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SECTION – A : PROES**[1] Choose the correct option and complete the following sentences. [3]**

- (1) Ranji gave the boy the flute because _____
[a] he was tired of the flute
[b] he liked the necklace
[c] the stones were precious
- (2) Nature is a supreme artist because _____
[a] she is a creation of God
[b] she creates forms of beauty and colour
[c] there is no painter like her
- (3) The poison sprinkled on all the plants was _____
[a] a fine white powder
[b] tiny white grains
[c] a white liquid

[2] Read the following passage and answer the questions given below. [4]

My watch began to gain. It gained faster and faster day by day. Within the week it sickened into a raging fever. At the end of two months, it had left all the time pieces in the town far in the rear and was a fraction over thirteen days ahead of the calendar. It was away into November enjoying the snow while the October leaves were still changing colour. It hurried house rent, bills payable and such things in so ruinous a way that I could not bear it.

Questions :

- (1) What happened to Mark Twain's watch after the regulator was set ?
(2) What happened to it after two months ?
(3) What was the effect of the watch gaining time on the writer ?
(4) Give the antonyms of : gain, fast

[3] Answer the following questions (any three) [6]

- (1) How are book friends better than living friends ?
(2) Why Luz long gave tips to Jesse Owens even though they were competing in the same event ?
(3) 'Humour in advertising, needs to be used with discretion; Explain
(4) What helped Mike pick up the stones that were thrown for him to fetch ?

SECTION – B : Poems and Supplementary Reading**[4] Read the following lines and answer the questions given below. [2]**

Enough of science and of art;
Close up these barren leaves
Come forth and bring with you a heart
That watches and receives.

Questions :

- (1) What does the poet compares the pages of book to ?
(2) How can one learn from Mother Nature ?

[5] Answer the following questions. [4]

- (1) What are the different kinds of trees and their qualities mentioned by the poet in the poem ' I Love a Tree' ?

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(5) Contd...

- (2) Give the central idea of the poem 'The Tables Turned'

[6] Answer the following questions.**[3]**

- (1) What reasons did Seeta give for deciding to wait for Rama to rescue her?
 (2) What does Hanuman say about the strength of the Vanaras to Seeta ?

SECTION – C : Grammar**[7] Do as directed.****[7]**

- (1) The female fish began to notice that she wasn't having as many babies as her friend. (Make it affirmative)
 (2) They were actually very good friends (Make it exclamatory)
 (3) We may sometimes resist its direct appeal. (Change the voice)
 (4) He offered me a firm handshake (Add question tag)
 (5) The best of mural decorations are books. (Change the degree)
 (6) I failed all appointments. (Make it negative)
 (7) "Did you see any fish ?" asked the flute player. (Change into indirect speech)

[8] Give the noun forms of**[1]**

- (1) Exist (2) grieve

[9] Give the verb form of :**[1]**

- (1) hinderance (2) sure

[10] Give the adjective forms of :**[1]**

- (1) method (2) sense

SECTION – D : Reading**[11] Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.****[4]**

The world is full of people who only live for themselves. Most of us care only for our own needs, comforts and ambitions. At the most we live for our children and close friends. But of what use is our prosperity to others ? We should measure our achievements not by the wealth we have amassed but by what we have done to add to human happiness. To know whether our lives have been lived fruitfully, let us ask ourselves, "Have we comforted those in distress ? Have we fought injustice and cruelty in life ? What have we done for joy of doing it ?" If the answer is in the negative then the best part of our lives has been wasted.

Questions :

- (1) What do most people care about ?
 (2) For whom do most people live ?
 (3) How should we measure our achievement ?
 (4) When will our lives become fruitful ?

SECTION – E : Writing

- [12] Write a letter to your friend telling him about how you celebrated the 'Teacher's Day' in your school. **[5]**

- [13] Write a notice for the school notice board informing the students about the Inter School Quiz Competition to be held in your school. **[3]**

- [14] Write an essay on any one topic. **[6]**

- (1) Autobiography of a Watch.
 (2) Television – A Blessing or a Curse