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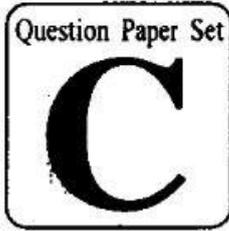
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SECTION - A

(Reading Skill, Grammar, Vocabulary, Note-making and Summary)

- Q. 1. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions [15]**
given below : (11)

My second story is about love and loss. I found what I loved to do early in life. Woz (Steve Wozniak) and I started Apple when I was 20. In 10 years Apple had grown from just the two of us in a garage into a \$2 billion company. And then I got fired. It was devastating.

But something slowly began to dawn on me – I still loved what I did. And so I decided to start over.

The heaviness of being successful was replaced by the lightness of being a beginner again. It freed me to enter one of the most creative periods of my life.

During the next five years, I started a company NeXT, another company named Pixar, and fell in love with an

amazing woman who would become my wife. Pixar is now the world's most successful animation studio. Apple bought NeXT, I returned to Apple, and the technology we developed at NeXT is at the heart of Apple's current renaissance. And Laurene and I have a wonderful family together.

Sometimes life hits you in the head with a brick. Don't lose faith. The only way to do great work is to love what you do. If you haven't found it yet, keep looking. Don't settle.

Questions :

- (1) What is the second story of Steve about? (1)
- (2) Where was the first office of the Apple? (1)
- (3) What is the only way to do great work? (1)
- (4) What did Steve do during the next five years? (2)
- (5) What according to you is the only way to do great work? Justify it. (2)
- (6) Rewrite the following as directed :
 - (i) I decided to start over.
(Rewrite the sentence using noun form of the underlined word.) (1)
 - (ii) Pixar is now the world's most successful animation studio.
(Change the degree.) (1)
 - (iii) If you haven't found it, you keep looking.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'Unless'.) (1)

(7) Find out the words from the extract which mean :

- (i) extremely shocking or upsetting (½)
(ii) wonderful (½)

(B) Grammar : (4)

Do as directed :

(i) I found myself in _____ maidan and sat down on _____ bench.

(Fill in the blanks with suitable articles.) (1)

(ii) A massive non-co-operation movement was _____ full swing all _____ the country.

(Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.) (1)

(iii) "Would you like to come with us to a service in the Maori Church?" asked my hostess.

"Indeed, I would," I replied.

(Change it into indirect narration.) (2)

Q. 2. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below : [15] (11)

Readers might think that my family was born and bred in a jet plane. The truth is more prosaic. Our ancestral home is Kargudi, a humble, obscure village in Tanjore district, Tamil Nadu. My earliest memories of it are as a house with no toilets, running water, or *pukka* road.

When we visited, we disembarked from the train at Tanjore, and then travelled 45 minutes by bullock cart to reach the ancestral home. My father was one of the six children, all of whom produced many children (I myself

had three siblings). So two generations later, the size of the Kargudi extended family (including spouses) is over 200. Of these, only three still live in the village. The rest have moved across India and across the whole world from China to Arabia to Europe to America.

This one Kargudi house has already produced 50 American citizens. So, dismiss the mutterings of those who claim that globalisation means westernisation. It looks more like Aiyarisation, viewed from Kargudi.

What does this imply for our sense of identity? I cannot speak for the whole Kargudi clan, which ranges from rigid Tamil Brahmins to beef-eating, pizza-guzzling, hip-hop dancers. But for me the Aiyarisation of the world does not mean Aiyar domination. Nor does it mean Aiyar submergence in a global sea. It means acquiring multiple identities, and moving closer to the ideal of a brotherhood of all humanity. I remain quite at home sitting on the floor of the Kargudi house on a mat of reeds, eating from a banana leaf with my hands. I feel just as much at home eating noodles in China, steak in Spain, teriyaki in Japan and cous-cous in Morocco. I am a Kargudi villager, a Tamilian, a Delhiwallah, an Indian, a Washington Redskins fan, and a citizen of the world, all at the same time and with no sense of tension or contradiction.

