

ENGLISH FIRST PAPER

Subject Code : 107

Time - 3 hours

Full marks - 100

[N.B. The figures in the right margin indicate full marks.]

Part I - Reading**Marks - 60****1. Read the following passage and answer the questions A and B :**

My name is Amerigo. I am 13 years old and I live on the street alone. My mother, who is separated from my father, doesn't want me. She told me to go away..... Now she is married to another man. My father lives very far away. I want to go to him, but he won't take me either. I begged him to send me some money so that I could buy a bus ticket. I am still waiting. He hasn't answered.

The streets are now my home. Sometimes I find work. I used to collect trash and sell it to a vendor. I stopped doing that after I had a serious infection, and a doctor told me to stay away from the trash dump. Once I worked for an ice cream shop owner and sold ice cream on the beach. But I got no money in return. The owner of the shop gave me something to eat, and let me sleep in his hut at night. The work was difficult and painful. The ice cream box is quite heavy when it is full. I had to walk for hours, offering my ice cream to whoever wanted to buy. There were days when I could not even sell one ice cream.

In a way, I am lucky because I am alive. My friends who work sorting rubbish in dumps often suffer from serious diseases. One of them was recently killed after he fell into a hole that opened up in the pile of trash. Many of us work for 10 to 12 hours, and get so little in return that we can't even buy food.

Shoe-shining is very popular among the street kids. A few of my friends also work in factories and workshops. A boy I know lost one of his eyes after a piece of hot glass flew into his eye at the glass factory where he worked. The owner refused to pay for medical help and fired him.

For me, like all other children on the street, it is very hard. I am always hungry, and I don't know where I will sleep the next night. I would like to live in my own home and sleep there in peace. The nights are very cold in the winter. You can die of cold in the street.

A. Choose the correct answer from the alternatives.

(a) Amerigo is human rights.

- (i) affected by (ii) deprived of (iii) fond of (iv) working for

(b) What made Amerigo fall sick?

- (i) Living in the street (ii) Selling ice cream (iii) Collecting trash dump (iv) Begging on the street

(c) 'Go away' refers to

- (i) to depart or leave a place (ii) to reach (iii) to die (iv) to walk

(d) The word 'painful' means

- (i) agonizing (ii) great (iii) magnificent (iv) fantastic

(e) "I would like to live in my own home and sleep there in peace" What does this statement imply?

- (i) Amerigo does not have a sorrowful life. (ii) Amerigo wants to go home.
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- (iii) Amerigo wants to lead a better life. (iv) Amerigo misses his parents.

(f) The word 'fired' refers to

- (i) shot (ii) sacked (iii) blocked (iv) freed

(g) Where is the home of Amerigo now?

- (i) On the beach (ii) In the shop (iii) On the house tops (iv) On the streets

(h) What makes Amerigo feel lucky?

- (i) Food (ii) His parents (iii) His friends (iv) His life

(i) Where does Amerigo's father live?

- (i) Very near to Amerigo's place (ii) In a very cold region (iii) In a very lonely place (iv) In a very distant place

(j) The closest meaning of trash is-

- (i) resources (ii) valuables (iii) garbage (iv) possessions

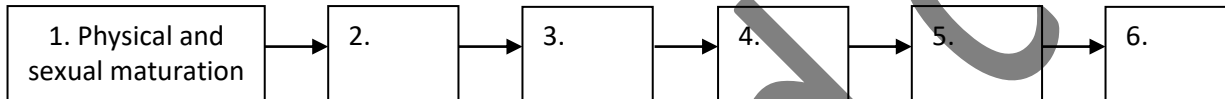
B. Answer the following questions:

- (a) How does Amerigo evaluate his life? Does he have any option to change it?
- (b) Why did Amerigo stop collecting trash?
- (c) How is the relationship of Amerigo with his parents?
- (d) What happens to the friends of Amerigo?
- (e) Do you support child labor? Why/why not?

2. Based on your reading of the following passage, make short notes in each of the boxes in the flow chart showing some major characteristics and challenges of adolescence. (One is done for you):

The time of adolescence is a period of preparation for adulthood during which one experiences several key developments. Besides physical and sexual maturation, these experiences include movement toward social and economic independence, development of identity, the acquisition of skills needed to carry out adult relationships and roles and the capacity for abstract reasoning. While adolescence is a time of tremendous growth and potential, it is also a time of considerable risks during which social contexts exert powerful influences.

Many adolescents face pressure to use alcohol, cigarettes, or other drugs and to initiate sexual relationships putting themselves a high risk for intentional and unintentional injuries, unintended pregnancies, and sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). including the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV). Many also experience a wide range of adjustment and mental health problems.



3. Read the following text and summarize it:

Education gives us knowledge and a set of abilities to function meaningfully in life, such as the ability to decide things rationally and make the right choices. As we learn how to read, write and do the basic operations of arithmetic, we gain a degree of self-confidence. We learn to think for ourselves and articulate our thoughts; we pick up skills to communicate with others and manage our affairs well. Education helps us think independently and make our own opinions. As we know more about the world, we appreciate the good things it offers us but also become critical of the deviations from the values it imparts and the rise of hatred or conflict that follows.

The first thing education does is to give us an awareness about ourselves which leads to the development of our personality. As we begin school, we feel the need to belong to the class and make friends. We then expand our sense of belonging to include the school at large, our community and finally our country. Education thus prepares every child to become an active member of the community and work for its welfare.

