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Friday, Date: 4-8-2023, Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Total Marks: 70

Note: 1. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

2. Mention clearly the option that you attempt.

Q-1. Answer the following questions in brief: (any five)

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1. Why did Thord Overass come to the priest for the first time?
2. What was There's intention with respect to his money at the end?
3. How did the conjurer impress the crowd in the first trick?
4. Which trick fascinated the Quick man in the story?
5. On the way to the fair, why did the child often lag behind?
6. What was the child's feeling when he saw the crowd moving towards the fair?
7. Why was the execution of the criminal not possible in 'Too Dear'?
8. What was the incident that disturbed the peace in the Kingdom of Monaco?

Q-2. Write short notes on any two of the following:

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1. The "Father" in the story.
2. Tricks performed by the conjurer.
3. The child's emotions before and after he was lost.
4. The title 'Too Dear'.

Q-3. Do as directed:

A. write a paragraph on any one of the following:

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1. The festivals of India.
2. My hobby
3. Unemployment

B. Match the words in column A with their meaning in column B: (any four)

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| 1. Alter | a. A person who entertains people by performing magic or tricks |
| 2. Conjurer | b. Complete absence of hope |
| 3. Despair | c. To change to something different |
| 4. Monopoly | d. To impose something |
| 5. Inflict | e. Attitude or position of the body |
| 6. Appearance | f. Exclusive control over a trade |

C. Choose the correct synonym from the given options in the bracket: (any two)

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1. Silent: (sad / quiet / gloom) _____
2. Hectic: (busy / free / ill) _____
3. Stern: (happy / normal / serious) _____

D. Choose the correct antonym from the given options in the bracket: (any two)

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1. Contact: (retreat / distract / intact) _____
2. Regular: (irregular / honest / smart) _____
3. Grim: (glory / bright / strong) _____

Q-4.A. Fill in the blanks with appropriate forms of verbs given in the brackets: (any five)

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1. The Earth _____ around the Sun. (Revolve)
2. Raturaj _____ to Big Bazaar yesterday. (To go)
3. He is _____ about corruption in the country now. (To speak)
4. The train _____ before I reached the station. (To leave)
5. We _____ Uncle Joe tomorrow. (Visit)
6. See, the flowers _____ fresh. (To be)
7. What _____ you doing at 1:30 PM last night? (To be)

B. Write a precis of the following passage and give it a suitable title:

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To me, an Indian bazaar is a source of endless delight and excitement. It is usually a series of plain wooden stalls on which are piled, with unconscious artistry, brightly coloured fruits, vegetables, spices, gleaming silver jewellery, brilliant silks, and cottons, or charming, grotesque painted wooden toys. The vendors who can't afford a stall sit on the sidewalk outside the market, their baskets stacked behind them, their wives in vivid cotton sarees crouching in the shed, and in front of them are spread carpets of scarlet chillies drying in the Sun, small hills of saffron, turmeric, coriander, ginger, cinnamon – all the magical names from the old days of the spice trade with the Indies. With a worn stone mortar and pestle, the vendor or his wife will grind your spices for you, blending them according to your particular taste, and weigh them in tiny brass scales strung on twine and balanced delicately in one hand. In all transactions you receive a pleasantly individual attention – nothing is standardized.

The vegetable and fruit and flower merchants are surrounded by baskets of purple eggplant, green peppers, strings of tiny silvery onions, heads of bitter Indian spinach, and a dozen Indian vegetables for which I don't ever know the English names. I had forgotten about the profusion of fruit in India – it is only during the brief, intense summer that you see much variety of fruit in Moscow. In Russia, as Winter approaches, all vegetables except for potatoes and the pervasive cabbage in soup, seem to disappear from the menus.