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**Part – I**

❖ **Answer all questions on this paper itself.**

**01. Underline the word within the brackets that is most suitable for the blank in the sentence.**

Late one afternoon my uncle met a stranger on the road leading to our village. How long will it take me (1) ..... (walked, will walk, to walk) to the next village? asked the stranger. My uncle said (2) ..... (everything, nothing, anything) puzzled, the stranger thought to (3) ..... (him, himself, he) that my uncle must be either stupid (4) ..... (and, nor, or) deaf. So he asked again, louder How (5) ..... (Many, much, long) will it take me to walk to the next. Village? My uncle heard him, thought about the matter (6) ..... (but, although, so) still did not answer. Now the stranger shook him. He asked (7) ..... (angry, angrier, angrily) this time. How long will it take (8) ..... (me, myself, I) to get to the next village? My uncle did not reply, (9)..... (a, an, the) angry traveller. He turned away and (10) ..... (began, begin, begins) to walk with quick great strides to words (11) ..... (I, me, Myself) to get to the next village? My uncle watched him (12) ..... (to, for, in) a minute or two and then called out to the stranger what (13) ..... (are, did, do) you want? asked the man. It will take about fifteen minutes” said my uncle, why didn’t you tell me that (14) ..... (before, now, after)? asked the surprised stranger? How (15) ..... (will, do, could) I tell said my uncle before. I saw how fast you walked?

(1x15= 15 marks)

**02. Fill in each blank with the correct form of the verb give in brackets.**

A travelling salesman sent his card through the office boy to the manager of a large firm. The inner office (1) ..... (separate) from the waiting room by a glass partition. When the boy (2) ..... (hand) the card over, the sales man (3) ..... (see) the manager impatiently (4) ..... (tear) it in half and throwing it into the waste paper basket. The boy came out said. "I (5) ..... (be) afraid you can't (6) ..... (see) the boss" The salesman told the boy (7) ..... (go) back and get him his card. The boy returned with ten rupees and the message that the card (8)..... (tear) up. (9) ..... (take) out another card, the salesman sent the boy back saying "Tell your boss that I (10) ..... (sell) him another card for five rupees!".

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

**03. Complete the following questions so as to get the answers given below each of them.**

1) Water .....

I went to the temple festival last Sunday.

2) Why .....

Malini hasn't come to school today because she is ill.

3) What .....

Marie curie invented radium.

4) How much .....

A kilo of sugar costs fifty five.

5) How Many .....

Fifty students will go on the truly

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

**04. Of the options given below each sentence underline the one that best expresses its meaning.**

1) If Rahul had tried harder he could have easily got a job.

- a) Rahul tried hard and got a job.
- b) Rahul did not make an effort to get a job.
- c) Rahul made an effort but he could not get a job.

2) You needn't have come here today.

- a) You came here though. You did not have to.
- b) you came here because you had to.
- c) You did not come here though you should have.

3) I haven't seen him lately.

- a) He never comes late.
- b) I'll see him later.
- c) I haven't met him recently.

4) Not a single student was present yesterday.

- a) Only one student was present yesterday.
- b) All the students except one were present.
- c) All the students were absent yesterday.

5) The poor widow worked so hard that she fell ill.

- a) The widow worked hard because she fell ill.
- b) The widow fell ill because she worked hard.
- c) She did not work hard but she fell ill.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)



## Part – II

**06. Read the following text and give the meaning of the words in bold print as they appear in text.**

A **Merchant** sold a necklace made of **artificial** stones to a Roman Emperor. On discovering the fraud she was so **Furious** that she **persuaded** the emperor, despite his **reluctance**, to condemn the man to the arena. On the **appointed** day the Empress proceeded to the place of **excution** with her maids. She anticipated with great pleasure the **spectacle** of the poor dealer being torn to pieces by a wild animal. The cage was opened, but instead of the **ferocious** animal there came out a lamb.

The Empress, who was furious at being **mocked** in this way, **reproached** her husband but he replied, "I have punished the criminal according to the law of **retaliation**. He deceived you, in turn he has been deceived"

- 1) Merchant :- .....
- 2) Artificial :- .....
- 3) Persuaded :- .....
- 4) Reluctance :- .....
- 5) Appointed :- .....
- 6) Excution :- .....
- 7) Spectacle :- .....
- 8) Mocked :- .....
- 9) Reproached :- .....
- 10) Retaliation :- .....

