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SECTION A – [READING]

Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

(12)

1. Suspense was over when my high school results finally came out. But I was upset. I hadn't done as well as I had expected. My father tried to console me. "Why are you worried? You have done very well, my dear," "No, I haven't, Baba," I protested, controlling my tears and wondering if I had disappointed him. "It doesn't really matter," he assured me. "Do you know what I got when I finished high school?" I look into Baba's face and waited for the answer to his own question. "You know," he told me. "I've never told you this. I got just a third division. But, look at me, I've done quite well." Baba got a third division! I was almost in shock, but the thought of my having done a lot better than that made me realize that I had no reason to complain. I certainly felt better! "Everything is under control!" said Baba, smiling. That was his favourite phrase. Posted in Kolkata, my father was then a senior official in the Indian Railway Service and an expert in goods traffic operations. He was soon to become a director with the Railway Board. By the time he retired in 1981, he was general manager of the Central Railways. By the time Baba passed away in November, 2000, his name had found place in several hearts as well. He was open, easy to know and full of life. We were extremely close, but I had so much to learn about him from many things I had to know after his death.
2. In September, 2000, he was in hospital for treatment of cancer and given just two months to live. When he found out, his reaction was an extremely rational one. He asked me to fetch files from his cupboard, so that he could explain the details of my mother's pension. He also dictated his will from his hospital bed. "Everything is under control!" After Baba's death, Satish, our old family retainer, was inconsolable. We tried to cheer him up. "Your Baba had scolded me only in all these years!" he cried. Satish pointed to the watch on his left hand. "I had been coming late for work and everyone in the family was complaining about it," said Satish. "Then, one day, your Baba gave me this watch and told me, 'now that you have a watch, you can't be late.'" That was the scolding Satish received. On the fourth day after Baba's death, my sister and I had to perform a ceremony. Since several relatives were expected, we decided to order lunch from a caterer in our locality, reputed for his home cooked food. But, when we went to pay the owner, we got a surprise. He refused to accept any money! "When I wanted to start my catering business, it was your father who lent me money, 'he told us. It seems Baba never asked for it back. Now, after four or five years, the caterer wanted to repay that debt. Of course, we made him accept the Baba's gift and ought to remain so, 'I told him.
3. Some days later, there was yet another piece of information as we were preparing for the main ceremony. Vikram, my brother drove me to the local market. On recognizing our car, the parking assistant, in his twenties, came running towards us and asked why he had not seen is owner for long.

We had to break the news to him and to our utter surprise, he started crying. We were really surprised by his reaction from a stranger – until the man told us that Baba used to pay his daughter's school fees and buy her books. It seems it was on my father's advice that he'd even started sending the child to school. More than three years after Baba's death, as we were looking into Baba's personal things, we came across an old file with Baba's certificates and I found among them, his high school diploma from 1937, the one he'd told me about 30 years earlier, about the third division that made no differences in his life or career.

It has made me see beyond mere marks and first classes as the main road to success. But there was one more fact. Baba had actually got a first division, a rare achievement in his day. Today, years after his passing, when I think of Baba, I see a man who was able to sympathise with others so easily and touch their lives in such a special way.

Answer the following questions with the help of the given options.

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- (a) Why was narrator in tears when her school results came out?
- (i) She did better than she expected
 - (ii) She did not do as expected
 - (iii) Her Baba had not done well
 - (iv) Her Baba had done better than her.
- (b) On knowing the result, how did the narrator's father react?
- (i) He scolded her
 - (ii) He beat her
 - (iii) He consoled her
 - (iv) He made fun of her
- (c) Why did the narrator say that she had nothing to complain?
- (i) She had done better than her
 - (ii) She had done as well as her father
 - (iii) She had topped in her school
 - (iv) She had not worked hard at all.
- (d) Choose the option that is not correct:
- (i) Baba was a senior official in the Indian Railway Service
 - (ii) Baba was to become a director with the Railway Board
 - (iii) Baba was the general manager of the Central Railways
 - (iv) Baba had got a third division in high school.

Answer the following questions in brief:

- (e) Why did the narrator's sick father want her to fetch files from his cupboard?
- (f) Why did Baba buy Satish a watch?
- (g) Why did the caterer not want to take money from the narrator?
- (h) Why were the narrator and her brother surprised on meeting the parking assistant?
- (i) Today years after his passing away what has the narrator realized about her Baba?
- (j) What was the story that Baba had invented on the day the narrator's results were published?

(k) Find words from the passage which means the same as:

- (i) Tension / anxiety (para 1)
- (ii) Servant (para 2)

2. Read the following passage carefully:

Leadership does not exist without followership. A leader has to be accepted by the group which the former is supposed to lead. To gain acceptability, the leader should cause an emotive impact on the group members.

