

TIME: 1.15 hrs

MARKS:45

SECTION - A

I.A. Choose the most appropriate synonym of the underlined lexical item in each of the following sentences. 2 x 1 = 2

1. I set to pondering on the problem what to do next  
a) forget                      b) neglect                      c) think out                      d) ignore
2. My heart stopped; my blood congealed  
a) burnt                      b) thickened                      c) dried                      d) stopped.

B. Choose the correct Antonyms for the underlined word. 2 x 1 = 2

3. There was a rustle of excitement  
a) calm                      b) whisper                      c) noisy                      d) sharp
4. He was rescued from humiliation at an auction house  
a) flattery                      b) shame                      c) fault                      d) defect

C. Answer all the questions. 3 x 1 = 3

5. Choose the clipped form of Correspondence  
a) pond                      b) respond                      c) dense                      d) corres .
6. Form a new word by adding a suitable prefix to the root word diction  
a) inter \_\_\_\_\_                      b) contra \_\_\_\_\_                      c) over \_\_\_\_\_                      d) semi \_\_\_\_\_
7. Choose the word from the options given to form a compound word with crime  
a) day                      b) end                      c) novel                      d) fall

SECTION - B

II.A. Read the following poetic lines and answer the questions. 2 x 2 = 4

8. 'He's the bafflement of scotland yard, the Flying Squad's despair'  
a) What is Scotland yard?  
b) Why does the flying squad feel disappointed?.
9. 'He he's a friend in feline shape, a monster of depravity'  
a) How is the cat described in this line?  
b) Explain 'monster of depravity'

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## B. Answer the following

10. What did the following of the hammer indicate?

11. What made the friend laugh heartily?

C. Explain the following with reference to the context.

1 x 2 = 2

12. His powers of levitation would make a fakir stare

C. Answer the following in a paragraph of about 125 - 150 words.

2 x 6 = 12

13. Narrate the circumstances that led the narrator getting into tight corner, by his own folly.

14. What are the mysterious ways in which Macavity acts?

## SECTION - C

III. Answer the following.

3 x 2 = 6

15. Change into passive voice of the following sentence

He wrote an essay yesterday.

16. Fill in the blanks with articles

\_\_\_\_\_ author was raising \_\_\_\_\_ bid amount marginally.

17. Add appropriate question tags to the following sentences

a) He has the presence of mind

b) They could not control laughter

## SECTION - D

IV. A. Extend the conversation with two more exchanges.

1 x 4 = 4

18. Reena : Shall we have a cup of coffee?

Ramya : o.k. where shall we go?

B. Respond to the following advertisement with bio - data

1 x 6 = 6

19. Considering yourself fulfilling the conditions specified

## Wanted

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(Or)

Develop the following hints

Leacock - visited photo studio - commented by the photographer - twisted his face - expend his lungs - hump the neck - click in the moment of animation - Saturday to see the proof - get annoyed - photograph - a worthless thing.

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