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# KPSC Probationers

Previous Year Paper  
(English)  
2021



**SUBJECT CODE : 417**

**English**

**2021**

**Time: 2 Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 150**

**QUESTION PAPER SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

1. **There are SEVENTEEN questions in QCA Booklet.**
2. **All questions are compulsory.**
3. The number of marks carried by a question is indicated against it.
4. Keep the word limit indicated in the question in mind.
5. Candidates shall write the answers only in the space provided for that question in QCA Booklet. Any answer written outside the space allotted for that question shall not be considered.
6. Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.
7. While writing answers, Candidate should not write any Name, Signature, Register No., Mobile No., address, QCA Booklet No., etc. (**except as required on the OMR cover page**) and do not put any mark of Identification or Symbol or write any other thing in QCA Booklet that may influence the evaluator or evaluation process in any form. Any such entries found will be treated as 'Malpractice Case' and the Candidature of the Candidate will be cancelled and the candidate has to abide by the disciplinary action taken by the Commission.
8. Precis writing shall be written in the space provided and it should not exceed the word limit as per instruction.

## PART-A

### 1. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of words using the words given in brackets :

$[1 \times 5 = 5]$

(a) The singers stopped when there was a slight \_\_\_\_\_ from the audience.  
( disturb )

(b) Students learnt the correct \_\_\_\_\_ of the words. ( pronounce )

(c) The king was too hasty in his \_\_\_\_\_. ( judge )

(d) Doctors suggest, “ \_\_\_\_\_ is injurious to health”. ( smoke )

(e) The faces of the animals were capable of no other \_\_\_\_\_ except a perpetual smile after the verdict. ( express )

### 2. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate word from the pair of words given in brackets :

$[1 \times 5 = 5]$

(a) The pharmacist will \_\_\_\_\_ which medicines are safe to take.  
( advise / advice )

(b) The baby weighed three kilos at \_\_\_\_\_. ( berth / birth )

(c) The doctor told me to eat less red meat and \_\_\_\_\_. Products.  
( diary / dairy )

(d) This shop sells \_\_\_\_\_. ( stationary / stationery )

(e) The police cremated an unidentified \_\_\_\_\_. ( corpse / corps )

**3. Fill in the blanks with appropriate idiom from the options given below in the bracket :**

[1×5=5]

( incentive bonus, cock crow, free fight, cock of the walk, red handed )

- (a) One should develop the habit to get up at \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The bridegroom was \_\_\_\_\_ during the wedding procession.
- (c) The inspector was caught \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) In olden days the soldiers engaged in a \_\_\_\_\_ on the battlefield.
- (e) Each employee of the company was paid an \_\_\_\_\_ for the first time in the history of the company.

**4. Fill in the blanks with appropriate collective noun from the options given below in the bracket :**

[1×5=5]

( Galaxy, Library, Regiment, Quiver, Basket )

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of soldiers
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_ of fruit
- (c) \_\_\_\_\_ of books
- (d) \_\_\_\_\_ of stars
- (e) \_\_\_\_\_ of arrows

**5. Make the right collocation by matching the adjectives in List—A with the appropriate nouns in List—B :**

[1×5=5]

List—A		List—B	
(i)	Ancient	(a)	response
(ii)	Casual	(b)	belongings
(iii)	Great	(c)	culture
(iv)	Immediate	(d)	admiration
(v)	Personal	(e)	relationship

**Answers :**

(i) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ii) \_\_\_\_\_  
(iii) \_\_\_\_\_  
(iv) \_\_\_\_\_  
(v) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Write the opposite of the following words using the appropriate prefixes given in bracket :**

[1×5=5]

( Dis-, Mis-, Non-, De-, In- )

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ active  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_ honest  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_ sane  
(d) \_\_\_\_\_ print  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_ cooperation

**7. Substitute the underlined phrases by selecting a single word from the options given below in the bracket :**

[1×5=5]

( polyandry, colleague, pessimist, encyclopedia, dormitory )

(a) A person who always looks at the darker side of everything.  
(b) A sleeping room for a number of people.  
(c) A book containing summarised information on all branches of knowledge.  
(d) A woman having several husbands at the same time.  
(e) He was not only my friend but also a staff member for more than 20 years.

