

Sl. No. :

**006 (E)**

(February, 2025)

**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 100**

**Instructions :**

- 1) There are 5 sections in this question paper.
- 2) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- 3) Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.
- 4) Number the answers correctly.
- 5) Write in legible handwriting.

**SECTION - A**

■ Read the following passage and select the appropriate answer.

**[5]**

H.G Wells in an interview in 1894 referred to the 'interviewing ordeal,' but was a fairly frequent interviewee and forty years later found himself interviewing Joseph Stalin. Saul Bellow, who has consented to be interviewed on several occasions, nevertheless once described interviews as being like thumbprints on his windpipe. Yet despite the drawbacks of the interview, it is a supremely serviceable medium of communication.

"These days, more than at any other time, our most vivid impressions of our contemporaries are through interviews." Denis Brian has written, "Almost everything of moment reaches us through one man asking questions of another. Because of this, the interviewer holds a position of unprecedented power and influence."

- 1) H.G Wells referred to the interviewing process as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (a) fair
  - (b) an ordeal
  - (c) impressive
  - (d) a serviceable medium

- 2) Who believed that interviews are "like thumbprints on the windpipe?"
- ☒ (a) Saul Bellow
  - (b) H.G Wells
  - (c) Joseph Stalin
  - (d) Denis Brian
- 3) How do we get to know about our contemporaries vividly these days?
- (a) By meeting them personally
  - (b) By hearing them on occasions
  - (c) By knowing about their impressions/personality.
  - ☒ (d) Through the interviews
- 4) Select the correct statement –
- ☒ (a) Interview is not without any drawbacks
  - (b) Interview is not the serviceable medium of communication
  - (c) Interview is always complicated and negative
  - (d) Interview is a one-way process
- 5) During the process of interview, interviewer holds a position of –
- (a) questionable power and influence
  - (b) daunting power and influence
  - ☒ (c) unprecedented power and influence
  - (d) lame power and influence

■ Fill in the blanks with appropriate options in the brackets.

Write only the answers [0.5 mark each] :

(sharecroppers, two, ~~led~~, later, lawyer, but, there, master, yeoman, for)

Then the 06 of them boarded a train 07 the city of Patna in Bihar.

08 Shukla 09 him to the house of a 10 named Rajendra Prasad

[5]

who 11 became President of the Congress Party and of India. Rajendra Prasad was out of town, 12 the servants knew Shukla as a poor 13 who pestered their 14 to help the indigo 15.

- Answer the following questions in about six to seven sentences each. Each carries three marks (Any Three) :

[9]

- 16) "Saheb is no longer his own master." Why did Anees Jung say so?
- 17) How did the instructor "build a swimmer" out of Douglas?
- 18) What is so impressive about Edla Willmansson?
- 19) Gandhiji agreed to a settlement of 25 percent refund to the farmers. Give reasons with reference to 'Indigo'.
- 20) Describe Sophie as a quintessential teenager.

#### SECTION - B

- Read the following stanza and answer the questions :

[4]

Perhaps the Earth can teach us  
as when everything seems dead  
and later proves to be alive.  
Now I'll count up to twelve  
and you keep quiet and I will go.

**Questions :**

- 21) How is the Earth personified?
- 22) What lesson can be learnt from the earth?
- 23) Mention the two contrasting words given in the stanza.
- 24) When will the poet take leave?

- Choose the correct figures of speech from the options given below:

[4]

25) A huge silence might interrupt this sadness.

- (a) Personification (b) Litotes  
(c) Tautology (d) Simile

26) Beneficent beasts of prey, swarm over their lives.

- (a) Epigram (b) Synecdoche  
(c) Oxymoron (d) Pun

27) Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

- (a) Simile (b) Climax  
(c) Litotes (d) Irony

28) Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.

- (a) Simile (b) Paradox  
(c) Alliteration (d) Metonymy

- Answer the following questions in about Four to Five sentences each. Each carries two marks (Any Four) :

[8]

29) Mention Kamala Das' thought process while driving to Cochin.

30) Do you think that Pablo Neruda advocates total inactivity and death? Why?

31) Which things are described as beautiful by John Keats in his Poem, 'A Thing of Beauty'?

32) Who are the 'greedy good-doers'? What do they do?

