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Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

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Instructions to Candidates

1. Check that this question paper contains 6 questions printed on 13 pages numbered 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14.
2. Write your Index Number on the question paper in the space provided above.
3. You should not use red ink in answering questions.
4. Write all your answers clearly on the question paper.
5. Attempt all questions.

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SECTION A

Question 1 (20 marks)

For each item, circle the letter which shows the correct answer.

Example:

Many children were absent as had flu.

A them

C they

B their

D theirs

1. My aunt is very ill. has been admitted to hospital.

A They

C She

B He

D It

2. Neither Anil Fawaz could solve the problem.

A either

C or

B nor

D and

3. Every time I visit my grandfather, he me a sweet.

A gives

C given

B gave

D giving

4. Next week-end, we to the zoo.

A had gone

C have gone

B were going

D will go

5. Water is precious. We should not it.
- A wash C waste
B buy D drink
6. Father parked the car the garage.
- A against C from
B in D to
7. You haven't done your homework, ?
- A didn't you C haven't you
B did you D have you
8. This summer is than usual.
- A so hot C hottest
B hotter D as hot
9. Mr John goes to work foot.
- A by C at
B on D in
10. The girls hurt while playing.
- A herself C themselves
B yourselves D ourselves

11. The policeman arrested the thief has been rewarded.

A who

C what

B which

D whom

12. The dog bit me and away.

A runs

C run

B ran

D running

13. I love eating strawberries. They are my fruit.

A best

C favourite

B expensive

D interesting

14. Did you the vegetables I asked for?

A buys

C buy

B buying

D bought

15. There is too noise in this room.

A many

C plenty

B much

D lots

16. James was very when he lost the race.

A disappointed

C satisfied

B excited

D happy

17. The floor has become because of the rain.

A slippery

C dry

B hard

D rough

18. He is the tallest boy in his class he is the youngest.

A if

C despite

B or

D although

19. Mother asked me to her to the market.

A accompanying

C accompanied

B accompany

D accompanies

20. I need some to stick these pieces of paper together.

A water

C ice

B milk

D glue

Question 2A (10 marks)

Read the advertisement below:



Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre

invites you to participate in its yearly

SCIENCE COMPETITION

Are you in Standard 6? Do you like scientific experiments?

Then come and take part in the Science Competition!

You will

- Learn about science!
- Understand nature!
- Make new friends!

The Science Competition is scheduled as follows:

Date : 27 December 2015

Time : 09 00 to 12 00

Venue : Rajiv Gandhi Science Centre, Bell Village

Participants will have to conduct experiments on **one** of the following topics:

- ❖ Plants
- ❖ Water
- ❖ Air

There are wonderful prizes to be won!

1st prize : A trip to a science camp in South Africa

2nd prize : A science kit

3rd prize : A set of books on famous scientists



Hurry up and give your name to your Headmaster by 18 October 2015!

*For further information, please call Mr Lesage,
the Secretary of the centre, on 52540826*

Now answer the following questions.

1. Which competition is being organised?

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2. Who is organising the competition?

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3. The competition is open to children of which class?

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4. Give **two** benefits of taking part in the competition.

(i)

(ii).....

5. On what date will the competition be held?

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6. Name **one** topic on which participants can carry out experiments.

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7. What will the participant who comes out **third** win?

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8. What is the last date by which you can submit your name?

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9. Who is Mr Lesage?

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Question 2B (20 marks)

Read the text below.

The Titanic is one of the most famous ships of all time. It was a very big ship. People called it the 'Floating Palace' as it had every possible luxury, including a heated swimming pool.

In April 1912 the Titanic left England for its first voyage to America. It had many famous and rich people on board. For the first few days of the trip, the passengers felt like they were on holiday. They spent their time walking around and enjoying the ship's fine food. But all that changed on Sunday 14 April 1912. As the Titanic was crossing the Atlantic Ocean, it received nine warnings from other ships about the presence of icebergs. However, the captain of the Titanic did not pay attention to these messages.