**8. Complete the proverbs by matching List—A with List—B : [1×5=5]**

List—A		List—B	
(i)	A journey of thousand miles	(a)	keeps the doctor away
(ii)	Among the blind	(b)	the devils workshop
(iii)	An apple a day	(c)	so you shall reap
(iv)	An idle brain is	(d)	begins with single step
(v)	As you sow	(e)	the one eyed man is king

*Answers :*

- (i) \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) \_\_\_\_\_

**PART—B**

**9. Rewrite the following sentences as directed :**

**[1×5=5]**

- (a) Hanuman found sanjeevini on the crest of the mountain.  
( Frame a 'Wh' word question to get underlined word as the answer )  
Ans :
- (b) Religion / man's / true / is / education.  
( Rearrange the segments to form a meaningful sentence )  
Ans :
- (c) It was quite a big city.  
( Add a question tag )  
Ans :
- (d) To make a hot compress pour hot water into a bowl and then add the essential oil. ( Use a comma in the correct place and rewrite the sentence )  
Ans :
- (e) Manjula thanked her friend.  
( Change into a question beginning with the right form of 'do' )  
Ans :

**10. Rewrite the following sentences in passive voice : [1×5=5]**

- (a) They have completed the assignment.
- (b) He told an impossible cock and bull story.
- (c) She can find a decent fellow.
- (d) Now children are writing stories.
- (e) Every child likes ice cream.

**11. Correct the following sentences and rewrite them : [1×10=10]**

- (a) Once upon a time a elephant made friendship with a man.

Ans :

- (b) The huts are already occupied from jungle lords.

Ans :

- (c) Children is fond of ice cream.

Ans :

- (d) Why you are laughing?

Ans :

- (e) After the world cup Indian cricket team returned back to India.

Ans :

- (f) A shepherd took his sheeps to graze.

Ans :

- (g) The lady is resembling her mother.

Ans :

- (h) My friend is sitting on driving seat of my car.

Ans :

- (i) Neighbours came to see what was the matter.

Ans :

- (j) A mother shared a piece of bread equally among her two children.

Ans :

**12. Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs using the words given in brackets :** [1×5=5]

(a) Vandana Shiva is an ecologist. She \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

( love )

(b) A dancer \_\_\_\_\_ prayers asking forgiveness to the earth goddess before she began the dance.

( offer )

(c) Don't make noise. You \_\_\_\_\_ me.

( be + disturb )

(d) She \_\_\_\_\_ tennis everyday.

( play )

(e) He has \_\_\_\_\_ his homework.

( complete )

**13. Fill in the blanks with the correct linkers from the options given below in the bracket :** [1×5=5]

( but, so, thus, in order to, as a result )

The rain had failed. \_\_\_\_\_ all the wells and tanks had run dry. \_\_\_\_\_ overcome the problem, the municipal authorities sunk a number of borewells. \_\_\_\_\_ they were able to supply drinking water to the villagers. \_\_\_\_\_ the situation was brought under control. \_\_\_\_\_ the farmers' crops were destroyed.

14. Match the expression with its corresponding language function : [1×5=5]

Expressions		Functions	
(i)	Could you please pass me the book	(a)	Disagreeing
(ii)	Meet my friend Ajay	(b)	Expressing gratitude
(iii)	You look stunning in these new clothes	(c)	Requesting
(iv)	What you say may be right, but ....	(d)	Introducing
(v)	I am grateful to you	(e)	Complimenting

Answers :

(i) \_\_\_\_\_

(ii) \_\_\_\_\_

(iii) \_\_\_\_\_

(iv) \_\_\_\_\_

(v) \_\_\_\_\_

## PART—C

[01-01-01]

15. Read the following passage and answer the questions set on it :

[25]

Valerie Jane Morris-Goodall was born in 1934 in Hampstead, London to businessman Mortimer Herbert Morris-Goodall and Margaret Myfanwe Joseph, a novelist from Milford Haven. The family later moved to Bournemouth, and Goodall attended Uplands School, an independent School in nearby Poole.

As a child, as an alternative to a teddy bear, Goodall's father gave her a stuffed chimpanzee named Jubilee. Her fondness for animals started very early in life. She had dozens of books about animals. The walls of her bedroom were covered with pictures of animals, just as other girls of her age had posters of pop stars.

She used to keep animals in garden and, if she could, brought them into the house too. Usually, however, her mother caught her. "Get those animals out of here" she used to shout. "If you must keep them, use the shed end of the garden!" Most of Jane's animals were quite small : rabbits, mice, birds that sort of thing. But one day something quite big came her way.