4. Read the following text and fill in the blanks with suitable words from the box. There are more words than necessary. Make any grammatical change if necessary:

misuse	family	popular	invent	use	spreads
make	expand	users	within	addicted	over

Facebook is an online networking service. It is a (a) ___ social networking service. It is (b) ___ friendship and relation all (c) ___ the world. Though Mark Zucker Berg first (d) ___ Facebook, (e) ___ a very short time, it gained much popularity. Now it has over one billion active users. It (f) ___ love and shares sorrows. But sometimes it is (g) ___. Students are spending much time in (h) ___ facebook which is very alarming for the future generation. Adults are also getting (i) ___ to it which is causing many problems in their (j) ___ life. So, we should be aware of using Facebook.

5. Fill in the blanks with an appropriate word in each gap:

Money is power and can do much good and evil. It gives (a) ___ and delight. It (b) ___ do everything. A person without (c) ___ is a person to be pitied. Nobody pays (d) ___ respect to him. His friends do not (e) ___ him. He has to depend on the (f) ___ of others. In order to (g) ___ money, he does a lot of jobs. It is a must (h) ___ our life. But it does not necessarily (i) ___ happiness. Happiness is absolutely a (j) ___ matter.

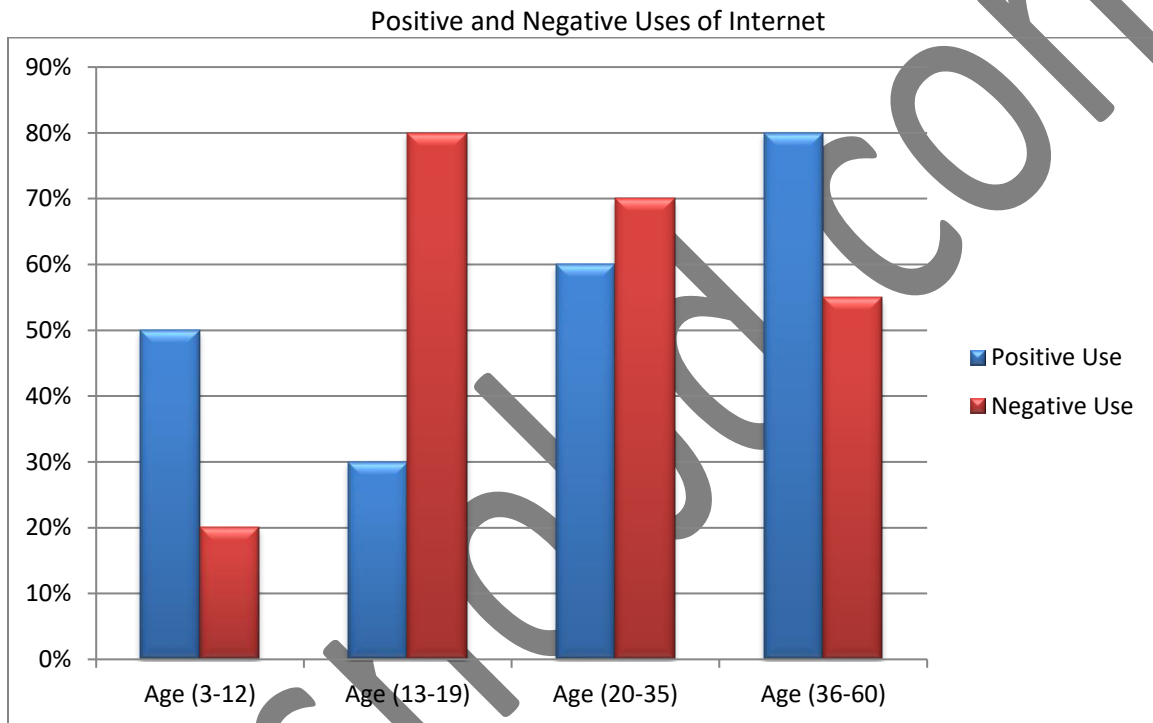
6. The following sentences are jumbled. Rearrange them in proper sequence:

- (a) There she became a teacher of a school in Kolkata.
- (b) Soon her activities for the service of mankind spread all over the world.
- (c) She was on her heels for her selfless services to mankind even at her old age.
- (d) As a recognition to her service, she was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in 1979.
- (e) She was one of those people who dedicated their lives to the service of mankind.

- (f) When she was eighteen, she decided to be a nun and came to Kolkata.
- (g) She swore to dedicate her life for the cause of helpless and poor people.
- (h) She was born in Yugoslavia in 1910.
- (i) She was also given 'Bharat Ratna Award' in the following year.
- (j) You have heard the name of Mother Teresa.

Part II - Writing
Marks - 40

7. The graph below shows the positive and negative Uses of Internet according to different age groups of the users. Describe the chart at least 150 in words. You should highlight the information and report the main features given in the chart.



8. The following is the beginning of a story. Complete it in your own words. Give a suitable title to it.

Once a crow got a chance to be beautiful. One day the crow found some beautiful feathers of a peacock in a jungle. He became very glad

10. Suppose, you are Shimul from Feni and one of your best friends is Nayon who lives in Khulna. He does not go through the newspapers daily. Now, write a letter to your friend about the benefits of reading newspapers regularly.