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(CBCS – Freshers)

English

Paper I - LANGUAGE ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates :

- 1) *Answer all questions.*
- 2) *Mention your question number correctly.*

SECTION – A

(Work Book)

- I. Correct the following sentences : **(5 × 1 = 5)**
1. Always speak truth.
 2. The king, with his ministers, were present,
 3. I have been suffering from fever from last night.
 4. One of all her sisters are lovely.
 5. Volunteers does a lot of work around the town.
- II. Rearrange the given sentences in proper sequence in a paragraph : **(5)**
1. But sometimes, the persons of opposite nature also come closer fall in each other's company by accident, chance or out of ignorance vitiating the above statement to some extent.
 2. If a man moves in the company of good, gentle and noble people, he is usually adjudged to be a gentleman.
 3. It is usual for a man to see company of those who possess tastes, tendencies and temperaments like his own.
 4. On the other side, if he keeps company with evil persons and bad characters, he is considered to be a man of bad character.
 5. Generally, the character and conduct of a person is gauged by the kinds of people he mixes and moves with.

III. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions : (5)

The Trojan War is partly historical and partly mythological. The war was fought between the Trojans who lived in what is modern day Turkey and the Greeks who lived across the Aegean Sea. The problem began when Paris, a prince of Troy, eloped with or kidnapped Helen, the wife of Menelaus, the King of Sparta in Greece. Menelaus wanted to organize an expedition to get her back.

He asked his brother Agamemnon, King of Mycenae in Greece, to be the leader of the expedition. Greek heroes like Achilles, Ajax, Odysseus, and thousands of warriors joined with them. More than 1000 ships from all over Greece set sail across the Aegean Sea for Troy. They wanted to demand that Priam, the king of Troy, return Helen.

The Greeks laid siege to the city of Troy and camped around its walls for ten years. Individual battles took place outside the walls when Trojan heroes came out to fight Greeks. The Greek hero Achilles chased a Trojan prince Hector around the walls and killed him in revenge. Hector had killed Achilles' best friend Patroclus.

Later, the Trojan prince Paris killed the Greek hero Achilles with an arrow in the only place in his body where he was vulnerable. According to mythology, Achilles' mother had dipped him in the River Styx in the Underworld to protect him from death. However, because she held him by his heel to dip him, his heel was not touched by the water and was not immortal.

After ten years of the siege, the Greek army left. In reality, they sailed just out of sight of Troy. The Greeks left a huge wooden horse on the beach. A Greek deserter named Sinon told the Trojans that the Greeks had left the horse as an atonement sacrifice to Athena because the Greek Odysseus had stolen her statue from a Trojan temple. The Greeks wanted to get back her favour. The Trojan princess Cassandra, who was a seer or a prophet, warned the Trojans that it was a trick, but she had been cursed by the God Apollo that no one would ever believe her. Also, the God Poseidon sent two serpents out of the sea to strangle his Trojan priest Laocoon and his two sons. Laocoon had warned the Trojans about bringing the horse into the city. Poseidon was angry with the king of Troy. He wanted the city of Troy destroyed.

Sinon told the Trojans that it was so big because the Greeks didn't want the Trojans to be able to take it inside the city. The Trojans decided they wanted it inside the city so broke down the walls and dragged it in. At night, while the Trojans were partying because of the Greeks' departure, a trap door in the horse was opened by men inside. Greeks swarmed out and fought the Trojans all over the city. The other Greeks sailed back and the city was captured.

1. The Trojan war was fought between _____.
2. Why was the war fought?
3. Why did Achilles kill Hector?
4. How did Paris succeed in killing Achilles?
5. What happened when the horse was taken into the Trojan city?

IV. Expand the News paper captions given below : (5 × 1 = 5)

1. 20 dead in bus mishap
2. Gold prices at new peak
3. Bomb scare in plane
4. Australia fails on final day
5. BSF Jawan killed in firing by Bangla guards.

V. Fill in the blanks with appropriate idioms and phrases from the list given below :

(3 × 1 = 3)

(look into, cut a sorry figure, put off, look after)

1. The examinations were _____ by a day because of the bundh.
2. I did not complete my work and so _____.
3. The Police Commissioner told he would _____ the case.

