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THE MARKS ARE MENTIONED ON EACH QUESTION

SECTION - A: (READING) 20 marks

Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that

follow: 12 marks

1. Today's woman is a highly self-directed person alive to the sense of her dignity and the importance of her function in the private domestic domain and the public domain of the World of work. Women are rational in approach, careful in handling situations and want to do things as best as possible. The Fourth World Conference of Women held in Beijing in September 1995 had emphasised that no enduring solution of society's most threatening social, economic and political problems could be found without the participation and empowerment of the Women. The 1995 World Summit for Social Development had also emphasised the pivotal role of Women in eradicating Poverty and mending the social fabric.
2. The Constitution of India had conferred on Women equal rights and opportunities political, social, educational and of employment-with men. Because of oppressive traditions, superstitions, exploitation and corruption, most women are not allowed to enjoy the rights and opportunities, bestowed on them. One of the major reasons for this state of affairs is the lack of literacy and awareness among women. Education is the main instrument through which we can narrow down the prevailing inequality and accelerate the process of economic and political change in the status of Women.
3. The role of Women in a society is very important. Women's education is the key to a better life in the future. A recent World Bank study says that educating girls is not a charity, it is good economics and if developing nations are to eradicate poverty, they must educate the girls. The report says that the economic and social returns on investment in education of the girls considerably affect the human development index of the nation. Society would progress only if the status of Women is respected and the Presence of an educated Woman in the family would ensure education of the family itself. Education and empowerment of Women are closely related.

4. Women's education has not received due care and attention from the planners and policy makers. The National Commission for Women has rightly pointed out that even after 50 years of independence, Women continue to be treated as the single largest group of backward citizen of India. The role of Women in overall development has not been fully understood nor has it been given its full weight in the struggle to eliminate poverty, hunger, injustice and inequality at the national level. Even when we are at the threshold of the 21st century, our society still discriminates against women in matters of their rights and privileges and prevents them from participating in the process of national and societal progress. Various Committees and Commissions have been constituted before and after the independence to evaluate the progress in Women's education and to suggest ways and means to enhance the status of Women. The female literacy rate has gone up in the 20th century from 0.6 per cent in 1901 to 39.29 per cent in 1991 but India still possesses the largest number of illiterate Women in the world. The female literacy index for the year 1991 shows that there are eight States which fall below the national average. The most populous States of the country, 'UP' MP, Bihar and Rajasthan fall in the category of most backward States as far as female literacy is concerned.
5. The prevailing cultural norms of gender behaviour and the perceived domestic and reproductive role of Women tends to affect the education of girls. Negative attitude towards, sending girls to schools, restrictions on their mobility early marriage, Poverty and illiteracy of parents affect the girl's participation in education.
6. Women's political empowerment got a big boost with the Panchayati Raj Act of 1993 which gave them 30 percent reservation in Village Panchayats, Block Samities and Zila Parishads throughout the country. The National Commission for Women was also set up in 1992 to act as a lobby for Women's issues.
7. The educational system is the only institution which can counteract the deep foundations of inequality of sexes that are built in the minds of people through the socialization process. Education is the most important instrument of human resource development. Educational system should be used to revolutionise the traditional attitudes and inculcate new values of equality.

Questions:

(a) (i) **Mention any two attributes of a modern woman.** *2 marks*

(ii) **Why are Women's participation and empowerment considered necessary?** *2 marks*

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(iii) Which factors adversely affect the education of girls? 2 marks

(iv) What benefits did the Women get with the enactment of the Panchayati Raj Act of 1993? 2 Marks

(v) By what process can be remove the sense of inequality of sexes from the minds of the people? 1 mark

(b) Pick out words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following: 3 marks

(i) cruel and unfair (Para 2)

(ii) remove (para 3)

(iii) full of people (Para 4)

Q. 2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 8 marks

Despite all the research every one of us catches cold and most of us catch it frequently. Our failure to control one of the commonest of all ailments sometimes seems ridiculous. Medical science regularly practises transplant surgery and has rid whole countries of such killing diseases such as Typhus and the Plague. But the problem of common cold is unusually difficult and much yet to be done to solve it.

It is known that cold is caused by one of several viral infections that affect the lining of the nose and other passages leading to the lungs but the confusing variety of viruses makes study and remedy very difficult. It was shown in 1960 that many typical colds in adults are caused by one or the other of a family of viruses known as rhinoviruses, yet there remain many colds for which no virus has as yet been isolated.

There is also the difficulty that because they are so much smaller than the bacteria which cause many other infections, viruses cannot be seen with ordinary microscopes. Nor can they be cultivated easily in the bacteriologist's laboratory, since they only grow within the living cells of animals or plants.

An important recent step forward, however, is the development of the technique of tissue culture, in which bits of animal tissue are enabled to go on living and to multiply independently of the body his has greatly aided virus research and has led to the discovery of many viruses.

Their existence had previously been not only unknown but even unsuspected. The fact that we can catch cold repeatedly creates another difficulty. Usually a virus strikes only once and leaves the victim immune to further attacks. Still we do not gain immunity from cold. Why? It may possibly be since while other viruses get into the blood stream where anti-bodies can oppose them, the viruses causing cold attack cells only on the surface. Or it may be that immunity from one of the many different viruses does not guarantee protection from all the others. It seems, therefore, that we are likely to have to suffer colds for some time yet.

