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General instructions:

Read the following instructions carefully and strictly follow them:

- There are 2 questions in this questionpaper.
- All Questions are Compulsory.
- The marks intended for questions are given in brackets [].
- There is no negative marking.
- Candidates should read them thoroughly and attempt accordingly.
- Fill **OMR sheet with the pencil** given along with the Question paper .

All Questions Are Compulsory

Question 1

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

William strolled through the village, his hands in his pockets, his lips pursed up to emit a loud untuneful whistle.

He had a whole half -holiday at his disposal, and was inclined to let fate take it and do what she would with it. He was in the mood for adventure, and he felt that adventure might be waiting for him **round** any corner. If, however, no adventure waited for him, he meant to go and spend the afternoon in the grounds of the Hall. The Botts, who owned the Hall, had gone away, leaving in **charge** a care taker who was partially **blind**, and more than partially slow witted. Empty houses always had a strong fascination for

William. He felt that anything might happen in them. And, even desert islands or pirates' ships. In any case, there was little danger on this occasion of the fun being spoilt by gardeners, as it so often was, because Mrs. Bott had given all her gardeners, except one, a week's holiday, and that one spent most of his time dozing in a chair in the greenhouse.

As he walked **along** the road, his thought went to Robert, his elder brother, whom he had left at home in a state of extreme nervous tension. For Robert was, not for the first time, in love. The beloved, who rejoiced in the name of Dahlia Macnamara, was a recent addition to the neighbourhood. Her family had only **moved** to the village last month. They were smart, sophisticated, obviously -moneyed and, so far, Dahlia had given Robert little encouragement. She had, however, invited him to her birthday party today, and he had been to Hadley yesterday evening to buy her a present. It was the present that was worrying him. He was afraid that it was not good enough. He had noticed that all her things looked expensive, and this present didn't look expensive, for the simple reason that he'd only had three and six left from his allowance to spend on it. He'd bought her a necklace of green and red stones. It had looked very effective in the shop, but it looked less effective now every time he took it out of its box to inspect it. He was beginning indeed, to have a horrible suspicion that it looked common. The thought that she might find it so and judge him accordingly, turned him hot and cold all over, and he had a wild temptation to sell his motorbike in order to buy her something really splendid. Common sense, however, prevailed. The saner part of him realized that girls may come and girls may go, but a motorbike remains a motorbike. He was, however, desperately worried about the necklace.

- (a) (i) Given below are five words from the passage along with four options for each. Choose the option which has a similar meaning in the passage: [5]

1. Disposal

- a) Dumping
- b) Available
- c) Riddance
- d) Disposition

2. Sophisticated

- a) Advanced
- b) Cultured and refined
- c) Futuristic
- d) Civilised

3. Moneyed

- a) Well-funded
- b) Fortunate
- c) Rich
- d) Well-remunerated

4. Allowance

- a) Pocket money
- b) Permissible amount
- c) Make room for
- d) Remittance

5. Prevailed

- a) Persuaded
- b) Commanded
- c) Was common
- d) Triumphed

(ii) With each of the five words given below, choose the correct sentence that uses the word in a different meaning from that which it carries in the passage. [5]

1. Round

- a) In the olden days people believed that the earth was not round but flat.
- b) He turned round the corner and ran into his long-lost friend.
- c) He travelled all the year round.
- d) The thought kept going round and round in her head.

2. Charge

- a) Rita was in charge of keeping her naughty brother under control during the

picnic.

- b) He had lived in Tokyo before Rhyn dragged him to the castle as his charge d'affair.
- c) The police did not have enough evidence to charge him for the crime.
- d) He traced Edith's charge slip.

3. Blind

- a) Suresh takes care of many blind girls and boys.
- b) The old cat was turning blind in one eye.
- c) When there is bereavement in the family, the blind is drawn down as a mark of mourning.
- d) Blind eyes see better than blind hearts.

4. Along

- a) He pointed out various landmarks along the way.
- b) A couple of vacationers walking along the beach were looking for a restaurant.
- c) The hotels along the sea looked beautiful.
- d) She sang along in spite of a sore throat.

5. Moved

- a) Brent had moved to a house in my neighbourhood quite recently.
- b) Ravi's simple gesture of kindness moved the poor, old woman to tears.
- c) After retirement he moved to a new city and started a new life.
- d) Lydia Larkin was moved to a different Department in the company.

