

English Paper -1

Maximum Marks : 80

Section–A (Reading)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully : (10)

An Encounter

1. It took us about twenty minutes to reach the ruin, which was probably an old hunting lodge put up by a Rajput when game was plentiful.
2. The gate of the lodge was blocked with rubble, but part of the wall had fallen in, and we climbed through the gap and found ourselves in a stone-paved courtyard in the centre of which stood a dry, disused fountain. A small peepal tree was growing from cracks in the floor of the fountain. We crossed the courtyard to the main structure, and then Daljit stopped and asked : “Do you smell something, Rusty ?”
3. “Yes,” I said. “Curry.”

This was the last thing we expected to find. It meant the ruin was inhabited. “Hello! Anybody home ?” we called aloud but no one responded. The tempting smell of the curry directed us to a little enclosure where hot lunch awaited us. “Halt!” a glaring voice warned us. We looked around but could not see a soul. A sterner “Halt” warned again. “Who is it ?” “I am the ghost of the ruin. I am hungry. This is my food and no one shall eat it.”

4. Daljit gave me a horrible look and shouted, “Rusty, run...” and he ran away. I was so dumbstruck that I could not move an inch. Being alone in the company of the ghost, I trembled with fear. “Run away. Didn’t you hear ?”, the invisible ghost reprimanded. Mustering up the little courage I had, I confronted it. “No, I will not leave till you show up. I must see you.” My command elicited footsteps behind my back and I turned instantly. “Amit ?” “You man Rusty! Let us enjoy the curry while I give you the ghost story.” Amit told me that he had overheard our plan to explore the ruin and planned this prank to scare us. It was partially successful.
5. After enjoying the sumptuous curry, Amit and I went back to the hostel. At dinner table, a guilty Daljit kept avoiding me for having left me alone with the ghost. And I, well, I had the last laugh.

1. Answer the following questions :

- (a) Why did Daljit stop at the main structure ? (1)
- (b) How did the boys come to know that the ruin was inhabited ? (1)
- (c) Why was the narrator dumbstruck ? (2)
- (d) What made the narrator tremble with fear ? (1)
- (e) What was partially successful ? (1)
- (f) What happened at the dinner table ? (2)
- (g) Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage : (2)
 - (i) unappetizing (paragraph 3)
 - (ii) completely (para 4)

2. Read the poem given below carefully. Then fill in the blanks that follow with one/two words each : (1×5=5)

NATURAL

It just comes naturally to me,

I confess.

Writing a verse

Is like taking my next breath.

Pick any theme,

I'll devour it whole

Choose any topic

I'll tremble your soul.

Taunted by adjectives,
Haunted by verbs.
Visions of wisdom'
Quotations and slurs.

Similes, metaphors,
Pain and regret,
All of those things
Dance around in my head.

Feather and ink,
And I am ready to go.
Capture a moment
Of life with a flow.

Fill in the blanks

The poet has a (a) _____ to express himself in rhyming form. For him writing a (b) _____ is like taking a (c) _____. Various feelings dance around in his (d) _____. He loves to (e) _____ a moment of life with a flow.

3. Read the following passage carefully : (5)

THINK, OR ELSE THAT TONGUE WILL BRING TROUBLE

1. Have you ever gotten angry with someone over what they had said ? Have you ever yourself felt the regret of saying something you later realise you should not have ? We all have been in such situations. Words carry a lot

of power. They cannot be touched but they can be felt, that too very deeply. More than how a person looks or walks, her/his personality is shaped up by what she/he says. Is it not the tongue then, the most important organ of the body ?

2. Reckless words can do damage to an unknown extent. They can bring down a person and subject her/him to humiliation and ridicule. They can wage wars, break families and even lead to self-destruction. On the other hand, well thought out expression attracts admiration and trust. Take the comparison often done between the former US President Barack Obama and the present US President Donald Trump. Obama's intelligence and appeal reflected in his well-crafted words while Donald Trump, despite being an acclaimed businessman continues to be criticised for the verbal excess which accompanies his presumptuous mannerisms.
3. The only difference between the two is the ability to assess the impact of one's words. It applies to the Prime Minister of India as well, whose grip on words, far outweighs any of his contemporaries. From interviews for jobs to negotiating peace amidst wars, words decide people's futures.

Answer the following questions :

(1×5=5)

- (a) What makes tongue the most important organ of the body ?
- (b) How do reckless words affect a person ?
- (c) What should be done in order to attract admiration and trust ?
- (d) According to the passage who has the ability to assess the impact of one's words ?
- (d) Which quality of Prime Minister of India far outweighs any of his contemporaries ?

Section–B (Writing)

(20 Marks)

4. You are Mona. Given below is a telephonic conversation between Rashmi and you. On the basis of the given telephonic conversation, write a message for your father as you are leaving for your school (in not more than 50 words). Put the message in a box. (4)

Rashmi : Hello! Can I talk to Mr. Sharma ?

Mona : Yes, I am his daughter, Mona speaking.

Rashmi : Mona, I am Rashmi, Mr. Raman's daughter. Can I talk to uncle?

Mona : Dad is out for a walk. Can I take the message ?

Rashmi : Tell uncle that Papa is having high fever and will not be able to go to the office today. Request him to inform the boss about Papa's illness.

Mona : Don't worry, I will definitely give the message to Dad.

Rashmi : Thank you. Bye.

OR

As a part of social responsibility programme, your school is raising funds for Kerala flood victims. As the Head Boy / Head Girl of your school, write a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board to appeal to all the students to make donations for the needy.

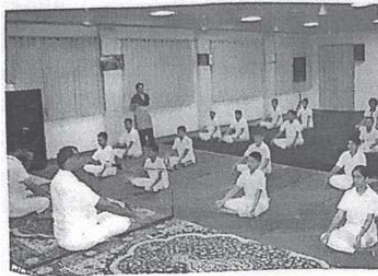
5. Imagine you are Namit / Nandini. You notice that the virtue of tolerance can naturally bring positivity in the world. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of a national daily expressing how important it is to be tolerant,

sensitive and patient. You can refer to unit “Tolerance” of your ‘English Reader’ along with your own ideas to write the letter.

OR (8)

A person interested in the sports can develop great body strength and make her/his career bright by participating in any sports at national or international level. Taking ideas from the unit ‘Sports’ and using your own ideas, write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the need to promote Sports as a career. Imagine you are Rohan / Radhika.

6. Your school celebrated International Yoga Day. You are very happy to discover the sense of oneness with the world and the nature after doing yoga. Now, describe the event in the form of diary entry in 120-150 words. You may take ideas from the visuals given below.



(8)



Section–C (Grammar)**(15 Marks)**

7. Use the information in the notes to complete the paragraph that follows
($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

NOTES**GIANT PANDA**

- Rare large animals
- Found in bamboo forests of China and Tibet
- Resembles bear
- Eats bamboo roots and shoots
- A fast decrease in their numbers
- Need to treat them as protected animals

The Giant Panda is one of (a) _____ found in bamboo forests
(b) _____. It shares great (c) _____. Pandas generally
(d) _____ bamboo. As their number is (e) _____
they are treated (f) _____.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of these lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

Incorrect word Correct word

The temptation of living on a house boat E.g. on in
is hard to resist because it offer (a) _____
an unique experience of (b) _____

the Kashmiri way of lives (c) _____
 or culture. It also (d) _____
 provides a obtrusive view (e) _____
 of the mountains enhance by the (f) _____
 calm of the beautiful lake.

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Re-arrange them into meaningful sentences : (1×3=3)

1. excellent / vitamin A and C / source of / are an / Mangoes
2. calories / they are / besides / fibre / being rich / and / in potassium / high in / low in
3. body / mangoes / which is / helpful / daily wear / of the / also contain / and tear / in fighting / beta carotene / very

10. Read the set of instructions below and complete the paragraph that follows : (½×6=3)

HOW TO MAKE CARROTS WITH BUTTER

- Put the carrots, butter and sugar in a pan and season.
- Pour in some water to cover the carrots.
- Bring the mixture to simmer, cover and cook for about 15 minutes.
- Increase the heat to high and cook the mixture until all the water evaporates and the carrots are glazed.

The carrots, butter and sugar (a) _____ in a pan and (b) _____. Next some water (c) _____ to cover the carrots. The mixture is then (d) _____ for about fifteen minutes. The heat is then (e) _____ to high and the mixture (f) _____ until all the water is evaporated and the carrots are glazed.

