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## Section A: Reading

(5)

**Qu.1 (A): Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

King Alphanso got down from his horse. He went to help the mule- driver. Both of them pulled and pushed until they succeeded in getting the mule on the firm ground. By this time they were covered with mud. A number of people had collected by this time and they stood by watching. Then someone recognized the King. People began to whisper to each other that it was the King himself who had helped the mule-driver. When the mule-driver heard this, he was very frightened. He turned to him and begged for his forgiveness. Alphanso told that he had done his duty as a man. He may be a king but as a man he should help those who are in Some difficulty. The King thus put to shame all those passers-by who would not help.

- a. How did King Alphanso help the mule-driver?
- b. Why was the mule-driver frightened? What did he ask from the King?
- c. What was the response King gave to the people? How did he put to shame the passers-by?
- d. Write the similar word of "Recognize"

(B)

## The Old Man and the King

An Old man was once ploughing his fields, when the king of the country, who was an idler, happened to ride that way. Attracted by the bent figure of the old man, he drew up the reins of his house and called out to him. The old man quickly ran to the king and prostrating himself before him, begged to know what his sovereign Lord demanded of him. Curious to know his age, the king asked him if he had known his father the late king, "Yes," said he, " I knew him and his father, my Lords grandfather and, "Then you are over seventy five years of age," interrupted the King. "May be" quickly replied the old man, "but my lord will permit me to say that I am but seven years now." Ah! Ah! What is it you say? "Seven years, only seven years!" cried the King in surprise. "So it is, my Lord," replied the old man, "Counting only the number of years I have lived for the good of others. Of what benefit is it to others to live a life of slothfulness and ease?" The King was deeply touched by the wise words of the old man and thanking him, rode off. From that day onwards the King was a different man altogether.

- (i) What was the old man doing in his field?
- (ii) What kind of a king was he?
- (iii) How did the king make out that the old man was more than seventy-five years of age?
- (iv) Why did the old man feel that he is only seven years old
- (v) Pick out the word from the passage, which means the same as:
  1. "A lazy person"

(C)

Garbage is a great environment hazard. It comes from various sources – used paper, Tiffin packing, plastic bags, ice-cream wrappers, bottle caps, fallen leaves from trees and many more. Garbage makes the premises ugly, unkempt and breeds diseases.

paper, metals and glass which can be sent to the nearest recycle centre or disposed of to the

junk dealer. It also contains organic matter such as leaves which can enrich soil fertility. A compost

pit can be made at a convenient location where the refuse can be placed with layers of soil and an occasional sprinkling of water. This would help decomposition to make valuable fertilizer. This would also prevent pollution that is usually caused by burning such organic waste.

Now answer the following questions by choosing correct options:

1. Garbage originates from
  - (a) Used paper, Tiffin packing, plastic bags and fallen leaves from trees
  - (b) Leftovers of food
  - (c) Fallen branches from trees
  - (d) Building materials
  
2. Garbage can create havoc to the mankind by
  - (a) spreading foul smell
  - (b) slowing our vehicles on the road
  - (c) spreading several diseases
  - (d) all the above
  
3. What happens to the disposed material at the recycling centre?
  - (a) It is thrown away
  - (b) It is recycled for reuse
  - (c) It is sold to the rag pickers
  - (d) It is dumped into the ground
  
4. Fallen leaves from trees are useful because they
  - (a) solve the problem of fuel wood in village households
  - (b) enrich water quality
  - (c) enrich soil fertility
  - (d) beautify landscape
  
5. Which of these is correct with reference to a composite pit?
  - (a) The refuse is placed with layers of soil with an occasional sprinkling of water
  - (b) It contributes to the manufacture of useful fertilizer
  - (c) It prevents pollution
  - (d) All of the above

(D)

The tree was young and strong and it took a long time to kill. It took two workmen with axes, two days including tea breaks. Which without conscious irony, they took in the shade of the leafy branches of the, tree they were chopping down. It was a Gulmohar I had planted 13 years ago, along with several other saplings, when Bunny and I moved into the National media centre. The NMC is built on a little over 22 acres and many hundreds of the local babul trees that used to cloak that part of the Haryana countryside like smoke from evening chullas must have been cut down to make way for the brick and cement of our colony. I'm not a tree hugger but still felt that some restitution was due. So Bunny and I planted several saplings. The two Gulmohars at the rear were foot high saplings when we put them in the

floor window, flooding the room with afterglow and screening from view the ugly scars of

new construction in what had once been open fields behind our house. I felt the smugness of satisfaction, of having done the right thing. I'd given back, in however small a way, a little bit

of what we take away from the earth everyday, everywhere. Righteousness invites its own revenge. The roots of one of the trees had

spread, crushing the sewage system. The handyman gave us the choice of either cutting down the tree or its roots would endanger the foundations of the house.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option from the ones given below:

