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Max Marks: 80
Roll no:

General Instructions:

- 1. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections: READING, GRAMMAR, WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (20 marks)

I. Read the passage and answer the questions.

(1x10=10)

The human body is a complex and fascinating system made up of several interrelated parts that work together to maintain life and health. One of the most important systems in the body is the circulatory system, which includes the heart, blood, and blood vessels. The heart pumps blood throughout the body, supplying oxygen and nutrients to cells and removing waste products. The circulatory system also helps regulate body temperature and maintain a stable environment for cells to function.

Another essential system is the respiratory system, which includes the lungs and airways. This system is responsible for taking in oxygen from the air and expelling carbon dioxide, a waste product of metabolism. Breathing is controlled by the brain, which sends signals to the muscles involved in inhalation and exhalation.

The digestive system is another key part of the human body. It breaks down the food we eat, extracting nutrients that are used by the body for energy, growth, and repair. The digestive process starts in the mouth and continues through the stomach and intestines. The system includes organs such as the stomach, liver, pancreas, and intestines, which work together to process food and absorb nutrients.

The nervous system is responsible for controlling all activities in the body. It includes the brain, spinal cord, and nerves, which communicate with each other and coordinate the body's responses to both internal and external stimuli. The nervous system helps us move, feel, think, and react to the environment around us.

Finally, the musculoskeletal system is made up of the bones, muscles, and joints that support the body and enable movement. This system provides structure and protects vital organs like the heart and lungs. Muscles work with bones to allow movement, while joints provide flexibility and mobility.

Each of these systems relies on the others to function properly. The body is an incredible example of how different systems cooperate to keep us alive and healthy, constantly adapting to changes in our environment and maintaining balance.

Answers the following questions:

Multiple Choice (2 marks)

1. What is the main function of the circulatory system?
 - a) To control body movement
 - b) To break down food into nutrients
 - c) To pump blood and transport oxygen and nutrients
 - d) To regulate body temperature

2. What is the primary function of the nervous system?
 - a) To regulate body temperature
 - b) To process food for nutrients
 - c) To control and coordinate body activities
 - d) To provide structural support to the body

3. True or False (1 mark)

The respiratory system is responsible for breaking down food. (True/False)

4. Fill in the Blanks (3 marks)

- a) The heart is an important organ in the _____ system.
- b) The _____ system helps us breathe in oxygen and expel carbon dioxide.
- c) The _____ system controls the body's responses to stimuli.

5. Short Answer (4 marks)

- a) How does the circulatory system help maintain the body's balance?
- b) Why is the digestive system essential for the human body?
- c) What role do muscles play in the musculoskeletal system?
- d) Name two organs involved in the nervous system.

II. Read the passage and answer the questions.**(1x10=10)**

Storytelling is an ancient and timeless art form that has played a crucial role in human culture throughout history. From the earliest oral traditions to modern books, movies, and television shows, storytelling has evolved but remains a central part of our lives. It is not just about entertainment; storytelling is a powerful tool for communication, education, and preserving cultural heritage. Through stories, we explore different aspects of human nature, experience diverse cultures, and gain insights into history and society.

One of the fundamental elements of any story is the plot, the sequence of events that drives the narrative forward. The plot typically includes an introduction, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution. It is through the plot that the author creates conflict, suspense, and emotional engagement. Conflict in a story can take many forms: internal (a character's struggle with their own emotions or decisions) or external (a character facing obstacles from other people or forces). The resolution of the plot provides closure to the audience, addressing the questions and problems raised throughout the story.

Another critical element is characters. Characters are the heart of any story. The protagonist, often the hero or main character, is the one with whom the audience identifies the most. The antagonist, on the other hand, provides obstacles for the protagonist, creating tension and conflict. However, great stories often include complex, multidimensional characters, both protagonists and antagonists, who evolve throughout the narrative. Supporting characters also play an important role in shaping the story, adding depth to the plot, and providing perspective.

The setting is equally important, as it establishes the time and place of the story, influencing the mood and atmosphere. Whether a fantasy world, a historical period, or a contemporary setting, the environment can significantly impact the direction and tone of the narrative. Stories are also enriched by their theme, the underlying message or moral that the author conveys. Themes can vary widely, from love, friendship, and heroism to more profound reflections on life, death, or the human condition.