11. Choose the correct word from the options given to complete the following passage. (½×6=3)

As a small boy I used to play cricket (a) _____ (or / by / with) my mother. She used to bowl (b) _____ (to / over / at) me in a small room in our house. There was (c) _____ (little / few / any) space so she would kneel (d) _____ (or / and / because) throw the ball gently to me. Once I hit hard and hit her (e) _____ (in / on / for) the nose. It started bleeding and I (f) _____ (were / was / is) frightened.

Section–D (Literature)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :(1×4=4)

Teach us to bear the yoke in youth,
With steadfastness and careful truthful;
That, in our time, Thy Grace may give
The truth whereby the National live.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract.
(b) What does the phrase 'in our time' in third line refer to ?
(c) Whose grace is being talked about in line '3' ?
(d) What does the word 'yoke' mean ?

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (1×4=4)
- “By the way, dear. Have you spoken to Annie yet ?”
- (a) Who is the speaker here ?
 - (b) What was the listener supposed to speak ?
 - (c) Who is Annie ?
 - (d) Why does the speaker ask this question ?
14. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (2×6=12)
- (a) What is the importance of the hands of a woman in the development of human race ? (Bangle Sellers)
 - (b) How did the narrator come to know that the ring would be with the woman ? (The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller)
 - (c) Describe Swami’s feelings when he received canes from Samuel. (Father’s Help)
 - (d) Differentiate between the characters of the narrator and Baldev when they used to be classmates. (The Undeserved Reward)
 - (e) Why did the narrator not give an adequate tip to the waiter ? (The Luncheon)
 - (f) Whose life cannot be wrong ? Why ? (Couplets)
15. Imagine you are Mr. Regnier. Write a diary entry expressing your gratitude towards William Morris for saving the expensive flower shaped diamond ring from being stolen by the American. You can also relate how intelligence is using common sense to the full. (The Case of the Sharp-Eyed Jeweller)

OR

(5)

Imagine you are Baldev. Write a letter to your friend, Premchand, showing your gratitude for arranging his son’s release who was falsely charged/implicated in a case of dacoity. (The Undeserved Reward)

Section–A (Reading)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions briefly : (10)

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF GLOBAL WARMING

An environmental effect of global warming is the fact that higher temperatures will lead to a change in the water cycle. Some places may experience more rain. Warmer temperatures will cause a greater amount of evaporation from lakes, rivers and oceans. In some areas this could be good and in others it could be considered bad. In Northern regions of the United States, an increase in the temperature and amount of rain could actually extend the growing season of crops. This would in turn mean more money for farmers in the northern region. It could also hurt some farmers. Too much rain is bad for some crops. Certain areas will actually get less rains, which would lead to more droughts and have a negative impact on crops. Warm and wet weather is usually a factor that promotes tropical storms. Global warming would lead to tropical storms, appearing with great frequency. More rain will also force plant life to adjust. Forests and plant life migrate naturally, but scientists say that global warming would cause them to migrate at a much faster rate. The Environmental Media Services Organisation has found that greenhouse effect could drive global temperatures up as much as 6 degrees by the year 2100 – an increase in heat comparable to the 10 degree warming that ended the last ice age. Global warming will not just make sea levels rise, it will also affect northward or southward because the waters are warmer. The warm water would make them think that they were in their natural habitat, when they were actually migrating toward the poles. Food would be scarce in their new habitat.

- A.1. Complete the statements given below : (1×6=6)

- (a) The change in water cycle is due to _____.
- (b) Some farmers are affected or hurt because _____.
- (c) Global warming in the northern region of US is due to _____.

(d) In the northern region of US the farmers earn more because _____.

(e) Global warming can lead to _____ appearing with great frequency.

(f) More rains will force plant life to _____.

A1.2 Find the word for the meaning given : (1×2=2)

(a) The natural environment in which one lives

(b) a long period without rain

A1.3 Find the antonym of the words from the passage : (1×2=2)

(a) plentiful / abundant

(b) lower

2. Read the poem and answer carefully : (5)

NATURE

Walking through the woods,

I heard a voice

On hunting back, I was surprised

Poachers were approaching to kill animals

For their skin

Trees were being cut and birds being killed

On returning home, I thought and thought

How beautiful mother nature is !
The dawn breaks, the cock crows
Glistening sun rays enter the door
Trees flush and sway gently
Fill one's heart with memories of love and beauty
But a different thing is happening today,
Man is threatening the earth's existence,
If this generation destroys nature this way
What will remain on the earth after a few more days ?

Complete the summary given below : (1×5=5)

Once the poet was walking through (a) _____ and he heard a voice so when he turned he was surprised as the (b) _____ were approaching. The trees were being cut and birds killed. On returning home he gave a thought about the beautiful (c) _____ that fills every heart with memories of (d) _____ and (e) _____. He felt today every thing is different as man is threatening the earth's existence and if this continues nothing will remain on the earth.

3. Read the passage and answer carefully : (5)

When I go into a stranger's library I wander round the bookshelves to learn what sort of a person the stranger is, and when he comes in I feel that I know the key to his mind and the range of his interests. A house without books is characterless house, no matter how rich the Persian rugs and how

elegant the settees and the ornaments are. The Persian rugs only tell you whether a person has got money. But the books tell you whether he has got a mind as well. It is not the question of money that we do not buy books. I repeat that books are the cheapest as well as the best part of the equipment of house. You can begin your library with the expenditure of couple of shillings. Nearly all the best literature in the world is at your command at two shillings a volume. For five pounds you can get a library of fifty books. Even if you do not read them yourself, they are a priceless investment for your children. What delight is there, like the revelation of books, the sudden impact of a master spirit, the sense of window flung wide open to the universe. It is the adventures of mind, the joy of which does not pass away, that gives the adventure of life itself beauty and fragrance.

Complete the lines given below :

(1×5=5)

- (a) A stranger's library helps to _____.
- (b) A house becomes characterless _____.
- (c) The Persian rug only tells _____.
- (d) The books are priceless _____.
- (d) One can set up a library with _____.

Section-B (Writing)

(20 Marks)

4. On the basis of the given telephonic conversation, write a message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box. The conversation is between Arjun and Kishore. Kishore will not be able to meet Vishnu so he leaves a message for him.

(4)

Arjun : Hello! I am Arjun from Delhi. Can I speak to Vishnu ? I am his uncle.

Kishore : Hello uncle, I am Kishore, Vishnu's colleague. Kishore is on leave today. Can I take a message ?

Arjun : Yes, Kishore, I am coming to Hyderabad tomorrow. Please tell him to pick me up at the airport. I have an interview for the post of a scientist at the National Museum the day after tomorrow.

Kishore : Which flight are you coming by ?

Arjun : It is the Indian Airlines flight which arrives there at 7.15 am. I am bringing along with me that big box which contains his books. I hope it won't be any trouble for you.

Kishore : Not at all, I will leave a message on his table.

Arjun : Thank you, Kishore. Bye.

OR

You are Akhil / Alisha the cultural secretary of your school. The school has planned an educational trip to Gwalior for class VIII for five days which would cost ₹ 3500/- and will be escorted by school teachers. Draft a notice in 50 words giving all necessary details.

5. Today's student is engrossed in studies or glued to internet and smartphones. He/She has very little interest in outdoor activities. Write a letter to the Editor of the newspaper highlighting the value of sports (physical activities) in the life of a student. Sign yourself as Puneet / Preeti. (Word limit 120-150 words). (8)

OR

You are Rajesh/Reena. One day you went travelling on the busy roads of Mumbai. Suddenly you witness a scene on the road that was a severe road rage case. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper highlighting road rage and concern for the road safety and how value of humanity and patience are depleting from city life gradually. (120-150 words)

6. You got a chance to visit the Doll Museum in your city. There you saw a number of dolls that you had never seen earlier. Describe your visit and experience in not more than 150 words in the form of a diary entry.

Use the clues given below.

(8)

- housed in CBT's building on Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg
- has dolls from all over the world
- started with 1000 dolls but now has more than 6000 dolls from more than 85 countries of the world
- good cultural and educational place to visit
- unique experience

Section–C (Grammar)

(15 Marks)

7. Read the notes and use the information to complete the paragraph that follows :

($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

New Delhi – stand – Rashtrapati Bhavan – world's great palaces
– four storeys – red stone – on top – Sanchi stupa like dome
– construction took 17 years – 200,000 sq. ft. – 340 rooms –
adjacent – Mughal Gardens – 6 hectares – 250 varieties
rose-exquisite artefacts – diversity of materials – glass, wood,
porcelain and silver.

