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वर्ष / Year 2024-25
Subject - English

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100 M

General Instructions:

Please check that this question paper contains 12 questions.

15-minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at a.m. From a.m. to a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer during this period.

i) The Question Paper is divided into three sections:

Section A:	Reading	20Marks
Section B:	Writing and Grammar	40Marks
Section C:	Literature	40Marks

ii) All questions are compulsory.

iii) Separate instructions are given with each question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.

iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section – A
(Reading – 20M)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions: 10

In recent years, Indian sports have experienced a remarkable transformation, with athletes from various disciplines making significant strides on the global stage. One of the most notable examples is the rise of Indian badminton, with players like P.V. Sindhu and Saina Nehwal gaining international recognition. Their success has not only brought pride to the nation but has also inspired a new generation of young athletes to pursue sports seriously.

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The Indian government has also taken steps to improve the sports infrastructure and provide better training facilities. Programs such as the Khelo India initiative aim to identify and nurture young talent across the country. This initiative provides financial support and professional training to promising athletes, helping them compete at higher levels.

Cricket, traditionally the most popular sport in India, continues to captivate millions of fans. However, the growing interest in other sports like field hockey, wrestling, and athletics signifies a broader shift in the sporting landscape. The Indian Premier League (IPL) has played a significant role in popularizing cricket, but the increasing visibility of athletes in diverse sports disciplines is paving the way for a more inclusive sporting culture.

Answer the following questions:

1. What are some of the key factors contributing to the transformation of Indian sports ?

2. Name two badminton players mentioned in the passage who have achieved international recognition.

3. What is the purpose of the Khelo India initiative ?

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4. How has the Indian Premier League (IPL) influenced the popularity of cricked in India.

5. Give the suitable title to the passage.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the following questions: 10

Swami Dayanand Saraswati, a prominent 19th-century Indian philosopher and social reformer, is best known for founding the Arya Samaj, a reformist Hindu organization aimed at revitalizing Vedic teachings and practices. Born in 1824 in Gujarat, he was originally named Mool Shankar, but his quest for spiritual truth led him to renounce his worldly life and embrace the ascetic path. He has written commentary on Rgveda-Samhita (1878) and Sukla-Yajurveda Madhyandina Samhita. His commentary on Rgveda Samhita is up to the VII.2.2. In 1878, he composed Rgveda-Bhashya-Bhūmika to establish his opinion (siddhanta).

Dayanand Saraswati's teachings were rooted in the belief that the Vedas were the ultimate source of knowledge and truth. He advocated for a return to Vedic principles, emphasizing monotheism, the rejection of idol worship, and social reform. His efforts were focused on eradicating social injustices such as caste discrimination and promoting women's education. He also opposed the practices of sati (the burning of widows) and child marriage, which were prevalent in his time.

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Through his extensive travels and discourses, Dayanand Saraswati sought to awaken a sense of self-awareness and spiritual awakening among Hindus. His writings, including the influential book "Satyarth Prakash" (The Light of Truth), played a crucial role in spreading his reformist ideas. His legacy continues to influence contemporary Hindu thought and reform movements, making him a significant figure in modern Indian history.

Answer the following questions:

(i) What was Swami Dayanand Saraswati's primary contribution to Hindu society ?

(ii) What was Swami Dayanand Saraswati's original name, and why did he change it ?

(iii) He has written commentary on which Veda ?

(iv) How did Dayanand Saraswati address social issues of his time ?

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5. Translate the following into English

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(i) भवतः नाम किमस्ति ?

(ii) भवान् आङ्ग्लभाषां वदति वा ?

(iii) अहं संस्कृतं सम्यक् वदामि ।

(iv) कृपया मन्दं वदतु ।

(v) कृपया पुनः वदतु ।

6. Underline the gerunds in the following sentences.

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1. Chetan is chanting Veda hymns.
2. I like eating Dosa.
3. Saumya is singing melodious song.
4. Swimming is an interesting hobby.
5. Ram is learning English Sentences.

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Section – C
(Literature – 40M)

8. Read the stanza given below & answer the following questions:

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn around their pallor:
The tall girl with her weighed-down head. The paper-
seeming boy, with rat's eyes.

Questions

(a) Name the poem and the poet. 2

(b) Where, do you think, are these children sitting ? 1

(c) How do the faces and hair of these children look ? 2

9. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **25-30** words each: 2×5=10

a) Name the birds mentioned in the poems 'Mother Earth'.

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b) Name the eminent thinkers mentioned in the chapter.

c) What was unique about the island ?

d) What are the numbers of the earliest group of caves and what are there on the walls of those caves ?

e) Who established 'Arya Samaj' ?

f) What is the charge against India?

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10. Answer **any five** of the following questions in **50-60** words each: **3×5=15**

a) What has been said about speech ?

b) Name the books authored by Swami Dayanand Saraswati and state the reason behind writing those books.

c) State the benefits of traditional games of India.

d) Who is Guru and who is Shishya ?

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e) Name the texts on which Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan wrote commentaries.

f) Who are bipeds and quadrupeds.

11. Answer **any two** of the following questions in **120-150** words each: **2×5=10**

a) Explain the following;

"And such too is the grandeur of the dooms
We have imagined for the mighty dead."

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c) Complete the following:

Veda means There are Veda, namely

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माताभूमिः पुत्रोऽहं पृथिव्याः। this mantra means

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This mantra is taken from

सत्यं वद। धर्मं चर। स्वाध्यायान्मा प्रमदः। this mantra means

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