The beauty of storytelling is that it transcends boundaries. It connects people across time and space, providing a shared experience that resonates with audiences, no matter their background or culture. Whether conveyed orally by elders around a fire, through written words in books, or by modern filmmakers and playwrights, storytelling continues to be one of the most significant and impactful ways of sharing ideas, experiences, and emotions.

Answers the following questions:

1. What is the main purpose of storytelling?
 - a) To entertain, educate, and connect people
 - b) To confuse the audience
 - c) To present facts only
 - d) To provide scientific explanations

2. What type of character usually presents challenges for the protagonist?
 - a) Supporting character
 - b) Antagonist
 - c) Protagonist
 - d) Narrator

3. What element of a story makes it memorable by evoking emotions?
 - a) Plot
 - b) Setting
 - c) Characters
 - d) Theme

4. Which of the following is NOT an element of a good story?
 - a) Characters
 - b) Setting
 - c) Theme
 - d) Plotting facts

5. In which forms can storytelling be presented?
 - a) Only in books
 - b) Only in films
 - c) In books, films, and plays
 - d) Only in oral traditions

2. Short Answer Questions

(1 mark each)

1. What are the two main types of characters in a story?

2. Why are supporting characters important in a story?

3. What role does the setting play in a story?
4. How does storytelling allow us to explore new ideas?
5. Why is character development crucial in storytelling?

SECTION B- GRAMMAR (15 marks)

III. Do as directed

(1x15= 15marks)

1. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the noun and pronoun with the correct pronoun:
"Sarah and I went to the library to study."
2. Pick out the adjective(s) in the sentence and write them:
The small, fluffy cat jumped over the tall fence."
3. Fill in the blanks with a suitable determiner:
" ____ books on the shelf are mine."
a) A b) The
4. Convert the following adjective into an adverb:
"She sings beautiful."
5. Fill in the correct preposition:
"The cat is hiding _____ the table."
a) in b) under c) over d) on
6. Combine the following two sentences using a suitable conjunction:
"I want to play. I have to finish my homework."
7. Identify main clause and subordinate clause.
"Although she was tired, she finished her work."
8. Change the sentence into indirect speech:
"He said, 'I will visit you tomorrow.'"
9. Change the sentence to passive voice:
The manager praised the team for their hard work.
10. Fill in the correct homophone of 'where'
"Please _____ your coat before leaving."
11. Make two sentences using the word "well." It is a homonym, so use it in two different contexts.
12. Fill in the blank using correct idiom.
To celebrate the victory, the team's supporters _____ (caught him red handed / painted the town red)

- a) Excited but confused
- b) Angry and disappointed
- c) Reluctant but accepting
- d) Happy and confident

3. Who is referred to as "Satchmo" in the story "Music Finds Satchmo"?

- a) Louis Armstrong
- b) Michael Jackson
- c) John Lennon
- d) Beethoven

4. How does the poet view his grandmother's influence on his life?

- a) He views her as a source of inspiration and guidance.
- b) He sees her as a barrier to his freedom.
- c) He feels neglected and misunderstood by her.
- d) He is indifferent to her influence.

IX. Answer any 4 of the following questions in about 60-100 words: (2x4=8)

- 1. How did Mr Davis begin to appreciate Louis Armstrong?
- 2. Describe the relationship between Danilka and Terenty.
- 3. Why do you think grandmother's footsteps echo?
- 4. How was life regulated at the Waif's Home by bugle calls?
- 5. What does 'watch their last setting suns' mean?

X. Answer any 3 of the following questions in about 100-140 words: (3x3=9)

- 1. Money and satisfaction are like parallel banks of a stream. How does this statement correspond to Patol Babu's emotions, after the shot was over?
- 2. Briefly describe the life at the Waif's Home?
- 3. Who was Claribel and how did the narrator come across her?
- 4. Do you agree that Terenty is completely in tune with Nature? Give examples from the text.

XI. Answer any 1 of the following questions in about 160-200 words: (1x4=4)

- 1. How did the presence of Claribel prove to be a blessing for the crew?
- 2. Trace Louis Armstrong's journey from the day he entered the Waif's Home to the time he became the leader of the band. Emphasise the qualities that helped him in his journey.
