

**Note:** (Answer all the questions on the answer sheets.)

**SECTION A : READING COMPREHENSION**

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

Trees are very important in our life. Trees are supposed to be useful generally in the sense that they give us fruits, wood, timber, medicines, wax and rubber etc. But it is time to look at the trees from another point of view.

Trees are the lungs of the earth. They keep the environment clean as they absorb carbon dioxide and give out life supporting gas – oxygen. Trees reduce the green house effect. In the absence of trees, the concentration of carbon dioxide will increase which in turn will increase the global temperature. It would be harmful in many ways. Trees are necessary for the maintenance of the ecological balance. They help to bring rain and support life. They protect our water resources under the ground. They prevent soil erosion, floods and droughts. They add to the charm and the beauty of a place.

It is the need of the hour to launch a nation-wide programme for growing more and more trees. Indiscriminate deforestation should be checked. We should make our cities green not grey. We can grow only with growing trees. Trees are the most valuable and important component of the environment.

1. Name a few things we obtain from trees. (1)
2. Why are trees called the lungs of the Earth? (1)
3. How does deforestation lead to global warming? (1)
4. Mention two ways in which trees help to maintain the ecological balance. (2)
5. Explain " We should make our cities green not grey". (1)
6. Find out a word from the passage which means "to act without careful judgement" (1)

**Section B : GRAMMAR**

- B1. Fill up with a suitable collective noun: (1/2x4=2)
- 1) A \_\_\_\_ of beautiful ladies.
  - 2) An \_\_\_\_ of soldiers.
  - 3) A \_\_\_\_ of puppies.
  - 4) A \_\_\_\_ of rooms.
- B2. Write the abstract noun form of : (1/2x 4=2 )
- 1) Know –
  - 2) Strong –
  - 3) Wise –
  - 4) See –
- B3. Fill up with the appropriate form of the adjective given in the brackets : (1/2x6=3)
1. Walk to the \_\_\_\_\_ post office. ( near )
  2. This movie is \_\_\_\_\_ than the one we saw last week. ( interesting)
  3. Naman is as \_\_\_\_\_ as his brother. (tall)
  4. His condition is \_\_\_\_\_ than expected. (bad)
  5. You must submit the copies \_\_\_\_\_ by tomorrow. (late)
  6. I expected the lion to be \_\_\_\_\_ energetic after meal. (much)
- B4. Rewrite after correcting errors related to comparisons. (1x3=3)
1. Sumit is most intelligent than any other student of the class.
  2. No other boy is as stronger as Mohit.
  3. This is the most latest version of this car.

- B5. Identify the Tense: (1/2x4=2)
1. The old man had seen better days.
  2. We plan to hold a meeting tonight.
  3. Did anyone hear the noise ?
  4. We shall be meeting them in an hour .

- B6. Fill up with the given verb in the mentioned Tense: (1x3=3)
1. He \_\_\_\_\_ a book. (read , Past continuous)
  2. Kailash \_\_\_\_\_ the report. (prepare , Present Perfect)
  3. The Minister \_\_\_\_\_ the speech by 4 p.m . ( deliver, Future Perfect)

- B7 . Change into the given tense and rewrite: (1x2= 2)
1. He speaks English fluently. (Present continuous )
  2. I have informed you. (Simple Future)

- B8. Rewrite after punctuating : (1/4 x 8 =2)
- he said we havent met have we

SECTION C : LITERATURE

C1. Read the references given below and answer the questions that follow :

A. "Yet I cannot choose but weep."

- i. Who said to whom? (1)
- ii. Why does the speaker weep? (1)
- iii. What did the other person (listener) do to make the speaker feel better? (1)

B. "Somehow, one expects more variety from you, Aunty."

- i. Who said these words and to whom? (1)
- ii. What did the speaker do after saying so? (1)

C. "From street to street he piped advancing,  
 And step for step they followed dancing,  
 Until they came to the river Weser  
 Wherein all plunged and perished!"

- i. Who do "he" and "they" refer to? (1)
- ii. Why did "they" follow "he"? (1)
- iii. What happened to "they" finally? (1)
- iv. Name the poem and the poet. (1)

C2. Answer the following questions in brief: (2x5=10)

1. Describe the statue of the Happy Prince.
2. Why was the prince called "the Happy Prince"?
3. Why was Uncle Ken pursued by a swarm of bees?
4. Who was Emily? What did she force Uncle Ken to do?
5. Why did the Piper decide to take away the children of Hamelin?

SECTION D: WRITING

- D1. Write a paragraph on "ITS GOOD TO BE PUNCTUAL". (Word limit 100 words) (5)
- D2. Write a letter to your friend who stays in Australia describing any festival that you celebrated recently in India. (10)

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**Note: All the answers should be done on the question paper itself.****Multiple Choice Questions****(1x20=20)**

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow :

As a boy, I spent many happy hours playing the game of gulli-danda. Among my fellow – players was a boy named Gaya. He was the undisputed champion of our gulli club. Whichever side he played for was bound to win. One day, only Gaya and I were playing. I was fielding. I tried all means , including foul ones, but Gaya would not let me go until I had got him out. I had become tired so I ran home.

