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General Instructions:

1. *This paper is divided into two sections:
Section A - Reading 20 marks and Section B - Literature- 30 marks.*
2. *All questions are compulsory.*
3. *Separate instructions and options are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.*
4. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.*
5. *Marks are mentioned for each question against it.*

SECTION A - READING (20 MARKS)

Q.1) Read the poem carefully and answer the following questions given below it. (10)

SEPTEMBER 11

Once there were two magnificent towers,
Where lived and worked so many of ours.
It took seven long years to build them straight
They stood near the Empire State.
This event happened on the eleventh of September,
It's an occurrence that generations will remember.
Because thousands of people have died,
Not only of the US but the world's pride.
Everyone saw with awe and fright,
Twin towers crash in broad daylight.
None quite knows what will happen now,
When? Where? And how?
May God give wisdom to those,
Who are devils in gentlemen's pose?
Now let us all remove hatred and vice,
And let the world be happy and nice.

- i) How many years did it take to build the Twin Towers, according to the poem?
a) 5 years b) 6 years c) 7 years d) 8 years
- ii) What happened to the Twin Towers on September 11, according to the poem?
a) They were built. b) They were damaged.
c) They crashed in broad daylight. d) They were closed.
- iii) What is the poet's wish for the world after the tragedy, according to the poem?
a) To seek revenge. b) To remove hatred and vice.
c) To build new towers. d) To forget the incident.
- iv) Who does the poet refer to as "devils in gentlemen's pose"?
a) The victims of the tragedy. b) The people who built the towers.
c) The individuals responsible for the tragedy. d) The people who witnessed the event.
- v) What is the tone of the poem?
a) Happy and celebratory b) Sad and reflective
c) Angry and vengeful d) Fearful and anxious
- vi) What is the meaning of the phrase "world's pride" in the poem?
a) The Twin Towers were a source of national pride
b) The Twin Towers were a source of global pride
c) The victims were a source of pride d) The event was a source of pride

vii) Which poetic device is used in the line "Who are devils in gentlemen's pose"?

- a) Personification b) Irony c) Symbolism d) Allusion

viii) For whom or what the pronoun 'them' in the third line has been used?

- ix) What is the meaning of the word 'Magnificent'?
- x) Write two rhyming pairs from the poem.

Q.2) Read the following passage and answer the question given below it.

(10)

'Essential 21st Century Skills for Students'

In the rapidly evolving landscape of the 21st century, students must equip themselves with a diverse set of skills to succeed in various aspects of life. These skills go beyond traditional academics and include abilities that cultivate adaptability, innovation, and collaboration. One such crucial skill is digital literacy, as technology has taken over almost every facet of modern existence. Proficiency in navigating digital tools, discerning credible information online, and employing digital platforms for communication is most important.

Moreover, creativity and problem-solving are essential for addressing the novel challenges that arise. Students must be encouraged to think outside the box, explore unconventional solutions, and adapt to the ever-changing circumstances. Equally vital is communication skill, both in person and through digital means. Clear expression of ideas, active listening, and empathy play a pivotal role in effective interaction. Teamwork and collaboration remain absolutely necessary as the world becomes increasingly interconnected. Students must learn to work harmoniously with diverse individuals, respecting differing viewpoints to achieve shared goals. Lastly, adaptability and continuous learning are vital. The ability to acquire new skills and knowledge throughout life ensures students remain relevant and responsive to the evolving demands of the 21st century.

2.1 Based on the reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

(6)

- i) Which skill is essential for discerning credible information online?
a) Time management b) Digital literacy c) Physical fitness d) Abstract thinking
- ii) What is a key aspect of problem-solving in the 21st century?
a) Avoiding challenges. b) Relying solely on textbooks.
c) Employing conventional solutions. d) Thinking creatively.
- iii) What does effective communication involve?
a) Isolation. b) Passive listening.
c) Clear expression of ideas. d) Avoiding diverse perspectives.
- iv) Why is adaptability important for students?
a) To stick to traditional methods. b) To avoid challenges.
c) To remain responsive to change. d) To resist new ideas.
- v) Which skill promotes effective collaboration?
a) Isolation b) Rigid thinking c) Empathy d) Ignoring others
- vi) What does continuous learning ensure for students?
a) Remaining stagnant b) Irrelevance c) Adaptability d) Isolation

2.2 Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words.

(4)

- i) Why is digital literacy considered an important skill in the 21st century?
- ii) How does collaboration with team mates enhance problem-solving in the 21st century?

SECTION D-LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

Q.3) Read the extract and answer the questions given below it.

(5)

"A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.
Not a crumb to be found, On the snow-covered ground."

- i) The cricket began to complain when _____.
- ii) During which season, the cricket's cupboard was empty?
- iii) Which quality of the Cricket is highlighted in the poem?

- iv) Find the word from the extract which means 'habituated'.
- v) What emotion is the poet trying to show in this extract?

OR

"The sun glistened on the sand, and the sea waves broke waywardly.

A child sat playing with shells.

He raised his head and seemed to know me, and said, "I hire you with nothing."

From thenceforward that bargain struck in child's play made me a free man."

- i) Name the poem and poet of the poem.
- ii) Where did the speaker meet the child?
- iii) How did the speaker feel after talking to the child?
- iv) What is the synonym of the word 'gleamed'?
- v) What was the child doing when the speaker met him?

Q.4) Read the extract and answer the following questions given below it.

(5)

The rivalries helped the East India Company and it could easily subdue Indian princes one by one. A far-seeing ruler like the brave Tipu of Mysore fought the British till he died fighting! Thank God there is peace in the country now! No more wars and no looting by thugs! It is God who sent the British! Our destiny is linked with them! How did Indians react to these conquests? The white man has killed or dethroned our kings. Some kings were not good, but after all, they were of this land. Now we have become slaves of foreigners!

- i) What was the fact about the defeat of Indian prince?
- ii) Find suitable word phrases which means 'visionary'.
- iii) Who is described as a "far-seeing ruler" in the extract?
 - a) Tipu Sultan of Mysore b) A British general c) An Indian prince d) A Mysore king
- iv) What is the speaker's attitude towards the current peace in the country?
 - a) Critical b) Grateful c) Indifferent d) Angry
- v) How do Indians feel about being ruled by the British, according to the extract?
 - a) They feel proud to be ruled by a foreign power b) They feel indifferent to foreign rule
 - c) They feel resentful and enslaved d) They feel grateful for British rule

Q.5) Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words: (Any 3)

(6)

- i) What did the author find in a secret drawer? Who do you think had put it in there?
- ii) How many people and animals died in Yala National Park?
- iii) Where did Bipin Babu say he went in October, 1958?
- iv) Why were the Princesses named after the months of the year?
- v) Why did Indian industries begin to die?

Q.6) Answer the following questions in about 40-60 words: (Any 3)

(9)

- i) Why did the camel live in the middle of the desert?
- ii) On one occasion, the children said, —How happy we are here! Later they said, —How happy we were there! What are they referring to in both the cases? (The Selfish Giant)
- iii) Mention any three (or more) things that Parimal Ghose knew about Bipin Babu.
- iv) Who is an artisan? Why do you think the artisans suffered?

Q.7) Answer the following questions in about 80-100 words: (Any 1)

(5)

- i) Based on your understanding of the lesson --- The Treasure Within, why are students who are original in their thinking labelled as failure at school?
- ii) Based on your understanding of the lesson —The Tsunami, write how you would help the victims, if a disaster occurred in your locality or city.