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GENERAL ENGLISH

BASED ON NEW TEXT BOOKS

PART – A

GRAMMAR ----- N1-N102

1. Match the following words and phrases given in Column A with their meanings in Column B.
2. Choose the correct 'Synonym' for the underlined word from the options given.
3. Choose the correct 'Antonym' for the underlined word from the options given.
4. Select the correct word (Prefix, Suffix).
5. Fill in the blanks with suitable Article.
6. Fill in the blanks with suitable Preposition.
7. Select the correct Question Tag.
8. Select the correct Tense.
9. Select the correct Voice.
10. Fill in the blanks (Infinitive, Gerund, Participle).
11. Identify the sentence pattern of the following sentence (Subject, Verb, Object...).
12. Fill in the blanks with correct Homophones.
13. Find out the Error (Articles, Preposition, Noun, Verb, Adjective, Adverb).
14. Select the correct sentence.
15. Find out the odd words (Verb, Noun, Adjective, Adverb).
16. Select the correct Plural forms.
17. Identify the sentence (Simple, Compound, Complex Sentence).
18. Identify the correct Degree.
19. Form a new word by blending the words.
20. Form compound words (eg.: Noun+Verb, Gerund+Noun).
21. British English – American English.

PART – B

POETRY ----- B1-B24

- (Study Materials & Objective Type Q & A)
- a) **Figures of speech**
 Alliteration – Simile – Metaphor – Personification –
 Onomatopoeia – Anaphora – Rhyme Scheme – Rhyming
 Words – Repetition, etc.)

b) Poetry Appreciation

c) Important Lines

LIST OF POEMS

1. Life - Henry Van Dyke
2. I am Every Woman - Rakhi Nariani Shirke

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3. The Secret of the Machines - Rudyard Kipling
4. The Ant and The Cricket - Adapted from Aesop's fables
5. No Men are Foreign - James Falconer Kirkup
6. The House on Elm Street - Nadia Bush
7. Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening - Robert Frost
8. A Poison Tree - William Blake
9. On Killing a Tree - Gieve Patel
10. The Spider and the Fly - Mary Botham Howitt
11. The River - Caroline Ann Bowles
12. The Comet - Norman Littleford
13. The Stick-together Families - Edgar Albert Guest
14. Special Hero - Christina M. Kerschen
15. Making Life Worth While - George Elliot
16. A Thing of Beauty - John Keats
17. Lessons in Life - Brigitte Bryant & Daniel Ho
18. My Computer Needs a Break - Shanthini Govindan
19. Your Space - David Bates
20. Sea Fever - John Masefield
21. Courage - Edgar Albert Guest
22. Team Work - Edgar Albert Guest
23. From a Railway Carriage - Robert Louis Stevenson
24. Indian Seasons - Nisha Dyrene
25. A Tragic Story - William Makepeace Thackeray

PART – C

LITERARY WORKS ----- C1-C24

(Study Materials & Objective Type Q & A)

I. LIST OF PROSE

1. His First Flight - Liam O'Flaherty
2. The Tempest - Tales From Shakespeare
3. The Last Lesson - Alphonse Daudet
4. The Little Hero of Holland - Mary Mapes Dodge
5. The Dying Detective - Arthur Conan Doyle
6. Learning the Game (Book Extract) - Sachin Tendulkar
7. The Cat and the Painkiller (An Extract from The Adventures of Tom Sawyer) – Mark Twain
8. Water – The Elixir of Life - Sir C.V.Raman
9. The Story of a Grizzly Cub - William Temple Hornaday
10. Sir Isaac Newton - Nathaniel Hawthorne
11. My Reminiscence - Rabindranath Tagore
12. The Woman on Platform 8 - Ruskin Bond
13. The Nose Jewel - C.Rajagopalachari
14. A Birthday Letter - Jawaharlal Nehru

II. BIOGRAPHIES OF -

- Mahatma Gandhi - Jawaharlal Nehru - Subash Chandra Bose
 - Helen Keller - Kalpana Chawala - Dr.Salim Ali - Rani of
 Jhansi - Nelson Mandela – Abraham Lincoln

III. GENERAL COMPREHENSION

GENERAL STUDIES**BASED ON SCHOOL NEW TEXT BOOKS****(Study Materials & Objective Type Q & A)****GENERAL SCIENCE** ----- A1-A112

- (i) Scientific Knowledge and Scientific temper - Power of Reasoning - Rote Learning Vs Conceptual Learning - Science as a tool to understand the past, present and future.
- (ii) Nature of Universe - General Scientific Laws - Mechanics - Properties of Matter, Force, Motion and Energy - Everyday application of the basic principles of Mechanics, Electricity and Magnetism, Light, Sound, Heat, Nuclear Physics, Laser, Electronics and Communications.
- (iii) Elements and Compounds, Acids, Bases, Salts, Petroleum Products, Fertilizers, Pesticides.
- (iv) Main concepts of Life Science, Classification of Living Organisms, Evolution, Genetics, Physiology, Nutrition, Health and Hygiene, Human diseases.
- (v) Environment and Ecology

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (2002 Q & A) - - B1-B130**GEOGRAPHY OF INDIA** ----- C1-C62

- (i) Location - Physical features - Monsoon, rainfall, weather and climate - Water resources - Rivers in India - Soil, minerals and natural resources - Forest and wildlife - Agricultural pattern.
- (ii) Transport - Communication
- (iii) Social geography - Population density and distribution - Racial, linguistic groups and major tribes.
- (iv) Natural calamity - Disaster Management - Environmental pollution: Reasons and preventive measures - Climate change - Green energy.

