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uctions to the Candidates:
र्थी के लिए निर्देश:-

:- The Question paper is divided into 03 Units : Unit-I, II & III

e questions are compulsory to answer. The maximum marks of the questions are written against the questions.

Unit-I

Read the following passage carefully, taken from 'Many worlds of Literature; and answer the following questions - 5x2=10

"The Tamil boys were all born in South Africa, and therefore, knew very little Tamil, and did not know the script at all. So I had to teach them the script and the rudiments of grammar. That was easy enough. My pupils knew that they could any day beat me in Tamil conversation, and when Tamilians, not knowing English, came to see me, they became my interpreters. I got along merrily because I never attempted to disguise my ignorance from my pupils. In all respects I showed myself to them exactly as I really was. Therefore, in spite of my colossal ignorance of the language I never lost their love and respect. It was comparatively easier to teach the Musalman boys Urdu. They know the script. I had simply to stimulate in them an interest in reading and to improve their hand writing."

Why does the author say that the Tamil boys knew very little Tamil?

Who became the author's interpreters?

How did the author get along well with his pupils?

Why did the author not lose the love and respect of his pupils?

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5. Write the meaning of the following words :-

(i) rudiments

(ii) disguise

UNIT - II

6. Write an application to the Principal of your college to waive your Fee considering your inability to pay it. 10

7. Write a paragraph in 300 words on the topic- "Time Management: An essential life-skill." 10

8. Fill in the blanks with the correct determiners and rewrite the correct sentences. 3x1=3

(a) I have _____ friends in Jaipur.

(i) Much (ii) Many (iii) Little (iv) a little

(b) I don't want _____ trouble.

(i) any (ii) some (iii) few (iv) many

(c) _____ of these pens is yours?

(i) who (ii) whose (iii) which (iv) whom

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct Modals and rewrite the correct sentence. 3×1=3

(a) _____ you lend me your pen, please.

(i) Must (ii) Should (iii) Could (iv) Might

(b) You _____ smoke here. It is prohibited.

(i) Ought not (ii) may not (iii) should not (iv) must not

(c) He _____ speak four languages.

(i) can (ii) must (iii) should (iv) may

10. Use the following phrasal verbs in your own sentences. 4x1=4

(i) carry on (ii) get along (iii) give up (iv) put off

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UNIT - III

11. Write a letter to the Editor, Times of India, New Delhi against the uncensored Contents available on OTT platforms. 10×1=10

12. Read the following unseen passage and answer the following questions : 5x2=10

"Howard saw in India's peasants a knowledge of farming far more advanced then that of the West. He recognised the secret of India's sustainable land use as lying in the return of organic matter and humus to the soil. A balance between livestock and crops was always kept in order to maintain the food cycle and return organic matter to the soil. The method of mixed cropping is part of the adaptation of nature's ways in which cereal crops like millets, wheat, barley and maize are mixed with pulses, providing nutrition to each other, and thus a balanced diet to people. Mixture of crops give better results than monocultures; Howard notes that, 'Here we have another instance where the peasants of the East have anticipated and acted upon the solution of one of the problems which western science is only now beginning to recognise."

(a) What is the observation of Howard about India's peasants?

(b) In what way Indian farmers tried to maintain the food cycle?

(c) What gives better results in farming according to the passage?

(d) What is the concept of balanced diet according to the passage?

(e) Write the meaning of the following words:-

(i) Sustainable (ii) Nutrition

13. Fill in the blanks with the correct options and rewrite- 3x1=3

(a) The train _____ before we reached the station.

(i) Left (ii) leaves (iii) has left (iv) had left

(b) She _____ her homework already.

(i) did (ii) does (iii) has done (iv) had done

(c) I will call you when I _____ free.

(i) get (ii) got (iii) will get (iv) getting

14. Change the following sentences into passive voice : 3x1=3

(a) They are playing cricket.

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(b) The teacher taught the lesson on Shakespeare's life.

(c) The judge has issued the notice.

15. Change the following sentences into Indirect speech : 4x1=4

(a) He said, "I have finished the work."

(b) They said, "we are going to Delhi tomorrow."

(c) My father asked me, "Are you coming today?"

(d) He said, "please help me."

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