Questions :

- (1) What are the writer's earliest memories of his house in Kargudi? (1)
- (2) How many extended families of Aiyar family do still live at their ancestral home? (1)

- (3) What does the writer want to dismiss? (1)
- (4) What does the writer really mean by globalisation? (2)
- (5) Would you like to live in a globalised world?
Justify your answer. (2)
- (6) Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :
- (i) It looks like Aiyarisation.
(Add a question tag.) (1)
- (ii) I cannot speak for the whole Kargudi clan which ranges from rigid Tamil Brahmins to beef-eating, pizza-guzzling, hip-hop dancers.
(Rewrite using 'ing' form of the underlined word.) (1)
- (iii) I am a Kargudi villager. I am an Indian.
(Combine the sentences using 'not only – but also'.) (1)
- (7) Find out the words from the extract which mean :
- (i) not well-known (½)
- (ii) complaints expressed in a low voice (½)

(B) Note-making : (4)

Read the following extract and make a note that contains the main points and their supporting details about "Groups of Cancer."

The term 'Cancer' derived from the Latin term 'Cancrum', means crab. Cancer is lawless growth without control. This disorder threatens a person's life. There are four groups of cancer. They are Carcinomas, Sarcomas, Lymphomas and Leukemias. About 85% of cancers are Carcinomas which include cervical, breast, tongue, stomach, skin and brain cancers. Sarcomas constitute only about

3% of human cancers, which are in the form of solid tumors growing from connective tissue, cartilage, bone and muscle. Lymphomas are the cancers in which there is excessive production of lymphomas by the lymph nodes and spleen. They constitute 5% of human cancers. Leukemias include cancerous growth of leucocytes and are characterised by excessive production of cells. They constitute 7% of human cancers.

Q. 3. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below : [15] (11)

I have mentioned the names of some of the great ones of those times. One of the greatest of these, I have not yet mentioned. His name was Socrates. He was a philosopher, always searching for truth. To him the only thing worth having was truth and often discussed difficult questions with his friends and acquaintances, so that out of the discussions truth might emerge. He had many disciples or *chelas*, and the greatest of these was Plato. Plato wrote many books which have come down to us, and it is from these books that we know a great deal of his master, Socrates. Evidently governments do not like people who are always trying to find out things : they don't like the search for truth. The Athenian Government – this was just after the time of Pericles – did not like the methods of Socrates, and they held a trial and condemned him to death. They told him that if he promised to give up his discussions with people and changed his ways they would let him off. But he refused to do so and preferred the cup of poison, which brought him death, to giving up what he considered his duty.

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Questions :

- (1) Who was Socrates? (1)
- (2) What is the source of our knowledge of Socrates? (2)
- (3) What qualities of Socrates does the extract reveal? (2)
- (4) How would you have reacted to the death of Socrates, if you had been one of his *chelas*? (2)
- (5) Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed :
 - (i) They held a trial. They condemned him to death.
(Rewrite using 'which'.) (1)
 - (ii) But he refused to do so.
(Rewrite using a gerund.) (1)
 - (iii) Plato wrote many books.
(Rewrite using the past perfect tense.) (1)
- (6) Choose the alternative that gives the correct meaning :
 - (i) A philosopher is a person – (½)
 - (a) who is interested in studies.
 - (b) who is a lover of wisdom.
 - (c) who is philanthropic by nature.
 - (ii) The word 'emerge' means – (½)
 - (a) come out
 - (b) become clear
 - (c) become easy

(B) Summary : (4)

Write a brief summary of the above extract and suggest a suitable title.

SECTION - B

(Poetry)

Q. 4. Read the following poem and answer the questions given below : [8]

Now apartments decorate the city
Closed doors of neighbour's live-ins
Bonsai-cacti thrive in pots within
But neighbourliness has, sadly,
Now become history!

Now my house has also moved into a flat
And I too have become
Somewhat flat
The homeliness of the house
Tended in the niche of heart
So deeply
Is now only history!

Sometimes as I turn
The pages of history
The drops of tears that well up
Suddenly
Will also in all probability
Someday become history!

Questions :

- (1) Where has the poetess shifted from her house? (1)
- (2) What features of the city life are mentioned in the poem? (2)
- (3) Which life do you prefer to live? Why? (2)
- (4) Name and explain the figure of speech in the following lines :
'The homeliness of the house
Tended in the niche of heart' (1)

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- (5) What kind of feelings are aroused after reading the poem?
Justify your answer. (2)

SECTION - C

(Rapid Reading and Composition)

- Q. 5. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below : [8]**
(4)

ROWENA : Did you let him kiss you?

