceties
- 34) How did you climb up that high? b) Describing manner
- 35) Topped yet again! Congratulations! c) Giving reason
- d) Asking for information

■ **Choose and write the appropriate response to complete the conversation:**

[3]

36) Sakshi : How to make Nambu - Sharbat?

[1]

Jahnvi : _____ (Describing Process)

- (A) I don't know.
- (B) Why don't you check it online?
- (C) Take water, add sugar, stir well, add lemon.
- (D) Ask your mother.

37) Nilam : Do you know the specialty of Karamsad?

[1]

Dharati : _____ (Describing place)

- (A) No, what is it?
- (B) It's the village where Sardar Patel was born.
- (C) It's a village.
- (D) Nothing special.

38) Shreya : How can one get a prize in an elocution competition?

[1]

Spandan : _____ (Describing Condition)

- (A) You get the prize if you speak eloquently.
- (B) You will, when you speak eloquently.
- (C) By attending public speaking classes.
- (D) Shout louder than others and you win the prize.

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

39) _____ will come for your help. (showing alternatives) [1]

- (A) Both Mehul and Mayur
 (B) Not only Mehul but Mayur also
 (C) Either Mehul or Mayur
 (D) Either Mehul nor Mayur

40) The small arrow _____ . (specifying location) [1]

- (A) hit him hard.
 (B) on the top of the pole is astonishing.
 (C) is very pointed and sharp.
 (D) cannot be touched by anybody.

41) Abhay danced most gracefully _____ . (showing result) [1]

- (A) although he did not get the prize.
 (B) but he got the first prize.
 (C) because he is a trained Kathak Artist.
 (D) therefore he was given the first prize.

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

(adhere, assigned, spree)

42) The real _____ of work is that even in the most awkward times, you can _____ to the task _____ to you.

- Find and write the word having the nearest meaning:

43) erect : straight, bended, throw away, correct [3]

44) resist : again, stick, help, stop [1]

45) hind : upside, backside, a country, frontside [1]

[1]

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

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■ Do as directed:

[4]

- 51) Nidhip wrote a letter to Ashokbhai. He informed Ashokbhai about his new business. Ashokbhai advised him in that matter. [2]

Begin like this : A letter was written by Nidhip...

- 52) India carried out 'Operation Sindoor' against her enemy. She showed what she could do in her brief war. Her enemy was crushed and brought to her knees. [2]

Begin like this : We carried out 'Operation Sindoor' against our enemy...

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

- 53) The Akhand Jyoti temple situated at the top of Gabbar Hill remains open 24×7. [1]

- A) Where is the Akhand Jyoti temple situated?
 B) Which Akhand Jyoti temple remains open 24×7?
 C) Which temple situated at the top of Gabbar Hill remains open 24×7?
 D) How does the Akhand Jyoti temple remain open 24×7?

- 54) Utpalbhai often sends books from Jamnagar. [1]

- A) Whom does Utpalbhai often send books?
 B) Where does Utpalbhai often send books from?
 C) What does Utpalbhai often send from Jamnagar?
 D) Who often sends books from Jamnagar?

- 55) Bhavnaben consulted many doctors to find out the reason. [1]

- A) Who consulted many doctors to find out the reason?
 B) What did Bhavnaben do to find out the reason?
 C) Why did Bhavnaben consult many doctors?
 D) Whom did Bhavnaben consult to find out the reason?

SECTION - E

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

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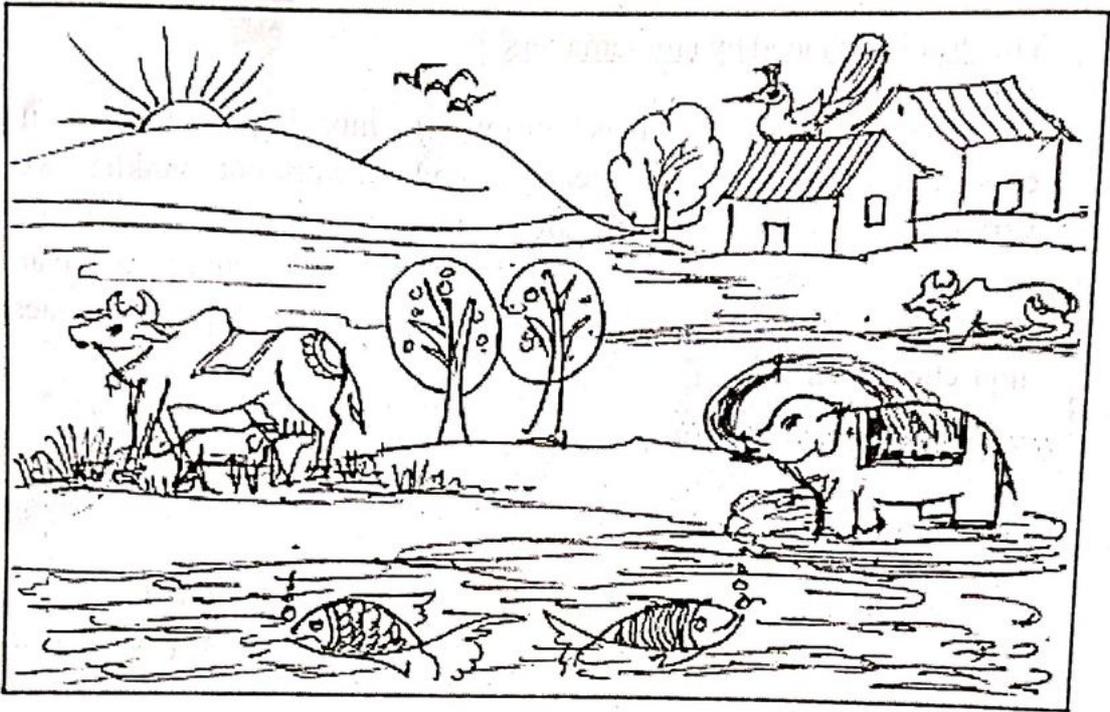
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58) (A) Only for normal students

[5]

Describe the picture in about ten sentences :



58) (B) This question is only for the visually impaired i.e. blind students. [5]

- Write a story based on the following points and give an appropriate title.

Points - Hirakani - a milk woman - going everyday inside the fort city to deliver milk - infant baby at home - gets delayed one day - gates of the fort city closed - requests the gatekeepers - no mercy - much worried about her kid - finds an escape point - goes home - next day arrested by gatekeepers - taken to the king - rewarded by the merciful king for bravery.

