

**QUESTION PAPER CODE 1/1**

**SECTION A (Reading)**

**20 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 12 marks

- 1 I felt stupid, being made to stand on the desk while the other kids were bent over their notebooks. I couldn't understand my new school or my new classmates, or their alien language – English – and the fact that they could do sums in their head, while I struggled with a paper and pencil. For me, at age six, the good times had ended. Life seemed a far cry from those days in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, all thanks to my grandfather's reflected glory. He was a military doctor, a great man, and I lived with him. And so even policemen gave me affectionate salaams, which I learned to acknowledge with a nod. I'd simply lay my head down on the desk and sleep in class, if bored. I was a pampered little prince.
- 2 In early 1971, my parents decided it was time I moved to Bombay where father worked. My first few days were a disaster. No one spoke Tamil or Telugu, the only languages I knew. I couldn't keep pace with their writing or reading. Then one day, a slight plump lady with large spectacles, wearing trousers walked into the classroom. "Hello," she said. "My name is Miss Jean. I am your new class teacher." She'd done her homework. Spotting me in a back corner, she beckoned me to the front. My almost empty notebooks must have given Miss Jean a clue that I needed the extra attention. If the class had to write a page, I'd be made to write two. Even during PT, I had to stay back and write. When I was caught sneaking to the window to watch the others playing, Miss Jean put me in the middle row, far from the windows.
- 3 I made some progress and Miss Jean made it a point to praise every little achievement. If I did my work wrong, she'd call me to her desk, hug me and show me how to correct my errors. Mistakes were only human in her eyes,

but neglecting home-work was a crime – there'd be a terse comment in my diary for Mother to see. And I'd be grounded that evening. Meanwhile I was getting possessive and minded if another child got more hugs. By Christmas, I stood fifth in class. "I am very proud of Srikant," she told the class after reading out the marks. I related that moment to Mother again and again. When I returned after summer vacations, I heard that Miss Jean had got married and was going to Australia.

4 Many years went by. I graduated in engineering, then in management, got a job, got married and had kids. One day I found myself thinking of Miss Jean. Soon afterwards I found myself in Sydney, Australia on an official trip. I tried looking up my teacher in the phone book. But it was of no help as I did not even know her surname. Thank you Miss Jean wherever you are for the tact and patience with which you taught me.

1.1 Complete the following sentences.

1x 8=8

- (a) When the author got bored in his class while he studied in Nellore, he \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) He was given a preferential treatment when he was a child because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The author felt very bad and could not mix with his new classmates because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) When Miss Jean discovered that the author needed her extra attention she assigned him \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) Miss Jean put the author in the middle row far from the window when she found \_\_\_\_\_.
- (f) When the author committed mistakes, Miss Jean made it a point to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (g) The author became so possessive of Miss Jean that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (h) Although the author's efforts failed to trace her later in Australia, he thanked her in his heart because \_\_\_\_\_.

1.2 Find words from the passage that mean the same as

1×4 = 4

- (a) spoiled with too much attention (para 1)
- (b) called / signalled (para 2)

- (c) having excessive desire to own (para 3)
- (d) fail to do something (para 3)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

8 marks

1 Ilkal, a small town famous for its ethnic saris is in the northern district of Bijapur in Karnataka. But soon the sound of the loom may belong to the past as more and more weavers leave this art to join more profitable occupations. These saris are unique for their four to six inch broad reddish maroon borders with traditional, distinct designs. It is the families of dyers and weavers who together produce the Ilkal sari - a deep blue-black indigo body with red borders. It is woven in cotton or silk or a combination of both. The cotton, before the advent of chemical colours, was indigo dyed, and the red border dyed with colours derived from flowers.

2 A weaver's living room includes a handloom pit, where the weaver works on the loom at the same time entertaining guests and customers. The bedroom is the store room for yarn and also doubles as the domain of womenfolk of the house. It takes around a week to complete a sari. It is tiresome work. "The wholesaler gives us the required raw materials, mainly yarn, and we weave the sari on a piecemeal basis," he elaborates. "We are then sure the sari is sold and we are not stuck with dead stock. This is how the system mostly works now."

