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**ENGLISH**

**Language English - II**

**(REPEATERS) (CBCS) (2014-15 & Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 70

**Instructions to Candidates :** (1) Answer **all** the questions.  
(2) Mention the question numbers **correctly**.

**PART - A**

**(Course Book - Literary Component)**

**I.** Answer **any five** of the following in **a word** or **a sentence** each : **5x2=10**

- (1) What kind of herb is the speaker in the poem 'To a student' searching for ?
- (2) What has the 'glorious war' done to the soldiers in the poem 'survivors' ?
- (3) How many times did the flag fall down at the beginning of the story 'The Ensign' and finally who picked it up ?
- (4) What does the example of St. Francis of Assissi given by Gandhiji illustrate ?
- (5) Which newspaper Stanley work for and who was its proprietor ?
- (6) What, according to Shinkre, is the ultimate pilgrim yatra for any Hindu ?
- (7) \_\_\_\_\_ discovered that Pele was nearing his thousandth goal.
- (8) 'decibel hungry darlings' refers to his children who
  - (a) Love melodious music
  - (b) Love noisy music
  - (c) Are hungry to eat decibels

**II.** Answer **any three** of the following in about **a page** each : **3x5=15**

- (1) What is the change noticed in the soldiers as they come back from war ?
- (2) Give a description of Sergeant Hornus before he was given charge of the ensign.
- (3) How did Stanley prepare himself to meet Dr. Livingstone towards the end of his journey ?
- (4) Which are the two types of ahimsa and their characteristics according to Gandhiji ?
- (5) What are the obstacles faced by Pele in scoring his thousandth goal ?

**P.T.O.**





III. Answer **any one** of the following in about **two** pages :

1x10=10

- (1) Describe how the poem 'To a Student' argues against the pain of war.
- (2) Explain the circumstances that led the school authorities to change the rules in 'The Prize Poem'.
- (3) Bring out the humour in the lesson about generation gap in the lesson 'The Way It Was and Is'.

IV. Do as directed :

(A) Choose the appropriate word/expression closest in meaning to each of the words given below : 2

(1) Siesta

(a) a feast

(b) an afternoon nap

(c) light music

(2) Dearth

(a) Death

(b) Scarcity

(c) Sorrow

(B) Fill in the blanks with appropriate words :

(1) Sneha is of \_\_\_\_\_ nature. (shy/shameful) 2

(2) He felt \_\_\_\_\_ when they spoke to him harshly. (injured/hurt)

(C) Use the following phrase in a sentence of your own :

To reach out 1

### PART - B

#### (Work Book - Communication Skills)

V. (1) Change the following into indirect speech :

(a) Sakshi said to her teacher, "We are not able to download the receipt for our payment". 2

(b) The girl asked, "What is the cost of the pen-drive.?"

(2) Rewrite the following in passive voice : 2

(a) The sea water damaged the war ship.

(b) Abdulla teaches Narahari French.

(3) Combine the following into a single sentence using the linker 'but' : 1  
He wanted to go for a film. It rained heavily.

(4) From a suitable question to get the underlined word as answer : 1

Kavita's first film was released in the year 1996.

(5) Add a suitable question tag to the following statement : 1

Karan was very upset.





VI. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions set on it : 5

It has been a matter of the greatest joy to me and consolation, in the face of many difficulties, to find that the student world throughout India has a warm corner for me in their hearts. The students have lightened my burden to a very great extent. But I cannot suppress from me the feeling that in spite of this personal affection that the students have shown to me everywhere and even identification with the poorest of the land, the students yet to cover a vast amount of ground. For they are the hope of the future. They will be called upon, when they are discharged from their colleges and schools, to enter upon public life to lead the poor people of this country. I would therefore like the students, to have a sense of responsibility and show it in much more tangible manner. It is a remarkable fact and a regrettable fact that in the case of the vast majority of students, whilst they entertain noble impulses during their student days, these disappear when they finish their studies. The vast majority of them look out for loaves and fishes. Surely, there is something wrong in this. There is one reason which is obvious. Every educationist, everyone who has had everything to do with the students, has realized that our education system is faulty. It does not correspond to the requirements of the country, certainly not to the requirements of pauper India. There is no correspondence between the education that is given and the home life and the village life.

- (1) According to Gandhiji students are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the future.
- (2) Why are the students called upon after their schools and colleges ?
- (3) What are a remarkable as well as a regrettable fact in the case of the majority of the students ?
- (4) Why is our education system faulty ?
- (5) There is no \_\_\_\_\_ between the education and the home life and the village life.

VII. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on **one** of the following topics using the hints given : 5

(A) Evils of war

- Causes death of many people
- Destroys life and property
- Modern nuclear warfare very dangerous
- War is not a solution for problems

**OR**

(B) Negative impact of using cell phones

- Radiation of Cell phones can cause brain tumour
- Use of cell phones while driving causes accidents
- Spoils relationships
- Cause nuisance in public places





- VIII.** Prepare a summary of the following passage bringing out the least **four** **5**  
important points. Suggest a suitable title to the summary :

Whales are the largest animals in the sea. The largest animals on land are the elephants. But compared to a whale, it would be like a cat but for its shape. Whales are huge and heavy giants. The largest whale is the blue whale which grows about a hundred feet long. Some of them weigh more than a hundred and twenty tons. While the normal weight of an elephant is not more than seven tons. A whale eats two or three tons of food at a single meal.

If whales eat so many tons of food at each meal, you may wonder how there are any fish left in the sea for us to catch. But the oceans are vast and not all whales eat so much fish. The Blue Whale lives wholly on Plankton. A stretch of Plankton, you know, is spread over miles and miles of sea water. Smaller than the Blue Whale in size is the sperm whale. It grows to a length of sixty feet.

- IX.** Do as directed :

- (A) What enquiries will you make in the following situations ? Write a **2**  
sentence each.  
(a) To know how to open an account.  
(b) To know the departure time of Mangala Express from Bangalore.
- (B) Read the following telephone conversation and organize a message in **3**  
the format given below :  
Kamalesh : Good morning, I am Kamalesh, Marketing Executive from  
Pai and Pai Electronics. May i speak to the Principal ?  
Receptionist : Sorry madam. Principal is not available. He is in a  
Seminar.  
Kanaka : Could you please inform him that we are meeting him tomorrow  
at 11 O'clock. We would also like to give a demonstration of the mobile  
attendance. In case of any enquiry, you can call me on this number is  
9848767655.  
Message For :  
Message From :  
Information :  
Contact No. :
- (C) When you visited your colleague's house she was not available. Leave a **3**  
message for her asking to call you as soon as she gets back home as  
you want to discuss some urgent official matter with her. Your message  
should be brief and to the point.