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[Three Hours]

[Answer All Questions, Total 70 Marks]

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Instructions:

- This question paper has **Eight** questions on **06** pages.
- Answer questions **1** to **6** on this paper itself.
- Answer questions **7** and **8** separately and attach to the answer script with this paper.

Q1 This question consists of two parts. Answer both parts.

Part 1 - Write down the extended terms of the given abbreviations.

1. IMO -
2. SAR -
3. VHF -
4. ETD -
5. SMCP -

[05 Marks]

Part 2 - Write down the meaning of the following words using your own words.

1. Quay -
2. Emergency -
3. Fuel -
4. Stevedore -
5. Container -

[05 Marks]

Q2 Make meaningful sentences using the jumbled words.

1. Smoke/ deck /on/ Never /in/ areas/ except/ as /areas/ smoking/ labelled.

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2. And /Evacuation procedures/ regularly/ lifeboat drill / including /Safety drills /are/ conducted / fire drills.

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3. Naked/ the/ light/ of /use/strictly/ is /prohibited.

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4. The main engine / the chief engineer / monitors / and / During the voyage /checks fuel levels

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5. Cabin/ in/ Never/ a/an/ use/ electric/ iron.

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[05 Marks]

Q3 Fill in the blanks with appropriate quantifiers

(some, any, much, many, few, little, a lot of, several, plenty of, enough).

1. There arecontainers waiting to be loaded onto the ship.
2. The captain did not receive information about the weather conditions.
3. The ship has.....fuel to complete the voyage.
4.crew members are responsible for safety checks on board.
5. There isn't..... water left in the storage tanks.
6. The port has..... cranes to handle heavy cargo efficiently.
7. The engineer found.....problems in the engine room.

8. We need.....time to finish loading the cargo.
9. There areships anchored near the harbor today.
10. The vessel carries..... equipment for emergency situations.

[10 Marks]

Q4 Fill in the blanks using simple present tense or present continuous tense

1. The captain the ship safely into the harbor. (*navigate*)
2. The engineers.....the engine room every morning. (*check*)
3. The crew cargo onto the vessel right now. (*load*)
4. The lookoutfor other ships at the moment. (*watch*)
5. The ship usually.....on time from the port. (*depart*)

[05 Marks]

Q5 Fill in the Blanks using the given words below

[in, on, to, of, at, into, for, around, though, from, against, by, up, after]

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE

Francis Drake grew up Plymouth, a town the south coast of England. As a boy he liked to watch this ship Plymouth harbor. He spoke old sailors and listened his cousin Captain Hawkins, who told him stories his adventures sea. Hawkins was fond his young cousin Francis and took him his service. Several years Drake was a sailor Captain Hawkins's Ship. The age Twenty – five Drake was made a mate. 1577 Drake sent out His famous voyage The world. His first goal was to cross the Atlantic and pass The Straits of Magellan. His little fleet Five vessels set sail Plymouth November.

[10 Marks]

Q6 Read the following paragraph and answer the questions.

Life on a Container Ship

Life on a container ship is both challenging and rewarding. Ships travel across vast oceans, carrying thousands of containers filled with goods such as electronics, clothing, and food. The crew members on board play an important role in ensuring that the voyage is safe and successful.

A typical crew includes the captain, officers, engineers, and ratings. The captain is responsible for the overall operation of the ship, while the officers assist in navigation and communication. Engineers maintain the ship's machinery, especially the engine room, which must be checked regularly to avoid breakdowns. Each crew member has specific duties, and teamwork is essential for smooth operations.

Safety is a top priority at sea. Crew members regularly participate in safety drills, such as fire drills and lifeboat drills. These drills prepare them for emergencies and help reduce risks. Modern ships are also equipped with advanced navigation systems, radar, and communication equipment to ensure safe travel even in difficult weather conditions.

Working on a ship requires discipline and dedication. Crew members often spend months away from their families, which can be emotionally challenging. However, they also have the opportunity to travel around the world and experience different cultures. Ports in various countries offer brief moments of relaxation before the ship continues its journey.

In recent years, the maritime industry has adopted new technologies to improve efficiency and reduce environmental impact. Ships now use cleaner fuels and better waste management systems to protect the ocean. As global trade continues to grow, container ships remain a vital part of the world economy, connecting countries and supporting international business.

A. Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the main purpose of a container ship?
 - a) Carry passengers
 - b) Transport goods
 - c) Catch fish
 - d) Conduct research

2. Who is responsible for the overall operation of the ship?
 - a) Engineer
 - b) Officer
 - c) Captain
 - d) Rating

[01 Mark]

[01 Mark]

3. Why are safety drills important?
- a) To entertain crew members
 - b) To prepare for emergencies
 - c) To reduce workload
 - d) To improve speed

[01 Mark]

4. What is one challenge of working on a ship?
- a) Lack of food
 - b) Long working hours only
 - c) Being away from family
 - d) No travel opportunities

[01 Mark]

5. What do modern ships use for safe navigation?
- a) Only maps
 - b) Advanced technology
 - c) Flags
 - d) None

[01 Mark]

B. Short Answer Questions.

1. Name two types of goods carried by container ships.

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2. Who maintains the machinery on the ship?

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3. What is the purpose of lifeboat drills?

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4. How long do crew members usually stay on ships?

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5. Mention one way ships protect the environment.

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[05 Marks]

C. Write True or False

1. The engine room does not need regular checks. ()
2. Crew members work as a team on board. ()
3. Ships have no role in global trade. ()

[03 Marks]

D. Vocabulary

1. Find a word from the passage that means “large amounts”.

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2. Find a word from the passage that means “important”.

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[02 Marks]

- Q7** Write a letter of request to your shipping company to arrange your repatriation (sign-off) at the next port of call.

[05 Marks]

- Q8** Write a paragraph on the importance of on board training as a marine engineering cadet (use around 125 words).

[10 Marks]