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Model Test Paper – 2021-2022

ENGLISH

Total Marks: 25**Time: 30 minutes****SECTION-A****(READING)****A.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :****[5]**

1. Disability refers to any kind of physical or mental incapacity that limits a person's ability to work. Millions of people suffer from hearing, vision or speech impairment, mental retardation, and a wide range of other problems.

2. Yet, it is seldom that we thank God for the gift of good health and well being. The smallest actions like seeing the sunrise, brushing our teeth, tying our laces, popping peanuts into our mouth come so naturally and effortlessly yet we are never satisfied but always discontented. It is not so for the disabled. For them, it requires immense concentration, effort, will power, energy, and a lot of time to do these simplest things of life.

3. It takes great courage and determination to cope with a disability. We can make life easier for them by becoming more sensitive to their handicap, their needs, and their problems.

Respect them for what they are; understand that they can never be completely independent. To insist that a disabled child can be independent would be a form of oppression.

4. The feeling of pity and undue sympathy will only shake their confidence. Give them encouragement, facilities and resources and then watch them as they learn, earn, play, work and even start their families. What we need to understand is that they too are human beings. They have thoughts, ideas, wishes, hopes, ambitions, emotions and feelings, just like anyone else. They can become good friends. What they need are more friends.

5. Very often we find that a person lacking in one faculty is gifted in some other way. That's nature's way of maintaining a balance. Some of the most beautiful greeting cards are made by the disabled children, using a hand, a foot, or even the mouth. Nothing stops them for using their talent, intelligence, and their knowledge.

1.1 Answer the following questions by ticking the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

1. A disability is _____

(a) an obstacle

(b) a boon

(c) a kind of physical and mental incapacity

(d) injurious to good life

2. People who are disabled, face the problems of _____ in life.

(a) rising in society

(b) doing simple things

(c) receiving education

(d) physical activities

3. Dealing with disability requires _____

(a) help from peer group

(b) mental peace

(c) dejection

(d) great courage and determination

4. A disabled child should not be expected to _____
 (a) be completely independent (b) take part in social activities
 (c) express his feelings (d) help others
5. Disability can be coped with _____
 (a) great courage (b) courage
 (c) determination (d) determine

A.2. Read the following poem carefully:

[5]

A Day At Sea

As the ocean waves at me,
 And the sand greets the sea,
 The fish swim free,
 And shells wash up by me.

The sand squishes suddenly,
 Between my shoeless toes,
 Then the tide flows over them,
 And back down it goes.

The salt is on my tongue,
 The sea's song is sung,
 The sun is going down,
 And so my day at sea is done.

2.1 Fill in the blanks by an appropriate word:

The poet says that the cean (a) _____ at him and the sand (b) _____ the sea.
 But the fish swim (c) _____ and the salt is on his (d) _____ .
 (e) The _____ is going down declaring the end of the day at sea.

SECTION - B

GRAMMAR

1. Rearrange the following words to make meaningful sentences.

[2]

- a. and/ figure alike / pleasant thoughts / beautifier of face / are
- b. cheerfulness / personal benefit/ for / so cultivate
- c. a smiling face / with / an optimist / everyone loves
- d. a joyful frame of mind / are sure attributes / of popularity / and good humour.

2. Choose the correct preposition given in the bracket and fill in the blanks. [2]

- a) Renu went _____ the stairs and _____ the passage to her office. (along, up)
- b) Mrs. Gupta got _____ her car and ran _____ the road to the school where her child was waiting. (across, out of)

3. Complete these sentences by adding the suitable words from the box. [2]

every, both, both of, each, neither, neither of, either, either of, some, many, any, all

- a. I can't buy _____ of the books as I don't have much money with me.
- b. There were six plates in the stand. _____ plate was of a different colour.
- c. I asked two people the way to the railway station. But _____ them was fully aware of it.
- d. I had a long Diwali vacation and I enjoyed _____ moment of it.

4. Change into reported speech: [2]

- (a) Sohan said, "My mother is not keeping well."
- (b) Sheila said, "I plan to learn driving."
- (c) Preeti said, "I am thinking of looking for a new job."
- (d) Greg said, "I want to go for a holiday but I don't know where to go."

5. In the passage given below some words are missing. Choose the correct word from the given options to complete the passage meaningfully.

[3]

The best time **(a)** _____ hear birds' song is at dawn. The dawn chorus **(b)** _____ one of the marvels of nature. Birds all over the world **(c)** _____ the greatest amount of singing activity around dawn, be they **(d)** _____ the European woodland or from the tropical rain forest. But why they prefer dawn to other times of day is still not **(e)** _____ understood. One reason **(f)** _____ be that dawn is the best time because there is less noise and little wind.

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| (a) | (i) to | (ii) for | (iii) to be | (iv) on |
| (b) | (i) is | (ii) was | (iii) were | (iv) has |
| (c) | (i) shows | (ii) showed | (iii) show | (iv) shown |
| (d) | (i) from | (ii) among | (iii) for | (iv) on |
| (e) | (i) clear | (ii) clearly | (iii) clearing | (iv) cleared |
| (f) | (i) might | (ii) must | (iii) may | (iv) can |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct answer in your answer sheet. One example is done for you.

[4]

	Incorrect	correct
Japanese researchers are building an	<u>an</u>	<u>the</u>
world's first room which occupants need	(a) _____	(a) _____
never lift a fingers. A robo-nurse will take	(b) _____	(b) _____
care of sick and elderly people. All the	(c) _____	(c) _____
occupants need to do is to point in an	(d) _____	(d) _____
object , and a obedient robot will fetch it or	(e) _____	(e) _____
turn it on. A robotic arms will pick up	(f) _____	(f) _____
objects and bring them of the patient's	(g) _____	(g) _____
bedside. It will be controlled of computers.	(h) _____	(h) _____

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