Then, just before midnight, one of the ship's officers saw a large, dark object in the water. He rang the alarm bell and shouted, "Iceberg right ahead!" The captain reacted quickly. He slowed down the ship and tried to turn left, away from the iceberg. But it was too late. The side of the Titanic hit the iceberg and the icy sea water started getting into the ship quickly. The captain knew that the ship would sink in less than two hours.

Most of the passengers were asleep when the alarm was raised. Worse, there were not enough lifeboats for all the passengers. Many people would die if a rescue ship did not arrive fast. Unfortunately, the nearest ship, the 'Carpathia', was 90 kms away. It would need four hours to reach the Titanic. In the panic, many of the lifeboats were lowered into the sea without being full. After the ship sank, hundreds of people struggled to survive in the icy cold water. That night the ocean was -2°C, a temperature that can cause death in 15 minutes. In the end, only 705 passengers, out of a total of 2228, survived.

The world was shocked by this tragedy. Measures were taken to make sure that such a thing never happened again. Laws were passed to ensure that all ships had enough lifeboats for everyone on board. A new system was created to warn ships about icebergs.

Circle the correct answer for questions 1-8.

Example:

The Titanic was travelling to

- A** England
- B** America
- C** the Atlantic
- D** France

1. The Titanic was known as the 'Floating Palace' because
 - A it was new.
 - B it was luxurious.
 - C it was famous.
 - D it was quick.

2. The passengers felt like they were on holiday because
 - A they were bored.
 - B they were enjoying themselves.
 - C they could see icebergs.
 - D they met other people on board.

3. When other ships warned the captain about the presence of icebergs,
 - A he continued on his way.
 - B he changed the direction of the ship.
 - C he informed the passengers.
 - D he rang the alarm bell.

4. When an iceberg was seen right in front of the ship, the captain
 - A stopped the ship.
 - B called other ships for help.
 - C tried to avoid hitting against it.
 - D rushed to a lifeboat.

5. The 'Carpathia' could not help the Titanic because
 - A it was too full.
 - B it was too heavy.
 - C it was too small.
 - D it was too far.

6. Many lifeboats were put in the sea without being full because
- A** there was a rush to leave the ship.
 - B** the ocean was very cold.
 - C** it was very dark.
 - D** there were too many people on the ship.
7. "The world was shocked by this **tragedy**." The word 'tragedy' means
- A** an exciting occasion.
 - B** a boring incident.
 - C** a sad event.
 - D** a surprising experience.
8. An appropriate title for this passage could be
- A** Going to America.
 - B** An Unlucky First Voyage.
 - C** The Rescue of The Titanic.
 - D** The Joys of Travelling.

Now answer the following questions.

9. Give **two** reasons why most passengers had little chance to survive.
- (i)
- (ii)
10. Name **two** measures taken to ensure that such accidents didn't happen again.
- (i)
- (ii)

Question 3 (10 marks)

Write a complete sentence using the given words. An example has been given.

1. milk - morning

I drink a glass of milk every morning.

2. hungry - bread

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3. film - cinema

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5. bus - outing

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4. parents - congratulate - exam

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6. policeman - quickly - thief

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Question 5 (10 marks)

Complete the following text by writing one suitable word in each blank space. The first one has been done for you.

The Legend of Nessie

Have you ever **heard** the story of the Loch Ness Monster? In a called Scotland, there is a lake called Loch Ness. It is a beautiful lake, and the inhabitants say that is a monster which lives in it. The creature has been named "Nessie".

A number of people have reported seeing Nessie in the lake. They say that it has a huge body, a small head a long neck!

Does the Loch Ness monster exist? No one knows for sure. Scientists, however, do not that there is such a creature in the lake. They have found any evidence to solve the mystery.

Nevertheless, the story of Nessie still fascinates many Thousands of tourists to the lake every year. They to see the strange animal. Indeed, Loch Ness has become a major tourist in Scotland.

Even if there is no monster, the legend lives on!

Question 6 (20 marks)

In about 150 words, write about the bravest thing you have ever done.

The following clues may help you:

- What happened?
- Why was it a difficult situation?
- What did you do?
- Why did you act bravely?
- How did you feel about it?

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