

**Series A6BAB****SET-4****Q.P. Code 28**

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Candidates must write the Q.P. Code on the title page of the answer-book.

NOTE

- (I) Please check that this question paper contains **7** printed pages.
- (II) Q.P. Code given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- (III) Please check that this question paper contains **8** questions.
- (IV) **Please write down the serial number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.**
- (V) 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

ENGLISH (Elective)*Time allowed : 2 hours**Maximum Marks : 40*



General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- 1. This question paper has **five** sections – Section A, B, C, D and E.*
- 2. It is compulsory to attempt each section.*
- 3. Section A – Reading is of 14 marks.*
- 4. Section B – Creative Writing Skills is of 5 marks.*
- 5. Section C – Applied Grammar is of 5 marks.*
- 6. Section D – Literature is of 11 marks.*
- 7. Section E – Fiction is of 5 marks.*

SECTION A

(Reading)

- 1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow : 8**

1 The endless, unimportant streams of technology-enabled information is devouring everyone living in the twenty first century. No one stops to process information. No one appreciates the value of personal interaction or nature. Everything is go, go, go. Not once do we stop. Before being introduced to my phone and computer, I had been more appreciative of the world around me. Now, I'm always consumed by my "tech," and I never stop to take a break.

2 Fridays were spent with friends sitting inside, under artificial lighting with our hands glued to our phones when the inviting warmth of the sun and delicate breeze was begging us to run around outside. Of course, our ears were deaf to nature's pleas, just like any other teenager nowadays. I only put my phone down to shut the curtains, then I continued to mindlessly scroll through another Instagram page.





3 A week later, as my family and I walked to visit yet another temple. I slipped my phone out of my bag to check for signal, but before I could even unlock it, it was snatched out of my hands.

“Leena, you’re heading towards one of the most well-preserved ancient wonders in the world. It would do you well to appreciate your surroundings !” My dad scolded.

My phone was wailing at me from the tight grip his hands had on it, but I had no choice but to ignore it.

4 There were tents on the roadside and some boys were jumping into a lake nearby. A toddler was laughing. Everyone around me was smiling. Then I noticed that no one had a cellphone on them. There were no TVs, no radios, and their music came from live instruments instead of mp3 players and iPods. How could they look so happy ? Then I thought ... Maybe it’s because they don’t have all that modern technology.

5 The temple visit was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. When would I be able to visit one of the seven wonders of the historical world again ? For once, I wasn’t digesting useless information. I wasn’t typing into my phone, or watching any screen at all. In a life of go, go, gos I had finally stopped.

(a) Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer any **three** out of the given four questions : 3×2=6

(i) Why does the writer say that technology-enabled information is devouring everyone living in the twenty first century ?

(ii) How did Leena normally spend her Fridays ?

(iii) Why did Leena’s father snatch the phone and reprimand her ?

(iv) Why was the temple visit a once-in-a-lifetime experience ?

(b) Pick out the words from the passage which are opposite in meaning to the following : 2×1=2

(i) Natural (Para 2)

(ii) Ancient (Para 4)





2. Read the given case-based passage on 'Malaria' carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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- 1 One of the most exciting races ever run is now in progress between doctors fighting malaria, and mosquitoes. According to the most recent count, 225 million people a year suffer attacks of malaria and more than two million die. Public health workers around the world are doing all they can to destroy malaria before the mosquitoes that pass on the disease become resistant to the chemicals now used against them. It is a race against time and against difficulties, with millions of lives in danger and the chances of winning not in man's favour.
- 2 Malaria, it is true, has been practically wiped out in thirteen countries, including the United States, and is under attack in many others. But it is equally worrying that in some parts of the world certain types of malaria-carrying mosquitoes have already become immune to the sprays.
- 3 The World Health Organization is helping national governments to get rid of malaria before resistance among the mosquito population becomes so great that new chemicals will have to be found to replace those in use at present. Most of the countries in the world have started, or are planning campaigns against mosquitoes. If the race against resistance is won by man, it is possible that ten years from now this fatal disease will have disappeared completely from the world.
- 4 Malaria is the world's oldest recorded disease. It is referred to in old Chinese and Indian writings. It was one of the causes leading to the downfall of both the Greek and Roman empires. People recognized a long time ago that there must be some connection between malaria and swamps, and some believed that insects living near swamps might be the carriers of the disease. The Romans dried the swamps and reduced the mosquito population. This was the best method used for the next fifteen centuries.





