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PAPER - I

Time Allowed : 3 hours

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 40

SECTION - I (Multiple Choice Questions) (60 Marks)

All questions carry equal mark of 2 each. Attempt all questions.

*This Section should be answered only on the **OMR Response Sheet** provided.*

Direction (Question Nos. 1 - 12): Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

The world's first book-less library has been set up in the state of Texas in the United States. Unlike the rows upon rows of books that are found in a conventional library anywhere in the world, at the book-less library, there are high-tech gadgets that have replaced the books as found in other libraries.

The borrowers of books from this high-tech book-less library have a different set of rules to follow when borrowing books. Instead of taking home books for reading, the members of the library, who are registered residents of the South Texas county of Bexar, can now access their choice of reading material via e-readers.

Also, instead of having to pay a fee for membership of the library and for borrowing books and other facilities, the members can borrow reading matter from the book-less library for free.

The services of this library have found favour with its readers is clearly visible from the growing readership numbers at this library. Since its start in September, residents have been able to check out and take home the machines for reading purposes and accessing the catalogue. They are also able to use their own devices to check out and access the catalogue of the library. This Biblio-Tech of 1.5 million books currently has 600 e-readers, 200 pre-loaded enhanced e-readers for children and 48 computer stations for use by its readers. In addition, there are 10 laptops and 40 tablets available in the premises, for use by the readers.

Not satisfied with simply providing e-reading services, the Biblio-Tech has created a list of higher ambitions for itself. The most prominent of these include their ambition to give up the country's necessary tools 'to thrive as citizens of the 21st century'. For them, a well-connected citizen of this country is one who strives for enhancing his education and literacy and promoting 'reading as a recreation'.

As part of reader services at the Biblio-Tech, its Special Project Coordinator, Laura Cole comments that the library authorities wanted to create the best and the most cost-effective way of providing library services. This was especially suitable for the Texas County's residents, as the population here is geographically distanced from existing services. In fact, there has never been a book store or library in this area. "Geography does not matter if your library is in the clouds," adds Laura Cole, referring to the 'cloud' system where the books of the library are stored online.

Answering queries about readers' concerns that library users may feel put off by technology, Cole is proud to concur that her staff is willing to dedicate their time to help readers and visitors who find it difficult to handle the system on their own. Hence, readers do not feel intimidated by the gadgetry and feel empowered to be able to access this novel system of procuring reading matter.

Even replacement costs for damages and breakdowns have been factored into the working system of the library. Thus, readers are not turned away from the library doors simply because the system is not functioning on any particular day. To prevent thefts from depleting their stock, the devices are geared in such a way that users cannot access its internet once they leave the premises of the library.

1. The borrowers in a high-tech library have to follow:
 - (a) a different set of rules.
 - (b) the same set of rules.
 - (c) absolutely no rules.
 - (d) rules of their own making.
2. The book-less library is located in:
 - (a) the Texas county of Biblio-Tech
 - (b) the Texas county of Bexar.
 - (c) the city of middle USA.
 - (d) Washington D.C., USA.
3. The amount of reading material available at the Biblio-Tech library is:
 - (a) 600 books.
 - (b) 1.5 million books.
 - (c) 1.7 million books.
 - (d) None of the above.
4. The book-less library is highly suitable for this county because:
 - (a) the public library is not functioning well.
 - (b) the people here are avid readers.
 - (c) there is plenty of reading matter in this library.
 - (b) it is geographically distanced from existing library services.
5. The cloud system refers to:
 - (a) the sky with black clouds.
 - (b) the bright sky with clouds.
 - (c) system where books are stored online
 - (d) All of the above.
6. 'To thrive' in para 4 means:
 - (a) to prosper.
 - (b) to live happily.
 - (c) to serve duties.
 - (d) All of the above.
7. Who is Laura Cole?
 - (a) The librarian at Biblio-Tech.
 - (b) The Special Project Coordinator at Biblio-Tech.
 - (c) The Special Coordinator of book-less library.
 - (d) A well-connected citizen.
8. Find the word in the passages that mean 'full of power':
 - (a) depleting.
 - (b) enhanced.
 - (c) prominent.
 - (d) empowered.

