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Time : 3 Hours] ***[Maximum Marks : 100***

Instructions :

1) **There are Five sections in this question paper A, B, C, D, E and there are total 68 questions.**
2) **Q-65 (B) of Section-E is for blind students only.**
3) **Read the instructions carefully before answering the questions.**
4) **Number the answers correctly.**
5) **Figures to the right indicate full marks.**
6) **Write in legible handwriting.**

SECTION - A

■ **Write whether the following sentences are 'true' or 'false' :** **[4]**

1) As civilization develops, workers feel freer.
2) The driver ants of Africa are completely blind.
3) The phrase 'I can't' is constructive.
4) Interfering with fate only caused deep sadness in the life of the Whites.

■ **Find and write the nearest meanings :** **[3]**

5) Barrier — obstacle – problem – serious – eliminate
6) Vanish — appear – disappear – harsh – exchange
7) Deliberately — automatically – accidentally – steadily – intentionally

■ **Select the most appropriate language functions from the bracket and write them against the given sentences :** **[3]**

[Habitual action in past, showing contrast, showing result, Doer is not important]

8) Inspite of working sincerely, Manish is not paid better than Ajay.
9) English is taught in the class very nicely.

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10) We used to have drill after school hours.

■ **Select the most appropriate responses :** [4]

11) Dr. Kamble : How did Nana speak?

Gulzar : _____

_____ (Making supposition)

(A) Nana spoke as he is Nani.
(B) Nana spoke nicely.
(C) Nana spoke as if he were Nani.
(D) Nana spoke like Nani.

12) The patient : What care should I take to keep my teeth solid?

Doctor : _____

_____ (Giving advice)

(A) Consulting a doctor is better than homemade remedies.
(B) Unless you brush your teeth twice in a day, your teeth will decay.
(C) You should brush your teeth before go to bed.
(D) If you eat too much chocolates, the roots of your teeth get loose.

13) Namrata : Where will you go in summer vacation?

Saakhi : _____

_____ (Expressing alternative choice)

(A) We will go Bali.
(B) We will go either Bali or Singapore.
(C) We won't go anywhere.
(D) We haven't decided yet.

14) Kiaan : Hi dear, I was waiting for you the whole day. You didn't come online then.

Hiya : _____

_____ (Showing result)

(A) I don't like to chat online.
(B) I was so busy with the project that I could not spare time.
(C) I was busy in my office work.
(D) Yesterday, I slept earlier.

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■ **Select the most appropriate questions to get the underlined words/phrases as their answers :** [4]

15) Since Jethalal was late, he was not allowed to attend the meeting.
   (A) Who was not allowed to attend the meeting?
   (B) Why was Jethalal not allowed to attend the meeting?
   (C) Why was Jethalal late?
   (D) Where was Jethalal not allowed?

16) Our Prime Minister met American President to discuss on tariff matter.
   (A) Whom did our Prime Minister meet?
   (B) Why did our Prime Minister meet American President?
   (C) Who met American President?
   (D) For what matter did our Prime Minister meet American President?

17) Everyone firmly fixed eyes on the trick that the magician was performing on the stage.
   (A) Where did everyone firmly fix their eyes?
   (B) Who firmly fixed eyes on the trick?
   (C) What was the magician performing on the stage?
   (D) Where was the magician performing the trick?

18) Aditya pays his bills through online banking service.
   (A) What does Aditya pay through online banking service?
   (B) How does Aditya pay his bills?
   (C) Where does Aditya pay his bills?
   (D) Who pays his bills through online banking service?

SECTION - B

■ **Read the extracts and answer the questions :** [12]

My sources of information are as good and reliable as anybody else's. I have papers and magazines from England, France, Germany and Austria that I can read myself. Not all the editors I have met can do that. Quite a number of them have to take their French and German second hand. No, I will not depreciate the editors. They are an overworked, misunderstood class.

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19) How many languages could Helen Kellar read?

20) What does Helen believe about the editors?

The carbon footprint is a subset of the ecological footprint. A carbon footprint is the total set of greenhouse gas emissions caused by an organization, event, product or person. Greenhouse gases can be emitted through transport, land clearance, and the production and consumption of food, fuels, manufactured goods, materials, wood, roads, buildings and services. For simplicity of reporting, it is often expressed in terms of the amount of carbon dioxide, or its equivalent of other GHGs, emitted.