5 Not until 1632 did Europeans find a successful treatment for the disease. The Spanish discoverers of the New World learned from the Indians of Peru that the bark of one of the trees growing there, often ended a patient's attack of malaria. The Dutch planted quinine trees in the East Indies and in time established almost complete control of the medicine made from it. When the East Indies supply was cut off during the two World Wars, two other drugs were developed which proved even more successful than quinine. Today, most of the world uses these newer drugs.

After studying the passage on Malaria, answer any **three** of the following questions :

3×2=6

- (a) What are the public health workers around the world busy doing ?
- (b) What is the cause of worry in regard to malaria eradication ?
- (c) What is the silver lining in the campaign against eradication of malaria ?
- (d) What had possibly caused the downfall of the Greek and Roman empires ?

SECTION B

(Creative Writing Skills)

3. Answer any **one** out of the given two questions in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) “Students can play an effective role in removing illiteracy.” You are Shobhna/Shubham, participating in an Inter-School Declamation Contest. Write your speech in 120 – 150 words. You may use the given input — spread awareness through posters, street plays, volunteer as teachers, speak to the community about the ‘Each One Teach One’ programme.

OR

- (b) Recently your school held a seminar on “India — her glorious past and future.” As Tripti/Tushar, School Magazine Reporter, write a report in 120 – 150 words for your school magazine. Mention details of day, date, time, venue, Chief Guest, participants, discussion, short play, poster-making activity.





SECTION C
(Applied Grammar)

4. Answer any **five** out of the given six questions as per the instructions given within brackets against each sentence : $5 \times 1 = 5$
- (a) Let the child not go near the well, he may slip into it.
(Rewrite the sentence by using 'Lest')
- (b) I'm sorry, I did not take the examination. I was not well.
(Rewrite the sentence by using 'not having taken')
- (c) _____ I gone to bed _____ there was a knock at the door.
(Fill in the blanks by using 'Hardly ... when')
- (d) This is the reason I do not help you.
(Rewrite by correcting the sentence)
- (e) The place of their meeting was known to the police.
(Rewrite the sentence by using 'where they met')
- (f) Everybody will admit that he did his best.
(Change into negative form)

SECTION D
(Literature)

5. Answer any **one** out of the given two questions in 30 – 40 words : $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (a) In what manner did Dr. Solomon Margolin uphold the Hippocratic Oath ?
- OR**
- (b) Why did Dr. Margolin fail to marry his first love Raizel ?
6. Answer any **two** out of the given three questions in 40 – 50 words each : $2 \times 3 = 6$
- (a) What does Emily Dickinson mean by the expression "Charmed a Snake" in her poem 'Tree' ?
- (b) What does the expression "the perennial feuds and seasonal alliance" refer to in A.K. Ramanujan's poem 'Time and Time Again' ?
- (c) What makes the swans 'brilliant creatures' ?





7. Answer any **one** out of the given two questions in 40 – 50 words : 1×3=3

- (a) D.H. Lawrence writes, “And that’s what you are very liable not to know, if you’re a parson, or a philosopher, or a scientist, or a stupid person.” Explain.

OR

- (b) How did Bergman’s middle class upbringing contribute to his success as a film-maker ?

SECTION E
(Fiction)

8. Answer any **one** of the following questions in 120 – 150 words : 1×5=5

- (a) After Dadhaji’s death, Captain shifted his circus to Malgudi. It was a mighty undertaking. What efforts did Captain make to make his circus a successful enterprise ?

OR

- (b) “Get out of the school premises,” said a man who acted for the headmaster in his absence. “You have no business here. We can’t have all kinds of intruders”

To whom are these lines addressed and on what occasion ?

OR

- (c) “Beyond Sarayu towards the North, there is a garden where there is a ruined temple with a pond. You will find red lotus there.”

Who tells this to whom and with what purpose does the speaker ask the person to procure the red lotus ?

OR

- (d) “Margayya is a complex and interesting character with a flair for those fabulously involved minor financial transactions, which are an integral part of Indian life.” Explain Margayya’s character in the light of these remarks.