9. How does Biblio-Tech ensure that there is no theft of its books:

- (a) It has devised its gadgets in such a way that they cannot access internet once outside its premises.
- (b) It has hired the best CCTV cameras to keep a lookout.
- (c) It has factored replacement costs for damages and breakdowns into the working system of the library.
- (d) It has a dedicated staff that helps readers and visitors who cannot handle the system on their own.

10. What shows that Biblio-Tech has gained popularity?

- (a) There is no theft at the library.
- (b) The library has become world famous.
- (c) Everybody in Texas comes to the library.
- (d) There is an increase in readership.

11. How is the book-less library different from conventional libraries?

- (a) There are millions of books in the book-less library.
- (b) There are rows upon rows of books.
- (c) Readers feel intimidated by the gadgets.
- (d) Readers have to pay membership fees.

12. Find the synonymous word for 'agree' in the passages:

- (a) geared.
- (b) satisfied.
- (c) concur.
- (d) feel.

Direction (Question Nos. 13 & 14): Read the sentences and choose the correct option according to the directions given in brackets:

13. I (be) to the doctor. (*Present perfect tense*)

- (a) is being
- (b) has been
- (c) have been
- (d) had been

14. _____ he entered the room, the lights went out. (*Suitable conjunction*)

- (a) While
- (b) Since
- (c) Therefore
- (d) As

Direction (Question Nos. 15 & 16): Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions from the alternatives given under each sentence:

15. Open the book _____ page ten.

- (a) to
- (b) at
- (c) on
- (d) from

16. The first World War was fought _____ 1914-1918.

- (a) during
- (b) while
- (c) between
- (d) within

Direction (Question Nos. 17 & 18): Choose from the options a one word substitution for the following:

17. Excessive love of money

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| (a) avarice | (b) mercenary |
| (c) alimony | |

18. That cannot be expressed in words

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| (a) ineffable | (b) indispensable |
| (c) inexorable | |

Direction (Question Nos. 19 & 20): Read the following underlined clauses and select the appropriate option to determine their kind.

19. The book which has a green cover is mine.

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| (a) Adverb Clause | (b) Noun Clause |
| (c) Adjective Clause | |

20. I know him and I like him.

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| (a) Main Clause | (b) Subordinate Clause |
| (c) Co-ordinate Clause | |

Direction (Question Nos. 21 - 25): Give the meaning of the following idioms by picking the correct option:

21. At sixes and sevens

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| (a) in disorder | (b) confused |
| (c) aimlessly | (d) puzzled |

22. At daggers-drawn

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| (a) to the utmost | (b) hostile |
| (c) highest point | (d) utmost |

23. In good faith

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| (a) universally | (b) apparently |
| (c) unsuspectingly | (d) secretly |

24. Ways and means

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| (a) wastage | (b) profit |
| (c) on all sides | (d) resources |

25. A gentleman at large

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| (a) an unreliable person | (b) a reliable person |
| (c) a nice gentleman | (d) a selfish person |

Direction (Question Nos. 26 - 28): Check the sentences below and indicate their type by picking the correct option:

26. He is intelligent while her sister is dull.

- (a) Compound Sentence
- (b) Simple Sentence
- (c) Complex Sentence

27. Besides money, health is necessary for happiness.

- (a) Complex Sentence
- (b) Compound Sentence
- (c) Simple Sentence

28. He was successful because he worked hard.

- (a) Compound Sentence
- (b) Complex Sentence
- (c) Simple Sentence

Direction (Question Nos. 29 & 30): Change the speech by choosing the correct option.

29. He said, "Let the girl do whatever she likes."

- (a) He told her that let the girl do whatever she liked
- (b) He suggested that the girl might be allowed to do whatever she liked.
- (c) He told her that let the girl do whatever she likes.
- (d) He said to her that the girl might be allowed to do whatever she liked.

30. The man confessed with sorrow that he had been a great fool.

- (a) The man said, "alas! What a fool I have been."
- (b) The man said, "Alas! what a fool I have been."
- (c) The man says, "Alas! what a fool I have been."
- (d) The man says, "Alas! what a fool I was."

