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ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**Note:- "Attempt any 68 Marks out of 80 Marks".**

**SECTION-A**

**(Reading Comprehension)**

1 ✓ Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), summarise (4 marks) it and give it a suitable title (1 mark). (10)

The region of J and K is a melting pot of languages which reflects its rich and diverse history. Many spoken languages in J and K is a testament to the region's unique geographical location, serving as a crossroad of cultures and civilizations for centuries.

Kashmiri language is primarily spoken in the Kashmir Valley. It belongs to the Dardic group of Indo-Aryan languages and has been influenced by Sanskrit and Persian. Kashmiri literature boasts a rich heritage, with notable works dating back to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century. The language is written in a modified Perso-Arabic script, though efforts are being made to revive the ancient Sharada script.

Dogri, another prominent language, is spoken in the Jammu region. It shares similarities with Punjabi and Pahari languages and is written in the Devanagari script. Dogri literature has a rich tradition, with folk songs and poetry playing a significant role in its cultural expression.

Apart from these major languages, several other languages and dialects are spoken in different parts of J & K. These include Gojri, Pahari, Punjabi, Shina, Balti, Urdu, Hindi, English, Bhaderwahi, Sarazi, Khowar, Burushaski and Bateri.

The history of spoken languages in J & K is intricately linked to the region's political and cultural evolution. The arrival of various empires and dynasties, including the Mughals and the Dogra rulers, left a lasting impact on the linguistic landscape. Persian, the official language of the Mughal Empire, exerted a profound influence on Kashmiri and other languages of the region.

Similarly, the Dogra rule saw the promotion of Dogri and the adoption of Devanagari script in certain areas.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century witnessed significant changes in the linguistic landscape of J & K. Kashmiri and Dogri were recognized as official languages and efforts were made to promote their use in education and administration.

To sum up, the people of J & K have a strong sense of linguistic identity. Efforts are being made to revitalize regional languages through

language education programs, literary initiatives and cultural festivals.

The future of spoken languages in J & K depends on the continued efforts to promote linguistic diversity and cultural expression in the region.

2. Read the following passage and answer the given questions: (1×10=10)

Empathy, the ability to understand and share the feelings of another, is a fundamental human quality. It fosters compassion, kindness and cooperation, essential for building strong relationships and a harmonious society. However, in recent times, there has been a growing concern about the decline of empathy, particularly among younger generations.

Several factors contribute to this decline. One significant factor is the increasing use of technology. Social media, while connecting people globally, often promotes superficial interactions and can hinder the development of deep emotional connections. The constant exposure to curated online personas can lead to a distorted sense of reality and a diminished capacity for empathy.

Another contributing factor is the fast-paced and competitive nature of modern life. As people strive for success and material possessions, they may neglect their social and emotional needs. The pressure to perform and achieve can lead to a focus on self-interest and a disregard for the feelings of others.

The decline of empathy has far-reaching consequences. It can erode social cohesion, increase conflict and lead to a risk in antisocial

behaviour. When people lack empathy, they are less likely to help others in need, volunteer their time or engage in acts of kindness. Moreover, empathy is crucial for effective communication, problem-solving and building strong relationships.

To cultivate empathy, it is essential to prioritize human connection. Spending quality time with loved ones, engaging in meaningful conversations and volunteering can help foster empathy. Additionally, practicing mindfulness and meditation can enhance emotional awareness and sensitivity. By promoting empathy and compassion, we can create a more compassionate and harmonious world.

**Questions :**

(i) What is the impact of a lack of empathy?

(a) Increased compassion

(b) Social isolation

(c) Stronger relationships

(d) Improved communication

(ii) ..... contributes to the decline of empathy.

(a) Volunteer work

(b) Strong family bonds

(c) Excessive use of technology

(d) Face-to-face interactions

(iii) A fast-paced lifestyle can hinder empathy.

(True/False)

(iv) Can we reverse the decline of empathy.

(Yes/No)

- (v) Empathy is not important for effective communication. (True/False)
- (vi) Does social media positively impact empathy? (Yes/No)
- (vii) What is empathy?
- (viii) What role does education play in promoting empathy?
- (ix) Write the opposite of 'Conflict'.
- (x) Give a suitable title to the passage.

**SECTION-B**

**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. As the owner of a company, draft a classified advertisement (40-50 words) for the post of Sales Manager for Banihal. (4)

**OR**

Your father wants you to draft an invitation message to be sent to friends and relatives on the occasion of your elder sister's marriage. Write the message (40-50 words), giving necessary details for inviting friends and relatives.

4. Write a letter (120-150 words) to the SP Traffic, Jammu about the inadequate parking facilities in the commercial areas of City Centre, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people. You may also offer your suggestions to solve this issue. (6)

**OR**

As the Sports Secretary of your school, write a letter (120-150 words) to Soccer Sports Pvt. Ltd., Ramban and request them to supply their trade catalogue along with discount. Do not forget to mention the items you would require.

5. You have seen an advertisement in a newspaper inviting applications for the post of Head Chef in a 5-star Hotel in Srinagar. Write your resume along with job application to the Chief Manager, applying for the advertised post. (120-150 words) (6)
6. One of the major causes of road accidents nowadays is rash driving by adults and youngsters. Write an article on 'rash driving' in 200-250 words. (6)

OR

Write about any humorous episode (200-250 words) you recently encountered in your life.

Edit the following passage:

We go (1) to the market yesterday. We saw many things ~~their~~ (2), including a beautiful dress for herself (3). It was very expensive; so she decided ~~wait~~ (4) until her next salary. We also bought some groceries to (5) ourselves. After shopping, we felt tired or (6) hungry. We decided to eat at a near (7) restaurant. The food was delicious, and we enjoyed ourselves (8) immensely.

### SECTION-C

#### (Literature)

8. (a) Read the poetic extract given below and answer the given questions:

Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling

Out of their homes, but after the airport's

Security check, standing a few yards away.

I looked again at her, wan, pale

as a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache.....

Questions:

(1×4=4)

(i) What is the kind of ache that the poet feels? ✓

(ii) Who is standing a few yards away? ✓

(iii) Name the Poem and Poet.

(iv) Who is the mother compared with?

(b) Answer any two questions in 40-50 words each: (3×2=6)

(i) Comment on the title of the Poem "Keeping Quiet". ✓

✓ (ii) What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings? (A Thing of Beauty)

(iii) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to? Why is it 'vain'? (A Roadside Stand)

9. Answer any three questions in 40-50 words each: (3×3=9)

(i) How, in your opinion, can a linguistic minority keep their language alive in a state?

(ii) Why does Douglas as an adult recount a childhood experience of terror and his conquering of it?

(iii) How does the metaphor of the rattrap serve to highlight the human predicament?

(iv) How did the Champaran episode change the plight of the peasants?

(v) How would you describe the character and temperament of Sophie's father?

10. Answer the following question in 150-200 words: (6)

'The modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry and stress'. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

(The Third Level)

OR

The story "The Tiger King" is a satire on the conceit of those in power. Discuss in detail.

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: (5)

Mr. Lamb displays signs of loneliness and disappointment. How does he overcome these feelings? Discuss.

OR

Discuss how did Mr. Lamb's meeting with Derry become a turning point in Derry's life?

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