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**MID-TERM EXAMINATION 2023-24**



Class :IV  
Date : 21.10.23  
Admission No:

**ENGLISH**

Duration : 1.30Hrs  
Max. Marks : 40  
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 (10 marks)**

**Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions.**

The Stone Age was a period of history that began approximately 2 million BC. and lasted until 3000 BC derives its name from the stone tools and weapons discovered by modern scientists. This period was divided into the Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic periods. During the First Age (2 million to 8000 BC) the first hatchets and the use of fire for heating and cooking were developed.

As a result of the Ice Age, which evolved about 1 million years into the Paleolithic era, humans were forced to shelter in caves, wear clothing, and develop new tools. During the Mesolithic period (8000 to 6000 BC) people made crude pottery and took dogs for hunting with the first fish hook and developed a bow and arrow, which was used until the fourteenth century BC. The Neolithic period (6000 to 3000 BC) saw mankind domesticating sheep, goats, pigs and cattle, becoming less nomadic than in earlier periods, establishing permanent settlements and forming governments.

**i. Answer the following questions :-**

1. When did the Stone Age begin? (1)
  - a. Approximately 2 million BC
  - b. Approximately 3000 BC
  - c. Approximately 8000 BC
  - d. Approximately 6000 BC
2. What were some developments during the Neolithic period? (1)
  - a. Domestication of sheep, goats, pigs and cattle, becoming less nomadic and forming governments
  - b. Development of crude pottery, fish hook and bow and arrow
  - c. Development of advanced tools and weapons, such as bronze and iron
  - d. Development of permanent settlements, agriculture and writing

3. What were some developments during the First Age (Paleolithic period)? (1)
- The first hatchets and the use of fire for heating and cooking
  - Crude pottery and domesticated animals
  - The fish hook and the bow and arrow
  - Permanent settlements and government formation
4. How is the Stone Age period divided? (2)

**Read the passage carefully and then answer the questions.**

A 23-year-old British woman was jailed for six months yesterday for leaving her two-year-old daughter at home alone, going to work eight hours a day, five days a week, for a year. The young mother, from the central city of Warwick, initially hired a babysitter while she worked at a travel agency but eventually reached the point where she could no longer afford the facility, prosecutors said. The woman then begins to leave the child at home on its own, providing it with food and toys and removing all potentially dangerous objects from its reach.

At first, the mother came home at lunchtime but had to stop because her daughter threw tantrums whenever she left to go back to work. The mother, who has not been identified, told the court, "I wouldn't have done it if I had the money. It's a case of earning a living without keeping my job". The judge, Mr Harrison Hall, said, however, "The absolute priority of having a child is to look after it. You have to have the option of leaving a child alone all day, which you can't do with a dog".

**ii. Answer the following questions :-**

1. How long was the British woman sentenced to jail for leaving her two-year-old daughter at home alone? (1)
- 3 months
  - 6 months
  - 1 year
  - 2 years
2. What was the reason for the young mother leaving her child at home alone? (1)
- She couldn't afford a babysitter
  - She wanted to go out and party
  - She didn't have time to look after her child
  - She didn't think it was a problem
3. How long did the mother leave her child alone at home while she worked? (1)
- 8 hours a day, 5 days a week
  - 12 hours a day, 7 days a week
  - 4 hours a day, 3 days a week
  - 6 hours a day, 5 days a week
4. What did the judge say about the priority of having a child? (2)

**SECTION B : GRAMMAR (10 marks)**

**iii. Fill in the blanks with the given Articles (a/an/the) :- (2)**

- Football is one of ..... most popular sports in the world.
- I saw ..... old man today.

**iv. Rearrange the words and complete the sentences with proper punctuation :- (2)**

- called/rose/the/queen/the/is/flowers/of
- useful/camel/is/animal/desert/the/most/the/in/the

v. Select the correct adjective and complete the sentence :-

(3)

1. Ravi is ..... than his brother. (tall / taller / tallest)
2. There are ..... mistakes in this essay. (old / several / much)
3. January is the ..... month of the year. (good / few / first )

vi. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets.

(3)

1. Ram \_\_\_\_\_ to work in London. (Want) (simple Present)
2. My uncle \_\_\_\_\_ a new watch for me. (buy) (Simple Past)
3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (know) the answer to all the questions. (Simple Present)

### SECTION C: WRITING SKILL (5 marks)

vii. Write a paragraph on the given picture. Give a suitable title. Use the given words in the composition

(5)



### SECTION D: LITERATURE (15 marks)

viii. Answer the following questions in short:-

(3)

1. What shows Fiona to be a popular girl?
2. What does the papier mache technique show us?
3. "It keeps my **rational** Doors **ajar**" Write the meaning of the highlighted words.

ix. Answer any three of the following questions:-

(3x2=6)

1. List two reasons that made Sakhi feel proud while exhibiting her craft.
2. How did the bird quench his thirst in the poem "A Bird, came down the Walk"?
3. What did Fiona's mother tell her about friendship?
4. Why does the poet use the word *rational* in the poem 'My Hobby'?

x. Answer any two of the following questions in detail:-

(2x3=6)

1. Do you think hobbies that increase our knowledge of the world are the only hobbies one should have? Give reasons for your answer.
2. Write a short paragraph on 'How to develop True friendship'.
3. What can we infer about the bird's personality or character from its behavior in the poem 'A bird came down the Walk.'

**THE END**