Section - II (40 Marks)

*This Section should be answered only on the **Answer Sheet** provided.*

Marks are indicated against each question.

1. Write an essay in about 800 words on ***any one*** of the following topics: (20)
 - (a) Governance and Corruption
 - (b) Mizoram Universal HealthCare Scheme (MUCHS)
 - (c) Social Media's Impact on Mizo Society
2. Shri Raj Kumar, a peon in the Power and Electricity Department, Government of Mizoram, had gone to his native place by taking two months' earned leave. However, there he was embroiled in violent clashes with persons who were trying to grab his property. As a result, he was detained in police custody for more than 72 hours on 22.08.2025 and a case in respect of a criminal offence is being investigated by the police. When this information reached the Department, it was decided to issue an order suspending him from service. Draft an order suspending Shri Raj Kumar from service. (10)
3. Make a précis of the following passage keeping the length within the limits of 230-240 words. Clearly state the number of words at the end of the précis. (10)

It is proved beyond doubt that women in modern India can be good administrators. Women rulers like Chand Bibi, Elizabeth and Rani of Jhansi proved to the world their solid worth. They ruled most efficiently and brought glory to their nations. Women are intelligent and hard-working. They are not frivolous and light. They take up work very honestly, sincerely and earnestly, and they put heart and soul in their work. It is very fortunate that we have in India educated ladies who are very keen to take up administrative work. We are amazed to see what wonderful work they are doing in offices of Central Secretariat as Reception Officers. It has been observed that they are very quick to understand and very efficient in work. They have won applause from the bureaucracy. Moreover, they cheer up others; with a sweet smile, they can win over others to their point of view. All important services have been thrown open to women. They are competing for the Indian Administrative Service, the Indian Foreign Service, and many other important fields of life. Very soon we will be seeing women as magistrates, judges, revenue officers, income-tax officers, and so on. Women are cool-headed and they ponder over important issues. They are dispassionate, objective and impartial and never see things in another light. Their minds are unbiased and unprejudiced and they can be generous even to the extent of forgiveness. It will be seen that women will be good arbitrators in serious disputes and they would like to avoid bloodshed and acrimony. By means of peaceful discussion and negotiation, they will be able to solve their problems. Mrs. Pandit has been a very successful ambassador and she has raised the prestige of India very high in foreign countries. Women are good diplomats and they can display their diplomacy in important key posts in the Indian Foreign Service.

In modern India, women have played an important role as doctors. Lady doctors have relieved much human suffering and pain. Women can work as trained nurses, efficient midwives, doctors and surgeons. The maternity cases are taken up by lady doctors. They can be of great service to women and children. Florence Nightingale made nursing popular among the women of the upper class. Thus, in India, women of the upper class work in villages and small towns where disease takes a heavy toll of human lives.

Educated women have to play the role of teachers. An educated lady can serve the country in the humble capacity of teacher. The education of children mainly depends upon women. Women can build up the character of children. Women can instruct as well as please; they can teach as well as amuse. "Human soul is, without education like marble in a quarry." Women can do research work

and they are winning laurels in art, literature, philosophy, music and painting. We are fortunate in having very intelligent girls who are anxious to have training in foreign countries. They are being given scholarships by the government of India and many of them have proceeded to the U.S.A., the U.K. and Western countries and have made their mark as educationists. Women in modern India do not want to lag behind in any activity.

Women can also render social service whenever there is a flood, famine, earthquake or some natural calamity. They can render social service. It is also during war that they can be of utmost utility to the nation. Knitting, sewing, embroidery, dressing, etc., can be done by the ladies. In free India, ladies are being given training in first aid and the use of rifles and guns, and some ladies are getting training as drivers and pilots. The defence of the country is a matter of great importance to all and women should share the burden with men. In case of war, women might be asked to offer their service in theatres of war.

Women, surely, have a very important role to play in modern India. They have shown their worth as leaders and administrators and that time is not far off when India will have at the helm of affairs women who will lead the country from strength to strength. As legislators, they have distinguished themselves and their speeches in the Parliament are carefully heard and listened to. As musicians and singers, they have the admiration of men. (725 words)

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