In the heart of New Delhi, stands the Rashtrapati Bhavan, one of the (a) _____. The (b) _____ red stone structure is topped by a (c) _____. The (d) _____ 17 years and no wonder, the 200,000 sq. ft. building has 340 rooms. Adjoining this enormous edifice is the (e) _____ with 250 varieties of roses. It is packed with exquisite artefacts in materials (f) _____ glass, wood, porcelain and silver.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the corrected one against the blank given. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

	Incorrect	Correct
Latex was a natural polymer	(a) _____	_____
produced from rubber tree.	(b) _____	_____
It is collecting in pots that	(c) _____	_____
is nailed to the sides of	(d) _____	_____
the trees. It was used	(e) _____	_____
to made tough, waterproof	(f) _____	_____
items such as Wellington boots.	XX	XX

9. Look at the words and phrases below. Re-arrange them into meaningful sentences. The first one is done as an example. ($1 \times 3 = 3$)

a four year old / to his death / a diving / to dive / advertisement / prompted

A diving advertisement prompted a four year old boy to dive to his death.

(a) advertising aiming / in Africa / below 12 years / and America / is not permitted / at children / of age

(b) of children / code / Doordarshan's / that endanger / advertisements / bans / the safety

(c) which / makes you / feel inferior / do not / use the product / advertisements / in

10. Read the set of instructions below and complete the paragraph that follows : (1×3=3)

LET'S MAKE COFFEE!

1. Take a teaspoon full of coffee powder in a cup.
2. Add a little water.
3. Also add a little sugar.
4. Beat the mixture till brown coffee powder becomes a creamy paste.
5. Boil milk.
6. Pour the boiling milk into the cup with the creamy paste.
7. Stir with a teaspoon and sprinkle chocolate powder over it.
8. A steaming cup of coffee is ready.

First of all, a teaspoon of coffee powder is taken in a cup and to this little water and sugar (a) _____. The mixture (b) _____ into a paste. The milk is boiled and the boiling milk along with the creamy paste (c) _____ into the cup. Then chocolate powder is sprinkled and the coffee is ready.

11. Choose the correct word from the option given to complete the following passage. (½×6=3)

English is a subject which students neglect (a) _____ (till / untill / unless) the last moment. No matter which stream a student (b) _____ (belonged / belong / belongs) to, the marks in English are counted in the best (c) _____ (for / on / of) four subjects. Students generally (d) _____ (paid / pay / pays) a lot of attention to other subjects (e) _____ (and / but / or) score high marks in them. But in English owing to a general (f) _____ (neglected / neglect / negligence) the scores are usually poor. Thus every student must realize the importance of this subject.

Section–D (Literature)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the following : (4)

Some are fit for a maiden's wrist
Silver and blue as the mountain mist,
Some are flushed like the buds that dream
On the tranquil brow of a woodland stream.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract.
(b) Name the poetic device used in line 3.

- (c) Which bangles are meant for a maiden ?
- (d) Find a word from the extract that means 'peaceful, calm'.
13. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow : (4)
- 'But George why have you changed suddenly'.
- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) What kind of a person was George earlier ?
- (c) What is the reason of this change ?
- (d) Write two changes in George's personality.
14. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (2×6=12)
- (a) Why was the writer at lunch a silent listener ? (The Luncheon)
- (b) Why was Swami hesitant to hand over / deliver his father's complaint letter to the headmaster in the morning ?
- (c) 'The Children's Song' has a definite message for the people of every country. What is that message ?
- (d) Treading on a balanced path of life always help to achieve success. Justify.
(Couplets)
- (e) Why was the narrator happy that the district officer had not come to his house himself ?
- (f) How did William Morris realize that the American had no idea of jewels and stones ?

15. You are the American of the story 'The Case of Sharp-Eyed Jeweller'. You feel quite disappointed when you plan to steal the flower ring is failed by the vigilant assistant at the jeweller's shop. Write a letter to one of your friends highlighting your frustrations. (5)

OR

Imagine you are Mr. Hill, a bank manager. One morning suddenly you were sacked from the job as a bank manager. After this you changed into a new person. Write a page in your diary expressing your feelings before and after you were dismissed.

Section–A (Reading)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully : 10

LEARN TO SAY 'NO' GRACEFULLY

1. It is easy to say 'yes' to every request on your time, when the priorities of your life are unclear. When your days are not guided by a rich and inspiring vision for your future, a clear image of an end result that will help you act more intentionally, it is not hard for the agendas of those around you to dictate your actions. The solution is to be clear about your life's highest objectives and then learn to say 'no' with grace. The Chinese sage Chuang – tzu told the story of a man who forged swords for a Maharaja. Even at the age of ninety, his work was carried out with exceptional precision and ability. No matter how rushed he was, he never made even the slightest slip. One day, the Maharaja asked the old man, "Is this a natural talent or is there some special technique that you use to create your remarkable results ?" "It is concentration on the essentials," replied the sword-crafter. "I took to forging swords when I was twenty-one years old. I did not care about anything else."
2. The most effective people concentrate on their "areas of excellence," i.e. on the thing they do the best and on those high – impact activities that will advance their life–work. In being so consumed by the important things, they find it easy to say 'no' to their less-than-worthy distractions that clamour for their attention. Michael Jordan, the best basketball player in the game's history, did not negotiate his contracts, design his uniforms and prepare his travel schedules. He focused his time and energies on what he did best : playing basketball and delegated everything else to his handlers. Jazz great Louis Armstrong did not spend his time selling tickets to his shows and setting up chairs for the audience. He concentrated on his point

of brilliance : playing the trumpet. Learning to say 'no' to the non-essentials will give you more time to devote to the things that have the power to truly improve the way you live.

(Excerpt from 'Who Will Cry When You Die' by Robin Sharma)

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions : [8×1=8]

- (a) What happens when the priorities of our life are not clear ?
- (b) For how long had the old man been working as a sword crafter ?
- (c) When can others dictate our actions ?
- (d) The old man said that it was 'concentrating on the essentials' which helped him to achieve excellent results. What does he mean by that ?
- (e) Why do the most effective people find it easy to say 'no' ?
- (f) Who was Michael Jordan ?
- (g) What work did Louis Armstrong delegate to others ?
- (h) What is common among the old sword-crafter, Michael Jordan and Louis Armstrong ?

1.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : [1×2=2]

- (a) the condition of being regarded or treated as more important than others (para 1)
- (b) a loud and confused noise, especially that of people shouting (para 2)

2. Read the following poem carefully :

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Listen to The Sound of The River and You Will Get a Trout

(by Dr. Charles Roper)

I Listen to the trees, and they say :

“Stand tall and yield and be flexible.

Stand alone, and stand together.”

I Listen to the wind, and it says :

“Breathe. Take care of yourself-

Body, mind, and spirit.”

I Listen to the sun, and it says :

“Nurture others. Spread happiness.

Be aglow. Retreat when it is time.”

I Listen to the creek, and it says :

“Relax; go with the flow.

Lighten up, laugh, giggle.”

I Listen to the mountains, and they say :

“Be there. Be honest.

Be trustworthy. Don't cheat.”

I Listen to the clouds, and they say :

“Be creative. Be expressive.”

I Listen to the sky, and it says :

“Open up. Let go off the boundaries and

Barriers.”

On the basis of reading of the poem complete the summary of the poem by filling in the blanks with appropriate word / words : 1×5=5

The poet listens to the trees, the wind (a) _____, the creek, the mountains, the clouds and the sky. The trees tell him that he must always be confident and try to be successful whether he is alone or in a group. They teach him to be (b) _____ and to accept changes in his life. He listens to the wind and learns to be calm. He learns from the sun to nurture others, spread (c) _____ and to (d) _____ for a while, if the situation demands. He learns from the creek to be relaxed at times and not to take everything seriously. The mountains teach him to be honest and trustworthy while the clouds teach him to be (e) _____ and creative. The sky inspires him to challenge himself, cross all barriers and to set new goals.

3. Read the following passage : 5

- I. Abraham Lincoln was an American statesman and lawyer, who served as the 16th President of America. His father was a shoemaker. Some egoistic people were very much offended that a shoe maker's son had become the President. They were aristocratic, who believed it was their birthright to be in the highest government post. On the first day, when Lincoln started his inaugural address, a man stood up and told Mr. Lincoln, "You should not forget that your father used to make shoes for my family", and the whole senate laughed. Lincoln looked at the man and said patiently, "Sir, I know this fact and there will be many others here who know this, because the way he made shoes, nobody else can. He was a creator. His shoes were not just shoes but he poured his whole soul into it. Any complaint ? Nobody has ever complained about my father's shoes. Believe it, he was a genius, a great creator and I am proud of my father.
- II. The whole senate was dumb struck. He had made shoe making an art, a creativity and he was proud of the creativity. Even though, he was the President of America, he was ready to make a pair of shoes, if there were

any complaints. Looking at the silly man, Lincoln insisted, “Now you have to speak, why have you become dumb ? Just minutes before you wanted to make a fool out of me but look all around, you have made a fool of yourself.”

