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ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time: Three hours

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer the questions in your words as far as practicable.

SECTION – A

(READING)

1. *Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :*

The most upsetting aspect of modern medicine is the creation of disease in a patient who is suffering from a temporary disorder bound to disappear in a short duration. In this era of drugs we must familiarize ourselves with the term "Iatrogenic disease (physician caused ailment)". When a physician administers medicines without a complete understanding of the patient's condition, drugs play havoc. A person may become the victim of a worse disease or even lose his life.

With Analgin, for instance, special precautions should be taken in case of pregnancy, bronchial asthma, renal and hepatic dysfunctions and blood-related disorder. It has been banned in several countries, including the USA and Sweden, because of its unexpected and negative effects that lead one even to death through an anaphylactic shock. An anaphylactic shock is a process that leads to a severe fall in the blood pressure, bronchoconstriction, the swelling of blood and lymph vessels and sometimes death because of the loss of fluid in these vessels.

Anaphylaxis usually occurs suddenly, in minutes after the administration of a drug. The well-known drug, penicillin, and many other drugs, may cause anaphylaxis. The term "side-effects" is a part of an ailing layman's vocabulary but adverse drug reactions are known only to a more aware and literate patient.

Ciprofloxacin, when given for an ear - infection, may cause vertigo and amoxicillin, while fighting a throat infection, may hurt the stomach. Similarly, while chemotherapy given for cancer may lead to indigestion and hair fall, steroids administered continuously may lead to obesity and diabetes.

Drugs are meant to eliminate disease. In the quest for avoiding the misery of sickness, man has invented medicine that may themselves cause diseases. The illness caused by a drug may be short term or long term. Side effects are short-term and predictable. The unpredictable and bizarre reactions are termed as adverse reactions. A variety of drugs cure many ills but are also known to cause irregular heart beat and even sudden death. A strong sense of responsibilities on the physician's part and an attitude of extreme cautions on the patient's part can substantially help in covering at least some of the risks of medicines, if not all. There are many factors that help a doctor in his choice and use of the drug. The medical history of a patient, age, sex, personality, environment and education contribute in deciding the course of treatment. The very old and the very young are likely to suffer as their bodies are less tolerant. Older children may sometimes be more tolerant than the adults. The elderly tend to respond better to standard drug dosage. But the lower body size, slow blood flow to vital organs, decreasing metabolic capacity and tendency to multiple physical problems contribute to adverse reactions.

- (a) What is an adverse drug reaction? 2
- (b) Why are elderly people prone to adverse drug reaction? 2
- (c) What are the factors that help a doctor in his choice and use of drugs? 2
- (d) Why has man invented medicines? 2

(e) Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following :

(i) Not working properly 1

(ii) Considerably 1

(f) Choose the correct answer for the following questions from the four alternatives given under each question :

(i) An "Iatrogenic disease" is an ailment caused by – 1

(A) infection in the hospital ward

(B) overdose of anaesthetic

(C) the wrong administration of drugs by a physician

(D) self-medication and buying drugs over the counter

(ii) Analgin and penicillin must be used carefully because – 1

(A) these may cause suffocation

(B) they may create bruises

(C) some patients complain of leg cramps

(D) these may cause anaphylaxis

2. Read the following passage and give your answer as directed :

Real praise, the sincere compliment is probably the most useful social tool of all. It's the valued gold coin of our conversation. Yet today, it is in danger of losing its brightness. For it is greatly misused and not properly exchanged. What is a true compliment? It's one that benefits both giver and receiver. Once a painter and his young assistant were painting our house. The older man was wearing shiny new shoes. As the man started skillfully painting, my father-in-law said to the boy, "Son, when you can show up on the job to paint a house, wearing new shoes, you will be the master of your trade." The painter smiled and did the best job. We all like to have our sense of personal worth built up or pointed out. And when one expert adds to another's sense of dignity and speaks favourably of his skill, he is offering a compliment of the highest and rarest kind.

A compliment differs from flattery in that it is objective and is given without thought of gain. Flattery is often merely lip service or excessive praise given for

motives other than expressed. The greatest effort of the human race have always resulted from the love of praise. This should be inspired in childhood. The wise parent makes it a point to compliment a child who deserves it. A woman I know has a 12 years old son who considers washing dishes for his mother a great honour. One night, while washing a large dish, it slipped and crashed on the floor. Then his mother said, "You know, Robert, of all the times you have washed the dishes for me, this is the first time you dropped one". Anxiety left the boy's face and he smiled. As one psychologist advises, "Praise virtue and you will find few vices to criticize." There is an art in this giving of compliments. Thus the good compliment is always to the point and timing is important. Don't wait too long to tell a person what a good talk he gave or how well he cut your grass. But don't do it immediately when he is expecting it either. Wait then when he thinks you may have forgotten, pass the praise.