Soon after this incident, my father was transferred to another town. Twenty years went by and I became an engineer. I visited by chance, the same small town that I had lived in as a child. Nothing was familiar. Suddenly, I saw two or three boys playing gulli – danda . I went up to one of the boys and asked him if a man named Gaya lived there. "You mean Gaya, the cobbler?" asked the boy timidly. "Yes, I think so," I replied. "Can you call him for a minute?" Soon the boy returned with a man. I recognized my old playmate rightaway just as he recognized me. "I am the engineer of the district now. Do you still play gulli – danda?"

Gaya looked astonished. "Where is the time, sarkar?" he said. "I have to earn my living." "Come," I said. " Today, you and I will play gulli – danda." Poor Gaya , a labourer on daily wages, had to play with a senior officer. We would play in a secluded spot where there would be no one to watch us. Then, we began to play. I hit the gulli, making it leap up in the air. Gaya tried to catch it, but it fell behind him. He seemed to have lost his old dexterity. No gulli had ever escaped Gaya when we were children! I started batting. That I was out of practice was obvious. But I made up for my lack of skill by cheating at every opportunity. Gaya watched silently. In the old days his gulli had never failed to hit the danda! Now, it missed the danda each time. After some time, I allowed Gaya to bat. He started batting, but poorly and was out soon. We drove back to town as darkness fell with me bursting with joy. Before leaving, Gaya said, " There is a gulli – danda match tomorrow. All the old players will play. Will you come to watch?"

I went to see the match the following day. The game began. Gaya's performance that day astounded me. He played with such skill and grace. Now, I knew that the day before, Gaya had only pretended as if he was playing. I had cheated, but he showed no anger, allowing me to win. I was an officer. He was a poor man but I was no equal to him. Gaya, the cobbler, had grown bigger while I, the engineer of the district, had become smaller.

CHOOSE THE CORRECT OPTION TO ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- On meeting Gaya, after all these years, the narrator felt \_\_\_\_\_  
a. happy                      b. embarrassed                      c. insulted                      d. unaffected
- \_\_\_\_\_ years had passed by between the two games in the story.  
a. twelve                      b. twenty                      c. thirty                      d. ten
- The phrase " secluded spot " in the context of the story means  
a. a dangerous place                      b. a place to meditate and be alone  
c. a lonely place                      d. a place where nobody would have seen them play
- How had Gaya changed after all these years ?  
a. He had become frail and weak.                      b. He had become a rich man.  
c. He hadn't changed at all.                      d. He had become older and wiser.
- What was the difference between the games the narrator and Gaya played earlier and the game they played now ?  
a. Both the games were similar.  
b. The players had changed.  
c. The rules of the game had changed.  
d. The game was not played in the same spirit as before.

6. Gaya let the narrator win \_\_\_\_\_  
a. as he didn't want to offend the narrator, now an engineer.  
b. to insult him.  
c. as he was his old friend.  
d. as he was out of practice.
7. The narrator felt that Gaya had lost his old dexterity because  
a. he could not play as well as he did as a child.                      c. he was a cobbler.  
b. he didn't notice that author was cheating.                      d. Gaya was poor and tired.
8. The word "astounded" means :  
a. happy                      b. excited                      c. ashamed                      d. shocked
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ of stairs  
a. flock                      b. flight                      c. clump                      d. chest
10. The correct noun form of "destroy" is  
a. destructive                      b. destroyment                      c. destruction                      d. destroyance
11. Tina was the \_\_\_\_\_ of the three sisters.  
a. old                      b. older                      c. oldest                      d. eldest
12. Choose the sentence with the correct form of comparison.  
a. This tree is not as bigger as that one.                      b. This tree is more bigger than that one.  
c. This tree is biggest than that one.                      d. This tree is bigger than that one.
13. Choose the sentence which is in present perfect tense.  
a. We know him for ten years.                      b. We have known him for ten years.  
c. We knew him for ten years.                      d. We had known him for ten years.
14. Identify the tense. " The lady is knitting a sweater."  
a. present continuous                      b. past continuous                      c. past perfect                      d. simple present
15. The poor boy's mother gave him only river water to drink because:  
a. she didn't love him.                      b. she wanted to eat all the oranges herself.  
c. she had no money.                      d. she was too busy to make anything for him.
16. The swallow decided to rest between the toes of the Happy Prince because:  
a. the statue looked beautiful.                      b. it was a good position to rest with plenty of fresh air.  
c. the swallow loved the prince.                      d. swallow could see the whole city from there.
17. Young Ruskin loved to stay with his Granny because:  
a. she lived in a big house.                      b. there were plenty of fruit trees in Granny's courtyard.  
c. Granny was a good cook.                      d. all of above.
18. Uncle Ken's visit to Lucknow became a memorable one because :  
a. he was mistaken for the famous English cricketer, Bruce Hallam.  
b. he was given a grand welcome by the Gomti Cricketing Association.  
c. besides a grand welcome, he was treated to a magnificent breakfast.  
d. he got an opportunity to bat.
19. The Pied Piper stepped into the streets of Hamelin the first time :  
a. to entertain people.                      b. to take away all the children of Hamelin.  
c. to get rid of all the rats of Hamelin.                      d. to cast a spell on Hamelin.
20. The Pied Piper knew he would succeed because :  
a. his pipe was magical.                      b. his pipe was long and wooden.  
c. sweet notes came out of his pipe.                      d. he knew how to catch rats.

