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**SECTION A – READING**

**I. Read the passage and answer the questions accordingly: (8)**

Keep your watch accurate. For some people, moving up the time on their watch will help them get up earlier. For others, they will remember that the time on the watch is wrong and will disregard it altogether.

It may be helpful to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead of five or ten. Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time in each room of your house. One of the easiest ways to run late is simply by not realising that the time is passing as quickly as it is. Set all your clocks and watches at the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. If you have a dinner appointment at 7:30 p.m., don't think you can work till 7 p.m., then take a bath, get dressed and arrive on time. Realistically, calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get to your job in time.

Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your day. Maybe try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock somewhere away from your bed; that way, you will have to get up to turn it off. Commit yourself to being 15 minutes early for everything. If you have to reach your place of work at 8:00, don't even tell yourself this. Just tell yourself (and everyone else who listens — but don't annoy them or make them think that they are late or early!) "I have to be at work by 7:45." If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. You will be on time even with a traffic jam.

**Answer the following questions:**

- a. Which of these will not help you be on time?
  - (i) snoozing the alarm
  - (ii) keeping a clock in each room
  - (iii) moving up the time on the watch
  - (iv) All of the above
  
- b. Which of these is the easiest way to get late?
  - (i) realising that the time is passing as quickly as it is
  - (ii) not realising that the time is passing quickly
  - (iii) keeping everything to the last moment
  - (iv) working till the eleventh hour
  
- c. What can be a disadvantage of moving the time up on watches and clocks?
  - (i) People will reach the place at wrong time
  - (ii) People will remember that the watch is turned up and disregard it altogether.
  - (iii) Things will not go according to the plan
  - (iv) All of the above
  
- d. Which line best describes the word "disregard" as has been used in the passage:
  - (i) She disregarded the reminder bell and could not complete her task.
  - (ii) Never disregard what your elders say.
  - (iii) She has no disregard for the law.

- (iv) She will disregard whatever you tell her.
- e. What does unforeseen in ‘unforeseen delays’ mean?
- f. How to ensure that you wake up just as the alarm rings?
- g. Find the antonym for “not exact” in the first paragraph.
- h. Why does moving up the time on the watch is not helpful for some people?

## SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR

- II.** As the Head Boy/ Head Girl of Delhi Public School, Chandigarh, draft a notice for the students to inform them about the upcoming CCA Quiz competition. Include necessary and relevant information in your content. (4)

- III. Fill in the blanks:** (3)

“\_\_\_\_ (a. May/Can/Should) I come in Madam?”, asked the employee. The lady\_\_\_\_ (b. look/looks/looked) back and signalled her to enter. “The team \_\_\_\_ (c. is/are) ready for the meeting, Ma’am”.

- IV. Rearrange the jumbled words/phrases to create meaningful sentences:** (3)

- (a) water resources / vital to / are / plant / animal / human / survival / and  
 (b) it / essential / is / to / therefore / our usage / conscious / be  
 (c) depleting / levels / water / are fast / and / encouraged / be / judicious / usage / should

- V. Report the conversation:** (2)

Doctor: Are you taking your medicines regularly?

Ms. James: I have missed some of the tablets.

- (a) The doctor asked Ms. James \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (b) Ms. James replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

## SECTION C – LITERATURE

- VI. Answer the questions based on the excerpt:** (4)

Juliette: *“But the sign has been hanging on the gate for over a month now and I am beginning to be afraid that the day I bought it was when I was the real fool.”*

- (a) What is Juliette trying to do?  
 (b) Who is Juliette talking to?  
 (c) Why is Juliette disappointed?  
 (d) Why does Juliette call herself a fool?

- VII. Answer the questions based on the excerpt:** (4)

*“I chatter, chatter, as I flow  
 To join the brimming river,  
 For men may come and men may go,  
 But I go on for ever.”*

- (a) Who does “I” refer to in these lines?

- (b) What is the figure of speech used for ‘I’?
- (c) What does “chatter” refer to in these lines?
- (d) What message do you get in the last line of the given stanza?

**VIII. Answer any four of the given questions: (8)**

- (a) The poet has repeated certain lines in ‘The Brook’. What is this pattern of repetition called? Why is it used in poems?
- (b) 'Bicker' means 'to quarrel'. Why does the poet use this word in the poem ‘The Brook’?
- (c) Juliette tells her maid that she was fed up of that place. What was she fed up of and why?
- (d) Why is Gaston not interested to buy the villa?
- (e) What goal had been set by the grandmother by Dussehra? Could she accomplish it?
- (f) Why was Triveni such a loved and a popular writer?

**IX. Answer any one of the given questions in 80-100 words: (4)**

- (a) Education is integral to both the young and old. Elaborate on this with reference to ‘How I Taught My Grandmother to Read’.
  - (b) Though Gaston had crooked means, he had an excellent sense of business. Do you agree? Justify with the help of examples from the text.
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