- (a) Make notes of the main points of the passage using abbreviation wherever necessary. 5
- (b) Develop the points into a summary. 3

SECTION – B

(WRITING)

3. (a) You are Rahul of MSR Academy. Design a poster for a blood donation camp organized by your school. Highlight the importance of blood donation and include details about the event, such as date, time, and venue. (word limit : 50 words) 3

Or

- (b) Prepare a poster in about 50 words to spread awareness about the dangers of drug abuse among youth. Include a strong message against drug abuse and suggest ways to stay away from drugs. 3
4. (a) You are Tomba of Uripok, Imphal. You want to sell your old mobile handset to buy a new one. Draft an advertisement for publication under the classified column of a newspaper giving the details of the mobile and expected range of price you want to sell. (word limit : 50 words). 4

Or

(b) You are Alex of Kakching. Your father suddenly fell sick. You had to take him to RIMS Hospital, Imphal. You could not contact your brother Roshan. Write a message in not more than 50 words asking him to come to the hospital as soon as he finds the message. 4

5. Amplify any one of the following proverb : 4

(i) As morning shows the day, childhood shows the man.

(ii) Cut your coat according to your cloth.

(iii) Make hay while the sun shines.

6. (a) You are Nitu, a staff reporter of the Imphal Times. Write a report in about 120 words for publication in your newspaper about the arrest of a gang of drug peddlers operating in your City. (put details of your own) 5

Or

(b) You are Shantibala, a member of Red Cross Unit of MKS Higher Secondary School, Imphal. You have received training in "First Aid" arranged by your school in collaboration with Indian Red Cross Society, Manipur Branch. Prepare a report to be published in your School Magazine about your training. (word limit : 120 words) 5

7. (a) Write a letter to the Commissioner of Imphal Municipal Corporation, complaining about the poor sanitary and unhealthy conditions in the main market area. You are Johnson of Nagamapal, Imphal. 5

Or

(b) You are the Librarian of L.M. Girls' Higher Secondary School, Imphal. Write a letter to the Sales Manager M/S Vikash Booksellers, Kolkata, placing an order for some books (Mention at least 4 titles of books and the number of copies of each book) to be supplied immediately for the School Library. 5

8. (a) You are Ashok of BMK Academy. Your school has organised a debate on "Single gender schools provide a better learning environment than co-educational schools". You will be participating in the debate. Prepare your views either for or against the motion in about 160 words. 7

Or

- (b) Technology is transforming education. Prepare a speech to be delivered in your school assembly on the topic "Digital Education : A Boon or a Bane?" You are John of class XI of St. Mount Hr. Sec. School. 7
9. (i) Change the following simple sentence into a compound sentence : 1
Without being invited I shall not go.
- (ii) Change the given sentence into indirect narration. 1
The Captain said to the army, "March forward, now".
- (iii) Complete the following sentence with the correct form of the verb given in brackets and rewrite : 1
When you meet him, you _____ (please), I am sure.
10. In each sentence below, there is a blank space. Choose the most suitable one from the alternatives A, B, C, and D given under each sentence to complete the sentence and rewrite : 1
- (i) We should try to _____ the evil practices in the society. 1
(A) do with (B) do away with
(C) do away (D) down away
- (ii) A car hit him while he was going _____ the main road. 1
(A) into (B) behind
(C) through (D) across
11. Out of the four alternatives suggested, select the one which correctly expresses the same sentence in passive voice : 1
Did he plan an excursion to mountains ?
(A) Had an excursion to mountains planned by him ?
(B) Has an excursion to mountains planned by him ?
(C) Was an excursion to mountains planned by him ?
(D) Is an excursion to mountains planned by him ?

12. Re-arrange the following four sentences P, Q, R and S in proper sequence to form a meaningful paragraph. Choose from the four alternatives, the one having the correct order of sentences :

(P) Now, under liberated economy, they are learning to compete domestically and globally.

(Q) In India, corporation until recently achieved success by avoiding competition, using protected and regulated domestic markets.

(R) The trend is irreversible.

(S) Business leaders are preparing themselves to meet competitive challenges and to avoid being swept away.