(b) Choose the correct options for the questions given below: [10]

1. William decided he would visit the hall because:

- a) He was in the mood for adventure.
- b) Empty houses always held a strong fascination for William.
- c) Adventures may elude him.
- d) None of the above.

2. We know William had a vivid imagination because:

- a) He believed anything could happen in empty houses.
- b) One could pretend that the empty houses were castles or fortresses.
- c) He imagined himself staying in them for as long as he wanted.
- d) These houses were fascinating to him.

3. William felt his fun could not be spoiled as:

- a) Mrs. Bott had gone away.
- b) The gardeners had been sent on a week's holiday.
- c) The gardener who was there spent his time dozing.
- d) He had a wonderful imagination.

4. Robert was feeling nervous because:

- a) He was in love for the first time.
- b) William had left him alone at home.
- c) He was in love.
- d) His lady-love was new to the town.

5. The new family that had moved into town were:

- a) Smart and moneyed.
- b) Friendly and sophisticated.
- c) Rich and unfriendly.
- d) All of the above.

6. Robert did not buy an expensive gift because:

- a) He did not believe in spending money on expensive things.
- b) He had only three and six left from his allowance.
- c) The green and red necklace he liked was not very dear.
- d) It did not look very effective in the shop.

7. Robert turned hot and cold because:

- a) He thought he had bought a common present.
- b) He thought that Dahlia might judge him based on the gift.
- c) He was worried about his financial shortfalls.
- d) None of the above.

8. Robert felt that he could alter the situation:

- a) By buying something expensive.
- b) By selling his motorbike and buying something valuable.
- c) By not accepting the invite to her birthday party.
- d) By just not caring about the price of the gift.

9. From your reading of the passage, what impression do you get of Dahlia Macnamara?

- a) She was proud and condescending.
- b) She was proud of her moneyed background.
- c) She possessed expensive things and looked as if she would not accept anything common.
- d) None of the above.

10. The fact that Robert did not sell his motorbike indicates that:

- a) He is a miser.
- b) He has enough common sense to not waste money.
- c) He does not manage his finances well.
- d) He has common sense to know that girls may come and go but his motorbike will remain with him.

Question 2

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

Inside the cockpit of World War II Mosquito Plane, I could make out, against the light of the moon, the muffled **head** of its pilot and the twin circles of his goggles as he looked out of the side window towards me. Carefully he raised his right hand till I could see it in the window, fingers straight, **palm** downwards. He jabbed the fingers forward and down, meaning that we were going to descend and that I should follow him.

I nodded and quickly brought up my own left hand so he could see it, first pointing forwards to my own control panel with one forefinger, and then holding up my five spread fingers. Finally, I drew my hand across my throat. By common agreement this sign meant that I had only five minutes of fuel left, and then my engine would cut out. I saw the muffled, goggled, oxygen-masked head nod in understanding, and then we were heading downwards towards the sheet of fog.

My plane stopped trembling and plunged ahead of the Mosquito. I pulled back on the throttle, hearing the engine die to a low whistle, and the other pilot was back beside me. We were diving straight towards the shrouded **land**. I glanced at my altimeter: two thousand feet, still diving.

He pulled out at three hundred feet. The fog was still below us. Probably the fog bank was only from the ground to two hundred feet up, but that was more than enough to prevent a plane from landing without guidance. I could imagine the **stream** of instructions coming from the radar hut into the earphones of the man flying beside me, eight feet away. I kept my eyes on him, following as closely as possible, afraid of losing sight for an instant, watching for his every hand-signal. Two minutes later he held up his clenched left fist in the window, then opened the fist to splay all five fingers against the glass, indicating that I should lower the undercarriage. I moved the lever downwards and felt the dull thump as all three wheels went down, happily powered by hydraulic pressure and not dependent on the failed electrical system.

The pilot of the shepherd aircraft pointed down again, for another descent. I managed to flick a glance at my fuel gauge: it was on zero, flickering feebly. For God's sake, hurry up, I prayed, for if my fuel failed me now there would be no time to climb to the minimum five hundred feet needed for bailing out. A jet fighter at one hundred feet without an engine is a death-trap with no chances for survival.

