

ENGLISH SECOND PAPER  
[According to the Syllabus of 2024]  
Subject Code : 1 0 8  
Time - 3 hours  
Full marks - 100

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

**Part A - Grammar**  
**Marks - 60**

**1. Complete the text with suitable prepositions:**

Education is instrumental (a) \_\_\_\_\_ bringing (b) \_\_\_\_\_ socio-economic development. A man devoid (c) \_\_\_\_\_ education cannot contribute (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the society. On the other hand, an educated man plays a pivotal role (e) \_\_\_\_\_ enhancing the pace (f) \_\_\_\_\_ socio-economic development. A country should put much emphasis (g) \_\_\_\_\_ educating its citizens. The citizens have to be provided (h) \_\_\_\_\_ ample opportunities so that they feel keen interest (i) \_\_\_\_\_ getting themselves educated. The educated people are to be treated (j) \_\_\_\_\_ much respect.

**2. Complete the sentences with suitable phrases/words given in the box:**

would that	had better	since	it	as if
let alone	too ..... to	lest	as soon as	no sooner had ..... than

- (a) You look exhausted. You \_\_\_\_\_ take rest for a while.  
 (b) The thief has fled away \_\_\_\_\_ he might be caught.  
 (c) \_\_\_\_\_ I seen the snake \_\_\_\_\_ I became awe-struck.  
 (d) I would render my cooperation to you if \_\_\_\_\_ requires.  
 (e) It was long \_\_\_\_\_ I had met you.  
 (f) \_\_\_\_\_ he met me, he hugged me warmly.  
 (g) Don't expect any help from him. He is \_\_\_\_\_ busy \_\_\_\_\_ help you.  
 (h) I am an orphan now. \_\_\_\_\_ my father had lived longer.  
 (i) He cannot walk for few steps \_\_\_\_\_ run for a mile.  
 (j) He overlooks me \_\_\_\_\_ he never knew me.

**3. Complete the following sentences using suitable phrases or clauses:**

- (a) Had you sought my help \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (b) A man leading an indolent life \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (c) Strike the rod \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (d) The men, who love their country \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (e) Be punctual in your studies \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (f) Food adulteration is crime. It is high time \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (g) Childhood is the golden period of life. I wish \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (h) Scarcely had we got out of home \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) I know the man \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (j) He feigns as though \_\_\_\_\_.

**4. Read the text and fill in the gaps with correct form of verbs as per subject and context:**

The life of our farmers (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) full of hardships. Many a farmer (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (not know) how to to cultivate scientifically. They (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) hard from dawn to dusk. But their toil (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) away due to lack of scientific knowledge. Our government offers a lot of opportunities to them with a view to (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (eliminate) their sufferings. Unfortunately, they (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (not avail) themselves of those opportunities. It is time they (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (to get) scientific education and all concerned (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (to help) them. If they (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (to educate), they (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (to contribute) better to the prosperity of the country. The prosperity of our country (k) \_\_\_\_\_ (to lie) in their proper oper education. (l) \_\_\_\_\_ (to educate) a farmer (m) \_\_\_\_\_ (mean) educating family and a nation. And, it (n) \_\_\_\_\_ (to result) in greater success in every sector of the country.

### 5. Change the narrative style by using indirect speeches:

Why are your children crying, my daughter?" "They have been starving," said the woman. "Have you none else in the world?" "My husband died some months ago. He left them neither money nor any property. So, they are in great distress. They have to starve sometimes." "What a pity it is!" said the Caliph.

### 6. Read the following text and use modifiers as directed in the blank spaces:

Trees, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (use an a positive), are essential for maintaining eco-system. Without trees, the balance of eco-system will be (b) \_\_\_\_\_ post modify the verb) lost. Trees provide us with (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun) elements without which we cannot live on this earth. It is a matter of (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (pre-modify the noun) concern that we are felling trees (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (post modify the verb). As a dire consequence, the global temperature is rising (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (post modify the verb). The existence of flora and fauna is at an (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (use a pre-modifier) risk. Polar ice caps are melting and (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (use a noun adjective) level is rising. (i) \_\_\_\_\_ (use a present participle phrase), we can avoid such a catastrophe. If we want to keep our (j) \_\_\_\_\_ (use a noun adjective) earth safe and sound, we have to plant trees and protect our forests.

### 7. Use appropriate sentence connectors in the blank spaces of the following passage:

Mobile phone is a miracle of modern science. It has brought about a revolutionary development in the arena of communication. (a) \_\_\_\_\_ it has eliminated distance (b) \_\_\_\_\_ promoted human relationship. (c) \_\_\_\_\_ it helps to promote business. (d) \_\_\_\_\_ gearing the pace of business, it ensures the smooth growth of economy. (e) \_\_\_\_\_ it can solve many problems of mathematics. (f) \_\_\_\_\_ it has become a daily necessity. (g) \_\_\_\_\_ it is not free from demerits. (h) \_\_\_\_\_ it becomes detrimental to the reckless users, (i) \_\_\_\_\_ the use of mobile phone by the teenagers has to be regulated. (j) \_\_\_\_\_ they will go to ruin. (k) \_\_\_\_\_ if we want to save our young generation, we have to be more vigilant. (l) \_\_\_\_\_ parents, teachers and neighbors can play positive role in this regard. (m) \_\_\_\_\_ the people who are addicted to wanton mobile phone have to be more cautious. (n) \_\_\_\_\_ they maintain abstinence, it will positively influence their offspring.

### 8. Read the passage and write the antonym or synonym of the words as directed below:

An ideal student is an asset for a society or a country. He is sincere, punctual, obedient and law-abiding. He never derails from the right track. He tries his best to materialize the dream of his parents. He is a worthy citizen and cherishes patriotic zeal. He not only devotes to regular studies but also serves his society during his leisure time. He is frugal in spending but generous in promoting noble deeds. He never squanders his energy aimlessly. His only goal is to emulate his career. Unfortunately, the number of ideal students is declining day by day.

- (a) ideal (antonym);
- (b) obedient (antonym);
- (e) derail (synonym);
- (d) right (synonym);
- (e) materialize (synonym);
- (f) worthy (synonym);
- (g) zeal, (synonym);
- (h) devote (synonym);
- (i) regular (antonym);
- (j) leisure (antonym);
- (k) frugal (antonym);
- (l) noble (antonym);
- (m) squander (synonym);
- (n) unfortunately (antonym).

### 9. There are fourteen errors in the use of punctuation marks in the following text. Rewrite the text correcting the errors:

**Jerry:** You look like my mother

**Writer:** Do you meet your mother frequently when have you met her does she visit you

**Jerry:** she often visits me She sends gifts for me Did you see the skates I put on yesterday

**Writer:** Why do you not live with her doesn't your heart bleed for her

**Jerry:** Im fated to live alone

**Part B --- Composition**

**Marks --- 40**

- 10.** Write an application to the Principal of your college asking for permission to arrange a 'Study Tour'.
- 11.** Write a paragraph on '**The Importance of Sports**'.
- 12.** Write a paragraph on Technical Education and General Education comparing and contrasting their features.

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