1. Read the poem given below:

The mountain and the squirrel
Had a quarrel,
And the former called the latter, 'Little pig'.
But all sorts of things and weather
Must be taken together
To make up a year
And I think no disgrace
To occupy my place.
I am not so large as you,
And not half so spry;
I'll not deny you make
A very pretty squirrel track.
Talents differ; all is well and wisely put;
And if I cannot carry forests on my back,
Neither can you crack a nut.

Given below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by writing the missing word/phrase against the correct blank number in your answer sheet.

The big proud mountain called the squirrel a (a) ________ creature which has no important place in this world. God has created (b) ________ in this world as oneness might have incalculat (c) ________ and dullness. Everything in this world has its (d) ________ and one cannot do all the work oneself. Unity in diversity has made life (e) ________ and colourful. Everything created by God has some (f) ________ to play in the (g) ________ of this world. A creature doing (h) ________ should not feel sad seeing others doing a (i) ________ of work. All creatures are equally (j) ________.
2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow with the help of given options:

Soybeans belong to the legume family. The beans are the seeds of the leguminous soybeans plant. They can be grown in a variety of soils and in a wide range of climates. Soybeans are versatile as they can be used as whole beans, soy sprouts, or processed as a variety of food items, such as soy milk, tofu, textured vegetable protein, soy sauce, soy oil and margarine and soy dairy alternatives. They are also used for making candles and bio diesel.

Soy is an excellent source of high quality protein; is low in saturated fats and is cholesterol free. It is also rich in vitamins, especially vitamin B complex, minerals such as magnesium, calcium, iron, potassium and copper and also fibres. In recent times it has been highly recommended because of its ability to lower the levels of LDL, a bad cholesterol. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), has confirmed that foods containing soy protein are likely to reduce the risk of coronary heart disease.

(a) Which of the following statements is true?
- (i) Soybeans belong to the legume family
- (ii) Soy is an excellent source of high quality calcium
- (iii) LDL is good cholesterol
- (iv) Food containing soy protein increases the risk of heart disease.

(b) Soybeans are the ________ of the leguminous soy plant.
- (i) variety
- (ii) seeds
- (iii) mixed
- (iv) heart

(c) Which of the following can be made from Soyabean?
- (i) plastic products
- (ii) candles and bio diesel products
- (iii) petroleum products
- (iv) aluminium foils

(d) What is the main feature of Soybeans?
- (i) low in saturated fats
- (ii) low in unsaturated fats
- (iii) high in cholesterol
- (iv) high in unsaturated fats

(e) The word, ‘versatile’ means:
- (i) fertile
- (ii) having many uses
- (iii) easily digested
- (iv) easily cooked

3. Read the following passage carefully:

Why is it that there are few women players in our orchestras? If one could reply flatly- sex discrimination: they don’t want women in orchestras—that would be a definite answer. But one can’t say that. As a matter of fact there are, if not many, a few women playing today in symphony orchestras. Nevertheless, it is true that male orchestral players are in an overwhelming majority. Why is that? I’m afraid, there is no one answer. There are physical reasons why women don’t perform well on certain instruments. The average woman is not likely to possess sufficient lung power and sheer muscular strength to play the tuba just as an average woman’s hands are not likely to be large enough to finger a double bass satisfactorily. But what
about the other instruments?

Another reason why we have so few women orchestral musicians is
that so few of them play wind instruments well enough. They don’t play
well enough because they haven’t had the proper training; and the reason
for that lies in the history of orchestral music. You will find that famous
European families of bassoon players or clarinetists taught their sons to play
their family instrument – their sons; but never their daughters.

Answer the following questions.

(a) Sex discrimination means ________
(b) Male orchestral players exist in ________ numbers.
(c) Tuba can only be played if the player has ________ and
    ________.
(d) Sons were always preferred in the past to the daughters to play
    ________ or ________.
(e) The word ‘possess’ means ________.

4. Read the following passage carefully:

US President Barack Obama challenged the world on Tuesday to act
swiftly to fight global warming but offered no new proposals that could
jump start stalled talks on a UN climate pact. Speaking shortly after Obama
at a special UN Summit on global warming, Chinese President Hu Jintao
pledged to reduce the carbon intensity of his country’s economic growth.

In his speech, President Obama said that time was running out for
the problem to be addressed. “Our generation’s response to this challenge
will be judged by history, for if we fail to meet it boldly, swiftly and
together- we risk consigning future generations to an irreversible
catastrophe,” he said.

“The time we have to reverse the tide is running out.”

Activists hoped the US and China would inject momentum, 21/2 months
before 190 nations gather in Copenhagen aiming to complete a deal to slow
the climate change.

“Failure to reach broad agreements in Copenhagen would be morally
inexcusable, economically short-sighted and politically unwise,” he said.

Complete the statements given below with the help of options that
follow:

(a) The main drawback of Obama’s speech is that it failed to ________
    (i) give a new boost to the movement.
    (ii) give a new vision to the world.
    (iii) give a start to the movement
    (iv) all of the above

(b) China, as per the report ________
    (i) is a major contributor to the global warming because of its
        economic growth.
    (ii) has already contained carbon intensity.
    (iii) does not add to the problem of global warming.
    (iv) has promised to move in this direction

(c) As per the speaker ________
    (i) there is no need to panic
    (ii) the situation is out of control
    (iii) there is an immediate need of swift action
    (iv) the coming generations will have to act.
(d) The report says that
(i) the countries should reach a definite agreement on the issue
(ii) the countries still can negotiate and reach an agreement
(iii) it is important for the future generations to act
(iv) all of the above.