For two or three minutes he seemed content to hold his position, while the sweat broke out behind my neck and began to run in streams down my back, sticking the light nylon flying suit to my skin.

Quite suddenly he straightened out, so fast I almost lost him. I caught him a second later and saw his left hand flash the dive signal to me. Then he dipped towards the fog **bank**, I followed, and we were in it, a shallow, flat descent, but a descent nevertheless, and from a mere hundred feet, towards nothing.

(a)

(i) Given below are five words from the passage along with four options for each word. Choose the option which has a similar meaning in the passage: [5]

1. muffled

- (a) muted
- (b) swaddled
- (c) faint
- (d) hushed

2. sheet

- (a) paper
- (b) layer
- (c) linen
- (d) slab

3. throttle

- (a) to strangle
- (b) to prevent
- (c) a device controlling the flow of fuel or power to an engine.
- (d) to plug in

4. glanced

- (a) glimpsed
- (b) gazed
- (c) looked
- (d) reflected

5. straightened

- (a) unravelled
- (b) settled
- (c) levelled
- (d) tidied

(ii) With each of the five words given below, choose the correct sentence that uses the word in a different meaning from that which it carries in the passage. [5]

1. Head

- (a) The boxer injured his head during a match and had to withdraw from it.
- (b) The young officer will head the team for the rescue operation.
- (c) She wore a woollen cap on her head to beat the extreme cold.
- (d) The lady was dressed from head to toe in branded items.

2. Palm

- (a) Salvatore held the baby in the palm of his hands.
- (b) Palm Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday before Easter.
- (c) The leaf of the palm is often used a symbol of victory.
- (d) She held the knife in her injured palm.

3. Land

- (a) The aeroplane will land after the scheduled time due to bad weather.
- (b) The land owners did not agree with the farmers' request.
- (c) My uncle built a factory on the empty land behind the school building.
- (d) It was difficult to grow any crops on the land in the foothills of the Himalayas.

4. Stream

- (a) There was a steady stream of cars on the road in spite of a lockdown.
- (b) A stream of people left the stadium after the match was over.
- (c) The coach flung a stream of rules at the bewildered team members.
- (d) The sage threw the golden bangle into the stream that ran by.

5. Bank

- (a) Nothing was visible to the driver due to the fog bank.
- (b) I can always bank on my friends during my times of distress.
- (c) They decided to set up their tents on the river bank.
- (d) The State Bank of India has declared a lower rate of interest for car loans.

(b) Choose the correct option for the questions given below: [10]

1. From inside the cockpit of the World War II Mosquito plane the narrator could make out:

- a) The light of the moon and the muffled head of the pilot.
- b) The light of the moon, the muffled head of the pilot with the twin circles of his goggles.
- c) The muffled head of the pilot and the twin circles of his goggles.
- d) The light of the moon reflected in the twin circles of his goggles.

2. Drawing the finger across the throat meant (by common agreement)
 - a) They were going to die.
 - b) The plane would crash.
 - c) The engine was dying to a low whistle.
 - d) He had five minutes' worth of fuel left.

3. Why was the narrator worried when the pilot of the shepherd aircraft indicated another descent?
 - a) His plane was trembling because of bad weather.
 - b) His engines had collapsed.
 - c) The fuel gauge of his plane was flickering on zero.
 - d) The plane would soon dive because of the lack of fuel.

4. Sweat broke out behind the narrator's neck and streamed down because:
 - a) His fuel was running out.
 - b) Without ample fuel he would not be able to climb to the minimum five hundred feet needed for survival.
 - c) A jet fighter at a hundred feet without fuel has no chances of survival.
 - d) All of the above.

5. Which of the following were most needed in the situation the pilots found themselves?
 - a) Courage and steely determination.
 - b) Courage and common sense.
 - c) Courage and an exceptional knowledge to tackle dangerous situations.
 - d) Courage and calmness.

6. What did the other pilot indicate by carefully raising his right hand till the narrator could see it in the window?
 - a) He wanted him to fly at a higher altitude.
 - b) He was desperately beating his fingers on the foggy glass to wave at him.
 - c) He pointed his palm forwards and then downwards asking him to descend.
 - d) He gestured to him to fly in the opposite direction.

