

2021
ENGLISH
[GENERAL]
Paper : I

Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 Hours

*The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.**Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.***Answer all the questions.**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

“Do you want to go with them on to the mountains?” asked her grandfather. Nothing could have pleased Heidi better, and she jumped for joy in answer. “But you must first wash and make yourself tidy. The sun that shines so brightly overhead will else laugh at you for being dirty; see, I have put everything ready for you,” and her grandfather pointed as he spoke to a large tub full of water, which stood in the sun before the door. Heidi ran to it and began splashing and rubbing, till she quite glistened with cleanliness. The

grandfather meanwhile went inside the hut, calling to Peter to follow him and bring in his wallet. Peter obeyed with astonishment, and laid down the little bag which held his meagre dinner. “Open it,” said the old man, and inside it he put a large piece of bread and an equally large piece of cheese, which made Peter open his eyes, for each was twice the size of the two portions which he had for his own dinner. “There, now there is only the little bowl to add,” continued the grandfather “for the child cannot drink her milk as you do from the goat; she is not accustomed to that. You must milk two bowlfuls for her when she has her dinner, for she is going with you and will remain with you till you return this evening; but take care she does not fall over any of the rocks, do you hear?”

- a) Why would the sun laugh at Heidi ? How is Heidi’s eagerness revealed ? 1+1=2
- b) Where and with whom does Heidi go ? What would they eat there ? 1+1=2
- c) What did the grandfather ask Peter to bring? Why was Peter astonished? 1+1=2
- d) Find words from the passage which mean the following : 1+1=2
 - i) small or insignificant
 - ii) surprise

- e) Why does grandfather add the little bowl ? What is Peter's reaction when the food is given ? $1+1=2$
2. Answer any **two** of the following: $10\times 2=20$
- a) Write a letter to the editor of an English newspaper expressing your concern at the indiscriminate use of plastic carry bags and the menace it is going to pose to our environment.
- b) Write a story by using the following points:
A dog with a piece of meat in its mouth – had to cross a stream – saw its own reflection in the water – wanted to get the meat – barked – the piece of meat fell into the water.
- c) Convert the following dialogue into a paragraph of reported speech:
Patient: Hello madam! What's the time now?
Nurse: Half past five.
Patient: When should I go home, Madam?
Nurse: Do you feel any trouble?
Patient: No.
Nurse: You are progressing. You will be released soon.
Patient: Thank you, madam.

3. Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics:
 $10\times 1=10$
- a) Job-oriented education.
b) Your plans for the holidays after the examination.
c) The battle between printed books and e-books.
d) Preservation of greenery and wetlands in urban centres.
4. Give phonemic transcriptions and mark the stress of any **five** of the following words : $2\times 5=10$
sugar, cipher, chord, engineer, aged, literature, mathematician, philology, toothbrush, politics.
5. Answer the questions following the instructions given :
- a) Rewrite the sentences following the instructions : $2\times 15=30$
- i) Two weeks are plenty of time to finish the course.
(Correct the subject-verb agreement)
- ii) His reaction was unexpected.
(Make it negative without changing the meaning)
- iii) They ran fast so that they could reach home in time.
(Make it a simple sentence)
- iv) One of the players have won the medal.
(Correct the sentence)

- v) The sun rise/rises in the morning. (use the appropriate form of verb)
- vi) Let's discuss about the matter, will we? (Correct the sentence)
- vii) Do as I tell you, or you will regret it. (Change into a complex sentence)
- viii) He demanded of me why I had rebuked his friend. (Convert into Interrogative sentence)
- ix) The dress does not suit you. You made it at a cost. (Join the sentences)
- x) I haven't got none. (Correct the sentence)
- xi) Unfortunately, he failed. (Convert into a complex sentence)
- xii) The secretary sent me no reply for ten days. (Rewrite the sentence using 'reply' as a verb)
- xiii) He told me that he wouldn't attend to the meeting. (Correct the sentence)
- xiv) The man is very particular about his duty. (Use the adjective form of 'duty')
- xv) She was deeply affected/ effected by the tragedy. (Choose the correct word)

- b) Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles or prepositions : 1×10=10
 - i) These are _____ few of my favourite things.
 - ii) Several months passed _____ this manner.
 - iii) He triumphed _____ all obstacles.
 - iv) He told us _____ a particular place down the coast.
 - v) She possessed a mind of _____ uncommon type.
 - vi) A variety _____ objects were dumped together.
 - vii) This was the last room _____ the house.
 - viii) The flowers looked like snow on _____ rough grass.
 - ix) Indian under-19 football team rose to _____ occasion and beat Burma for the trophy.
 - x) Kashmir is _____ bone of contention between India and Pakistan.
- c) Punctuate the following passage : 10
no little brother those are only tears such as men use said bagheera now i know thou art a man and a mans cub no longer the jungle is shut indeed to thee hence forward let them fall mowgli they are only tears so mowgli sat and cried as though his heart would break and he had never cried in all his life before