(e) Give a synonym for the word, 'stopped'
(i) reversible
(ii) stalled
(iii) irreversible
(iv) swiftly

SECTION - B
(Writing - 20 Marks)

5. The graph below proves that even in the 21st century the status of women is not equal to that of men when it comes to occupying high positions in various occupations. Read the graph carefully and write its interpretation in 80 words.

![Graph showing women in national parliament by region.]

6. Your school community offered a helping hand to a young man who was diagnosed with blood cancer. Write an E-mail in about 120 words to the editor of a national daily exhorting others to do the same. Use the following input:

- Young Cherian: diagnosed with blood cancer
- Teacher and students came together for prayers
- Organisation of a food festival for funds
- Food festival a success

7. Diseases like vomiting, diarrhoea, dysentery and jaundice are caused by the use of food and drink articles contaminated with dust and flies, especially during the rainy season. Using ideas from the advertisement given alongside, together with your own ideas, write an article in about 150 words on prevention of diarrhoeal diseases, for a health magazine.
8. Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of options which follow:

Mr. Jones (a) _______ one morning, (b) _______ the sun had (c) _______. It was (d) _______ beautiful morning, so he went (e) _______ the window and looked (f) _______. He was surprised (g) _______ see a neatly dressed gentleman (h) _______ from the direction of the town.

(a) (i) awake (ii) woke (iii) waking (iv) awoked
(b) (i) as (ii) so (iii) before (iv) while
(c) (i) risen (ii) rose (iii) rising (iv) arisen
(d) (i) so (ii) an (iii) the (iv) a
(e) (i) to (ii) on (iii) off (iv) at
(f) (i) in (ii) out (iii) on (iv) far
(g) (i) of (ii) on (iii) in (iv) to
(h) (i) comes (ii) came (iii) coming (iv) come

9. Rohit is being interviewed for a job. Choose the right options to complete the dialogue:

Interviewer : Mr. Rohit, (a) _________________.
Rohit : Yes, I am working in Airtel, Delhi.
Interviewer : Then why (b) _________________.
Rohit : I feel I am paid less.
Interviewer : Well, (c) _________________.
Rohit : I am getting an annual package of Rs. 2 Lakhs, sir.
Interviewer : (d) _________________.
Rohit : I expect to get atleast Rs. 4 Lakhs here, please.

(a) (i) are you working somewhere, at present?
   (ii) did you get any experience?
   (iii) will you have any experience?
   (iv) do you have experience?

(b) (i) do you want to leave that company?
   (ii) did you leave that company?
   (iii) have you left that company?
   (iv) to leave that company?
10. Arrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.
Example: scorpions / to / people / like / where / live / live
Answer: Scorpions like to live where people live.
(a) dark /can/ they / or/ be found /in/ places /kitchens
(b) they / and/ gardens /cellars /live/ in
(c) even /can /homes /scorpions /new/ buildings/ be / for
(d) young scorpions /to where/ born /stay close/ they were

11. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.
Underline the word that you have supplied
Mahatma Gandhi did not set out as evolve the philosophy of life. He had either the inclination nor the time for do so. 
He had however, firm faith around truth and ahimsa for its practical application for life. They are said to be the constitute of his teachings or philosophy

12. Read the following conversation and complete the passage that follows: Varun : What are you doing tonight?
Shamin : I have to prepare for my exam, so I’ll study for it.
Varun : Can I be of any help to you?
Shamin : Can you lend me your notes? I’ll return them tomorrow.
Varun asked Shamin (a) _______. Shamin replied (b) _______. Varun showed his concern by asking (c) _______. Shamin (d) _______.

SECTION - D
(Literature - 20 Marks)

13A. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate alternatives.
I met a traveller from an antique land
Who said: Two vast and trunkless legs of stone
Stand in the desert. Near them, on the sand,
(a) ‘T’ here refers to :
(i) the poet (ii) the sculptor (iii) the traveler (iv) Ozymandias
(b) What happened to the statue?
(i) It became trunkless
(ii) Its face disappeared
(iii) Its face was dismantled
(iv) It had two vast legs
(c) The poem is set in:
(i) a palace
(ii) an ancient land
(iii) a wilderness
(iv) none of the above

OR

Do not go forth today: call it my fear
That keeps you in the house, and not your own,
Let me, upon my knee prevail in this.

(a) Calpurnia’s fear is that:
(i) Caesar may be killed by the ghosts
(ii) Caesar may be crowned
(iii) Caesar may be killed if he goes out
(iv) Brutus may kill Caesar
(b) Caesar reacts to Calpurnia’s fear saying that
(i) he is braver than the ghosts.
(ii) she should not be afraid
(iii) he is not afraid of the senators.
(iv) he is not afraid of death as it comes only once.
(c) What Calpurnia says shows that she is:
(i) a very virtuous woman
(ii) soft natured
(iii) a devoted wife
(iv) a fearful woman

13B. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

“Oh yes, sorry. The part is that of a pedestrian. An absent minded, short tempered pedestrian’.
(a) Who is the speaker of these lines?
(b) What is Patol Babu’s role in the film?
(c) What does the speaker feel sorry for?

14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(a) Why couldn’t John Hallock give his whole time to writing?
(b) How did Patol Babu completely get over his apathy?
(c) What was the terrible deed done by the old Mariner? Why was it terrible?
(d) Who was Sebastian Shultz? How did he meet with an accident?
(e) What is your impression about Julius Caesar’s character?

15. Answer the following in about 120 words.

‘Everything that I’ve described is true virtually!’ says the narrator. Even the title of the story is ‘Virtually True’. Justify the statement of the narrator and also the title of the story.

OR

What does Antony say in his speech? Why is it more effective than that of Brutus?

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