33) State the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand.

34) Bring out the significance of tigers in the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.

1) ■ Read the following passage and answer the questions.

[2]

[One mark each]

Then Hana led the way quickly and softly to the kitchen. The two servants were frightened at what their master had just told them. The old gardener, who was also a house servant, pulled the few hairs on his upper lip.

35) How did Hana lead the way?

36) What effect did the master's words have on the servants?

■ Read the following passage and answer the questions :

[3]

[One mark each]

At the stamp and coin store I go to, I found out that Sam bought eight hundred dollars' worth of old-style currency. That ought to set him up in a nice little hay, feed and grain business; he always said that's what he really wished he could do, and he certainly can't go back to his old business. Not in Galesburg Illinois, in 1894. His old business? Why, Sam was my Psychiatrist.

Questions:

37) Who was Sam?

38) Where did Sam go?

39) Mention the type of business that Sam could set up.

### SECTION - C

■ Rectify the errors : [one mark each]

[4]

|                             | Errors     | Corrections |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|
| I was timid about <u>go</u> | [40] _____ | _____       |
| in alone, but I <u>sat</u>  | [41] _____ | _____       |

On the side of the pull  
to wait from others.

[42] \_\_\_\_\_

[43] \_\_\_\_\_

- **Punctuate the following passage appropriately:**  
[each of 0.5 mark]

[2]

44 There is no school in my neighbourhood 45 When they build one 46 I will go. 47

- **Rewrite the sentences using the correct meaning of the given idioms / phrases : [one mark each]**

[4]

48) But I was only fooling. (wandering, joking, playing)

49) The next day both men got up in good season. (early enough, quite late, laughing aloud)

50) I have come to the conclusion that we should stop going to the law courts. (ended, decided, rejected)

51) This is another of your wild stories. (adventurous stories, believable stories, fake stories)

- **Convert the following into indirect speech :**

[4]

52) "It was all a mistake, of course," she continued. "But anyway, I don't think we ought to chase away a human being whom we have asked to come here, and to whom we have promised Christmas cheer."

"You do preach worse than a parson", said the ironmaster. "I only hope you won't have to regret this."

- **Do as directed : [each of one mark]**

[6]

53) Gandhiji was not permitted to draw water from the well.

[Choose the correct affirmative sentence]

(a) Gandhiji was denied to draw water from the well.

(b) Gandhiji was allowed to draw water from the well.

~~(c)~~ Gandhiji is refrained from drawing water from the well.

(d) Gandhiji is denied to draw water from the well.

54) I tried to call for help, \_\_\_\_?

[Choose the correct Question Tag]

- (a) don't
- (b) hadn't I
- (c) weren't I
- ☒ (d) didn't I

55) The chief make-up man made the chief actors and actresses ugly. (Choose the correct Passive Sentence)

- (a) The chief actors and actresses were made ugly by the chief make-up man.
- ☒ (b) The chief actors and actresses had been made ugly by the chief make-up man.
- (c) The chief actors and actresses were not made ugly by the chief make-up man.
- (d) The chief actors and actresses are made ugly by the chief make-up man.

56) \_\_\_\_\_, around four in the afternoon, the poet arrived.

[Choose the correct option]

- (a) Of last
- (b) In last
- ☒ (c) At last
- (d) For last

57) Although his guest was now so well groomed, the ironmaster did not seem pleased.

[Choose the correct compound sentence]

- ☒ (a) His guest was now so well groomed but the ironmaster did not seem pleased.
- (b) His guest was now so well groomed and the ironmaster did not seem pleased.
- (c) His guest was now so well groomed so the ironmaster did not seem pleased.
- (d) His guest was now so well groomed hence the ironmaster did not seem pleased.

58) I was looking at the clothes in Royce's window.

[Choose the correct Interrogative Sentence]

- (a) Was I looking at the clothes in Royce's window?
- (b) Did I look at the clothes in Royce's window?
- ~~(c)~~ Wasn't I looking at the clothes in Royce's window?
- (d) Didn't I look at the clothes in Royce's window?