3 Traditionally, Ilkal saris were made using natural indigo dyes. Then, in the 1970s, the synthetic German indigo replaced this vat dyeing process. Today, this has given way to naphtha based dyes. The famed and centuries old indigo dyeing is now on the verge of extinction. As the new generation steps into more profitable avenues the skyline of Ilkal is fast changing too. "The most profitable business in the area now is granite," states a weaver. With this stone being available in plenty here, a number of granite selling agencies and chimneys of granite processing units are proliferating all over. As more and more of town's Younger citizens step into newer ventures like that of selling stones, the loom may become a mere memory.

2.1 Complete the paragraph using one word only in each blank.

1x3=3

Ilkal, once a small town (a) \_\_\_\_\_ for its saris is fast changing into one known for granites. (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a sari takes almost a week and is tiresome work. The younger generation (c) \_\_\_\_\_ granite business to sari weaving.

2.2 Complete the sentences given below:

1x5=5

- (a) A weaver's bedroom functions as \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) German Indigo has replaced \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) Weaving saris on a piecemeal basis ensures that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) Availability of granite stone in plenty in the area has led to
  - (i) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (ii) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B (Writing)**

**(30 Marks)**

3. Read the following telephone conversation and write a message for Danny in not more than 50 words.

5 marks

Ravi : Hello, can I speak to Danny?

Mrs. S : Danny has gone out. I'm his mother speaking.

Ravi : This is Ravi, his friend.

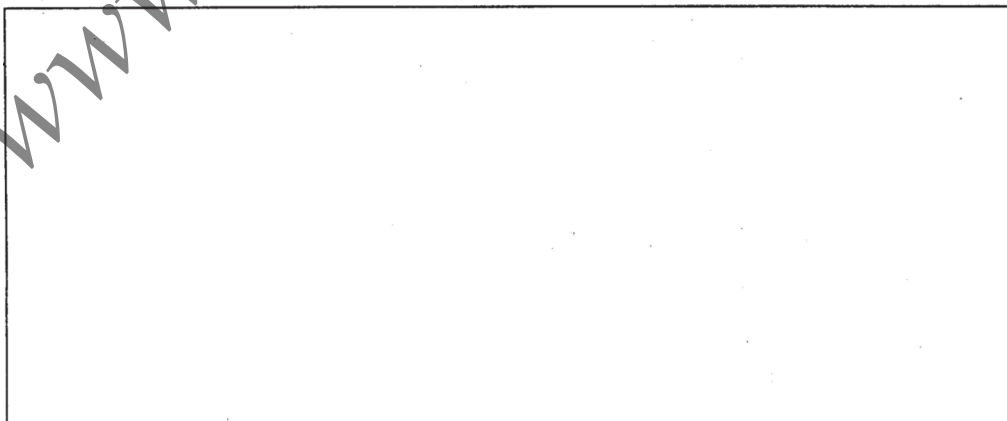
Mrs. S : Can I take a message?

Ravi : Yes. He wanted a book from me. As I am going for a movie, he should collect it from my sister.

Mrs. S : O.K. I will tell him that.

4. You are Menaka. You happened to go to an orphanage as a member of the Social Service Society of your school. Write a postcard in not more than 50 words to your father living at 8, Mansarover Park, Dehradun, on how you felt during your visit. Copy the format of the postcard from the question paper.

5 marks



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5. You overheard the following conversation between two friends.

Ram: Did you read the latest book of Chetan Bhagat ?

Shyam : No, I rarely get time to read.

Ram: I heard that it is going to be made into a movie.

Shyam : Then we will go and watch it together.

This dialogue made you realise that the present day generation is not into the habit of reading. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in about 150 - 175 words on the joys and importance of reading, suggesting how this habit could be inculcated among the youth. Use the following notes. 10 marks

Interesting pastime

Gives a lot of knowledge

Get the children interested in books at an early age

6. You are Mr. Solomon who loves travelling. You saw the following picture in a leading daily. It made you wonder about the present state of tourism in India. Write an article in 150 - 175 words on the state of tourism in India and how to promote it further. Take ideas from the unit on 'Travel and Tourism'. 10 marks



**(For Blind Candidates Only)**

You are Mr. Solomon. You have heard that the number of tourists visiting India is increasing year by year. Write an article in 150 - 175 words about the prospects of tourism in India suggesting measures to further improve this situation. Take ideas from the unit on 'Travel and Tourism' along with the notes given below.

good prospects – country of ancient historical sites and abundant variety – mountains, rivers, beaches, deserts etc.

inexpensive destinations compared to advanced countries.

facilities of good hotels, transport to be improved.

