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ENGLISH

Language English

(CBCS Scheme Freshers & Repeaters 2019-20 Onwards)

Paper - I

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Instructions to Candidates :

Attempt all the questions. Write question numbers correctly.

SECTION - A

(Work Book)

I. Correct the following Sentences:

(5×1=5)

1. The principal and Chief Guest was seated on the dias.
2. Most of my luggage are still missing.
3. I rise early this morning.
4. She wants to be a RJ.
5. He was asked to contact the office for farther information.

II. Rearrange the given sentences in proper sequence in a paragraph:

(5)

- A. The alarm started ringing indicating that an accident had happened.
- B. The ambulance reached the door even before the machines had fully stopped.
- C. The message would reach the factory dispensary also at the same time.
- D. The shrill scream of a man in agony was audible despite the clang of the machinery.
- E. Ten minutes after the event everything was the same again.

III. Read the following passage carefully and answer the given questions:

(5)

Richard Parker was so named because of a clerical error. A panther was terrorizing the Khuina district of Bangladesh, just outside the Sundarbans. It has recently carried off a little girl. She was the seventh person killed in two months by the animal. And it was growing bolder. The previous victim was a man who had been attacked in broad daylight in his field. The beast dragged him off into the forest and his corpse was later found near a tree. The villagers kept a watch nearby that night, hoping to surprise the panther and kill it, but it never appeared.

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The Forest Department hired a professional hunter. He set up a small, hidden platform in a tree near a river where two of the attacks had taken place. A goat was tied to a stake on the river's bank. The hunter waited several nights. He assumed the panther would be an old, wasted male with worn teeth, incapable of catching anything more difficult than a human. But it was a sleek tiger that stepped into the open one night: a female with a single cub. The goat bleated. Oddly, the cub, who looked to be about three months old, paid little attention to the goat. It raced to the water's edge, where it drank eagerly. Its mother followed it. Of hunger and thirst, thirst is the greater urge. Once the cub had quenched her thirst, she turned to the goat to satisfy her hunger.

The hunter had two rifles with him: one with real bullets, the other with immobilizing darts. This animal was not a man-eater, but was so close to human habitation that she might pose a threat to the villagers, especially as she was with a cub. He picked up the gun with the darts. He fired as the tiger was about to attack the goat. The tiger reared up and snarled and raced away. But immobilizing darts don't bring on sleep gently, they knock the creature out without warning. A burst of activity on the animal's part makes it act all the faster.

The hunter, whose name was Richard Parker, picked it up and with his bare hands and remembering how it had rushed to drink in river, named it Thirsty. The cub was sent to Calcutta. The shipping clerk at the Howrah train station was evidently a man both confused and diligent. All the papers received with the cub clearly stated, that its name was None Given and so Richard Parker's name stuck to the cub.

1. Give the meaning of the following words as used in the passage:
i) Corpse ii) Quenched.
2. Why does the author say that the panther 'was getting bolder'?
3. Why did the forest department hire a professional hunter?
4. What did the hunter expect to encounter? What did he actually encounter?
5. Why did the cub get the name Richard Parker?

IV. Expand the News Paper captions given below.

(5×1=5)

1. Flood toll Rises To 26.
2. 2 months after violence, Wistron set to restart Ops.
3. England trounce India in Chennai.
4. Convict escapes prison.
5. Film personalities sing Lockdown special.