(1 x 10 = 10 marks)

**07. Underline the correct word ending selecting from those given in brackets.**

- 1) Prof Vaithyanathan is an excellent hist..... (ory, orian, orical) but his lectures are incomprehen..... (sible, sion, sive)
- 2) My sister is very soci..... (able, alist, ety)
- 3) If you keep tr..... (y, ying, ied), you are sure to suc ..... (cess, cession, ceed)
- 4) Germany is an industri..... (es, alist, al) country that has also moved into the serv..... (ice, ing, ant) sector.
- 5) Actions films are very inter..... (est, ested, esting) but love stories bo..... (re, ring, red) me.

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

**08. Use five of the following words in sentences to bring out their meaning Each sentence should have least 4 words.**

Convenient, facilities, concerning, survival, suspect, entire, sacred, agenda, manufacture, reliable.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....
- 3) .....
- 4) .....
- 5) .....

(1 x 5 = 5 marks)

**09. How do you respond in each of the following situation? Write only one sentence or question for each beginning with the word.**

- 1) Your group wants to complete an assignment soon. Suggest to your friends to go library.  
Shall .....
- 2) You have to fill an application form at the bank. Request a pen from a person there.  
Could .....
- 3) You have just watched a very good film. What would you say to your friend as you come out of the cinema?  
What .....
- 4) One of your friends invites you to join his / her family trip. Refuse the invitation with a reason.  
I'm .....
- 5) You want to enter your principals room. What would you say.  
Excuse me sir / madam .....  
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(1x 5 = 5 marks)

**10. You have come to the IIS Academy to inquire about Diploma in Web designing week end course complete the missing parts of the dialogue between Anushki and the receptionist of the academy. Do not use more than two sentences.**

You :- Good Morning Madam, I am interested in Graphic Design course you have \ advertised.

Receptionist :- Well It's mainly for those who have completed their A/L S.

You :- (1) .....

Receptionist :- Ok, that's fine, this is for you

You :- (2) .....

Receptionist :- Well, there's an application form you have to fill in it and pay the course fee to registers.

I :- (3) .....

Receptionist :- Next Friday, you should pay the course fee and registers on or before Friday.

I :- (4) .....

Receptionist :- It's 20,000/=

I :- (5) .....

Receptionist :- Lecture are usually on Saturdays.

I :- Ok. Thank you for the information.

Receptionist :- you are welcome

(1x5=5 marks)

**11. Read the passage below, and answer questions that follow, in your own words. You may give short answers.**

#### **The secret Few People Guess**

Brenda Linson never goes anywhere without an empty spectacle case. **It** as **vital** to her as her purse. Yet she doesn't wear glasses. The reason she can't do without it, is because she can't read and she can't write. If ever she gets into any situation where she might be expected to do either of these things, she fishes around in her bag for the spectacle case, finds it empathy and asks another person to do the task for her.

Brenda is now in her late thirties. She's capable and articulate and until a few months ages hardly anybody knew she was illiterate. Her children still don't.

She had any number of tactics to conceal her difficulty – for example, never staying near a phone at work in case she had to answer it and was required to write something down. But in fact, it is easier for illiterates to conceal the truth than the rest of us might imagine. Literacy is so much taken for granted that people simply don't spot the giveaway signs.

It has never occurred to her children that their mother cannot read. She doesn't read them stories, but then their father doesn't either. Similarly they just accept that Dad is the one who writes the sick notes and reads the school reports. Now that the elder boy Tom is quite a proficient reader, Brenda can skillfully get him to read any notes brought home from schools.

Brenda's husband never guessed the truth in ten years of marriage. For one thing he insists on handling all domestic correspondence and bills himself. An importer of Persian carpets he travels a great deal and so was not around much to spot the truth. While he's away, Brenda **coped with** any situation by explaining that she can't do anything until she's discussed it with her husband.

Brenda has been very successful in her job. For the last five years she has worked as a waitress at an exclusive private club, and was promoted to head waitress. She kept **the thing** a secret there too, and got over the practical difficulties somehow.

1) Why does Brenda Linson always carry a spectacle case with her?

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2) Does Brenda's husband know now that she cannot read **or** write? How do you know?

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3) Why did Brenda avoid going near the telephone at her place of work?

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4) Why did the writer say it is easy for illiterates to hide the fact that they cannot read or write?

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5) What does Brenda's husband do as a job?

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6) Who reads out the notes brought from school for Brenda?

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7) Where does Brenda work?

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8) Give words similar in meaning to the following.

1) Vital :- .....

2) Copes with :- .....

9) What do the following refer to?

it :- .....

the thing :- .....

10) In the last line before the last paragraph refers to one thing. What is the second thing?

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(10x2=20 marks)

**12. Write an essay on one of the following use about 200 words.**

A) Virtual Education is the best way to continue our studies during the COVID 19 pandemic situation.

**or**

B) Complete the following story

I remember my mother's advice "Never go out in the night. You never know what would happen" but.

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