The strength of character exhibited by leaders makes them dear to their followers. A leader is one who effectively inspires followers to achieve worthwhile things. What character of the leader motivates the followers? It is not pomp and show, neither flattery nor sanctioning more incentives. Pomp and show creates a sense of awe and the leader is deified rather than emulated. Flattery is unrealistic and cannot serve as a long term motivational tool.

A leader's style should be one that can be emulated by all irrespective of cadre, class and caliber. Simplicity in one's day-to-day conduct is the only thing that can be adopted by all. When the leader is simple, he is counted as one belonging to the group of which he is the leader. That's enough to motivate the people.

Motivation is the innate quality that enables an individual or group to contribute unlimitedly with limited means. It is the proud prerogative of enlightened human beings.

A leader needs to assume the role of a guide quintessential of fulfilling the role is knowledgeability. Technical and administrative knowledge of the guide in balanced quantity and of right kind are essential.

Technical knowledge is too vast to be acquired by a leader. At best he is either 'Jack of all' or 'Master of few'. But he has to master the human relations aspect of administration in all detail. And when the leader is good at this, his guidance is sought and accepted and then he fulfils the role of a guide.

The leader is a negotiator within and outside the organization. The leader shapes people and moulds character. To achieve this, the leader should maintain equanimity. Equanimity is keeping oneself poised and balanced at all times. A leader is simply great if he can mould his followers with this frame of mind. He does this by his own example.

1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply an appropriate title to it. [5]
2. Write a summary of the above passage in about 80-100 words. [3]

SECTION B- (Advanced Writing and Grammar)

3. The principal has invited the Inspector of Police to deliver a lecture on 'Road Safety' in her school. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students to assemble in the school auditorium. [4]

Or

Publicly we proclaim that dowry is an evil. Privately we want our sons to fetch good dowries. Right from our school days we should be taught that demanding and even giving dowry is not illegal but immortal too. Draw a poster in about 50 words highlighting dowry as a curse. You are Vikram / Sonia.

4. Your school requires two sports coaches (one male and one female). Each should be a degree holder in physical education as well as an SAI certified coach in athletics. You have seen their advertisement and you know that you have these qualifications. Write an application in 120-150 words along with your resume. You are Praveen/ Parvathy, M-114, Najafgarh, Delhi. [6]

Or

Deciding on a career is a very difficult choice that every student is confronted with. Unfortunately, our institutions are lacking in competent educational counsellors who can guide the children properly. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily in 120-150 words about the problem, suggesting ways to improve the situation.

5. Morning assembly in the school gives a cool and calm start to the otherwise hectic schedule of the day. It can be means of passing important information to the students. What are your views on this significant event of the day? Write an article on "Importance of Morning Assembly" [10]

Or

Write a speech in 150-200 words on the topic, 'Discipline shapes the future of a student'. It is to be delivered in the morning assembly. You are Karan/Kajol.

6. Fill in each blank with the correct article. [3]
Though you can make (a)..... decision purely on grounds of convenience, buying (b)..... Newspaper is often more like joining (c).....religious cult.

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank. [4]

The whole area may be cleaned up
and one way traffic norm shall be enforced
There can be 'no entry' for rickshaws.
Cycle rickshaws need not be allowed.
There may be strict rules for public transport

Incorrect	Correct
(a).....
(b).....
(c).....
(d).....

8. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. [3]
(a) fashion / true / first / use / its / was / in
(b) we will / in being / have / individualistic / confidence / more / in our homes
(c) garden / instead / the yard / and / searched / they

SECTION C- Literature and Novel

9. Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: [3]

*Silence surrounds us. I would have
Him prodigal, returning to
His father's house, the home he knew,
Rather than see him make and move
His world. I would forgive him too,
Shaping from sorrow a new love.*

- (i) What does 'us' in the first line refer to?
- (ii) What is the father willing to do?
- (iii) What is the meaning of the sentence, 'Silence surrounds us.'?

Or

*"Where did the poet's childhood go?
It went to some forgotten place,
That's hidden in an infant's face,
That's all I know".*

- (i) Where did the poet's childhood go?
- (ii) Where does the poet think that his childhood is hidden?
- (iii) Does the poet enjoy being an adult?

10. Answer any three of the following questions.

[9]

- (a) Why did Taplow have to stay back at school?
- (b) Give two instances of irony in 'The Tale of Melon City'?
- (c) What was the dilemma that Andrew was confronted with?
- (d) Does the poet talk of an exclusively personal experience or is it fairly universal in the poem 'Father to Son'?

11. Draw a pen-portrait of Mr Crocker-Harris, pointing out his values.

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Or

Justify the title of the story 'Birth'

12. How does the writer justify that Canterville Chase is a haunted place?

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13. What do you get to know the character of Sir Simon de Canterville?

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