Time allowed: 90 mins.                        Maximum Marks: 40

SECTION A- READING

Q A.

(1) (c) Grandeur
(2) (c) Arrival of Villa
(3) (b) his discomfort and doubt
(4) (a) he didn’t believe in vanity
(5) (d) he was completely dissatisfied
(6) (d) reverent
(7) (a) Villa was very appropriately dressed for the occasion
(8) (b) Statement (1) is false but statement (2) is true
(9) (d) Both the statements are the effects of independent causes.
(10) (d) A pessimist is never disappointed.

Q IIA.

(11) (b) A decreasing trend in student accomplishments
(12) (c) Visionaries & Enthusiasts
(13) (d) I, III, IV
(14) (b) His air of detachment lost him many friends.
(15) (c) Inconvenience
(16) (d) Someone who acts sensibly
(17) (c) Children with weak basic foundations
(18) (b) Diminish equal opportunities

Q IIB.

(11) (b) Aristotle felt the need for interminable learning; Socrates felt that students need to be perpetually challenged
(12) (b) It is not rational or pragmatic
(13) (d) It refers to something which is of ceaseless importance
(14) (c) Facts change with the changing times
(15) (b) He believed in democracy, but his practices didn’t suggest the same
(16) (c) Michel de Montaigne
(17) (d) Assumption
(18) (c) Practical

Section B- Creative Writing

Q III. Discursive Essay

(19) (a) GMOs: Boon or Bane
(20) (a) Her personal views on the benefits of GMOs
(21) (a) Whatever might be harmful consequences of consuming GMO foods its uses outweigh the former.

Q IV. Discursive Essay
Q V. Article Writing

(24) (a) A prelude to the Sustainable Development Goals
(25) (c) Encourage everyone to enhance their immunity

Q VI.

(26) (a)
(27) (b)
(28) (c)
(29) (d)
(30) (c)

Q VII.

(31) (a) maid with dulcimer
(31) (a) a girl with dulcimer
(32) (d) Discord and disagreements
(33) (c) (i), (iii)
(34) (b) Renaissance Pope
(35) (c) Vienna
(36) (d) Japanese tea ceremony
(37) (c) Shakespeare’s followers will build him an ornate mausoleum.
(38) (d) Being concerned about one’s looks means one is sensitive
(39) (c) a snail
(40) (c) Present day government empowers the public to rebel against slavery.
(41) (b) All the radiance and glow of purity had fled from monk’s face.
(42) (d) Ananda
(43) (d) Ananda
(44) (c) the city of Troy
(45) (c) In the human brain
(46) (c) Assertion and reasoning both are correct.
(47) (a) a pyramid sheltering Shakespeare’s remains
(48) (c) I, III & IV
(49) (a) His readers’ bodies constitute the permanent space in which Shakespeare peacefully lies.
(50) (c) turmoil
(51) (a) III, I, II, IV, V
(52) (a) Marx believed that slavery can only be stopped by law.
(53) (d) Buenos Aires
(54) (b) Deceit

Section E- Fiction

A TIGER FOR MALGUDI

(55) (a) to brush against the yellow shrub to loosen the quills
(56) (d) they tethered a lamb to the outskirts of the village.
(57) (a) monkeys, owls and leopards
(58) (b) the lion
(59) (c) His captors found him to be of the right size.
(60) (d) Assertion and reasoning both are correct

THE FINANCIAL EXPERT

(55) (a) He wants to acquire wealth.
(56) (a) Arul Doss.
(57) (a) the one who showed the way.
(58) (a) the one who showed the way
(59) (b) a bottle of Ink, a pen, a blotter, a small register
(60) (d) Assertion and reasoning both are correct