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions : [1×5=5]

- (a) Who was Abraham Lincoln ?
- (b) Why was Abraham Lincoln proud of his father ?
- (c) Why were some people offended when Abraham Lincoln became the president ?
- (d) Why were the senate members dumb struck ?
- (e) What had the silly man done to himself ?

Section–B (Writing)

(20 Marks)

4. Harish had the following conversation with a client, who wanted to speak to his boss, Mr. Tarun. Since he was going out immediately afterwards, he left a message for him. Write the message in not more than 50 words : [4]

Mr. Menon : Hello! Can I speak to Mr. Tarun ?

Harish : I'm afraid he is not here at the moment. He won't be back till lunch. Can I help you ?

Mr. Menon : Yes please. This is Krishna Menon from Crafting and Drafting Services Ltd. I would like to meet him to discuss about the new project our firm plans to take up with your firm. When can I do so ?

Harish : He will be in office all day tomorrow. You can come in at 10:00 in the morning. Would that be fine with you ?

Mr. Menon : That is really fine with me. Thank you.

OR

Write a Bio-sketch of **Chanakya**, an Indian teacher, philosopher, economist and jurist in not more than 50 words :

CHANAKYA

- Born : 350 BC in Ancient India
 - Place of Birth : Subject of controversy, Taxila / South India
 - Occupation : Professor, advisor of Chandra Gupta Maurya
 - Also known as Kautilya, Vishnu Gupta
 - Known for : Foundation of the Mauryan Empire, the largest empire of those times.
 - Had good knowledge of the Vedas
 - Notable works : Arthashastra, Chanakya Neeti
 - Died : 283 BC
5. Plastic pollution has indeed become a great threat to the entire world. It is causing harm to land and water. All forms of life are being affected by it. You are Vini / Vicky and you feel deeply concerned about it. Write an article related to it for your magazine on the topic 'Plastic – A Global Threat' in not more than 120-150 words. You may refer to the Unit 'Nature' from 'My English Reader'.

[8]

OR

Education means all round development of a child. It includes physical education and inculcation of values also. However, we find there is a lot of importance given only to the academic learning of the child, while Physical Education and Sports in most of the schools are neglected. Parents too are least concerned about it. You are Rohan / Rohini of class VIII. Write an article on the topic – 'Value of Games and Sports in Life' using your ideas and using the hints from the Unit – 'Sports' from 'My English Reader.' (120-150 words)

6. The world seems to have become a smaller place. Distance is no longer a problem for being connected. Technology seems to have helped us in this. But here in lies the problem too. While we remain connected to people far from us, overuse of technology leaves us with no time for our family, neighbours and friends who are geographically close to us. You are Ishan / Ishita and you feel really upset about this. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the need to use technology in moderation in our daily lives using your own ideas and taking ideas from the given visual. (120 to 150 words) [8]



Section–C (Grammar)

(15 Marks)

7. Read the notes and complete the paragraph using the given information :

[$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$]

Giant Panda – rare large mammal – found in bamboo forests of China and Tibet – body covered with thick fur – adult five feet tall – weighs 160 kg – eats bamboo shoots and roots – protected animal

The Giant Panda is one of the (a) _____ mammals living in the world today. It (b) _____ in the bamboo forests of China and Tibet. Its body (c) _____ with thick fur. An adult panda grows upto (d) _____ and (e) _____ kg. They generally (f) _____ and roots. They are treated as protected animals as their number is fast decreasing.

8. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word and the word that comes before and after it : [$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$]

		Before	Missing	After
We call our Earth blue planet	(a)	_____	_____	_____
It seems pretty blue the	(b)	_____	_____	_____
astronomers view it the outer	(c)	_____	_____	_____
space. reason of course is that	(d)	_____	_____	_____
nearly 71 percent of it covered	(e)	_____	_____	_____
with water – a fact might	(f)	_____	_____	_____
easily mislead us.				

9. Rearrange the words/phrases to form meaningful sentences : [1×3=3]

1. efforts / sincere / will power / and strong / people / some / overcome / obstacles / their / with
2. a Napoleon / you / don't / to be / have / to turn / the / tide
3. ordinary / are / even / people / of / heroism / capable

10. Read the set of instructions to know the proper brushing technique and complete the paragraph that follows : [1×3=3]

1. Place your toothbrush at a 45-degree angle to the gums.
2. Gently move the brush back and forth in short strokes.
3. Brush the outer surfaces, the inner surfaces, and the chewing surfaces of the teeth.

The toothbrush (a) _____ at a 45-degree angle to the gums. It is gently (b) _____ back and forth in short strokes. Then, the outer, the inner and the chewing surfaces of the teeth (c) _____.

11. Choose the correct word from the options to complete the following passage. [½×6=3]

Do you feel a heaviness or (a) _____ (soreness / tenderness / brightness) after a (b) _____ (brisk / slow / sloppy) walk or a jog ? Like (c) _____ (most / many / few) people we don't (d) _____ (gives / give / given) our knees a second thought (e) _____ (until / since / although) they start giving up (f) _____ (on / in / with) us. Knee ailments can be very painful.

Section-D (Literature)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow : [4]

Bangle Sellers are we who bear,
Our shining loads to the temple fair.
Who will buy these delicate bright,
Rainbow tinted circles of light ?
Lustrous tokens of radiant lives,
For happy daughters and happy wives.

- (a) Who are 'we' in the above lines ? 1
- (b) Where are 'we' going in the above lines ? 1
- (c) Name the figure of speech/literary device used in the fourth line. 1
- (d) What makes daughters and wives happy ? 1
13. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow : [4]
- "One day I was sitting in my room, when a childhood friend called. We had studied together. That was some forty five years ago. I was about eight or nine years old. He was about the same."
- (a) Who is the narrator in the above lines ? 1
- (b) Who was his childhood friend ? 1
- (c) How old was the narrator's friend approximately when this meeting took place ? 1
- (d) Name the lesson from which this extract has been taken. 1
14. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words : [2×6=12]
- (a) How can a person lead a successful life according to Alexander Pope ?
(Couplets)
- (b) What did the peon tell Swami when he went to give the letter ? (Father's Help)
- (c) The poem 'The Children's Song' has a universal message for everyone. What is the message ?

- (d) How was Mrs. Hill different from Mr. Hill ? (A Bad Dream)
 - (e) How did William Morris conclude that the woman staring at the undertaker's shop was not mourning ?
 - (f) The waiter in the lesson 'The Luncheon' seemed to have understood the weakness of the lady. What is her weakness ?
15. Imagine yourself as Mr. Regnier. Write a letter to your friend describing how William Morris recovered the expensive flower ring using his presence of mind and common sense. Also add how you plan to reward him for saving you from such a big loss. (80-90 words) [5]

OR

Imagine yourself as Mr. Hill. Your unpleasant conversation with Mr. Briggs and Mr. Winter awakens your conscience and brings about a change in your attitude towards Annie. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for her before and after meeting the visitors. (80-90 words)

Section–A (Reading)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully : (10)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

1. A gentleman was repeatedly picking up starfish along a beach in Mexico. He was throwing them into the sea. When asked why he was doing so he said, “I am throwing these starfish back into the ocean because they came in with the high tide and now the tide has receded, they will die here, stranded.
2. “But there must be thousands on every beach. You can’t possibly make a difference” asked the other man. The man smiled, lifted yet another starfish and as he threw it back into the sea, said, “made a difference to that one.”
3. The story shows that it is not the big things only that really count in life. In fact all great people built their character by doing small day-to-day good actions. Mahatma Gandhiji, once was standing in the open compartment door of a speeding train. He was lost in his thoughts when one of his ‘chappals’ slipped from one of his feet and fell down. The moment he realized it was gone, he dropped the other one too.
4. On being asked why he did so, he replied, “One chappal is of no use to me, nor to him who finds the dropped one. So he might as well have the full pair.” This incident shows that nothing was too insignificant for Gandhiji.
5. Believe firmly that even one person can change the entire world. He may not be able to do a whole lot physically to change the world, but that person has the power to inspire and set an example for others which may affect the outcome of any situation.

