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ENGLISH-I

Duration: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions:

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Figures to the right indicate full marks.
- (ii) Begin each question on a new page.

GRAMMAR

Q.I.A. Do as directed and rewrite the sentences wherever necessary: (10)

- (i) He didn't _____ (leave) until the girl spoke. (Use the correct form of the verb)
- (ii) She drank water _____ (haste) after lunch. (Use the adverb form of 'haste')
- (iii) Jason went of to sleep. (Correct the error and underline it)
- (iv) He was taken to the hospital. He was not well. (Use a conjunction and join the sentences)
- (v) Mr. Hassan had painted a _____ (beauty) portrait. (Use the adjective form of 'beauty')
- (vi) The key fell the sea. (Insert a preposition wherever required)
- (vii) Girl had come to see performance. (Insert article wherever required)
- (viii) His brother's performance was worst than his. (Correct the error and underline it)
- (ix) manish said i won the championship (Use punctuation wherever required)
- (x) He brought a egg to conduct the experiment. (Correct the error and underline it)

Q.I.B. Do as directed in the brackets and rewrite the sentences: (05)

- (i) I love chocolates. I don't eat any. (Use a conjunction and join the two sentences)
- (ii) The goal was _____ than their problems. (Use the comparative form of "important")
- (iii) He said, "Leave the room right now, or I will kill you." (Use the reported form of speech)
- (iv) The dog had _____ the child. (Fill in the blank with the correct form of the verb "bite")
- (v) She is an honest girl. (Identify the article and adjective)

COMPREHENSION SKILLS

Q.II. Read the following passage and answer the questions below it: (10)

Laxmidhar, a wealthy man, was living in a town Kundinpur. He had a good business and was earning a lot of money. But alas! He was extremely selfish and mean and would not part with money even for a good cause. However, his wife Bhagyamati and son Anand were kind-hearted souls. One day at night he had a very unusual dream. He saw in the dream that he had died of heart attack and after death he approached the gates of Heaven expecting an admission over there. The two gatekeepers challenged him and asked why he should deserve admission. He was taken aback. He explained to them that he was a rich and powerful man. But they asked him clearly what good deeds he had done to deserve admission. Laxmidhar recalled after some time that he had given two coins to his housemaid Taramati after she begged for it days together. Taramati was in great crisis as she had lost her husband. On another occasion, he had given one coin to a boy named Sadanand. Sadanand was the son of one of his retired employees, Sampat. Sampat was seriously ill. He was badly in need of money.

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Laxmidhar proudly narrated these deeds to the gate-keepers. They asked him to wait for the decision and passed on this information to Chitrugupta. Pat came the reply, "Give him his three coins and ask him to go to Hell." Laxmidhar cried out, "No! No." His dream had vanished. He was shocked and afraid. After some time he calmed down and thought for himself. He had learnt a lesson. From the next morning, people saw a different Laxmidhar who was kind, considerate and helpful. They were pleased and so was Laxmidhar. He then led a full and happy life.

Q. II. (i) Who taught a lesson to Laxmidhar?

- (a) Sadanand
- (b) Sampat
- (c) Bhagyamati
- (d) Taramati
- (e) None of these

(ii) Which of the following aptly describes the moral of the dream?

- (a) Tit for tat
- (b) World wiser than the wise
- (c) As you sow so shall you reap
- (d) Well begun is half done
- (e) Honesty is the best policy

(iii) Why was Laxmidhar denied admission to Heaven?

- (a) The gatekeepers did not like him
- (b) He did not help Sadanand and Taramati
- (c) He had earned a lot of money
- (d) He was not a ruler
- (e) None of these

(iv) Laxmidhar was expecting admission to Heaven because _____

- (a) He had earned a good name
- (b) He had wealth and authority
- (c) He had goodwill towards all
- (d) He was kind and religious
- (e) He had voluntarily given three coins to needy people

(v) Why was Laxmidhar frightened?

- (a) His business was in danger
- (b) He was threatened by Sampat
- (c) Taramati and Sadanand did not return his money
- (d) The gatekeepers denied admission to him in Heaven and asked him to go to Hell
- (e) None of these

(vi) Laxmidhar explained his good deeds to the gatekeepers because _____

- (a) They demanded this information
- (b) It was his practice to talk about his good deeds to everyone
- (c) They were interested in knowing them
- (d) Chitrugupta had asked him accordingly
- (e) He had no bad deeds to his credit

(vii) Taramati had approached Laxmidhar because _____

- (a) She was expecting him to fulfil his promise
- (b) She was advised to do so by her husband
- (c) She was not paid her dues for a long time
- (d) Laxmidhar was a kind-hearted gentleman
- (e) She had lost her husband and was in need of money

(viii) Which of the following statements is TRUE about Sadanand?

