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(CBCS)

(1st Semester)

ENGLISH

FIRST PAPER

(English—I)

Full Marks : 75

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions

UNIT—I

1. Name the Part of Speech of the underlined word in the following sentences : 1×5=5
- (a) He runs swiftly.
- (i) Verb
 - (ii) Noun
 - (iii) Adverb
- (b) Ours is a big family.
- (i) Adjective
 - (ii) Pronoun
 - (iii) Adverb
- (c) Serious pupils revise their lessons regularly.
- (i) Verb
 - (ii) Adverb
 - (iii) Adjective

- (d) Delhi is an ancient city.
(i) Adjective
(ii) Adverb
(iii) Verb
- (e) We worked while others slept.
(i) Conjunction
(ii) Interjection
(iii) Adjective

2. Change the following sentence as directed : 1×5=5

She sang a sweet song.

- (a) Present indefinite tense
(b) Future indefinite tense
(c) Present continuous tense
(d) Past continuous tense
(e) Past perfect continuous tense

3. Change the voice of the following : 1×5=5

- (a) Anna is drinking a cup of tea.
(b) The dogs were not being fed by him.
(c) Millions of people will visit the museum.
(d) The key had been lost by us.
(e) Who did this?

UNIT—II

4. Change the form of speech : 1×5=5

- (a) He said, "My master is writing letters."
(b) The policeman said to us, "Where are you going?"
(c) He requested Mona to wait there till he returned.
(d) The Major said that it gave him great pleasure to be there that evening.
(e) The farmer said, "I have lost my money."

5. Fill in the blanks using the correct form of the verb given in the brackets : 1×10=10

- (a) She and her friend _____ (have/has) arrived.
(b) The Council _____ (have/has) chosen its President.

- (c) The news _____ (is/are) true.
- (d) A variety of pleasing objects _____ (charms/charm) the eye.
- (e) Neither of the men _____ (were/was) very tall.
- (f) Justice as well as mercy _____ (allow/allows) it.
- (g) There _____ (is/are) a large number of boys in his class.
- (h) Either he or I _____ (is/am) mistaken.
- (i) He and I _____ (is/are) well.
- (j) Lawma as well as Sanga _____ (like/likes) hot curry.

UNIT—III

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

Having a dog helps a child learn how to act responsibly. As a dog owner, the child must take care of the animal's daily needs. The dog must be fed and exercised every day. A dog is completely dependent on its owner for all its needs, including the needs for good health and safe environment. Therefore, the owner is responsible for the welfare of its dog. Being responsible for a dog also means taking care of the dog so the dog stays healthy and well trained. Furthermore, the owner must take the responsibility for the safety of the dog and the safety of the people it comes into contact with. If the child forgets any of these duties and responsibilities, or ignores any of the dog's needs, the dog will suffer. This teaches the child that his responsibility to the dog is more important than his desire to play with his friends, toys, watch televisions, play computer games, or talk on the phone. This is true not only for the care of the dog, but also for the care of oneself, care for another person, or one's job. Learning how to take responsibility for the health and welfare of a dog leads to learning how to take responsibility for oneself.

- (a) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1
- (b) Pick out the words from the passage opposite in meaning to the words given below : 4
 - (i) Irresponsible
 - (ii) Independent
 - (iii) Dangerous
 - (iv) Remember

(c) Discuss some of the positive effects of having a dog on a child's development. 3

7. Read the passage given below and make a précis of it. Give a suitable title : 7

We do not realize adequately to what extent our minds are moulded by books we read especially in youth. We have several means by which we acquire knowledge today, i.e., newspaper, television, internet resources via cell phones and computers, etc..., but reading of books is the most ancient and effective of them all. Reading of books is different from mechanized instructions. We are never alone when we have books as our companions.

A great writer has said that religion is what man does with his solitariness. It is not merely religion but art and literature, scientific discovery and technological invention that are the outcome of what a man does with his solitariness. In the modern world we tend to be gregarious beings. When we have a little leisure we run to parties, clubs or other social activities. We are afraid to be alone with ourselves, afraid to stand and stare, much less to sit and think. We are happy with others not with ourselves. Reading book gives us the habit of solitary reflection and enjoyment.

UNIT—IV

8. Write an essay on 'Influence of Social Media on the Mizo Youth' in not more than 300 words. 15

OR

Write a report on the blood donation camp held in your college. 15

OR

Write a letter of application to the CEO, Mega Mart Departmental Store, Aizawl for the post of Sales Manager. Include your full particulars mentioning the minimum salary expected by you in case you are selected. Provide resume. 15

UNIT—V

9. Oral communication (to be conducted in the college). 15

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