**SECTION C - (Grammar)**

**(20 Marks)**

7. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

1x4=4 marks

Karnam Maheswari – iron woman – Indian sport - first woman Olympic medal - wants - coach Indians - win gold medal – Olympics - disappointed - weightlifting - authorities' indifference

Karnam Malleswari (a) \_\_\_\_\_ . She was

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ . Her dream is (c) \_\_\_\_\_ . The

(d) \_\_\_\_\_ towards weightlifting disappoints her.

8. In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example.

½x8=4 marks

Celebrities don't have privacy that an

e.g. have the privacy

ordinary person. The most personal

(a)

details of their lives are splashed the

(b)

front pages leading dailies. Media

(c)

follows them wherever they. When

(d)

they try to things that normal people do,

(e)

- like eating out or watching football game, they (f)  
 run the risk of being interrupted thoughtless (g)  
 autograph hounds aggressive fans. (h)

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. 1x4=4 marks

brought up / and / born / Ustad Bismillah Khan / at Dumaraon / was  
 Ustad Bismillah Khan was born and brought up at Dumaraon.

- (a) a taste / he / early stage/developed / for music / a very / of his life / at  
 (b) the honour/got / of playing Shehnai / he / at Red Fort / Independence Day / on  
 (c) was / and / his soul/life / led / music / a simple / he  
 (d) played / in the hospital/on his death-bed / he / even / his last thumri
10. Given below are instructions to make a kite. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. 1x4=4 marks

- Buy coloured paper  
 Cut it into squares  
 Shape thin bamboo splinters into a triangle  
 Make an arc at the base  
 Paste the paper on the thin frame  
 To the thin end add a tail

First of all coloured paper is bought. It (a) \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Thin bamboo splinters (b) \_\_\_\_\_. An arc is made at the base. The paper (c) \_\_\_\_\_ frame. A tail (d) \_\_\_\_\_. The kite is now ready for flying.

11. Read the following conversation and complete it in any suitable way. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1x4=4 marks

Sandhya : (a) \_\_\_\_\_.

Manju : I don't think my parents will allow me to go alone to Meenu's birthday party.

Sandhya : I will ask my father (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

Manju : But my sister is arriving from Delhi for just two days and I (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

Sandhya : Oh ! Is that so ? Then (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

**SECTION D - (Literature)**

**(30 Marks)**

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly. 3 marks

Cleave themselves into chasms, while far below  
The sea-blooms and the oozy woods which wear  
The sapless foliage of the ocean, know  
Thy voice, and suddenly grow gray with fear,  
And tremble and despoil themselves: oh, hear!

- (a) What cleave themselves into chasms? 1  
(b) What impact does the west wind create on the sea? 1  
(c) What does “sapless foliage of the ocean” mean? 1

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly. 3 marks

I watched the flame feeding on my mother.  
I watched the holy man perform his rites  
to tame the poison with an incantation.

- (a) Why was the flame ‘feeding’ on the mother ? 1  
(b) Why were the rites performed? 1  
(c) What is an incantation? 1

**OR**

The fair breeze blew, the white foam flew,  
The furrow followed free;  
We were the first that ever burst  
Into that silent sea.



- (a) Why is the sea called 'silent' ? 1
- (b) What according to the mariners was the reason for their fate? 1
- (c) Which poetic device is used in these lines? 1
14. Answer the following in 50 - 75 words. 4 marks
- What does the mirror tell us about itself?
- OR**
- How does the frog again become the unrivalled king of 'Bingle Bog' ?
15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow in one or two lines only. 4 marks
- 'Now let it work. Mischief, thou art afoot,  
Take thou what course thou wilt!'
- (a) Who set mischief afoot? How? 2
- (b) Did it take the desired course? How? 2
16. Answer the following in 50 - 75 words. 4 marks
- Which image was shown by the second ghost to Scrooge?  
What lesson did the sight teach him?
- OR**
- What convinced Caesar to go to the Senate House?
17. Answer the following in 50 - 75 words. 4 marks
- Give instances from 'The Ultimate Safari' to prove that the grandmother was a hard-working lady and worked in a systematic manner.
- OR**
- How did the postmaster become a changed man?
18. Answer the following in 150 - 175 words. 8 marks
- As Cutie Pie, make a diary entry on your miserable life in the glass prison.

**OR**

You are Babuli's wife. The news of the partition has thrilled you. Make a diary entry on your hopes and plans for the future.

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