Jane's mother noticed that she was spending quite a lot of time in the shed. She also noticed that food was disappeared from the house, especially bread and fruit. One evening she decided to go down to the shed to see for herself.

As she stood outside the door of the shed, she could hear Jane talking to someone inside, "She's got a friend in there with her", she thought. She opened the door and looked in. At first she could only see Jane sitting on the ground. Then she made out the shape of an animal sitting beside Jane. Two huge eyes started up at her. She nearly screamed. It was a gorilla!

"Jane! Where on earth....?" She started to say. But then she remembered. A few days before, a young gorilla escaped from the zoo and, in spite of every effort to find it, the animal simply vanished.

"I found it wandering through the park, Jane explained. It seemed so lonely! I talked to it and we became friend at once. And then it followed me back here...."

"Well, you know you can't keep it, You'd better phone the police and explain", her mother said.

Not long after, the police came and also a van from the zoo. Nobody was even angry with Jane when she told her story. The police knew all about Jane and her animals. And the zoo keeper said : "I can see that Gor likes you. But we need him back at zoo! But you can come and see him as often as you like. We'll send you a free pass".

These days Jane has almost given up collecting small animals, but you can often find her talking to her friend Gor at the zoo.

**A. Answer the following questions in a word, a phrase or a sentence each :**

**[1×10=10]**

(i) When was Jane Goodall born?

Ans :

(ii) What did Jane's father give her instead of a teddy bear?

Ans :

(iii) When did Jane's fondness for animals start?

Ans :

(iv) Who was sitting with Jane in the shed?

Ans :

(v) Name one of the small animals mentioned in the passage.

Ans :

(vi) Where had the gorilla come from?

Ans :

(vii) Where had Jane found the gorilla?

Ans :

(viii) Whom did the mother want Jane to inform about the gorilla?

Ans :

(ix) Why weren't the police angry with Jane?

Ans :

(x) What did the zoo keeper offer Jane?

Ans :

**B. Answer the following questions in 1 or 2 sentence(s) : [2×3=6]**

(i) What were Jane's parents?

Ans :

(ii) Why did Jane's mother decide to go down to the shed?

Ans :

(iii) What did zoo keeper say when he took back the gorilla?

Ans :

**C. Explain the situation when Jane's mother went to the shed. [4]**

Ans :

**D. Match the action in List—A with the reason in List—B : [1×5=5]**

	<i>List—A</i>		<i>List—B</i>
(i)	Jane took food from the house	(a)	It was in Jane's shed
(ii)	Jane began to spend a lot of time in the shed	(b)	She tried to bring animals into the house
(iii)	Jane's mother used to shout at her	(c)	She needed it for the gorilla
(iv)	The gorilla vanished	(d)	She had to tell them about the gorilla
(v)	Jane phoned the police	(e)	She had a gorilla there

[25]

16. Write an essay in about 350 words on the topic given below :

**“Caste System : Effect on Indian Economy”**

17. Write a précis of the following passage in your own words. Use the space provided :

[25]

**Notes :**

- (i) The Précis should not exceed 100 words.
- (ii) The number of words of your précis should be clearly mentioned.
- (iii) Suggest a suitable title and write it in the space given.

The world is bound to call itself 'Modern' and all the credit goes to our advanced technology and science. Advanced technology basically could be the 'Invention of Computer'. Computer is a wondrous machine. It is also called the artificial 'Human Brain'. The computer has become an integral part of our lives. It plays a major role in our education, work and entertainment.

Computer in schools and colleges have made learning more concrete, accurate and flexible. School children are able to access more and more information from innumerable websites. They are making use of computers and internet for their project work, seminars and presentation, thus making their work more interesting and impressive.

Computer at work, have also made great advancement. At the work place, computers are more relied upon for their accuracy and speed. Working time have become flexible. Due to wireless technology of computers, it gives the privilege to work online and work from home; online meetings and discussions are held at the international level, thus keeping the office staff in touch even during their holidays.

Computer, as entertainment media, is widely accepted by the young generation. It has got choices of entertainment. Video games, watching movies, listening to music, chatting, creating or re-editing the movies, sound tracks and cartoon etc. It is obvious that young folk have become gadget maniacs with the wide possibilities in the realm of computers.