7. After the other pilot had understood the narrator, what did they do?
- a) They started their descent toward the sheet of fog.
 - b) They started their descent through the sheet of fog.
 - c) They started their descent from the sheet of fog.
 - d) They started their descent below the sheet of fog.
8. What did the altimeter indicate?
- a) Twenty-two thousand feet, still diving.
 - b) Two thousand feet, still diving.
 - c) Twelve thousand feet, still diving.
 - d) None of the above.
9. What did the narrator imagine when he realised that landing without guidance was impossible?
- a) The plane would continue flying till the fuel was exhausted.
 - b) The only option was to crash land.
 - c) The radar must be delivering instructions into the ears of the other pilot.
 - d) The other pilot would use sign language to guide him.
10. Pick out the incorrect statement.
- a) A jet fighter at five hundred feet without an engine is a death-trap.
 - b) A jet fighter at one hundred feet without an engine is a sure death.
 - c) A jet fighter at one hundred feet without an engine is a sure to survive.
 - d) A jet fighter at one hundred feet without an engine can get help from a rescue team.

Question 3

- (a) Answer sections (a), (b) and (c). In each of the following items, a sentence is given. Select the most appropriate transformation of the given sentence out of the given options: [10]

1. The boy disappeared as soon as the party began.

- (a) Hardly did the party began when the boy disappeared.
- (b) Hardly had the party begun when the boy disappeared.
- (c) Hardly did the party begin when the boy disappeared.
- (d) Hardly did the party began when the boy disappeared.

2. He drove too fast for the police to catch him.

- (a) He drove so fast that the police could not catch him.
- (b) He drove so fast that the police can catch him.
- (c) He drives so fast that the police cannot catch him.
- (d) He had driven so fast that the police could not catch him.

3. He had no other company but his cat.

- (a) Apart from his cat that he had, there was no other company.
- (b) Apart but for the cat that he had, there was no other company.
- (c) Apart from his cat, he had no other company.
- (d) Apart from the cat that he had, there was no other company.

4. No sooner did he open the letter than he started weeping.

- (a) As soon as he open the letter he started weeping.
- (b) As soon as he opened the letter he started weeping.
- (c) As soon as he opened the letter he start weeping.
- (d) As soon as he opened the letter, he started weeping.

5. Sonali said to me," Please see to it that all past conflicts are forgotten from this day onwards."

- (a) Sonali requested me to see to it that all past conflicts were forgotten from that day onward.
- (b) Sonali requested me to see to it that all past conflicts were forgotten from that day onwards.
- (c) Sonali requested me to see to it that all past conflicts were forgotten from that day onwards.
- (d) Sonali requested me to forget all past conflicts from that day onwards.

6. Luckily, someone switched off the power mains.

- (a) The power mains were luckily switched off by someone.
- (b) The power mains luckily were switched off by someone.
- (c) The power main were luckily switched off by someone.
- (d) The power mains someone luckily switched off.

7. He did the laundry and fed the pets.

- (a) Not only did he do the laundry but fed the pet.
- (b) Not only did he do the laundry but also fed the pets.
- (c) Not only had he done the laundry but also fed the pets.
- (d) Not only did he do the laundry but fed the pets.

8. Rahul trained as a doctor but never practised.

- (a) Although Rahul trained as a doctor, Rahul never practised.
- (b) Although he trained as a doctor, Rahul never practised.
- (c) Although Rahul trained as doctor, he never practised.
- (d) Although Rahul trained as a doctor, he never practised.

9. Mallika works very slowly but her progress is quite good.

- (a) In spite of working very slowly, Mallika's progress is good.
- (b) In spite of working very slowly, Mallika's progress is quite good.
- (c) In spite of working very slowly, Mallika's progress is quite good.
- (d) In spite of working very slowly, Mallika's progress is not good.

10. Mumbai is more crowded than most Indian cities.

- (a) Very few Indian cities are as crowded as Mumbai.
- (b) No other Indian city is as crowded as Mumbai.
- (c) Mumbai is most crowded than many an Indian city.
- (d) Mumbai is most crowded than any Indian city.

