SECTION A: READING (15 Marks)

Ques I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5 Marks)

CHIHUAHUA: THE SMALL WONDER

The world's smallest dog, the Chihuahua or the Pocket Dog is barely 1 kg to 2 kg as an adult! The Chihuahua is named after a Mexican state but its roots can be traced back to China. Today this breed is a popular choice among dog lovers world over and their popularity seems to be ever increasing.

The main advantage of this breed is that they need no particular exercise. They are quite satisfied with their walks within the house. Being small, however does not mean that they are dull, on the contrary they are sharp, alert animals very strong in character. They are good guard dogs due to their strong vocal cords. They have an inherent curiosity that makes them want to know what goes on within the house.

For show purposes the maximum permissible weight is between 0.9kg to 1.8kg. Chihuahuas are of 2 types, the long coated and the smooth coated. The long coated ones have flat or slightly wavy coats. The smooth coated ones are soft textured and glossy in appearance.

They can be of any colour. Their heads are apple dome. The nose is short and the ears are at an angle of 45 degrees to the head. The dogs are slightly longer than the tail and the tail is carried like a sickle that just touches the back. The body on the whole is compact and has a graceful appearance.

Compared to other pups they require little care. They tend to exercise themselves within the confines of the house. This makes them prone to have overgrown nails that need regular clipping. As far as their diet is concerned they could be fussy and choosy eaters but then, almost all toy breeds are so! They are intelligent and learn easily.
1. Complete the following summary of the passage with one word only.  

(6 x ½ = 3)

The most popular variety of (a) ________ dogs today is Chihuahua. The (b) ________-size is its greatest attraction as the adult weighs between 1 kg and 2 kg. A walk within the house gives them (c) ________ Besides strength of character they possess (d) ________ and alertness. They are always (e) ________ to know what is happening inside the house. They are good with children and show great loyalty and (f) ________ to the family.

2. Answer the following questions briefly: (1x2=2)

(a) The Pocket Dog is not only a show piece but a good guard as well because ________________
(b) The 6 inch pet needs attention towards two aspects. These are (i) ________________, (ii) ________________

Ques II. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5 Marks)

TEA

The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea is believed to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch. Today, from the remotest corners of Ladakh to Buckingham Palace, tea is synonymous with cheer.

It is rightly said that there will be no agreement on a perfect cup of tea. Though for tea drinkers the brew is addictive. The preferred method of preparation and taste differs from person to person and region to region.

Today many varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. An innovation is the tea-bag that is easy and quick and less messy than traditional ways of brewing tea. Green tea is popular in China and the Far East. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and is a social occasion. Unlike the tea we are familiar with, green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk. It is an olive-coloured liquid served in porcelain cups. In Morocco, green tea is infused with freshly plucked mint.

Some scientists believe tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of fluoride. Tea is also a folk remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhea. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer and lowers cholesterol levels in the blood. A welcome thought for inveterate tea drinkers.

1. Fill in the blanks with one word only: (½ x 6 = 3)

Tea was drunk in Asia (a) ________ it was introduced in Europe. Though each person likes his or her (b) ________ of tea, to all tea-drinkers tea is (c) ________. A new and convenient way of making tea is the (d) ________. In China, (e) ________ and (f) ________ people enjoy drinking green tea.
3. Pick out words from the passage which mean the following: \(2x \frac{1}{2} = 1\)
   i. having the same meaning  
   ii. a particular make of goods

Ques III. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below: (5 Marks)

**LAW OF THE JUNGLE**

I have heard
There is a law of the jungle
I have heard when the lion has eaten his fill
He never attacks
He goes to lie under dense shady trees

And when the rough gusts
Shake branches of trees the mynah leaving her own young
Covers the frail crow’s eggs
With her protective wings.

I have heard
When any bird-young falls out of the nest
The entire jungle wakes to rescue
I have heard
When the weaver bird’s nest
Reflects on the lake
The silvery fishes adopt it as neighbour.
And if a rough storm, breaks the foot-bridge
Then on a wooden plank
Squirrel, snake, goat and cheetah walk in a file.