- (a) He was an employee of Laxmidhar
- (b) He was the son of Taramati
- (c) He refused the help given by Laxmidhar
- (d) He was the son of Bhagyamati
- (e) None of these

(ix) Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE in the context of the passage?

- (a) Anand was full of love for others
- (b) Chitrugupta took quite some time to give his decision
- (c) Laxmidhar lived in the town Kundinpur
- (d) Bhagyamati had love and sympathy for others
- (e) Gatekeepers were doing their job honestly

(x) Which of the following helped Laxmidhar lead a contented life?

- (a) His kindness and sympathy for others
- (b) Profusion of wealth
- (c) His selfishness
- (d) His miserliness
- (e) None of these

Q.III.A. Attempt any two of the following:

(15)

- (i) Write a letter of congratulations to your colleague on his promotion to the post of Assistant Manager in your office.
- (ii) Explain the demi-official format of letter-writing.
- (iii) Write a letter of condolence to your secretary who has recently lost her father on account of a car accident.

Q.IV.A. Attempt any one of the following:

(15)

- (i) Write an essay in about 800-1000 words on any one of the following topics:
 - (a) Cinema: A Window to the Real World
 - (b) Politics: A Service to Society

OR

- (ii) Draft a poem of five stanzas, four lines each on the topic "Beauty of Rains"

OR

- (iii) Write a short story in about 800-1000 words on the theme "Magic of good-heartedness."

Q.V. Draft a Display advertisement for any one:

(10)

- (i) A new range of Wrist Watches
- (ii) A newly launched brand of Chocolates/Toffees

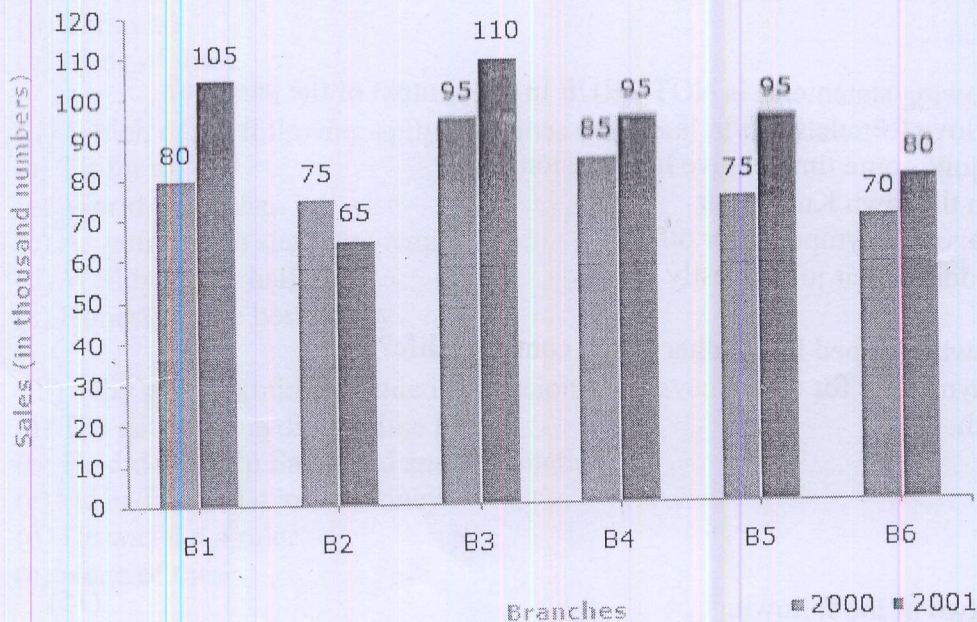
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Q. VI. Choose the correct spelling:

(05)

- (i) Separate/Seperate
- (ii) Idel/Idle
- (iii) Amaized/Amazed
- (iv) Intteligent/Intelligent
- (v) Greatful/Grateful

Q.VII. The bar graph given below shows the sales of books (in thousand numbers) from six branches of a publishing company during two consecutive years 2000 and 2001. Answer the questions below it: (10)



- Q.VII. (i) How many branches of a publishing company are represented in the bar graph?
(ii) Which branch achieved a sales target of 110 (in thousand numbers) in 2001?
(iii) Which two branches achieved a sales target of 80 (in thousand numbers) in 2000 and 2001 respectively?
(iv) Which branch achieved the highest sales in 2001?
(v) Which branches achieved equal sales in the year 2001?
(vi) Which branches achieved equal sales in the year 2000?
(vii) Which branch shows highest sales in both the years?
(viii) What were the sales targets achieved by B6 in 2000 and 2001?
(ix) Which branch had total sales of 140 (in thousand numbers) in both the years?
(x) Which branch had the second highest total of sales in both the years?