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Model Question Paper*¹

Duration: 2 hours

Marks: 100

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¹*This is only a model question paper. The number of questions given here does not correspond to the number of questions in the actual paper.

Part I Duration: 2 Hours Total: 100 Marks Section A: Grammar Given below are sentences with some errors in them. Identify the error in each sentence.

(15 Marks) 1. Neither of them / are going to attend the party / on 10th October./ No error

A B C D 2. I haven't seen him / since twenty years and so I cannot say with certainty /

A B whether he is alive or dead./ No error. C D 3. When he did not find the cook in the kitchen / he asked his wife where / he had A B C gone./ No error. D

Given below are some sentences with blanks. Look at the options given below and identify the right word for each blank. 1. After a hot water bath, she felt----- A. refreshing B. refreshed C. refreshment D. refresh 2. Jacob has -----packed his suitcases. A. yet B. already

C. since D. yet to 3. The Khan family -----here for four years in May. A. will live B. have lived C. will have lived D. will be living

Section B: Vocabulary Read the following passage and choose the most suitable word/phrase to fill in the blanks in the passage. (10 marks)

The father of evolution was a nervous parent. Few things _11_ Charles Darwin more than the challenge of explaining how nature's most complex structures, such as the eye, came to be. "The eye to this day _12_ me a cold shudder," he wrote to a friend in 1860. Today biologists are beginning to understand the origins of life's _13_ - the exquisite optical mechanism of the eye, the masterly engineering of the arm, the choreography that allows trillions of cells to cooperate in a single organism. The fundamental answer is clear: In _14_, all these wonders evolved. "The basic idea of evolution is so elegant, so simple," says Howard Berg, a Harvard researcher studying the spinning tail of common bacteria. "The idea is simply that you fiddle around, change something and _15_ you ask: Does it improve my survival or not? And if it does, you keep fiddling around, improving. It's _16_ powerful technique." 11. A. worried B. excited C. disconcerted D. stimulated 12. A. gives B. provides C. renders D. triggers 13. A. difficulty B. complexity C. complexness D. complicity 14. A. one way or another B. every which way C. one way or the other D. every other way 15. A. therefore B. subsequently C. then D. consequently 16. A. an enormously B. a heavily C. a hugely D. immensely

Section C: Reading Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. (15

Marks) Orangutans "require less food than humans, pound-for-pound," lead author Herman Pontzer said. When they do eat orangutans nibble mostly on ripe fruit, along with smaller portions of leaves and seed. Even in captivity, this diet doesn't diminish an orangutan's get-up-and-go. "They wake up early, after a long night's sleep," explained Pontzer, an assistant professor of anthropology at Washington University in St. Louis. "Then they spend the day socializing, exploring their indoor or outdoor enclosures. They also regularly engage in games with researchers. According to a study, published in the latest Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, these activities of the orangutan's, taken together add up to the same level of exercise performed by humans in physically demanding agricultural lifestyles. 1. According to the passage orangutans do NOT spend their time A. socializing B. exploring C. Interacting D. fighting 2. Pontzer observes that orangutans are A. lazy B. slow C. energetic D. hyper active 3. According to the study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, A. Orangutans and farmers do the same amount of physical activity.

- B. Orangutans do the same exercises as farmers. C. Orangutans and farmers have similar lifestyles.
D. Orangutans and farmers regularly exercise.

Section D: Writing

The first (S1) and last (S4) sentences of a paragraph are given. Decide which among P, Q and R can be the second (S2) and third (S3) sentences. Choose their order of occurrence from the choices given. (10 marks) Question 1 S1 We should always read things in

good light, not too bright and not too dim. S2 _____

S3 _____ S4 Either way it strains the muscles and makes them tired. P. Bright light causes your iris muscles to shut down and makes you squint. Q. Dim light, on the other hand, causes the irises to open wider and this is also a strain. R. Reading in good light will help prevent strain to the eyes A. PQ B. RQ C. RP D. PR

Question 2 S1 A study was conducted among students in urban and semi urban schools in Coimbatore to find out how aware they are of their natural surroundings.

S2 _____ S3 _____ S4 The common yellow flowers that one finds in one's surroundings like the marigold, chrysanthemum, sunflower, etc., were not listed at all.

P. Children did not know about the flowers of pumpkin, tomato, ladies finger, green chilli etc. which are yellow. Q. Eighty percent of the students named the daffodil as the first, followed by the yellow hibiscus and the yellow rose. R. They were asked to name 4 yellow flowers that came to their minds. A. RP B. QP C. RQ D. PQ

Part II

Section E: General Knowledge (10 marks) 1. Who among the following was the Greek God of grape harvest and wine? A. Poseidon B. Artemis C. Dionysus D. Persephone 2. Nobel Prize for Literature 2012 was awarded to A. Octavio Paz B. Mo Yan C. Tomas Transtromer D. Orhan Pamuk 3. Which Indian city is also known as "the Blue City"? A. Konark B. Dehradun C. Jodhpur D. Kolkata

Section F: Reasoning 1. Which one is the same as Coal, Ebony and Soot? (20Marks) A. Ash B. Rust C. Raven D. Jet 2. Look at this series: 14, 28, 20, 40, 32, 64, What number should come next? A. 52 B. 56 C. 96 D. 112

Section G: Literature (20 Marks) 1. Which of the following is an allegorical novel that criticizes Russian communism? A. War and Peace B. Animal Farm C. Brothers Karamazov D. Grapes of Wrath 2. Which of the following literary works is based on the biblical story of Adam and Eve? A. Beowulf B. Astrophel and Stella C. Paradise Lost D. Faerie Queene 3. When I am dead I hope it may be said, 'His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.' The word 'read' in the above line is a/an

A. oxymoron B. homonym C. pun D. metaphor