21) What is carbon footprint?

22) Which are the causes of GHGs?

There are ants that keep other ants as slaves. One such type is a powerful red ant which is found in Europe. Their slaves are taken from a type of black ant which is smaller in size. When the red ants want slaves, they ambush the nests of the black ants and abduct some of their eggs. When these eggs hatch in the red ants' nests, the black ants which come out are treated as slaves. From their birth they are taught to obey. They are compelled to drudgery – they have even to carry about their masters on their backs.

23) Which ants are called master ants and slave ants?

24) Find out similar words for the following from the passage.

(a) attack (b) labour work

Whether in this world of politicians, power, position and authority, or in the so-called spiritual world where you aspire to be virtuous, noble, saintly, the moment you want to be somebody you are no longer free. But the man or woman who sees the absurdity of all these things and whose heart is therefore innocent, and therefore not moved by desire to be somebody - such a person is free. If you understand the simplicity of it, you will also understand its extraordinary beauty and depth.

25) Why are we no longer free in this so called spiritual world?

26) Who is free?

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When we breathe, there is a microscopic movement of the cranial bones which in turn allows the cerebrospinal fluid to move freely through the spinal column and the skull. When tensed or upset and don't breathe deeply enough, this can result in bones in the skull becoming slightly stuck together so that the fluid can not circulate properly.

27) Why can't the fluid circulate properly?

28) What happens when we breathe?

Customer Service Rep. : No problem. LOVE will automatically erase PASTHURT.EXE from your current operating system. It may remain in the permanent memory, but it will no longer disrupt other programmes. LOVE will eventually overwrite LOWESTEEM.EXE with a module of its own called HIGHESTEEM.EXE. However, you have to completely turn off GRUDGE.EXE and RESENTMENT. COM. Those programmes prevent LOVE from being properly installed. Can you turn those off ma'am?

29) Which file will no longer disrupt other programmes?

30) How can grudge and resentment obstruct love in real life?

Write any one short note focusing on the questions : **[3]**

31) Magical effects of Monkey's paw

- Who brought monkey's paw to Mr. and Mrs. White?
- What was the first wish?
- Was the first wish fulfilled?
- What was the second wish made by Mr. White?
- What did Mr. White wish for in the end?

OR

Headache - A blessing for mankind

- What is the most common excuse used by mankind?
- Why are people not shocked in public gathering if you say "I have a headache"?
- Why is headache called "an elegant falsehood"?
- How does headache help us to maintain social relations?

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■ **Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words given in the bracket :** [3]

[knots, negative, hectic, positive]

When life becomes too 32 , we can end up feeling mentally tied in 33 . Nothing seems easy and 34 .

SECTION - C

■ **Read the following passages and answer the questions :** [5]

The guru and his disciples found three persons standing before the gate and shouting at one another. They were about to come to blows. In the moonlight, the sentries seated atop the wall were enjoying their quarrel.

The guru observed the three men and listened to their angry exchanges. He soon understood the cause of their dispute. The three were the residents of the town, but had been locked out as they were late in returning from some pleasure trip. One of them, who was drunk, proposed that they should storm the gate and march into the town over the smashed metal-plated doors. "Heroes that we are, this will be the right thing for us to do," he claimed.

Questions :

35) What were the sentries doing?

36) Why had been the three men locked out?

37) What did the drunken man propose?

The grown-ups then advised me to give up my drawings of boa constrictors, whether from the inside or the outside, and to devote myself instead to geography, history, arithmetic and grammar. Thus I gave up magnificent career as a painter at the age of six. I had been disappointed by the lack of success of my drawing No. 1 and my drawing No.2. Grown-ups never understand anything by themselves. It is rather tedious for children to have to explain things to them time and again.

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Questions :

38) What did the grown-ups advise the author?

39) Find out similar words for the following from the passage?