LINDA : I let him kiss me once when we floated under some willow trees. And then he kept talking so hot-headed that I didn't let him kiss me again, and I liked him less and less. All the way back on the bus I didn't pay any attention to him; just looked into the street and said yes and no; and then I told him I was too busy to see him this week, I don't want to see him again – Aunt Rowena, he breathes so hard.

ROWENA : He didn't look like he was rough and nasty.

LINDA : He's not rough and nasty. He just – suffers.

ROWENA : I know 'm.

LINDA : Aunt Rowena, isn't there any way discovered to make a man get over loving you. Can it be cured? (*Rowena does not answer. She walks meditatively back to the table in the corner.*)

ROWENA : Give me a hand, will you, with this table? We'll bring it nearer to the gas jet. I'd better go downstairs and see what Joey's doing to everything. (*They bring the table forward.*)

Dearie, what makes you say such things?
What makes you say he's thinking of
shooting you?

LINDA : He looked all... all crazy and said I oughtn't
to be alive. He said if I didn't marry him

ROWENA : Marry him! He asked you to marry him?
Linda, you are a funny girl not to tell me
these things before. Why do you keep
everything so secret, dearie?

LINDA : I didn't think that was a secret. I don't want
to marry him.

Questions :

- (1) Where does Rowena want to bring the table? (1)
- (2) What does Linda want to know from aunt Rowena
about love? (1)
- (3) What are Linda's feelings about the man who has
proposed her? (2)

(B) **Composition :** (4)

Rewrite the above extract as if you are 'Linda'.

SECTION - D
(Writing Skills)

Q. 6. (A) **Letter Writing :** [12]

Write any ONE of the following letters : (4)

Write a letter to the Health Officer of your district regarding
improper drainage system. Consequently people are facing
health problems. Suggest necessary steps.

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Your friend's mother is dead. You have received the information rather late. Write a letter of condolence.

(B) Write on any ONE of the following items : (4)

Prepare an Appeal seeking help for the flood-affected people with the help of the following points :

- Prepare an effective slogan.
- Use a logo / picture chart.
- Consequences of flood.
- Make a persuasive appeal.

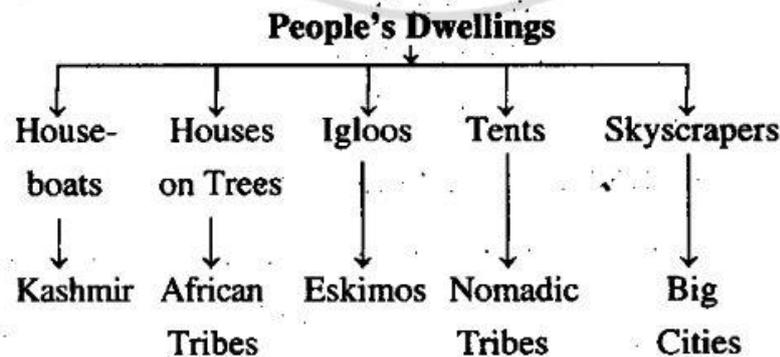
OR

Read the following headlines of news items. Choose any ONE of them and write the date-line, intro and short continuing paragraph :

- (i) SIX MORE FARMERS COMMIT SUICIDE IN VIDARBHA.
- (ii) ANNUAL SOCIAL GATHERING CELEBRATED.

(C) Answer any ONE of the following : (4)

Read the following tree-diagram and prepare a short paragraph regarding 'People's Dwellings' :



OR

Prepare a paragraph to be used for the counter view-section of the following topic :

'Junior college students should be allowed to carry their mobile hand-sets to college.'

You can take help of the following points in the view-section.

View-Section

Mobile Hand-sets are Essential Today .

- Technology has become part and parcel of life.
- Parents can trace whereabouts of their children.
- Helpful to find out portion covered during their absence.
- Helpful to communicate during crises.

Q. 7. Essay Writing :

[7]

Write an essay on any **ONE** of the following topics in about 250 words :

- (1) A Memorable Incident in My Life.
- (2) Health and Happiness.
- (3) Wonders of Science.

