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THIS EXAMINATION PAPER CONTAINS SIX [6] QUESTIONS IN THREE [3] PAGES.

Answer FOUR [4] questions. TWO [2] questions each from Section A and B. QUESTION 1 is COMPULSORY

SECTION A - Answer TWO [2] questions

1. The following passage contains language errors.

   (a) Pick out these errors.

                                                              (7 marks)

   (b) Write out the corrected version or form.

                                                              (7 marks)

   (c) Write a short paragraph about the grammatical principle that has been breached (or broken).

                                                              (11 marks)

   Winging more than a mile high retired Group Captain Jaya felt an inner urge of gratitude in his Cessna light aircraft. However, little did he suspect what was to follow.

   The next minute the ground was coming up too fast. Slow down! Captain Jaya reached out to what he thinks was the trottle. It was the choke instead. The engine stalled. Neither of the two joy-ride passengers in the plane were worried. The engine surged, then sputtered and quit. It was behaving erotically.

   Every Monday morning without fail, the Flying Club committee jots a note to their report regarding the condition of the aircraft's engine. That Monday the report was late in coming.

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Capt. Jaya had logged hours of flying time. It was him the passengers wanted as their pilot. Sitting in the cockpit, the dials and gauges on the instrument panel registered nothing. He had never seen a more costlier airplane than the one he was handling. She was a beauty.

The thought of crash-landing this beauty in the Penang Straits was one option that never entered his mind. The two passengers thought that they would rather he ditch the plane in a padi field.

Suddenly Jaya saw he was going to make the air field. he landed the aircraft safely like only an ace could.

2. Read this short passage. Then answer the questions that follow.

I decided to give my best helpers an airplane ride. The natives, who were mainly Iban, had never experienced flying.

I hired a pilot and plane. The Ibans showed no reluctance or enthusiasm. Before boarding the light aircraft, I gave each Iban a pill to pop. During the ten-minute airplane ride the Ibans remained nonchalant, indifferent and silent.

"It was some ride, wasn't it?" I asked enthusiastically, begging for some response. The unsmiling Iban leader was stoic and looked me in the eye. The other helpers had earlier chosen him their leader because he was huge in stature. He finally numbled a few words. "Bugs do it," he said.

(a) Pick out a sentence example from the passage above that contains each of the elements of grammer listed (i) to (iv) below.

(5 marks)

(b) Formulate a sentence example of your own (not taken from the passage) for each grammatical element (i) to (iv).

(5 marks)

(c) Write a short paragraph or two on each of the grammatical elements (i) to (iv) indicating how they function in the English language.

(15 marks)

     i.   Subject and Predicate
    ii.   Main and Subordinate Clauses
   iii.   Objects and Complements
    iv.   Stative and Dynamic verbs.

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3. The Noun Phrase includes premodifiers like determiners, predeterminers and quantifiers. Write on any two [2] premodifers of the noun phrase.

(25 marks)

SECTION B - Answer TWO [2] questions

4. EITHER

(a) Write briefly on the Syntactic functions of the Adjective.

OR

(b) Write briefly on the Syntactic functons of the Adverb.

(25 marks)

5. (a) Set out a tree diagram for these two sentences.

i. The dog frightened the child.

ii. The rumour that the dog chased the child frightened me.

(b) We can analyse sentences into their relevant parts and then provide the grammatical description of these parts by means of constituent structure analyses. Write briefly on what you understand by the term constituent Structure.

(25 marks)

6. IN English Nouns can be either Invariable or Variable. Write briefly on

EITHER

(a) Invariable Nouns

OR

(b) Variable Nouns.

Make sure that examples accompany every point you make.

(25 marks)

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