I have heard
There is a law of the jungle
O God, All Powerful, All Seeing, All Wise.
In this my city
Proclaim a law,
Even the law of the jungle.

1) The entire jungle rushes to save –
   a) the young bird
   b) the mynah
   c) the bird’s nest
   d) the bird
2) **The poet wishes to establish in the city** –
   a) a law for the powerful
   b) any law
   c) the law of the jungle
   d) God's rule

3) ‘**I have heard when the lion has eaten his fill, he never attacks**’
   The emotion conveyed through the above line is :
   a) contentment
   b) Selflessness
   c) Community feeling
   d) Co – operation

4) **The law of the jungle in this context means:**
   a) dog eats dog
   b) each one to himself
   c) live and let live
   d) empathy for all

5) ‘**In one line ‘means’** :
   a) in a file
   b) falls out
   c) to lie under
   d) draw a line

**SECTION B : WRITING ( 15 Marks )**

**Ques I.** Write a **bio-sketch** of Mother Teresa, based on the information given below. Do not add any new information. **( 80 words )**

Mother Teresa
Birth – 26th August 1910, Albania
Became a nun – 1998
Came to India – 1929
Taught in St Mary’s High School, Kolkata, for poor girls – 1929 -1948
Deeply moved by the poverty and suffering of slum dwellers
Contributions – founded the ‘Missionaries of Charity’ in 1950, a foundation to help the poor, needy, orphans and the dying.
Death – 5th September 1997, after long illness.
Ques II. As the staff reporter of The Times of India newspaper, write a report of a fire which
broke out in a theatre when the movie was going on. (50 – 80 words) (5 marks)

Galaxy Theatre, South Delhi – March 2nd 2013, 4:45 pm – fire due to short circuit – 500 people
trapped – rescue operation by theatre staff – fire brigade – fire controlled in 3 hours– 15 died, 65
injured- Theatre owner promises compensation to victims – CM visited site.

Ques III. You are launching a fairness lotion in the market, showing promising results in a
fortnight. Draft a convincing advertisement within 50 words promoting its sale.

OR

Your brother is launching a new brand of watches for teenaged boys and girls. Draft an
advertisement within 50 words to promote its sale. (5 Marks)

SECTION C: GRAMMAR (20 Marks)

Ques I. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets: (4x ½= 2 Marks)

1. One of her cousins ______ killed in the battle. (was, were)
2. How many brothers and sisters ______ she? (have, has)
3. A bottle of honey ______ not cost much. (does, do)
4. Iron as well as coal ______ found in India. (is, are)

Ques II. Use the correct tense of the verbs given in the brackets: (4 x ½= 2 Marks)

1. We ______ for the bus since 4 o’clock when it started to rain. (wait)
2. She ______ ten glasses of water a day. (drink)
3. By the end of next month I ______ two thousand rupees. (save)
4. She cut her finger while she ______ the vegetables. (chop)

Ques III. Add appropriate question tags to the following sentences: (4 x ½= 2 Marks)

1. He eats meat, ____________ ?
2. I’m not late, ____________ ?
3. You shouldn’t do it, ____________ ?
4. He’s been to Texas, ____________ ?
Ques IV. Fill in the blanks with the noun form of the verbs given in the Brackets:  
\[(2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 1 \text{ Marks})\]

1. They hired a private _______ to find the kidnapper. (investigate)  
2. They arrested the servant on the basis of _______. (suspect)

Ques V. Fill in the blanks by adding suffixes or prefixes to the words given in the brackets:  
(ible, mis, im, un, ful, ness, ly)  
\[(4 \times \frac{1}{2} = 2 \text{ Marks})\]

1. Do not _______ me. (understand)  
2. His bad deeds have made him _______. (popular)  
3. It would be _______ to take an umbrella. (sense)  
4. Her _______ was appreciated by all. (polite)

