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Time : 2:00PM – 4:00PM Reading Time : Nil

Duration : 2 Hours

Special Instructions :

Answer all **FOUR (4)** questions in the answer booklet provided

Materials permitted :

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SECTION A: Reading Comprehension (20 marks)

Mihan looked towards the fast disappearing speck. Her heart felt heavier every minute. Her younger brother was on his motorcycle and riding at a very high speed away from the house without looking back once. It was the usual scene. A quarrel had broken out a moment ago. Both father and son never saw eye to eye. Mihan wondered how long he would be gone this time. There was a strange look in his eyes that she could not explain for sure.	para 1
Mihan wondered how Josa would take care of himself. She was sure he took little money with him. They had no relatives staying nearby and the next town was very far away. She also wondered why Josa and their father had to quarrel so often over trivial matters.	para 2
Mihan looked at the calendar. It had been three months since Josa left. She finally confirmed the look she had seen in his eyes before he left. She knew he was determined to leave and support himself. He had tolerated his father's constant scolding for far too long.	para 3
Many years passed and Mihan's parents became too feeble to run the stall so they decided to close it down. The burden of providing for the family fell on Mihan's shoulders. Mihan spent a long time seeking a job and she finally found one as a maidservant in a rich man's house.	para 4
Mihan did all her chores properly. She did not laze around. Whenever she met any of her employers, she greeted them. The other servants in the house liked her very much because she cared for them and helped them when she was free. They sympathised with her as she was the poorest of them all and was constantly in need of money to make ends meet.	para 5
One fateful day, the mistress of the house found her most expensive necklace missing. She called for all her servants and questioned them. None of them admitted to have stolen it. She was furious and adamant that one of them was the culprit. She singled out Mihan and insisted that she was the one who stole it and sold it off for money. Taking the word of the rich woman, the police put Mihan behind bars.	para 6
Mihan was sitting all alone wondering how fate could be so cruel to her. She looked at the other prison cells and saw other prison mates. She looked at every one of them but her eyes finally rested on one particular person. Mihan felt a lump in her throat. That person had a birthmark on his right cheek. His hair showed some grey strands. Suddenly, he got up and walked with the same limp that she recognised so well. He was a grown man. At that moment, the man looked in Mihan's direction. There was a startled look on his face.	para 7

"Mihan! Sis!" the man cried out.

Tears started to well up in Mihan's eyes. Josa was alive and well! Maybe it was a blessing in disguise that she was put in prison.

para 8

Answer the following questions using complete sentences

1. What was the 'speck' (paragraph 1) that Mihan was looking at ?
2. Father and son never saw eye to eye. What does this sentence mean ?
3. Give evidence from paragraph 2 which showed that Mihan was worried about Josa.
4. According to the passage, what were Josa's **two** main reasons for leaving home ?
5. Why did Mihan have to look for a job ?
6. Name **two** character traits Mihan exhibited while working as a maidservant. (Give one word to describe each character trait.)
7. Why do you think the mistress singled out Mihan ?
8. Which word in paragraph 6 has the same meaning as 'unwilling to change an opinion' ?
9. Why did Mihan suspect the man she saw in prison was her brother ?
10. Why did Mihan feel that it was 'a blessing in disguise' (last paragraph) that she was put in prison ?

SECTION B

Part 1- 10 marks

Rewrite the following run-on sentences with the correct subordinating conjunctions or relative pronoun to make complex sentences

1. I carefully study interior design magazines I make sketches of my own ideas.
2. One of my expertise is window treatments this category includes drapes and blinds.
3. I had to give one piece of advice it would be about the colors of the furniture.
4. We could not finish rehearsing we were completely out of time.
5. Miss Webster was very cool she is our English teacher.

Part II – 10 marks

Combine the simple sentence below to correct compound, complex or compound- complex sentences. (2marks each)

6. John and Sarah were selected partners for the project.
Sarah did most of the work.
7. The student wiped the white board.
It was filthy with last week's notes.
8. The wicked witch cast a spell on the entire city.
The citizens decided to rebel.
9. Angela and Martin were waiting for the paint to dry.
Angela went to Home Depot.
Martine organized the kitchen utensils.
10. I was listening to Kanye West music.
I have new respect for him.

SECTION C**Part I – 10 marks**

These sentences have misplaced or dangling modifiers. Rewrite the sentences correctly.

1. The dealer sold the Cadillac to the buyer with the leather seats.
2. The three bankers talked quietly in the corner smoking pipes.
3. They saw a fence behind the house made of barbed wire.
4. Looking toward the west, a funnel shaped cloud stirred up dust.
5. When nine years old, my mother enrolled in medical school.
6. Walking to the movies, the rain drenched Jim.
7. Having been fixed the night before, Priscilla could use the car.
8. Waiting for the rainstorm to pass through, the day passed slowly.
9. Limping along the sidewalk, I felt sorry for the stray dog.
10. They gave prizes to the top constants in gift-wrapped boxes.

contestants

Part II – 10 marks

Change these sentences to passive voice

11. The artist sings a song as he paints.
12. The little girl has broken the vase.
13. The man with no teeth wants new dentures.
14. My grandfather made the chest of drawers for my wedding present.
15. The talented cardiac surgeon had invented a machine to save lives.

Part III – 10 marks

Fill in the blanks with appropriate transitions.

16. In Japan, the oyster seed is ___ being cultured in nets to market size but also released on the bottom where good returns are being obtained two to three years later.
- A. nevertheless
 - B. no matter
 - C. not only
 - D. no sooner
 - E. such as
17. Several years ago, a tobacco company attempted to sell a cigarette that made no smoke; ----, people who tested that product did not like the way it tasted.
- A. however
 - B. despite
 - C. because
 - D. on account of
 - E. no matter
18. The most common way of preserving genetic materials is to deposit seeds in gene banks; ----, cultivating plants in their original environment is the most natural preservation method.
- A. provided
 - B. apart from that
 - C. due to
 - D. regardless
 - E. on condition

19. The name Holland is frequently used ---- the Netherlands, but it actually refers to the two Western coastal provinces, North and South Holland.

- A. on the contrary
- B. though
- C. for instance
- D. instead of
- E. furthermore

20. ---- recycling of wastes material solves the problem of garbage disposal at landfills, and saves resources, it entails large hidden costs in collecting, sorting and manufacturing.

- A. Since
- B. As a consequence
- C. Nevertheless
- D. As much as
- E. Therefore

21. The experts found that between forty million and eighty million people have been forced to move from their homes ---- development.

- A. hence
- B. so long as
- C. but
- D. because of
- E. though

22. The government ensures that vaccines are given to school children ---- they are safe from dangerous diseases.

- A. so that
- B. in case of
- C. provided that
- D. although
- E. in spite of

23. ---- the pizza being a food foreign to the Indian palate, Pizza Hut tried to develop a bond with the Indian consumer.

- A. In spite of
- B. In order that
- C. Considering that
- D. In addition to
- E. As a result

24. While eating sweets, the brain instantly releases endorphins which make us feel happy and reduce pain; ---- many pediatricians give sweets to children while giving injections.

- A. that's why
- B. nonetheless
- C. as long as
- D. so as to
- E. since

25. Srirangam was an ancient place of pilgrimage for the Indians and was surrounded by a strong fort but there was ---- the necessary army ---- the weapons to protect it.

- A. both / and
- B. neither / nor
- C. hardly / when
- D. not only / but also
- E. either / or

SECTION D – 30 marks

Choose one of the topics below and write an essay of about 250 words

1. Describe a disastrous outing with your family.
2. How to become a good leader?
3. Compare and contrast two countries.