### SECTION - D

■ Read the following passage and answer the questions :

[5]

[One mark each]

Judicious and calibrated use of water is the need of the hour. Every action pertaining to water consumption should be well calibrated. As we know water is a scarce and precious commodity. Scarcity of water will surely be an issue in the coming years. Some of the simple ways could be imbibed and made part of a simple drill to regulate our life. For example, use a water mug while shaving instead of allowing the tap water to gush on; avoid excessive use of shampoos and soaps; reutilize water used for cooking, bathing, etc. We should learn to use water judiciously right now so that we might adapt ourselves to even stiffer water scarcities when crunch time comes.

**Questions :**

- 59) Mention the need of the hour.
- 60) What kind of commodity is water?
- 61) How can we save water?
- 62) Write the gist of the passage in two lines.
- 63) Give a suitable title to the passage.

**OR**



■ **Read the following poem and answer the questions :**

**[One mark each]**

When I pass to my reward,  
    Whatever that may be,  
I'd like my friends to think of me,  
    As one who loved a tree.  
I'd like a tree to mark the spot,  
    Where I am laid to rest  
For that would be the epitaph  
    That I would like the best.  
That it's not carved upon a stone,  
    For those who come to see  
But friends would know that resting there  
    Is he, who loved a tree.

- 59) Mention one significant characteristic of the poet.  
60) What message does the poet want to give his friends?  
61) Write the meaning of. "Laid to rest."  
62) Where is the epitaph carved upon?  
63) Give a suitable title to the poem.

■ **Advertisement.**

- 64) There is a vacancy of English teacher in your school.

Draft an advertisement for the same.

**[5]**

[It should be enclosed in a box, have a title, appropriate content matter, address and contact number]

- 65) Study the following chart and interpret it in 6 to 7 sentences.

[5]

[Give a suitable title]

The following chart displays the medals won by the countries.

| Country | Gold | Silver | Bronze |
|---------|------|--------|--------|
| USA     | 50   | 30     | 25     |
| India   | 25   | 10     | 35     |
| China   | 40   | 70     | 15     |

OR

Prepare notes for the following passage. Give a suitable title.

When life becomes too hectic, we can end up feeling mentally tired in knots. Nothing seems easy and positive. Pessimism sets in and we cannot see a way out of our current problems. We can open a source of optimism with the technique of anticipating success. Settle back in chair and close your eyes. Experience with all your senses what it feels like to have achieved something and enjoy the resulting feelings of relief and elation. Hang on to the positive feelings and bring them back with you into the here and now. Open your eyes again. Make sure you don't get tangled up in considerations about how the situation will resolve itself. It will look after itself as long as you keep your aim firmly in mind. If you stay focused on a positive outcome, you can think more clearly and you will make better decisions, which will eventually lead to the desired result. If there are a number of different positive outcomes, then simply concentrate on visualizing one version today and another version tomorrow.

This is not an exercise in correctly predicting the future, but rather a way of clearing negative thoughts from your mind and focusing on a positive state.

- 66) Write an email to your friend asking him/her to join you for the Himalayan Trek during the vacation. Discuss the number of days it will take, cost, itinerary and also about the team members. [5]

**OR**

Write an email to the Mayor of your area/city regarding the bad condition of roads in your area. Discuss the problems faced due to it and urgency to solve the problem.

**SECTION - E**

- 67) A seminar on the topic 'Ban single-use plastic' was organized in your school. Write a report for the same. [5]

**OR**

Write an article for school magazine on the topic, 'Importance of Teamwork.'

- 68) You are Sona/Sonu L. Apply for the post of a Marketing Manager to The Director, YOBKE Automobile showroom, GIDC, Surat along with your resume. [7]

- 69) Write an essay in about 250 words on any one of the following topics : [8]

(A) Importance of Movies in our life

[Movies – entertaining, educating, inspiring – reflection of social factors – give wings to our fancy – what are the limitations – your personal opinion]

(B) Pros and Cons of Entrance Exams

[Entrance exams – necessary or not – impact on students – benefits and limitations – provide relevant examples – your opinion]

**OR**

As a school Headgirl/ Headboy you have to deliver a speech on 'Leadership Qualities' on the occasion of Investiture ceremony. Prepare a speech in about 250 words for the same.

**Guidelines:**

[Greetings– express gratitude – great leaders – qualities of a leader – provide examples – how will you display your leadership – your promise and pledge – express your gratefulness]