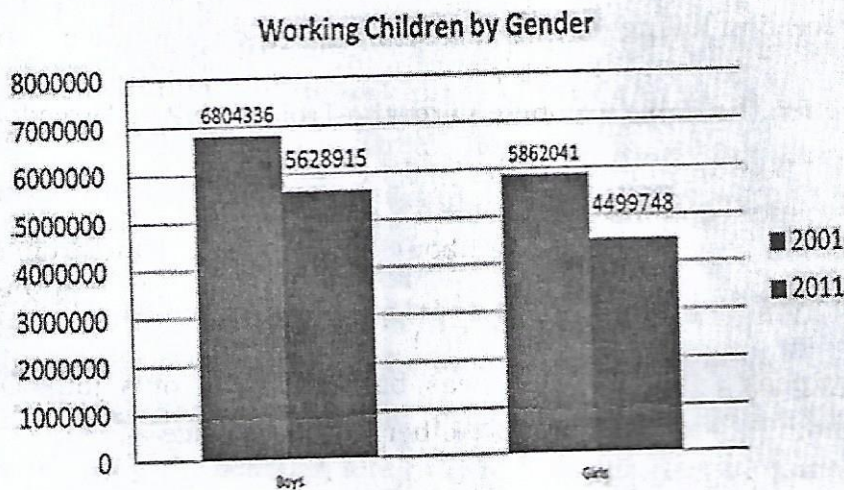
VI. Choose the correct forms of the words given in the brackets and fill in the blanks : (2 × 1 = 2)

(fortune, study)

1. I don't desire _____. Not all rich and _____ people are happy.
2. Lucy _____ for at least three hours every night. She is the most _____ person in the class.

VII. The graph shows a comparative study of gender wise children working in various sectors in 2001 and 2011. Write a paragraph on the data given with suitable suggestions : (5)

Gender-wise Trends (5-14 years)



The percentage of both girls and boys decreased by 23% and 17% respectively in 2011 from 2001.

SECTION - B
(Course Book)

VIII. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in 2 or 3 sentences each : (5 × 2 = 10)

1. In "A Service of Love" by O. Henry, where does Joe claim he got the first \$ 18 from?
 - (a) He stole it from a fat man
 - (b) From his job of ironing shirts
 - (c) From selling a sketch
 - (d) From his job at the drug store

2. What was the reason for Savitri's aversion towards Santhoshi in "Acceptance"?
3. Whom does the Speaker address in the "Sonnet 106" by Shakespeare?
4. The visit of Dynamo football team to England succeeded in establishing Anglo-Soviet friendship. True/false
5. Why did Nnaemeka refuse to write a letter to his father in "Marriage is a Private affair"?
6. Who does the poet address in the poem "Buying and Selling"?
7. Which are the two areas that would be the sources of conflict in the future according to Kalam?
8. What is the good way to choose one's career as suggested in "Freedom and Choice"?

IX. Answer any **FOUR** of the following in about a page each (One from poetry compulsory) (4 × 5 = 20)

1. How did Santhoshi ascertain that she was badly in need of a job? Did she succeed in persuading Rama to offer a job to her in "Acceptance"?
2. Why does the poet say that he lacks words to describe the beauty of his friend in "Sonnet 106"?
3. 'Nearly all the sports practiced nowadays are competitive,' says George Orwell. Examine this statement from the light of the essay "The Sporting Spirit"?
4. How does the short story "Marriage is a Private affair" depict the conflict between two generations?
5. Khalil Gibran emphasizes on the need to strengthen the bond between human beings and nature in the poem "On Buying and Selling." Discuss.
6. What are the career options available for women at present compared to those in the past, as stated in "Freedom and Choice"?

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X. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about **2** pages : **(1 × 10 = 10)**

1. Bring out the significance of the title 'A Service of Love'.
 2. "Acceptance" reflects the apathy of the society towards LGBT community whose identity has long since been unnoticed. Discuss.
 3. The title of the short story "Marriage is a Private Affair" is an irony. Elucidate it with reference to the short story.
 4. What vision Abdul Kalam has for India as brought out in the essay "Towards a Competitive Nation"?
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