- 1) The irony in the first para is that the
  - a) The tree was planted by the author but cut by the workmen
  - b) The workmen chopped the tree that gave them shade.
  - c) It took 13 years for the tree to grow
  - d) The author was not passionate about trees yet he planted them
  
- 2) When the colony was settled, the author decided to
  - a) make the outskirts greener
  - b) plant a few saplings around the house
  - c) sulk in depression
  - d) start a movement
  
- 3) The feeling the newly grown Gulmohar trees evoked in the author was of
  - a) remorse
  - b) pride
  - c) self - satisfaction
  - d) regret
  
- 4) The writer had to get the tree felled because
  - a) he was being righteous
  - b) the house was in danger of being destroyed
  - c) the tree had grown too tall
  - d) the sewage system was damaged
  
- 5) Being righteous means
  - a) Doing things the correct way
  - b) Being aware of your rights
  - c) Following your heart
  - d) Conscious of the ways of the world

Section B: Writing (5+5+5+5=20)

Que 2(A) You are the head girl of your school inform the students about the painting competition to be held in school. Draft a notice in about 50 words.

(B) Imagine yourself as Raju / Rani residing at golden street, new market, Kanpur. You are staying in hostel. Your school fees are yet to deposit. Write a letter to your father asking him to send the money as early as possible to avoid any penalties.

Mohammad owned a shop-robber came and ask for money-a rifle brought by him-rifle was not loaded-robber pleaded-giving reasons for his ill act-no money and family suffered-the

shop keeper kept a faith-making the robber to keep a promise never to rob-gave forty pounds-provided food for his family-said a prayer of thanks giving when he left- six month later Mohammad got a letter- robber sent back the money with amount of fifty rupees-giving bless

to Mohammad as he totally changed his life-robber has honest job and support his family well.

(D) Write any one paragraph from the followings.

1. The importance of Trees
2. The importance of good habits.

Section C Grammar (5+5+5=15)

Que 3 (A) Convert the following into reported speech.

1. Reena said, "I am very beautiful"
2. She said, "The earth moves round the sun"
3. Mahesh said to Ramesh , " I went to the railway station yesterday"
4. Jay said, " I have two pencils in his pocket"
5. Ram said to Rahim, "Where do you live?"

(B) Fill in the blanks with can, could, may, might and must .

1. .... I use a calculator in the class?
2. The back door..... Not be open.
3. I thought that he ..... help you to get in.
4. The rebellion ..... lead to many deaths.
5. As a child Sheena..... Sing well.

(C) Write the rhyming words of the followings.

1. Ace
2. Air
3. All
4. An
5. Ap

Section D Literature (7+5+10+3=25)

Que 4 Read the extract following and answer the question that follows.

When everybody praising the sun,  
The rebel remarks on the need for rain  
When everybody is greeting the rain  
The rebel regrets the absence of sun  
When everybody goes to the meeting  
The rebel stays at home and reads a book  
When everybody stays at home and reads a book,  
The rebel goes to the meeting  
It is very good that we have rebels.  
You may not find it very good to be one.

2. What does the rebel remark?
3. Why does the rebel regret?
4. Where does the rebel go?
5. What does the rebel do at home?
6. Why is it good to have rebel?
7. Write the similar word of "Regret"

(B) Read the paragraph and answer the question that follows.

The old man, being a rice farmer, went daily with hoe or spade into the fields, working hard from morning until O Tonto Sama had gone down behind the hills. Every day the dog followed him to work, never once harming the heron that walked in the footstep of the old man to pick up the worms. For the old fellow was patient and kind to everything that had life, and often turned up a sod on purpose to give food to the birds.

1. Where did the farmer go daily?
2. How did he work?
3. Who did follow him every day?
4. How was the old fellow?
5. What was his purpose for a life?

(C) Answer the question that follows. (Any five)

1. How did the spirit of the dog help the farmer first?
2. What was the authors opinion about Mr. Gessler as a bootmaker?
3. What was Mr. Gessler complain against "Big Firms"?
4. Why did the king want no more talk about the hilsa fish?
5. What did the king ask Gopal to do to prove that he was clever?
6. What is the secret that Meena shares with Mridu in the backyard?

(D) How did the king and the hermit help the wounded man?