(a) leave (b) boring

■ **Read the following passage, write its summary and suggest a suitable title to it :** [5]

40) For last several years, I have been talking about my freedom. I remember the day when you objected to my dress and hair. That day you appeared to me like an 'evil dictators who would never understand my style, my personality. The next day you did not allow me to go out. I was fiercely angry on you. We were on opposite sides and there seemed no meeting grounds. Now when I recall this incident, I also remember how you appreciated my choice when we had to buy a gift for Asmi. I also recall how after getting angry on me for the bad report card for a few hours, both of you came into my room and explained what I should do to score more marks. I have both the types of memory but now I would prefer to remember the best. The little and big mishaps between us were just thoughtless reactions.

■ **Read the news clipping and answer the questions :** [5]

'State's World Lion Day Celebrations to be at Barda'

Ahmedabad
Times of India
August 20, 2025

The official state govt. function to celebrate World Lion Day will be organized at Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, which has emerged as an important habitat and a secondary home for Asiatic lions in Devbhoomi Dwarka district on Sunday.

Declared a sanctuary in 1979, Barda was once the hunting ground of the Porbandar and Jamnagar royal families, which is now transformed into an important habitat for the Asiatic lion, according to a statement from the state govt.

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Union minister for environment, forest and climate change Bhupender Yadav and chief minister Bhupendra Patel will participate in the celebrations at Bhanvad taluka in Devbhoomi Dwarka district, one of 11 districts in the Saurashtra region with lion populations.

Lakhs of students from schools and colleges will participate in the Barda programme online.

As many as 18.63 lakh students had participated in the "World Lion Day" programme in Gujarat in 2024.

Questions :

41) Where will be the celebrations of 'World Lion Day' organized?

42) How was Barda Sanctuary used before 1979?

43) Who is the Union Minister for environment, forest and climate change?

44) How many students are expected to participate in the Barda programme online?

45) How many students had participated in the 'World Lion Day' programme in Gujarat in 2024?

■ **Read the stanzas and answer the questions :** [6]

In other days I used to be
A poet through whose pen
Innumerable songs would come
To win the hearts of men;
But now through new-got knowledge
Which I had not had so long,
I have ceased to be the poet
And have learned to be the song.

Questions :

46) Why did the poet write innumerable songs in his earlier years?

47) What has poet learned to be?

48) Find out the similar words from the stanzas :

(a) Stopped (b) Countless

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Where the mind is without fear and
the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the word has not been broken
Up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its
arms towards perfection

Questions :

49) What does the poet mean by 'mind is without fear'?

50) Find out the similar words from the stanzas:

(a) Sections (b) Struggling

51) What does the poet mean by "Words come out from the depth of truth"?

SECTION - D

■ **Do as directed :** **[4]**

52) Saumya obeys his parents. He does his work honestly. He does not ignore them. Isn't he an obedient boy?

Start like this : Saumya obeyed _____.

53) I finished my schooling from Star International School. We enjoyed our childhood. Having finished my schooling, I applied for my visa for further studies in foreign country but the officer rejected my application.

Start like this : My schooling was finished _____.

54) **Render the following dialogue into indirect speech :** **[3]**

"How many hours a day do you study, Diya?"
"Who? Me, Sir?" confirmed Diya.
"Yes, I am talking to you, Diya."
"Why, sir? I study well."
"I find you 'online' on social networking sites even at late hours."

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"Oh! That is the case! Sir, my brother uses my phone when I am at home."

[5]

■ **Complete the sentences choosing correct options :**

55) The teacher wants to reach a larger audience _____ (Showing purpose)

(a) so that he could upload his video lectures on YouTube.
(b) he could upload his video lectures on YouTube.
(c) with a view to uploading his video lectures on YouTube.
(d) he can upload his video lectures on YouTube.

56) Pankaj Tripathi is one of the _____ (Comparing)

(a) most talented actor in film industry.
(b) more talented than any other actor in film industry.
(c) most talented actors in film industry.
(d) talented actor in film industry.

57) _____, he could have won the case. (Condition in past)

(a) Had Mr. Joshi followed the lawyer advice
(b) Mr. Joshi should follow the lawyer advice
(c) If Mr. Joshi follows the lawyer advice
(d) Unless Mr. Joshi followed the lawyer advice

58) The doctor advised the students _____ (Reporting)

(a) you should not eat junk food.
(b) leave junk food.
(c) eat junk food.
(d) not to eat junk food.