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (500 Q & A) - ---- D1-D30**HISTORY AND CULTURE OF INDIA** ----- E1-E46

- (i) Indus valley civilization - Guptas, Delhi Sultans, Mughals and Marathas - Age of Vijayanagaram and Bahmani Kingdoms - South Indian history.
- (ii) Change and Continuity in the Socio - Cultural History of India.
- (iii) Characteristics of Indian culture, Unity in diversity - Race, language, custom.
- (iv) India as a Secular State, Social Harmony.

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (709 Q & A) - ---- F1-F42**INDIAN POLITY** ----- G1-G58

- (i) Constitution of India - Preamble to the Constitution - Salient features of the Constitution - Union, State and Union Territory.
- (ii) Citizenship, Fundamental rights, Fundamental duties, Directive Principles of State Policy.
- (iii) Union Executive, Union legislature - State Executive, State Legislature - Local governments, Panchayat Raj.
- (iv) Spirit of Federalism: Centre - State Relationships.
- (v) Election - Judiciary in India - Rule of law.
- (vi) Corruption in public life - Anti-corruption measures - Lokpal and LokAyukta - Right to Information - Empowerment of women - Consumer protection forums, Human rights charter.

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (599 Q & A) - ---- H1-H35**INDIAN ECONOMY** ----- I 1-I 48

- (i) Nature of Indian economy - Five year plan models - an assessment - Planning Commission and Niti Ayog.
- (ii) Sources of revenue - Reserve Bank of India - Fiscal Policy and Monetary Policy - Finance Commission - Resource sharing between Union and State Governments - Goods and Services Tax.
- (iii) Structure of Indian Economy and Employment Generation, Land reforms and Agriculture - Application of Science and Technology in agriculture - Industrial growth - Rural welfare oriented programmes - Social problems - Population, education, health, employment, poverty.

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (600 Q & A) - ---- J1-J31**INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT** -----

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- (i) National renaissance - Early uprising against British rule - Indian National Congress - Emergence of leaders - B.R.Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh, Bharathiar, V.O.Chidambaranar, Jawaharlal Nehru, Kamarajar, Mahatma Gandhi, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Thanthal Periyar, Rajaji, Subash Chandra Bose, Rabindranath Tagore and others.
- (ii) Different modes of Agitation: Growth of Satyagraha and Militant movements.
- (iii) Communalism and partition.

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (205 Q & A) - ---- L1-L16**HISTORY, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND SOCIO - POLITICAL MOVEMENTS IN TAMIL NADU** - M1-M100

- (i) History of Tamil Society, related Archaeological discoveries, Tamil Literature from Sangam age till contemporary times.
- (ii) Thirukkural :
 - a) Significance as a Secular literature
 - b) Relevance to Everyday Life
 - c) Impact of Thirukkural on Humanity
 - d) Thirukkural and Universal Values - Equality, Humanism, etc.
 - e) Relevance to Socio - Politico - Economic affairs
 - f) Philosophical content in Thirukkural
- (iii) Role of Tamil Nadu in freedom struggle - Early agitations against British Rule - Role of women in freedom struggle.
- (iv) Evolution of 19th and 20th Century Socio-Political movements in Tamil Nadu - Justice Party, Growth of Rationalism - Self Respect Movement, Dravidian movement and Principles underlying both these movements, Contributions of Thanthal Periyar and Perarignar Anna.

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (262 Q & A) - ---- N1-N20**DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION IN****TAMIL NADU** ----- O1-O110

- (i) Human Development Indicators in Tamil Nadu and a comparative assessment across the Country - Impact of Social Reform movements in the Socio - Economic Development of Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) Political parties and Welfare schemes for various sections of people - Rationale behind Reservation Policy and access to Social Resources - Economic trends in Tamil Nadu - Role and impact of social welfare schemes in the Socio - economic development of Tamil Nadu.
- (iii) Social Justice and Social Harmony as the Cornerstones of Socio - Economic development.
- (iv) Education and Health systems in Tamil Nadu.
- (v) Geography of Tamil Nadu and its impact on Economic growth.
- (vi) Achievements of Tamil Nadu in various fields.
- (vii) e-governance in Tamil Nadu.

OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (150 Q & A) - ---- P1-P10**APTITUDE AND MENTAL ABILITY (753 Q & A) - Q1-Q152**

- i) Simplification - Percentage - Highest Common Factor (HCF) - Lowest Common Multiple (LCM).
- ii) Ratio and Proportion.
- iii) Simple Interest - Compound Interest - Area - Volume - Time and Work.
- iv) Logical Reasoning - Puzzles - Dice - Visual Reasoning - Alpha Numeric Reasoning - Number Series.

CURRENT EVENTS -----**OBJECTIVE TYPE Q & A (753 Q & A) - ---- R1-R55****WHO's WHO** -----

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