The proper sequence should be :

(A) QSRP

(B) QSPR

(C) RSAP

(D) QPSR

SECTION - C

(Prose)

13. Answer the following question in about 120 words :

(a) "Man have shown great courage at the face of extreme danger particularly when the loved ones are endangered". In the light of the above statement, describe Malcolm's heroism for which he had been honoured by several organisations. 5

Or

(b) How have World Health Organisation (WHO) conceptualized "Life Skills" and why do adolescents need to equip themselves with "Life Skills"? 5

14. Answer the following question in about 60 words :

(a) According to Henry Ward Beecher, what types of feeling are unhealthy or injurious to a man and what types of feeling should a man nurture in himself? 4

Or

(b) How did Reuter make the first "Scoop" in the history of newspaper? 4

15. Answer any two of the following questions in about 50 words each :
- (a) What advice does Henry Ward Beecher offer to young men with regard to keeping one's word? 3
 - (b) What moral lesson does the story "The Image" convey about the dangers of pride and self-importance? 3
 - (c) "An amusing story shows how difficult for the unknown Jew his first months in London were."
What is the amusing story referred to here? 3
 - (d) What are the important characteristics of adolescence? 3

16. Answer the following question in about 40 words :

- (a) Why did Jakanachari become an absconder? 2
- Or*
- (b) Why were pigeons used for sending news in olden days? 2

17. Choose the correct answer for the following questions from the four alternatives given under each question :

- (i) Read the following assertion (A) and reason (R) based on the lesson "The Image" and choose the correct one from the four alternatives given as your answer.

Assertion (A) : Jakanachari initially dismissed his son's claim of a flaw in the sculpture.

Reason (R) : He was too confident in his skill that he refused to believe his work could have imperfections. 1

- (A) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (B) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (C) A is true, but R is false
- (D) A is false, but R is true

- (ii) Reuter sold his property in Aix and went to London in the year – 1
- (A) 1849
- (B) 1850
- (C) 1851
- (D) 1861

(Poetry)

18. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(a) "Let us remember, whenever we are told

To hate our brothers, it is ourselves

That we shall dispossess, betray, condemn,

Remember, we who take arms against each other."

(i) Who are the "brothers" referred to in the second line? 1

(ii) Who tells us to hate our brother? 1

(iii) What happens when we hate our brothers? 1

(iv) Who are "we" who take arms against each other? 1

Or

(b) "Near them, on the sand,

Half sunk, a shatter'd visage lies, whose frown,

And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,

Tell that its sculptor well those passions read

Which yet survive, stamp'd on these lifeless things,"

(i) Whose visage is referred to here? 1

- (ii) What does 'sneer of cold command' signify? 1
- (iii) What does 'sculptor well those passions read' mean? 1
- (iv) What is 'stamp'd on these lifeless things'? 1

19. Answer any three from the following questions in about 40 words each:

- (a) "That ends the strange eventful history."
Whose 'Strange eventful history' is referred to here and why is it described as strange and eventful? 2
- (b) Why cannot the poet stop and watch the beautiful woods for a long time? 2
- (c) "The latest dreams I ever dream'd".
What is the significance of the dream that the Knight-at-arms dreamt? 2
- (d) "Then boast no more your mighty deed".
Why should men not boast of their mighty deed? 2

20. Choose the correct answer for the following questions from the four alternatives given under each question :

- (i) Read the following assertion (A) and reason (R) based on the poem "Seven Ages of Man" and choose the correct one from the four alternatives given as your answer : 1

Assertion (A) : In the sixth stage the man becomes a wise and respected elder, valued for his knowledge.

Reason (R) : Shakespeare describes the sixth age as a time of physical frailty and forgetfulness.

- (A) Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A
- (B) Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A
- (C) A is true, but R is false
- (D) Both A and R are false

- (ii) How does the knight describe the eyes of the fairy lady? 1
- (A) Fierce and fiery (B) Wild and beautiful
(C) Calm and gentle (D) Sad and beautiful

(Supplementary Reader)

21. Answer the following question in about 120 words :

- (a) How did the narrator make Miss Stubbs believe that animals have souls and would go to heaven? 5

Or

- (b) "It must, however be said that the idea of human rights today has caught the imagination of the millions all over the world." Elaborate the given statement. 5

22. Answer the following question in about 60 words each :

- (a) How did the revolutionary general become an exile from Nicaragua? 4

Or

- (b) What aspect of Lincoln's character is shown in the episode of William Scott? 4

23. Answer the following question in about 50 words :

- (a) "He told me he'd never had such a run of bad luck in his life".

What is "bad luck" referred to here and who had such a run of bad luck in his life? 3

Or

- (b) "I had been visiting regularly for over a year and the pattern never changed".

What was the pattern that never changed? 3

24. Choose the correct answer for the following questions from the four alternatives given under each question :

(i) In the lesson "A Scene From Abraham Lincoln" - Lincoln says, "we must be merciful".

Towards whom must they be merciful ?

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(A) William Scott

(B) Bob Lee

(C) Enoch White

(D) General Meade

(ii) What do you understand by 'The Right to trial' under the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)?

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(A) trial should be done in private

(B) trial should be abolished

(C) trial should be done in public

(D) trial should be done for adult only