

## SECTION – A (Reading)

Q.1 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below - [1×10=10]

In his book about nutritional medicine, Dr. Ray D. Strand points out that our food industry, due to special transportation and storage techniques, has been able to make a wide variety of fruits and vegetables available nationwide throughout the year. The variety is good. But these are made available at a sacrifice. Green harvesting means picking fruits and vegetables before they mature. Shipping food over long distances requires cold storage and other preservation methods, which allow for depletion of vital nutrients. Our food is also highly processed. For example, the refinement process of our flour to create white bread removes more than twenty-three essential nutrients, magnesium being one of the most important. Our food industry then puts about eight of these nutrients back into our bread and calls it "enriched".

## Questions –

- (i) These days due to \_\_\_\_\_ a wide variety of fruits and vegetables is available nationwide throughout the year.
- (a) refinement process
  - (b) green harvesting
  - (c) cold storage facilities and preservation methods
  - (d) special transportation and storage techniques

- (ii) In the passage, Magnesium is -
  - (a) one of the important essential nutrients in flour
  - (b) one of the nutrients that is found in white bread
  - (c) not an important essential nutrients in flour
  - (d) one of the most important essential nutrients in flour
- (iii) Green harvesting is all about -
  - (a) picking fruits and vegetable before they mature
  - (b) highly processed food
  - (c) conserving the environment
  - (d) making fruits and vegetable available throughout the year
- (iv) Shipping food over long distances allows for -
  - (a) special preservation methods
  - (b) refinement process
  - (c) special transportation
  - (d) depletion of vital nutrients

- (v) The refinement process of our flour to create white bread removes more than -
- (a) twenty-two essential nutrients
  - (b) twenty-three essential nutrients
  - (c) twenty-six essential nutrients
  - (d) twenty-eight essential nutrients
- (vi) The author is talking about -
- (a) the universal food scenario
  - (b) the food scenario in Europe
  - (c) the food industry in his own country
  - (d) the food scenario in developed countries

- (vii) The wide variety of fruits and vegetables from all over the world throughout the year, according to Dr. Strand, -
- (a) is good
  - (b) shows green harvesting at its worst
  - (c) is a sacrifice of all the nutrients
  - (d) shows green harvesting at its best
- (viii) Shipping food over long distances requires -
- (a) cold storage and other preservation methods
  - (b) special transportation and storage techniques
  - (c) constant processing

Q.2 Read the passage carefully answer the questions given below -  
Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist is to find a subject that interests you and your listeners. There are, for example, numberless hobbies to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about other fellow's hobby rather than your own. Therein lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them, and you will get a reputation for good fellowship, charming wit, and a brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interest. It is just as important to know what subjects to avoid and what subjects to select for good conversation. If you don't want to be set down as a wet blanket or a bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant subjects. Avoid talking about yourself, unless you are asked to do so. People are interested in their own problems, not in yours. Sickness or death bores everybody. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor, but he gets paid for it.

**Questions -**

- (i) Make not based on the above passage.
- (ii) Give a suitable title too.

**SECTION - B (Writing)**

Q.3 You are Aishwarya Patel, student of class XII of Govt. HSS, Dewas. You have found a bag in the school playground. Prepare a notice for the school notice board informing about that bag.

**OR**

Prepare an attractive poster against the use of drugs.

Q.4 Write a letter to the collector of your district about the nuisance of loudspeakers in your area and request him to impose a ban on the use of loudspeakers.

## SECTION – C (Grammar)

Q.6 Fill in the blanks - (Any five)

[1×5=5]

- (i) ..... you lend me a few hundred dollars? (could, may, must)
- (ii) He can write with ..... hand. (either, both, all)
- (iii) She ..... my pen. (hide, hid, hidden)
- (iv) Work hard ..... You should fail. (lest, but, and)
- (v) This ring is made ..... gold. (with, from, of)
- (vi) Hardly had started my work ..... the guests arrived.  
(when, then, than)

Q.7 Do as directed - (Any five)

[1×5=5]

- (i) This is the school. My father teaches here.  
(Combine the pair of sentences into a Relative Clause)
- (ii) No sooner does the peon ring the bell than the students go to their classes.  
(Rewrite the sentence using 'as soon as')
- (iii) I don't know who made this mistake.  
(Identify the Underlined Clause)
- (iv) No player in the team is so tall as Mohan.  
(Rewrite the sentence using Superlative Degree)
- (v) He does not like tea. He does not like coffee.  
(Combine these sentences using 'neither ..... nor')
- (vi) If he does not have time, he will not help you.

## SECTION – D (Textbook)

Q.8 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow -

Poor man! It was in honour of this last lesson that he had put on his fine Sunday clothes, and now I understand why the old men of the village were sitting there in the back of the room. It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more.



## Questions -

- (i) Who does the narrator refer to as 'poor man'?
- (a) the villager (b) Franz  
(c) M. Hamel (d) None of the above
- (ii) Why does the narrator call the French teacher as 'poor man'?
- (a) He sympathizes with the teacher as he had to leave the village.  
(b) He believes that the teacher was poor.  
(c) He feels sorry for the teacher as it was his last lesson.  
(d) None of the above
- (iii) How many years had the teacher given his service in the school?
- (a) Thirty years (b) Forty five years  
(c) Fourteen years (d) Forty years
- (iv) Who sat on the back benches on the last lesson?
- (a) Franz (b) The village people  
(c) The new teacher (d) M. Hamel
- (v) Who is the writer of the lesson 'The Last Lesson'?
- (a) Alphonse Daudet (b) Selma Lagerlof  
(c) William O Douglas (d) Anees Jung

Q.9 Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow -

(A) Driving from my parent's

Home to Cochin last Friday

Morning, I saw my mother,

Beside me,

Doze, open mouthed, her face

Ashen like that

Of a corpse and realised with pain

That she was as old as she

Looked but soon

Put that thought away

And looked out at young trees sprinting .....



(B) Yes I've taken the obvious step : I talked to a psychiatrist friend of mine, among others. I told him about the third level at Grand Central Station, and he said it was a waking dream wish fulfilment. He said I was unhappy. That made my wife kind of mad, but he explained that he meant the modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and all the rest of it, and that I just want to escape. Well, who doesn't? Everybody I know wants to escape, but they don't wander down into any third level at Grand Central Station.

- (i) Why did the narrator go to a psychiatrist?
- (a) Because he went through an experience no one else did.
  - (b) Because he wanted to know why he was unhappy.
  - (c) Because he was depressed.
  - (d) Because he wanted to meet him.
- (ii) What is 'Waking dream wish fulfilment;' according to the psychiatrist?
- (a) Charley's finding of a third level at the station
  - (b) Charley's realization of his wish to visit Galesburg Illinois
  - (c) Charley's escaping into his daydreaming everyday
  - (d) Charley's post stamp collecting habit
- (iii) What was the third level?
- (a) A third platform on the station
  - (b) A third storey on the station
  - (c) A level in the game that Charley had been playing
  - (d) None of the above