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) What was the gentleman doing with the starfish at the shore ? Why?
(2)
- (b) How did he make a difference by doing that action ? (1)
- (c) What did Gandhiji do when he realized that one of his 'chappals' fell down from his foot ? (1)
- (d) What explanation did he offer for his act ? (2)
- (e) What does it show about Gandhiji's attitude ? (1)
- (f) How can a person's action change the world ? (1)

1.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following :

(1×2=2)

- (a) to move back or away (para 1)
- (b) small or unimportant (para 4)

2. Read the following poem carefully :

THE QUIET LIFE

Happy the man whose wish and care

A few paternal acres bound.

Content to breathe his native air

In his own ground.

Whose herds with milk, whose fields with bread,

Whose flocks supply him with attire;

Whose trees in summer yield him shade,

In winter fire:

Blest; who can unconcernedly find

Hours, days and years, slide soft away

In health of body, peace of mind.

Quiet by day:

Sound sleep by night; study and ease

Together mixt, sweet recreation

And innocence which most does please with meditation.

Thus let me live, unseen unknown

Thus unlamented let me die,

Steal from the world, and not a stone

Tell where I lie.

– *Alexander Pope*

Fill in the blanks with one suitable word and complete the passage given below:

(1×5=5)

The poet says a man with small wishes, staying in his own (a) _____ land leads a life full of (b) _____. All his basic requirements like food and clothing are fulfilled in his own village by his (c) _____ and animals. He is lucky to lead life at its own pace and enjoy good (d) _____ and peace of (e) _____.

3. Read the following passage carefully : (5)

1. As parents we strive hard to give our children the best of everything. We ensure to give them all possible comforts, facilities, pleasure and exposure so that they can have a wonderful life. But the most important thing parents forget to provide their children is 'self-worth'. If your child doesn't love himself, he will not have the ability to give love. If he keeps on demanding himself, he might become successful but will never feel powerful. Give your child the gift of self worth and his life will be a rocking affair.

2. Introspect, who do you think you are ? Creative or dull ? Intelligent or good for nothing ? Isn't it a fact that what you believe you are, is something that your parents labelled you as ? The label you give to your child is the ultimate truth of his life. Your child will identify himself by not what he feels he is, but by what label you have given him. Tell your child he is an achiever, and he'll be. Tell him he is a loser, and he loses all the battles of his life.
3. Every child is unique. Each child has his own set of qualities, so there is no question of comparison. Your love will nurture his self-worth in every moment of his life.
4. Do you remember how you felt when you were last appreciated ? How good it made you feel about yourself ? The same applies for children. Appreciate your child whenever you see him doing something right. Create opportunities to boost his self-esteem. Enrol him to recreation of his choice and praise him on his progress and do not wait till he does it perfectly.
5. Express your love for your child. Let him know how much joy he has brought in your life. Hug him, spend time with him; do little things to make him feel cherished.

Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) What is the mistake all parents make according to the writer ? (1)
- (b) Why giving a label to the child is the biggest damage ? (1)
- (c) Which essential fact should always be remembered by the parents ? (1)
- (d) How can one boost the self esteem of a child ? (1)
- (d) What must the parents give their children ? (1)

Section–B (Writing)

(20 Marks)

4. On the basis of the given telephonic conversation, write a message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box : (4)

Amrita : Hello! Is it 29861231 ?

Shweta : Yes, May I know who is speaking, please ?

Amrita : I am Amrita from Vijay Nagar. Could I speak to Priyanka, my classmate ?

Shweta : I am sorry. She has gone outside. I'm Shweta, her sister. Is there anything to convey ?

Amrita : Yes. She has my class notes and I have to prepare for the test which is going to start next week. Kindly tell her to return these today itself.

Shweta : I'm in a hurry right now, but I'll convey your message and ask her to return your class-notes.

Amrita : Thank you very much

Shweta : You're welcome.

OR

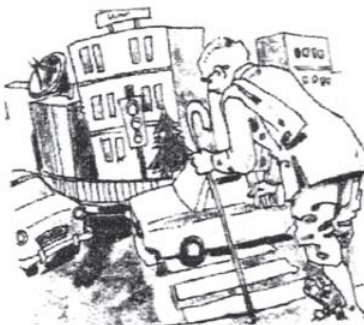
You are Manoj / Meghna, the Head Boy / Head Girl of St. Peter's School, Ranchi. Draft a notice for the House Captains and Vice-Captains to attend a meeting with Principal regarding the plantation of saplings in the school premises as a part of School Gardening Project to make the environment healthy and green. [Word limit : 50 words)

5. You are Akshit / Akshita. You feel that participation in sports and games helps one to develop in a healthy way. Sports not only provide physical exercise, they also develop qualities of courage, endurance and team spirit. Taking ideas from the unit 'Sports' and using your own ideas write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper in about 120-150 words encouraging the students to participate actively in sports and games. (8)

OR

The surroundings of your colony have fallen into neglect resulting in mounds of garbage, choked drains, overflowing dust bins that are becoming a breeding ground for mosquitoes and flies. You are Neha / Nitin, a resident of 246, Ambedkar Colony, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, drawing the attention to the careless attitude of the authorities towards the health of the people. You can refer to the unit 'Nature' of your English Reader along with your own ideas to write the letter. [Word limit : 120-150 words]

6. You saw a boy helping an old man to cross the road. Now, write an article describing the miserable conditions of the elderly who have been abandoned by their families and how they need to be taken care of. You may take ideas from the visuals given below. [Word limit : 120-150 words] (8)



Alternative Question for Visually Challenged Students

Youth now-a-days are so obsessed with technology that they are seen spending most of their time on mobile phones, computers or laptops using social media and surfing net. Their indulgence and over-dependence on technology is weakening family bondings as parents too sometimes fail to keep a check on them. Write an article for the school magazine on the topic – How to Handle Technology the Right Way. (120-150 words) (8)

Section–C (Grammar)

(15 Marks)

7. Read the notes given below and use the information to complete the paragraph that follows with suitable words or phrases. Do not add any new information. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

NEWSPAPERS

- satisfy our curiosity
- inform all the important happenings in the world
- find out the facts and report faithfully
- express public views
- make the citizens well informed and responsible
- watchdogs of democracy

A newspaper is a written information about current events. It (a) _____ our curiosity by keeping us (b) _____ of all the important happenings in the world. It is the duty of every newspaper (c) _____ the facts and report them faithfully. Newspapers form public opinion by (d) _____ their views. They strengthen democracy by (e) _____ well informed and responsible. Newspapers (f) _____ of democracy.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of these lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$)

	Incorrect word	Correct word
A lot of food are actually wasted	E.g. are	is
in our homes, say a report. It	(a) _____	_____
is partly because retailers employs	(b) _____	_____
several method to make you buy	(c) _____	_____
more then you need. So next time	(d) _____	_____
when you see a big discount in any	(e) _____	_____
food item, made sure you really	(f) _____	_____
need it before buying.		

9. Rearrange them following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences : 1×3=3

Eg. : pilgrimage / place / Nepal / of / is considered / a

Nepal is considered a place of pilgrimage.

- (a) kingdom / Himalayan / this / change / has undergone / a / great
- (b) mystical / a / mountain nation / is / trekker's / this / paradise
- (c) tourists / place / a / Kathmandu / attracts / is / that / many / delightful

10. Given below is a set of instructions for a recipe. Read the instructions carefully and complete the paragraph that follows : (1×3=3)

PREPARATION OF BANANA PUDDING

- Crush six bananas into pulp
- Boil half kg of milk
- Add banana pulp and sugar
- Stir for two minutes and then remove it from heat

Six bananas are crushed into a pulp. Half a kg. of milk (a) _____. Banana pulp and sugar (b) _____ to the mixture. It (c) _____ for two minutes and then removed from the heat.

11. Choose the correct word from the options to complete the following passage.

(½×6=3)

The city police (a) _____ (have / has / had) decided to (b) _____ (take / taking / taken) action against drivers (c) _____ (whose/who/ those) attempt to overtake (d) _____ (over / from / in) the left (e) _____ (by / in / on) the city roads. All drivers who violate this rule (f) _____ (can / will / may) be punished.

Section–D (Literature)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (4)

“Bangle sellers are we who bear
Our shining loads to the temple fair.
Who will buy these delicate, bright
Rainbow tinted circles of light ?”

- (a) Name the poet of the above extract. (1)
 - (b) What does ‘shining loads’ refer to ? (1)
 - (c) Where are the bangle sellers taking their shining loads and why ? (1)
 - (d) Which literary device is used in the last line of the above extract ? (1)
13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (4)

“We can’t do this to her. She isn’t a young woman now.
How will she find a new job ?”