Ques VI. Choose the correct option from the words in the brackets:  
\[(8 \times \frac{1}{2} = 4 \text{ Marks})\]

1. This is Arun’s book. Some of _____ pages are missing. (its / it’s)  
2. _______ that handsome gentleman? (who’s / whose)  
3. The soldiers _______ to their feet when they heard the siren. (spun / sprang)  
4. He was on _______ till he got his result. (pins and needles / high and low)  
5. The detective _______ all the guests suspiciously. (stared at / observed)  
6. No doctor could _______ the disease. (diagnose / remedy)  
7. The poor man only had one _____ to his name. (sent / cent)  
8. This cloth is very _______ (coarse / course)

Ques VII. Combine the following pairs of sentences using past perfect tense for the first action:  
\[(2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ Marks})\]

1. The movie started. They reached the theatre.  
2. Teena washed the dishes. Her mother arrived.

Ques VIII. Rewrite the following sentences using – to-infinitive:  
\[(2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ Marks})\]

1. Meenu wanted to go to Goa. So she booked the tickets.  
2. Ravi wanted to read a story book. So he went to the library.

Ques IX. Change the following sentences into indirect speech:  
\[(2 \times 1 = 2 \text{ Marks})\]

1. “Do go to the dentist, Tom, before your tooth ache gets worse,” I said.  
2. “I’ll let you know if I have any more problem,” Carol told me.
Ques X. Punctuate the following sentence: (1 Mark)

1. hey guys dont you want to go to the beach with me said john

SECTION D: LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Ques I. Choose the correct option: (1 x 4 = 4 Marks)

i) In the poem, ‘The crazy world of computers’, the poet –
(a) dislikes computers
(b) is fascinated by the new computer vocabulary
(c) is too old to understand computers

ii) Nolan and Davenport had met each other in –
(a) Idaville
(b) Diamond Mart
(c) Prison in South Carolina

iii) The Medicine Man kept all kinds of powders and pills in packets in –
(a) a bag slung onto the cow’s back
(b) the folds of his dhoti and turban
(c) one of his pouches

iv) Tutu clamped his hand tightly over the girl’s mouth because –
(a) he wanted to hurt her.
(b) he wanted to save her from the violent mob.
(c) she was trying to save her grandfather.

Ques II. Answer the following with reference to context: (3 x 3 = 9 Marks)

1) ‘There are times when only a mother’s faith
   Can help us on life’s way
   And inspire in us the confidence
   We need from day to day’

   i) Life’s way refers to -
   (a) the roads we travel upon
   (b) the ups and downs of life
   (c) the career we choose in life
ii) Mother's faith refers to -
   (a) her faith in God
   (b) her faith in our capability
   (c) her faith in herself

iii) A mother inspires confidence in us to -
       (a) face life's sorrows
       (b) face life's challenges
       (c) do our daily work

2) 'You don't understand who or what I am! Very well--- I'll show you.'

   (i) Who says these words and who does 'you' refer to?
   (ii) What made the speaker say these words?
   (iii) What did the speaker show and how?

3) 'I've slowed it up to an average ten-year level'

   (i) Who says this and to whom?
   (ii) What was slowed down and why?
   (iii) Describe the speaker in one line.

Ques III. Answer the following questions briefly: (2 x 5 = 10 Marks)

i) Charlie started earning a living at a very young age despite the tension and fatigue it involved. What does this tell you about his character?

ii) Why was Leroy better known as Encyclopedia?

iii) Mention two acts of the scientist, Griffin which show that he was a lawless person.

iv) Which two occupations did the Medicine man combine to earn a living?

v) Tutu is a complete contrast to the violent mob. What values does he depict in an environment filled with hatred and aggression?
Ques IV. Quote from memory :  
( 3 Marks )

There are times when only a Mother's love
Can understand our tears,

__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________

Quite suddenly is real.
Poet  ____________

Ques V. Answer in detail:  ANY ONE  ( 1 x 4 = 4 )

What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of a mechanical school ?

OR

In what ways was the medicine man different from a regular doctor ?

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