59) The team's run-rate was _____ (Showing result)

(a) very slow to chase the winning score.
(b) too slow to chase the winning score.
(c) slow that we can not chase the winning score.
(d) slow that we can chase the winning score.

60) Combine the following sentences to make a meaningful sentence : [3]

I have entered the fight against preparedness. I have entered the fight against economic system. We live under preparedness and economic system.

■ **Complete the passage choosing the correct options from the brackets : Questions 61 to 64** [4]

The villagers of Africa __61__ (tell, tells, telling) stories about

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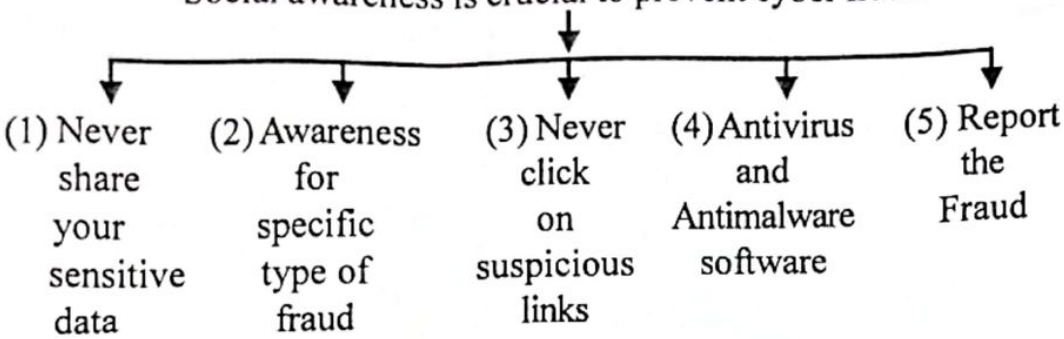
babies __62__ (which, whose, who) have been eaten by ants and these stories may well be true. When an army of the driver ants 63__ (enter, enters, entered) a house, the people __64__ (fly, flee, flew) into the forest and stay there until the ants have passed.

SECTION - E

Following question is for the normal students only. [5]

65) (A) Study the following data and describe it in about 80 words :

"Social awareness is crucial to prevent cyber fraud"



[Like PIN, OTP, C.V.V.]

Following question is for the blind students only.

65) (B) Write a story based on the following points and give it a suitable title :

(**Points :** A lake – a tortoise – two geese friends – lake was drying – geese decided to migrate – tortoise could not fly – requested to geese – geese agreed – they held a stick – not to open mouth – flew high – people looked – shouted – tortoise got angry – opened his mouth – fell down – died.

66) Write a paragraph in about 150 words using the keywords : [8]

- Natural Calamities :

(**Points :** Angry mood of nature – kinds of calamities – damages – rescue operations – helplessness – conclusion)

OR

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- Stress management :

(**Points :** What is stress? – signs of stress – its effect – How to overcome stress – positive attitude – practice meditation)

OR

- Global warming :

(**Points :** What is global warming? – cause – emission of greenhouse gases – deforestation, industries, vehicles, etc. – solutions – Do's and Don'ts)

67) You are invited as a chief guest on "International Woman Day" in school assembly. You have to deliver a speech on 'Problems of Working Women.' Draft that speech in about 100 words : **[6]**

(**Points :** Challenging role – responsible to all – physically and mentally strong – satisfy the need of the family – care for children, husband, in laws)

OR

Aesha Maheta from 'Shivalay Society, block No-10, Panchvati, Vadodara' wants to apply for the post of an 'English Teacher' in higher secondary section to the Principal, The Star International School, S.G. road, Porbandar - 390011. Write an application on behalf of Aesha Maheta.

68) Kruti Yagnik wants to write an email to The Vadodara Municipal Corporation (vmc265@hmail.com) complaining about bad roads of her area. Write an email on behalf of Kruti Yagnik. **[5]**

OR

Prepare a brief report in about 100 words on 'National Sports Day' celebrated in your school. You may use the following points:

(**Points :** Place – Date – invited chief guest – different games – students' participation – winners – prize distribution – speech of chief guest.)

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