- (a) Identify the speaker of the above extract. (1)
 - (b) Who is being talked about in the above line ? (1)
 - (c) “We can’t do this to her.” What does ‘this’ mean here ? (1)
 - (d) What do the above lines tell us about the speaker ? Mention any two. (1)
14. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each : (2×6=12)

- (a) What idea do you get about the children who are singing ‘The Children’s Song’ ? (The Children’s Song)
- (b) Why did the disappearance of the flower ring upset Mr. Regnier ? (The Case of the Sharp Eyed Jeweller)

- (c) Why couldn't Swami deliver the letter to the headmaster even after the school ? (Father's Help)
 - (d) Why was the narrator worried when they were waiting for asparagus to be cooked ? (The Luncheon)
 - (e) How did the narrator and Baldev become friends in their childhood ? (The Undeserved Reward)
 - (f) One who follows the path of truth can never be wrong. Comment. (Couplets)
- (Value Based)**
15. You are Baldev. You are very happy that your childhood friend helped you in getting your son released from a false case of dacoity. Write a letter to your friend thanking him for his timely help. [Word limit : 80-90 words] (5)

OR

Imagine you are the narrator in the story 'The Luncheon'. Write a diary entry expressing your satisfaction on observing the woman put on a lot of weight when you meet her after twenty years. [Word limit : 80-90 words]

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) Many things happen in our life, but some incidents have such a great impact that they get hidden in our minds and become unforgettable. I have a memorable incident to narrate.
- (2) I was in class six and was among the good students. One day, I was not feeling well. My teacher permitted me to stay in class during assembly and told me to take care of her register and pen. When the whole class went out, I decided to complete the homework. But surprisingly, I had not brought my pencil box that day.
- (3) I saw my teacher's pen and decided to do work with it. I thought I would put the pen back on the table before the arrival of the class. Deciding that, I started working with the pen. But unfortunately, I forgot to put the pen back on the table. When the teacher entered the class and found her pen missing, she enquired about it from the whole class.
- (4) Then I realised that the pen was with me. But I had no courage to return the pen in front of the whole class. I thought that my classmates as well as my teacher would think of me as a thief. That was why, I kept quiet. The teacher got no response from the students. So she changed the topic and started teaching us. But throughout the period, I kept on cursing myself for my failure to speak up.
- (5) As the bell rang, I dashed out of the class and followed the teacher with her pen in my hand. I explained to her the reason for not giving her the pen back in front of the class and when I, promptly, returned the pen, tears flowed out of my eyes and I apologised to her.
- (6) My teacher put her hand on my shoulder and assured me. She said, "I know you are a good boy and I also knew that you had taken my pen. But I did not say anything because I wanted you to come to me and tell me everything."
- (7) You should have the courage to speak the truth. An innocent person should not feel guilty. If you have not committed any fault knowingly then you must be courageous enough to tell everything without any hesitation.

- (8) I stopped crying and gave a broad smile to my teacher. Even after several years, this incident is still fresh in my mind. I am really thankful to my teacher for teaching me such a lesson. This is bound to help me throughout my life.
- (9) A true man should never have a reason to bow his head before anyone. He is never concerned about what other people think about him.

1.1. Complete the following statements briefly -

8×1=8

- (a) The teacher allowed the narrator to stay in the class during assembly because _____.
- (b) It was wrong on the narrator's part to _____ without the teacher's knowledge and permission.
- (c) The narrator found himself in a difficult situation when _____.
- (d) The narrator kept quiet in spite of the teacher's announcement because _____.
- (e) After the class, the narrator decided to _____.
- (f) The teacher kept quiet because _____.
- (g) From this incident the narrator learnt that _____.
- (h) At the end, the narrator was _____ to his teacher.

1.2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following-

$\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$

- (a) concealed (para 1)
- (b) comforted (para 6)

1.3. Find words from the passage that mean the opposite of -

$\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$

- (a) cowardice (para 7)
- (b) departure (para 3)

2. Read the poem given below carefully. Then fill in the blanks that follow with one / two words each.

5×1=5

A LETTER TO GROWN UPS :

Dear Grown-Ups,
Please leave all the flowers there
And do not cut down the trees.
We need the trees to make fresh air
And flowers to feed the bees.
Please do not always use your car
To take you everywhere.
Because the fumes go very far
And heat the atmosphere.
Then soon the sun will be too hot
And all the plants will die.

So, please get out and walk a lot
 To see the clear blue sky.
 Then we will run and jump and play
 And grow up strong and tall
 Then we will be happy everyday
 And we will thank you all
 With love from the children.

By Stevie Ann Wilde

In this poem, the children request (a) _____ not to (b) _____
 the trees. They also want them to minimise the use of (c) _____
 to stop the heating of atmosphere. They further suggest them to move out
 and (d) _____ a lot to see the clear blue sky. They also wish to grow up
 (e) _____ and tall to be happy every day.

3. Read the following passage carefully -

5

GOOD HANDWRITING

- (1) Handwriting skills form a part of your body language. To a potential employer or a business manager, it gives him a fair idea of your abilities and integrity. It speaks of your confidence, decision making capabilities and smartness.
- (2) Handwriting analysis or graphology says that it's not your hand that is writing, it is your brain. And even when people lose their teeth, they still write the same way. Since everyone's handwriting, like DNA, is different, and because your loops and squiggles are the windows to your identity, graphology is even being used by companies to screen potential crooks and incompetent people. Handwriting analysis has many advantages. As a part of one's body language, handwriting analysis also throws light on whether one has found the right match or even can find out whether the job one is doing suits the candidate.
- (3) It is easier to improve bad writing skills at an early age when adaptation to newer techniques is much faster and the hand does get set. Improving writing skills is not a day's practice, but a continued process. So as a good smile, it is good handwriting that makes all the difference in getting your work done and becoming a successful person.

Answer the following questions briefly-

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) What does the handwriting skill tell about a person? | 1 |
| (b) State one use of graphology. | 1 |
| (c) Handwriting is a part of a person's _____. | 1 |
| (d) What does graphology say about handwriting? | 1 |
| (e) Which is the right stage to improve your handwriting? | 1 |

SECTION - B (WRITING)**(20 Marks)**

4. On the basis of the given telephonic conversation, write a message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

(phone bell rings and Aman picks up the receiver)

- Aman : Aman here.
Manav : Hi Aman! I am Manav and I am calling from Delhi. Can I speak to Rajiv, please?
Aman : I'm afraid, he is not at home right now. Is there any message I can take down?
Manav : Actually, the 'Rally for Rivers' awareness campaign has begun and I plan to join the campaign next Monday instead of Sunday due to some urgent work. Since Rajiv wanted to join the campaign with me, I have called to find out if he would be able to come to Delhi on Sunday instead of Saturday?
Aman : I can't really say, Manav? However, I'll convey your message to him.
Manav : Thank you so much. Bye!

(Aman decides to write the message for Rajiv lest he should forget what Manav has conveyed to him.)

OR

Write a bio-sketch of the following famous personality in not more than 50 words.

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- Full Name : Ruskin Bond
Born : 19 May 1934 (age 83)
Kasauli, Punjab States Agency, British India
Occupation : Writer
Nationality : Indian
Alma Mater : Bishop Cotton School
Notable Works : Our Trees Still Grow in Debra, A Flight of Pigeons, Umbrella
Awards : John Llewellyn Rhys Memorial Prize 1957
Sahitya Akademi Award 1992
Padma Shri 1999
Padma Bhushan 2014

5. To take care of someone who once cared for us is the highest honour. Getting old is an inevitable process. It is inherent to human beings. Write an article on the topic 'Caring for the Elderly'. (120-150 words)

8**OR**

Climate change is a real and serious issue. We need to act promptly to reduce its effects. Taking ideas from the unit 'nature' and using your own ideas write a speech on the topic- 'Heating of the Planet-A Sensitive Issue'.

6. Lack of discipline among the youngsters is one of the biggest problems that we face today. Children do not listen to their parents or teachers and often indulge in activities that are harmful to them as well as the society. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper highlighting the harmful effects of lack of discipline and suggesting measures to improve the situation.

8

(Lack of discipline-causes of indiscipline among youngsters-role of parents and teachers-problems due to indiscipline)

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(25 Marks)

7. Use the information in the notes to complete the paragraph that follows -

4×1=4

Notes

Wounded soldiers lie in a battlefield--a soldier takes out water bottle to drink water _____ sees another soldier _____ wounded and terribly thirsty _____ the former gives the bottle to the latter _____ dies _____ a great sacrifice.