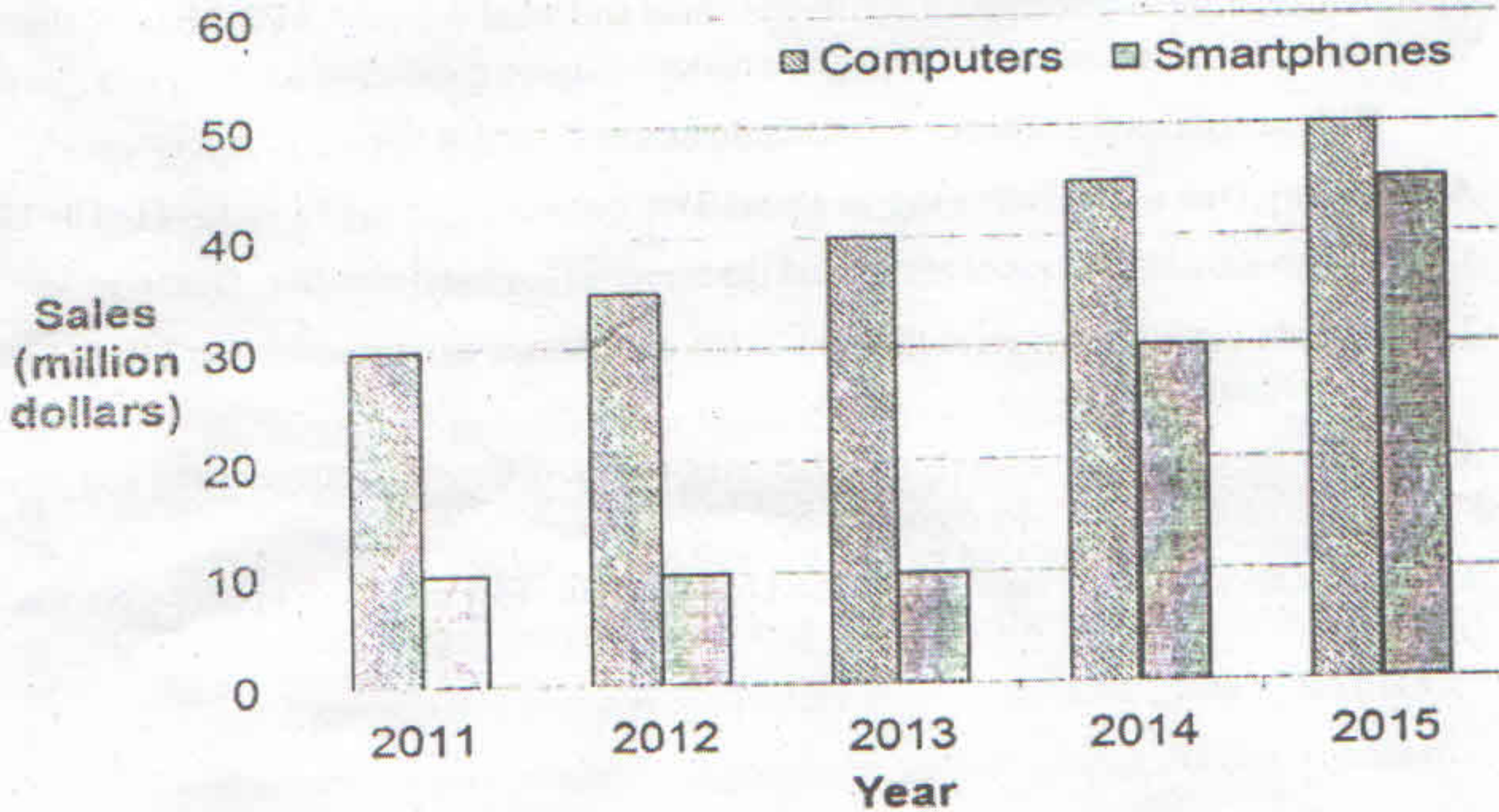
V. Fill in the blanks with appropriate idioms and phrases from the list given below:
(break in, give in, brokeout, took to his heels) (3×1=3)

1. Bird flu _____ in a few parts of northern India.
2. The thief _____ when he saw a policeman.
3. Though defeated, the soldiers would not _____.

VI. Choose the correct form of the words given in the brackets and fill in the blanks.
(timid, begin) (2×1=2)

1. They are _____ to see the true colours of the impostor.
2. The little boy stepped forwards _____, and shook my hand.

VII. The bar graph shows the amount of money spent on two types of electronic goods in Singapore. Analyse the given graph in a paragraph: (5)



SECTION - B
(Course Book)

VIII. Answer any Five of the following in one or two sentences each: (5×2=10)

1. What did Delia decide to do after she could not afford to study under Rosenstock's guidance?
2. How were Santhoshi's mannerisms different from the other transgenders?
3. Whose beauty is praised in the chronicles in 'Sonnet 106'?
4. Name the two Asian countries where the spectators go berserk during matches as mentioned in 'The Sporting Spirit'.
5. Why was Okeke angry with his son Nnaemeka?

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6. Who does the poet address in the poem 'On Buying and Selling'?
7. Mention any two aspects of the water issue addressed in one of the Governor's conferences in 'Towards a Competitive Nation'?
8. What were the only career options available to women as mentioned in 'Freedom and choice'?

IX. Answer any Four of the following in about a page each (1 from poetry compulsory)
(4×5=20)

1. How has growth and diversification of life brought about changes in the field of education and career prospects for students as mentioned in 'Freedom and Choice'.
2. Write a note on the Ibo community.
3. What does George Orwell say about boxing as a sport?
4. 'On Buying and Selling' emphasizes on the kindness and generosity of nature. Explain.
5. Why was the e-governance conference held and what were Dr. APJ. Abdul Kalam's views on the introduction of e-governance?
6. Write a note on the practice of Jallikattu as mentioned in the story 'Acceptance'.

X. Answer any One of the following in about Two pages:
(1×10=10)

1. 'A service of Love' revolves around the theme of love and sacrifice. Discuss.
2. Narrate the circumstances that led to the acceptance of santhoshi into Mr. Ashoke Srinivasan's house.
3. Trace the evolution of sports and also bring out the difference between rural and urban sports as stated in 'The Sporting Spirit'.
4. Write about the achievements of ISRO as stated in 'Towards A Competitive Nation'.