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**2025**

**817 (BAF)**

**English**

**Time: 3 Hours, 15 Minutes**

**Maximum Marks: 70**

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**Notes -**

- 1) All questions are **compulsory**.
- 2) This question paper is divided into two parts: Part-A and Part-B.
- 3) Part-A consists of 20 multiple choice questions of one mark each that have to be answered on the OMR Answer Sheet.
- 4) For Part-A, read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR sheet after answering.
- 5) Marks of questions are mentioned against them.
- 6) Part-B consists of Descriptive type questions of 50 marks.
- 7) All the questions of Part-B are to be attempted.

**PART-A**  
**(Multiple Choice Questions)**

**(Q. Nos. 1-3) Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:**

Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru was a great patriot and a farsighted leader. He became the first Prime Minister of free India on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947. He saw that India could not succeed against her enemies in the past because Indians were always quarrelling among themselves. These quarrels largely arose because of differences in religion and language. He, therefore, made India a secular state. It means that India has no official religion. All religions enjoy equal status. Any man, whatever his religion, can rise to be the President or the Prime Minister of India.

- 1) Who was Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru? (1)  
(A) A great scientist (B) A great artist  
(C) A great patriot (D) None of these
- 2) Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru became the first Prime Minister of free India on - (1)  
(A) 26<sup>th</sup> January, 1950 (B) 15<sup>th</sup> August, 1947  
(C) 14<sup>th</sup> November, 1889 (D) 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 1869
- 3) He made India a ..... state. (1)  
(A) religious (B) secular  
(C) political (D) None of these

**(Q. Nos. 4-8) Choose the correct option to answer the following:**

- 4) The train ..... before he reached the station. (1)  
(A) starts (B) started  
(C) had started (D) will be starting
- 5) We must help ..... poor. (1)  
(A) a (B) an  
(C) the (D) all

- 6) I bought a beautiful dress. What is 'beautiful' in it? (1)  
(A) Noun (B) Verb  
(C) Preposition (D) Adjective
- 7) Fill in the gap with a suitable preposition. (1)  
He jumped ..... the well to save his child.  
(A) in (B) into  
(C) on (D) upon
- 8) Which one of the following words is mis-spelled? (1)  
(A) Grammer (B) Important  
(C) Behaviour (D) Honour

**(Q. Nos. 9-10) Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow:**

But then I slowly saw that not only was I not free, but my brothers and sisters were also not free. I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of everyone who looked like I did. That is when I joined the African National Congress, and that is when the hunger for my own freedom became the greater hunger for the freedom of my people.

- 9) Mr. Mandela was not free but his brothers and sisters were - (1)  
(A) free (B) praying  
(C) apologising (D) also not free
- 10) Mr. Mandela joined the African National Congress when - (1)  
(A) he found he was free.  
(B) he found himself in jail.  
(C) he found that he was unsuccessful  
(D) he found that his freedom and the freedom of everyone who looked like him, was curtailed.



(Q. Nos. 11-13) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

- 11) Who is the author of the lesson 'A Baker from Goa'? (1)  
(A) Arup Kumar Datta  
(B) Lokesh Abrol  
(C) Lucia Rodrigues  
(D) None of these
- 12) What was Valli's age? (1)  
(A) 7 years  
(B) 8 years  
(C) 9 years  
(D) None of these
- 13) In which city did Buddha deliver his first sermon? (1)  
(A) Patna  
(B) Benaras  
(C) Lumbini  
(D) Gaya

(Q. Nos. 14-15) Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

He hears the last voice at night,  
The patrolling cars  
And stares with his brilliant eyes,  
At the brilliant stars.

- 14) Which of the following are patrolling the tiger at night? (1)  
(A) Police (B) Cars  
(C) Jeeps (D) None of these
- 15) At which the tiger stares? (1)  
(A) Stars (B) People  
(C) Animals (D) None of these

(Q. Nos. 16-20) Choose the correct option to answer the following questions.

- 16) For how many days, Trichi was not given any eatable? (1)  
(A) One (B) Two  
(C) Three (D) Four
- 17) Who is the narrator of the story, 'The Thief's Story'? (1)  
(A) Anil (B) Ruskin Bond  
(C) Hari Singh (D) Anil's friend
- 18) Griffin was often ..... (1)  
(A) an actor (B) a shopkeeper  
(C) a scientist (D) a landlord
- 19) What did Ebright start collecting in childhood? (1)  
(A) Rocks (B) Butterflies  
(C) Coins (D) All of these
- 20) Bholi was the daughter of ..... (1)  
(A) Collector Ramlal  
(B) Tehsildar Ramlal  
(C) Inspector Ramlal  
(D) Numberdar Ramlal

## PART-B

### (Reading)

1) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

Sardar Patel was a strict man. People call him the 'Iron Man of India'. He was no doubt, an iron man, in the sense that he was an efficient administrator. But as a man, to those who had the good fortune of coming into close contact with him, he was kind and gentle. At times, he even became emotional, where his personal friends and followers were concerned. However, it goes without saying that the Sardar had a great skill for organising affairs. He knew the art of selecting proper men for proper posts. Once he judged the man and found him correct, he trusted him fully and got him to do anything he wanted.

[ Turn Over

**Questions:**

- a) What type of man was Sardar Patel? (2)
- b) Who calls him the 'Iron Man of India'? (2)
- c) What kind of man was the Sardar in his private life? (2)
- d) Which word in the passage means 'competent'? (1)

**(Writing)**

- 2) Write a letter to your friend asking him to spend his summer vacation with you. (4)

OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school to arrange a cricket match between IX and X class teams.

- 3) Write a report on the 'Republic Day' celebration in your school in about 80-100 words on the basis of the hints given below. (6)

(School decoration, flag hoisting ceremony, cultural programme, speech by the Principal and others, distribution of sweets)

OR

Write an article on 'A visit to a zoo' in about 80-100 words.

**Hints** are given below.

- i) What is a zoo?
- ii) Place where the zoo is
- iii) Animals, birds, reptiles
- iv) Conclusion

**(Grammar)**

- 4) a) Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech: (2)  
Mohan said to me, "What are you doing?"
- b) Change the following into passive voice: (2)  
Why did he not help me?



- c) Punctuate the following: (2)  
the teacher said to the students do not make a noise in the class
- d) Translate the following into English: (4)  
कल मैं विद्यालय जाने वाला था। थोड़ी ही देर में वर्षा होने लगी। चारों ओर अन्धकार छा गया।  
मौसम इतना खराब हो गया कि मैं विद्यालय नहीं जा सका।

### (Literature)

- 5) Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each. (3+3=6)

- a) What is the greatest wealth of a nation in Mandela's opinion?

OR

How did Lencho's prediction about rain come true?

- b) How do the people of Coorg differ from the Hindu mainstream?

OR

Why did Anne Frank maintain a diary?

- 6) Answer any one of the following in about 60 words. (4)

- a) Bring out Lencho's immense faith in God.

OR

- b) What are the various legends about the origin of tea?

- 7) Describe the contrasts between the tiger in a zoo and the tiger in its natural habitat, in about 40 words. (3)

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus. (Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

- 8) Write the central idea of any one of the following poems in about 40-50 words. (3)
- a) A Tiger in the Zoo
  - b) The Trees
  - c) Fog
- 9) Answer any one of the following in about 30 to 40 words. (3)
- a) Why was Bholi's father worried about her?
  - b) What happened with Matilda at the ball?
10. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words. (4)
- a) Give a character sketch of Matilda.
  - b) Describe the role of Bholi's teacher in her life.
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