Paragraph

A large number of (a) _____ in a battlefield. One of them was dying of thirst. He (b) _____ to drink water. Suddenly he saw another soldier. He was also (c) _____. The former was moved by the sight. He gave his water bottle to the other soldier to quench his thirst. After a while (d) _____ thirst. In this way, he sacrificed his life to save a fellow soldier.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of these lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

	incorrect Word	correct Word
It is a great thing to take a pride of our	(a) _____	_____
work. Anything that are worth doing at all,	(b) _____	_____
is worth doing well. Even in a humblest	(c) _____	_____
task we should be ambitious to done it as well	(d) _____	_____
as we may. If possible better	(e) _____	_____
then anyone else. For example, a cobbler	(f) _____	_____
should not thought that because his job is a	(g) _____	_____
humble one, it can be scamped and do any how.	(h) _____	_____

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Re-arrange them into meaningful sentences. 4×1=4

1. student / for every / word / dreaded / is a / young / homework
2. leisure / without / in the / going / implies / it / evenings
3. let / prevailed / system / gurukul / us go back/ in which the/ to the / ancient/ society/ Indian
4. the/ was/ not/ focus/ education / formal

10. Fill in the blanks with linkers - 4×1=4

1. She must weep, _____ she will die.
2. Mohan will go _____ Anish goes.
3. Raghav reads the magazine _____ it interests him.
4. I returned from office _____ he had gone.

11. Read the set of instructions below and complete the paragraph that follows : 4×1=4

PROCESS OF WASHING CLOTHES

- Separate white and coloured clothes.
- Soak them in a detergent mixture for half an hour.
- Take them out one by one.
- Rub the detergent cake on the dirty portion.
- Use brush if required.
- Then rinse them in clean water.
- Squeeze them to remove excess of water.
- Hang them on a line to dry.

First of all, white (a) _____. They (b) _____ for half an hour and then taken out one by one. Next, the detergent cake (c) _____. of each of them one by one using a brush wherever required. Then the clothes (d) _____. Any excess water is removed by squeezing them. Finally, they are hung on a line to dry.

12. Do as directed - 5×1=5

- (a) Choose the correct verb form from those in the brackets-
 - (i) My parents _____ the President yesterday.
(see/ have seen/ saw)
 - (ii) The city _____ its appearance completely since 1995.
(is changing/ changed/ has changed)
- (b) Choose the correct modal-
 - (i) She said I _____ use his mobile phone at any time.
(can / might/ should)
 - (ii) You _____ to pay your debts. (ought / should / must)
- (c) Fill in the blanks with the correct word-
 - (i) Neither Mohan nor his friend _____ going out today.
(is/are)

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(35 Marks)

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

5×1=5

Some are purple and gold flecked grey
For her who has journeyed through life midway,
Whose hands have cherished, whose love has blest
And cradled fair sons on her faithful breast,
Who serves her household in faithful pride,
And worships the Gods at her husband's side.

- (a) Whom are 'purple and gold flecked grey bangles' meant for?
- (b) What does 'journeyed through life midway' mean?
- (c) Explain : 'faithful pride'.
- (d) In the third line, whom have these 'hands' 'cherished'?
- (e) Name the poet of the above lines.

OR

My Dad knew his duties. He said, 'That's all right -
You'll have what you want, dear. I'll start work tonight.'
With my expert assistance, he soon finished the chore :

- (a) What does this extract tell about the Dad?
- (b) 'You' in the second line refers to _____.
- (c) Who finished the chore?
- (d) With whose expert assistance was the chore finished?
- (e) The word 'assistance' means _____.

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

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'It doesn't matter, sir. I've saved some money, so I don't need any now.
But I want to stay here, sir. It is my home.'

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) 'It doesn't matter, sir.' What does 'It' here refer to? | 1 |
| (b) Who has saved some money? | 1 |
| (c) Why does the speaker need no money? | 1 |
| (d) What does the above statement reveal about the speaker? (two points) | 2 |

15. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.

18+2=20

- (a) List the qualities or virtues (at least six) which the children should possess in order to serve their motherland to the best of their capabilities. (The Children's Song)
- (b) 'Criminals can be outwitted with a presence of mind.' Explain the statement (The Case of Sharp..Eyed Jeweller)
- (c) Differentiate between the characters of the narrator and Baldev. (at least three points) (The Undeserved Reward)
- (d) Describe the bangles carried by the bangle sellers to the temple fair. (Bangle Sellers)
- (e) Analyse the character of Mr. Hill before the bad dream that he dreamt. (A Bad Dream)
- (f) 'Technological advancement can impart knowledge at a faster speed but it makes life mechanical and dull.' Using the information which you received from the lesson (The Fun They Had) comment on the statement.

- (g) 'The best way to live is to tread the middle path and avoid leaning on the extremes.' Illustrate the statement with an example from your own life. (Couplets)
16. You are the narrator. You had no intention of taking undue credit for something that you had not done but did not have enough courage to declare that you had done nothing to deserve the reward. Write a letter to your cousin expressing your helplessness and sadness. (The Undeserved Reward)

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OR

Imagine you are Mrs. Hill. Write a diary entry expressing your relief at your husband's changed attitude and compassionate nature for his fellow beings. (A Bad Dream)

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

10

MEMORY OF FACES

I have a phenomenal memory for faces. There is no doubt of that. The only thing is that I can never remember the names that go with them. Why only the other day, I raised my hand to say hello to a distinguished looking man and I thought 'My Bank Manager _____ My broker?' I had to go and ask him. I am Rajesh, your next door neighbour. Mr. Sharma,' he said rattler acidly. It was due to this awful memory for names that something unpleasant befell me not too long ago.

It was a Friday evening and I was in the train on my way home. It was not my regular train, for I had been kept late at work and when we got to Anandnagar, a stop before mine, there were only two of us in the compartment. I am a Swaminagar man and I had definitely seen this fellow's face there. But his name completely eluded me. It was most irritating. Who the devil was he? I am not a difficult person, so I began to talk in a very chatty manner. He was somewhat uncommunicative and certainly gave nothing away. I was utterly stumped. I could see that he was rather worn out.

'Is this your regular train?' I asked hopefully. It usually works in my experience. "Not as a rule," he said. That was all, well that certainly told me a lot. Even my comments on weather had no effect. I thought what a frightful bore this fellow must be and in the end, I gave up. As we were coming to Swaminagar, he was snoozing. Now I am not a spiteful fellow, so I gave him a pat. "Swaminagar, old chap!." "Thanks" he said with a smile. Outside the station, it was pelting with rain and the wind was hard. It was freezing cold too. "Listen," I said to him. "Why don't I give you a lift home if you live on the new estate?" "I would appreciate that very much." he replied. I fetched my car from the parking lot and he got in with "Many thanks". He said no more till we were well across the moorland. Then, all of a sudden he turned to me and said Okay, pull up here."

"Here?" I queried. There was not a house in sight and the weather was shocking. Anyway I pulled up.

The only thing I could remember after that was something thumping down hard on my head. I passed out. When I came to, I found my head pounding, my car gone and my pockets empty. I stumbled into the police station to make a report. Here on the station wall was the picture of my assailant, I had walked past it for the last seven days.

I knew I had seen the face before. The police wanted him for armed robbery. I looked at the name underneath the face, the fact I will never forget. it was-er-it was-oh, brother! I can never remember names.

1.1. Based on your reading answer the following questions : 1×8=8

- (a) What does the writer feel about his memory?
- (b) Why did Rajesh speak rather rudely to the author?
- (c) Why couldn't the writer take the regular train one evening?
- (d) Where did the writer see his companion's face?
- (e) In spite of the narrator's friendly attitude, the man on the train _____ his approach.
- (f) When Mr. Sharma began reading the paper, his co-passenger _____.
- (g) What did the writer do after reaching his destination?
- (h) What did the narrator realize on regaining consciousness?

1.2. Find words from the passage which mean the same as : 1×2=2

- (a) notable (para 1)
- (b) staggered (para 4)

2. Read the following poem carefully and fill the given blanks : 5

Wind, come softly.
Don't break the shutters of the windows.
Don't scatter the papers.
Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
There, look what you did - you threw them all down.
You tore the papers of the books.
You brought rain again.
You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.
Trail crumbling houses,
Crumbling doors, crumbling rafters, crumbling wood.
Crumbling bodies, crumbling lives,
Crumbling hearts -
The wind God winnows and crushes them all.
He won't do what you tell him.
So, come, let's build strong homes,
Let's join the doors firmly.
Practise to firm the body.
Make the heart steadfast.
Do this, and the wind will be friends with us,
The wind blows out weak fires.
He makes strong fires soar and flourish
His friendship is good.
We praise him every day.