(a) Based on your reading of the above passage make notes on it in points only, using abbreviations wherever necessary. Also, suggest suitable title. *5 marks*

(b) Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made. *3 marks*

SECTION-B: (ADVANCED WRITING SKILLS) *35 marks*

Q.3. You are the Secretary of your school Literary Association. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board, giving details of the proposed inauguration of the Literary Association of your school. You are 'XYZ' of Jain Vidyashram, Cuddalore. *5 marks*

OR

You are the General Manager of E.V.L. Company which requires posh bungalows in company lease, as guest houses. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words under classified columns to be published in 'The New Indian Express'.

Q. 4. Your school organised an exhibition-cum-sale of the items. prepared under Work Experience by your school students. There was an overwhelming response from the public. Prepare a report in 100-125 words for a local daily. You are the Coordinator, S.U.P.W. activities, Nita School, Gurgaon. *10 marks*

OR

Your school organised a seminar on Swine Flu for creating awareness among students of your school, and their parents. As secretary of the Health Club of Oasis Public School, Hyderabad, write a report in 100-125 words for 'The Deccan Herald'.

Q. 5. Write a letter to the Editor, 'The Hindu', Chennai about rash and reckless driving by the people in your city, suggesting preventive measures. You are Kamal/Kanwar of 10, Mount Road, Velacherry. *10 marks*

OR

You have-shifted your residence from 10, Lajpat Road to House No. 232, Aurobindo Marg, Delhi. Write a letter to the General Manager, MTNL requesting him for an early transfer of your telephone line. You are Rohit/Radhika of 15, The Mall, Amritsar.

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Q. 6. As compared to the older generation to youth of today are greatly inclined to pursue adventurous activities either for money or for fun. There is a latest craze for joining reality shows, rafting, rock climbing mountaineering etc. Write an article in 150-200 words on which life you would prefer-safe or adventurous. 10 marks

OR

Science attempts to explore the secrets of nature while religion wants to reveal the very purpose of existence. The aim of both science and religion is to discover the truth. an article in 150-200 words on 'Science and Religion'.

SECTION-C: (TEXT BOOKS) 30 marks

(Based on New Textbooks)

Q. 7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow; 4 marks

.... On their slag heap, these children
Wear skins peeped through by bones and spectacles of steel
With mended glass, like bottle bits on stones.
All their times and space are foggy slum.
So, blot their maps with slums as big as doom.

- (a) Which two images are used to describe these slums? 2 marks**
- (b) What sort of life do these children lead? 1 mark**
- (c) Which figure of speech is used in the last line? 1 mark**

OR

*Or beauty rest in a beautiful mountain scene,
You have the money, but if you want to be mean,
Why keep your money (this crossly) and go along.
The hurt to the scenery wouldn't be my complaint
So much as the trusting sorrow of what is unsaid*

- (a) What attraction does the place offer? 1 mark**
- (b) What should one do if one wants to be mean? 1mark**
- (c) What does the poet not complain about? 1 mark**
- (d) What do you think is the real worry of the poet? 1 mark**

Q. 8. Answer any two of the following in 30-40 words each: 4 marks

- (a) What is the significance of the parting words of the poet and her smile, in 'My Mother at Sixty-six'?
- (b) According to the poet, what is it that human beings can learn from Nature?
- (c) What will happen to Aunt Jennifer's tigers when she is dead?

Q. 9. Answer any six of the following in 30-40 words each: 12 marks

- (a) What changes came over little Franz after he heard M. Hamel's announcement?
- (b) Why does the author say that the bangle makers are caught in a vicious web?
- (c) Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler?
- (d) Why did Sophie like her brother Geoff more than any other person?
- (e) What did the British officer's secretary tell the Maharaja? Why did the Maharaja refuse permission?
- (f) Why did the messenger come to dr. Sadao? What did Hana think about it?
- (g) Why was Zitakala-Sa terrified when Judewin told her that her hair would be cut short?

Q.10. Answer the following in 125-150 words: 5 marks

".... there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves." When did Douglas start fearing water? Which experience had further strengthened its hold on his mind and personality?

OR

What Forces conspire to keep in poetry the workers, in the bangle industry of Firozabad?

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Q. 11. Answer the following in 125-150 words: 5 marks

What are phytoplankton? How are they important to our ecosystem?

OR

How did Mr. Lamb try to give courage and confidence to Derry?

SECTION-D: (NOVELS) 15 marks

(Long Reading Text)

Attempt any question either Q. No. 12 or Q. No. 13.

Q. 12. Answer the following questions in 125-150 words.

- (i) Who came upon Holmes and Watson in the moor after they had discovered Selden's body?**
- (ii) How did Mr. Stapleton make Sir Henry frequently visit the Merripit House?**

OR

Q.13. Answer the following questions in 125-150 words.

- (i) Discuss-Jack's description of the beast that he had seen on the mountain top during the assembly.**
- (ii) How did Simon feel after the fit passed away and he woke up?**



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