(b) Choose the most appropriate word to fill in the blank in the given sentences. [15]

1. His companions condoled _____ him in his bereavement.

- (a) with
- (b) for
- (c) about
- (d) of

2. Children under sixteen are debarred _____ competing in the event.

- (a) since
- (b) for
- (c) from
- (d) against

3. Do not confide your secrets _____ everyone.

- (a) in
- (b) with
- (c) from
- (d) to

4. His uncle deals _____ sanitisers and masks.

- (a) in
- (b) with
- (c) for
- (d) of

5. I am confident _____ success in all my endeavours.

- (a) off
- (b) of
- (c) about
- (d) in

6. I had to _____ of the competition because of an injury.

- (a) back out
- (b) back down
- (c) back up
- (d) back onto

7. They decided to _____ with the plan despite the financial constraint.

- (a) carry away
- (b) carry out
- (c) carry on
- (d) carry off

8. Mrs. Mallard saw _____ that bitter moment a long procession of years that would belong to her.

- (a) before
- (b) after
- (c) through
- (d) beyond

9. The man paused for breath _____ the top of the steep climb.

- (a) at
- (b) on
- (c) in
- (d) up

10. The animal was depressed _____ the tremendous cold.

- (a) with
- (b) of
- (c) by
- (d) about

11. The naughty student _____ with just a warning.

- (a) got out
- (b) got away
- (c) got back
- (d) got up

12. My friend decided to _____ his grandparents on Sunday.

- (a) call on
- (b) call in
- (c) call out
- (d) call for

13. Despite repeated failures, my cousin never _____.

- (a) gave off
- (b) gave away
- (c) gave in
- (d) gave up

14. I _____ my teacher at the museum last Sunday.

- (a) ran into
- (b) ran away
- (c) ran around
- (d) ran about

15. We assure you that the meeting will _____ at 8 pm.

- (a) break into
- (b) break up
- (c) break away
- (d) break off

(c) Choose the correct option to fill in the blank in each sentence:

[15]

(1) If you had arrived late, I _____ angry.

- (a) had been
- (b) would have been
- (c) could be
- (d) would be

(2) Most major cities _____ significantly over the last twenty years.

- (a) grew
- (b) have grown
- (c) had grown
- (d) were grown

- (3) Edward said that he _____ the book from Ramsey the day before.
- (a) has borrowed
 - (b) have borrowed
 - (c) had borrowed
 - (d) borrowed
- (4) Mr. Gill _____ the boys before what would happen if he ever caught them smoking.
- (a) has told
 - (b) told
 - (c) have told
 - (d) had told
- (5) By the end of the 15th century, the Portuguese _____ to Malacca.
- (a) had come
 - (b) have come
 - (c) have had come
 - (d) came
- (6) Suresh _____ reading the book when the bell rang.
- (a) had began
 - (b) was beginning
 - (c) had begun
 - (d) began
- (7) It _____ since five o' clock this morning.
- (a) has been raining
 - (b) was raining
 - (c) is raining
 - (d) rained
- (8) I _____ from him since he left Kolkata.
- (a) did not hear
 - (b) have not heard
 - (c) never heard
 - (d) heard

(9) In recent decades, the efficiency of the United Nations _____ by a growing number of countries.

- (a) is questioned
- (b) was questioned
- (c) has been questioned
- (d) had been questioned

10. It seems likely that by the end of the week, the costs involved in the construction of the bridge _____ by the Ministry.

- (a) will be announced
- (b) is announced
- (c) would be announced
- (d) will have been announced

11. The orders were that we _____ the area within hours to prevent further loss of life

- (a) evacuate
- (b) evacuated
- (c) have evacuated
- (d) had to evacuate

12. Last week's supplementary budget package _____ to prevent the economy from plunging even lower.

- (a) was designed
- (b) designed
- (c) has been designed
- (d) had been designed

13. When they heard a gunfire across the border, the relief workers in the camp knew that another group of refugees _____ before long.

- (a) had arrived
- (b) would be arriving
- (c) will arrive
- (d) are arriving

14. As I told you yesterday, the secretary _____ over this afternoon's discussions.

- (a) is presiding
- (b) will be presiding
- (c) can preside
- (d) presides

15. We _____ no problems whatsoever with the dam since it was constructed forty years ago.

- (a) are having
- (b) were having
- (c) have had
- (d) had

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