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TIME - 3HR. | QUESTIONS – 17

THE MARKS ARE MENTIONED ON EACH QUESTION

SECTION – A *20 marks*

Q.1. Read the passage below :

The most alarming of all man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers, and sea with dangerous and even lethal materials. This pollution is for the most part irrecoverable; the chain of evil it initiates not only in the world that must support life but in living tissues is for the most part irreversible. In this new universal contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister and little-recognized partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world—the very nature of its life. Strontium 90, released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to earth in rain or drifts down as fallout, lodges in the soil, enters into the grass or corn, or wheat grown there, and in time takes up its abode in the bones of a human being, there to remain until his death. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on croplands or forests or gardens lie long in soil, entering into living organisms, passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. Or they pass mysteriously by under-ground streams until they emerge and, through the alchemy of air and sunlight, combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle, and work unknown harm on those who drink from once-pure wells. As Albert Schweitzer has said, 'Man can hardly even recognize the devils of his own creation'. It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the Earth a eons of time in which that developing and evolving and diversifying life reached a state of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment, rigorously shaping and directing the life it supported, contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Certain rocks gave out dangerous radiation; even within the light of the sun from which all life draws its energy, there were short-wave radiations with power to injure. Given time-time not in years but millennia-life adjusts, and a balance has been reached. For time is the essential ingredient; but in the modern world there is no time. The rapidity of change and the speed with

which new situations are created follow the impetuous and heedless pace of man rather than the deliberate pace of nature. Radiation is no longer merely the background radiation of rocks, the bombardment of cosmic rays, the ultraviolet of the sun that have existed before there was any life on Earth; radiation is now the unnatural creation of man's tampering with the atom. The chemicals to which life is asked to make its adjustment are no longer merely the calcium and silica and copper and all the rest of the minerals washed out of the rocks and carried in rivers to the sea; they are the synthetic creations of man's inventive mind, brewed in his laboratories, and having no counterparts in nature.

RACHEL CARSON : Silent Spring

(1) On the basis of your reading of the above passage complete the following statements :

- (a) Man has shown his disrespect to environment by _____. (b) By mentioning 'chain of evil' the writer refers to _____.
- (c) The final abode of 'Strontium 90' is _____.
- (d) The rapid changes in the environment is the result of _____.
- (e) Modern time radiation is caused by _____.
- (f) Synthetic creations are the product of _____.

(2) Find out the words from the passage which mean the same.

- (a) to cause damage
- (b) impulsive

Q.2. Read the following poem carefully.

Don't Let Your Home Die All may cross,
So what if you are not there to lead,
And rough roads are slaking up your speed,
But you tried hard to succeed
So what if not at top
Believe me limit is not the sky
Don't let Your Hope Die
Rivals could hinder your way
Don't wail about your loss
When people crow about their gains,
Tell yourself that you are victorious

**Exultant and blessed and you remain forever
Pass by agony, tears and fears,
Never say die after failures
As you remain calm and still,
Ocean of desires never to dry
Don't Let Your Hope Die.**

Read the questions below and write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheet. Even after failure we should be _____

- (a) angry**
 - (b) aloof**
 - (c) calm and still**
 - (d) unaware**
- (2) 'And rough roads are slaking up your speed', Here 'rough roads' means _____**
- (a) hindrances or problems**
 - (b) bad roads**
 - (c) smooth path**
 - (d) happiness**
- (3) 'When people crow about their gains' mean _____**
- (a) few people like crow**
 - (b) people feel happy when they see crow**
 - (c) we should not be ambitious**
 - (d) we should not be discouraged when people talk of their achievements .**
- (4) The message of the poem is _____**
- (a) we should not get disappointed and continue our efforts**
 - (b) if we fail the world will laugh at us**
 - (c) if we want to succeed in life, we must not be strong**
 - (d) we must not be our best in anything we do**
- (5) The tone of the poem is _____**
- (a) happy**
 - (b) sad**
 - (c) inspirational**
 - (d) educational**

(6) 'Don't let your Hope Die' in the above poem is _____

- (a) simile
- (b) metaphor
- (c) refrain
- (d) repetition

(7) 'Hinder' in line 8 means

- (a) to hamper
- (b) to push
- (c) to overtake
- (d) to destroy

SECTION – B 25 marks

Q.3. The tourism industry can bring valuable income to the country. Using your ideas along with ideas from the MCB unit, Travel and Tourism, write a letter to the editor of a popular daily on how the government and the public can boost the development of this industry. Write the letter in 100-120 words. You are Rama/Ram, 4 Rani Road, Ranchi.

Q.4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided.

Ratan was in Goa on a school trip. The teacher asked everyone to play and remain on the seashore

Q.5. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below.

Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers.

There are four trees in the garden.

- (a) branches sway in the breeze. The children play
- (b) the trees. Some of the girls
- (c) sleeping in the shade of the trees.

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|-----|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|
| (a) | (i) There | (ii) Their | (iii) Every | (iv) An |
| (b) | (i) under | (ii) over | (iii) above | (iv) in |
| (c) | (i) is | (ii) was | (iii) are | (v) have |

Q.6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.

	Error	Correction
I went to the pool then no one was there. The place being quiet.	e.g. then	when
A water was still, and the tiled bottom was so white and clean	a) -----	-----
as a bathtub. I was timid for going in alone.	b) -----	-----
	c) -----	-----
	d) -----	-----

Q.7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

Doctor: Have you got the tests done?

Karna: No, I have not.

Doctor: Get them done today itself.

The doctor asked Karna (a) _____. He replied that (b) _____. The doctor asked _____.

SECTION – C 25 marks

Q.8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

'Were these people pulling his leg? Was the whole thing a gigantic hoax ? A meek harmless man like him and they had to drag him into the middle of the city to make a laughing stock out of him.'

- Who is the speaker?
- Why does he think that he is being made a 'laughing stock'?
- What does the word 'hoax' mean?

OR

Caesar shall forth; the things that threaten'd me
Ne'er look'd on my back; when they shall see
The face of Caesar, they are vanished.

- Where is Caesar planning to go ?
- What are the 'things' that threaten him ?
- What does the word 'vanished' mean ?

Q.9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30–40 words each.

- (a) Why did the poet have to wait near the water trough ? (Snake)
- (b) What did Sebastian write in the final e-mail he sent to Michael ?
- (c) Why did the wedding guest beat his breast ?
- (d) What quality of King Ozymandias does the poem reflect ?
- (e) Why did Cassius tell Brutus not to allow Antony to speak on Caesar's funeral ?

Q.10. How does the lesson, 'A Shady Plot' remind us that man has no right to invoke supernatural powers through Ouija boards, Tarot cards etc to solve his problems and that one should face life boldly and overcome difficulties using wit and intelligence. Write in 80–100 words.

OR

Respect for all forms of life is an essential value. Unmindful destruction of nature and its creatures deserves just punishment. Write in 80–100 words this essential value as brought out in the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.

Q.11. Attempt the following in 150-200 words.

Bring out the importance of the diary in Anne's life.

OR

Why does Anne call herself 'a bundle of contradictions'?

OR

What was the incident of the Frost King? How did it affect Helen?

OR

Write a character sketch of Bishop Brooks as he appears in Helen Keller's – The Story of My Life.

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