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| (a) The poet wants the wind not to do certain things like _____, _____. | 1 |
| (b) The wind is clever according to the poet at _____. | 1 |
| (c) According to the poet wind God crumbles _____. | 1 |
| (d) _____ homes with _____ doors should be built by humans according to the poet. | 1 |
| (e) Wind will be friendly to us when _____. | 1 |
| 3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : | 5 |

It sometimes happens in our cities that someone is knocked down by a speeding and heartless driver who does not stop to pick up his victim and take him to a hospital. Passers by see the injured person lying on the road but hurry on to their factories and offices. Vital minutes pass before a kind person goes to his help and tries to get him to a hospital where he can be given prompt attention. This is a shocking example of how people refuse to accept responsibility for their fellowmen. Why are some of us so indifferent when we see the victim of an accident or someone who has fainted on the road?

It is not good enough if each of us remembers only his own rights : we must remember the rights of others as well. Until we do this, we cannot call ourselves civilized. My rights have to stop where my neighbour's rights begin. On the road I have no right to drive as I like because then I will be putting not just my life but also the lives of others in danger. Most accidents are caused by people who do not think of others or obey the rules of the road.

We cause a good deal of discomfort and suffering because we do not care to think of others. An example of such thoughtlessness is the way people use loudspeakers. It seems that one cannot celebrate without playing records over loudspeakers. A ceremony is not considered impressive unless loudspeakers blare out records from the early hours of the morning till late at night. The noise is deafening. At that volume the 'music' is nothing but torture to everyone within half a mile. People cannot work or sleep, students are unable to concentrate on their books while the sick and aged suffer hours of stress and anguish. Shrieking loudspeakers make our ceremonies and festivals vulgar and painful and are, in fact, quite unnecessary.

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| (a) Why are we indifferent to the persons involved in accident? | |
| (b) People who are indifferent to accident victims cannot be called _____. | |
| (c) What should we do to be called a 'civilized' person? | |
| (d) Why do people use loudspeakers? | |
| (e) The word 'vital' in paragraph I means _____. | 1×5=5 |

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. The following is a telephonic conversation between John and David, After this call Mr. John receives an urgent telephone call from Mumbai. Before leaving, he leaves a message for Mr. Tarun. Write the message in not more than 50 words. 4

David : Hello! Is it Ahmedabad 632392?
John : Yes, it is.
David : Can I talk to Mr. Tarun?
John : Sorry, he is not in the office. May I know who is on the line?
David : I am David, a friend of his.
John : Would you like me to convey a message?
David : Yes, Inform him that the interview scheduled for 5th March has been postponed to the 7th. So he can reach Delhi by 6th evening. The inconvenience is regretted.
John : I will surely convey this message to him.
David : Thank You.

OR

With the help of the given clues, write a bio sketch of Subhash Chandra Bose in not more than 50 words :

Name : Subhash Chandra Bose; Netaji
Contribution : Immense, Freedom Fighter
Born : January 23, 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa
Career : Civil Services
Achievements : Joined struggle for independence established Indian National Army
Motto : Give me blood and I will give you freedom
Setback : Retreat after the defeat of Japan and German.
Death : Air crash over Taipei, Taiwan (Formosa) on August 18, 1945

5. Physical fitness is extremely important for the development of an intellectual mind.

However in today's fast-paced existence, physical well-being is not given much importance as children have become obsessed with video games. Using your own ideas as well as those given in the unit 'Sports' write an article in about 120 -150 words for your school magazine emphasizing the "Value of Games and Sports in Life".

OR

We hear in the news about growing intolerance among children and youth, which is causing great trouble and discomfort in modern times. There are cases of bullying in schools and colleges, frequent fights and rising tempers. understanding the importance of tolerance prepare a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic "Tolerance - The Need of the Hour" (120-150 Words)

6. Computers have become a rage with children as well as adult. Young boys and girls are glued to computers for long hours. Computers undoubtedly play a positive role in today's life, but sometimes they serve as a major distraction and have their hazards. You are Amitav/Amita Ghosh, residing at H. No. A-24. Bhattacharjee Lane, Kolkata. Write a letter to the Editor of "The Indian Express" highlighting the role and significance of computers and also pointing out the hazards their excessive use can cause to the young children. (150 words) 8

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(25 Marks)

7. Here are some notes about the annual function of Golden Jubilee School and College in the diary of the Cultural Secretary of the College. Study the given notes and complete the paragraph that follows by filling up the blanks : 1×4=4

Notes in the diary

- Celebration of annual function in the institute.
- The Mayor of the city- Chief Guest
- Principal and staff welcomed him
- The Mayor's wife gave away the prizes
- The Principal hosted dinner

The annual function of the Golden Jubilee School and College (a) _____ with great pomp and show. The Mayor of the city, (b) _____ on the occasion (c) _____ by the Principal and the Staff. (d) _____ the wife of the Chief Guest. A dinner was hosted by the Principal in honour of the guests.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. The first one has been done for you as an example. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

	Incorrect	Correct
Two more hostel each of 100 students capacity will been constructed with financial assistant from the department of scheduled caste or	e.g : hostel (a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____	hostels _____ _____ _____

scheduled tribes development of a state. (d) _____
 The state government have sanctioned (e) _____
 funds for the construct of hostels (f) _____
 and work is like to start soon. (g) _____
 The cost will be estimate by (h) _____
 the engineers of PWD.

9. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. 1×4=4

e.g. this / is / bright / generation / one / a / young
 This young generation is a bright one.

- (a) the / are / a / students / lot / motivated
 (b) they / high / aspirations / have / desires / and
 (c) they / achieve / willing / are / tirelessly / to / their / goals / to work
 (d) they / sky is / that / for / the limit / know / the / them

10. Complete the sentences in a suitable manner with the help of clue words given 1×4=4

1. He could not decide what _____. (eat)
2. The _____ cup was thrown away. (break)
3. _____ is an art. (Dance)
4. My friend was very happy _____ about my picnic plan. (know)

11. Read the set of instructions below and complete the paragraph that follows : 1×4=4

HOW TO MAKE TOMATO SOUP

1. cut tomatoes into small pieces
2. add water and boil
3. blend in a mixer and remove the tomatoes
4. add ginger and garlic paste, corn flour, butter, salt
5. cook the mixture for seven minutes
6. serve with fresh cream

Healthy tomato soup can be made easily. To make, tomato soup, first tomatoes
 (a) _____. Then (b) _____ and boiled. Tomatoes are blended
 in a mixture and removed. Ginger and garlic paste, corn flour, butter and salt
 (c) _____. The mixture (d) _____ and served with fresh cream.

12. Do as directed 5

- (i) Choose the correct word from the options given to complete the following passage :

1×2=2

My grandmother (a) _____ (is / was / has / has been) the most
 influencing person in my life. she is 75 but is fit and fine. Born in a well
 off family, Granny was a rebel since the day she (b) _____ (is born /
 was born / has born / were born).

- (ii) Fill with the correct form of verb. 1
- (c) A lot of people _____ allergic to milk (be)
- (iii) Insert a Modal : 1×2=2
- (d) I am surprised to know that my friend _____ speak french fluently.
- (e) Do you think I _____ apply for this job?

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(35 Marks)

13. Some, like the flame of her marriage fire,
Or rich with the hue of her heart's desire;
Tinkling, luminous, tender and clear,
Like her bridal laughter and bridal tear

- (a) Why has the poet called bangles luminous and tender? 2
- (b) Why has the poet compared the bangles of the Indian bride to her laughter as well as her tears? 2
- (c) What is the literary device used in the second line of the above stanza? 1

OR

(5)

We went to the rescue, and then the doctor took
Granny's temperature and said.
'I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed'
We sighed with relief and tucked her up well.
Poor Granny! For her, it was like a brief season in hell.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 2
- (b) From where was Granny rescued and why? 2
- (c) What was its outcome? 1

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : (5)

I have always considered you an elder brother you know and tell everyone that everyone that I can depend on you whenever I am in trouble _____.
Why don't you eat properly? You are thin as ever.

- (a) Name the speaker and the listener? 2
- (b) Why has the speaker come to visit the listener? 2
- (c) Why did the speaker consider the listener as his brother? 1

15. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : (18+2=20)

- (a) Why had Margie started hating her school? (The Fun They Had)
- (b) What do the children want to be taught in the poem "The Children's Song"?

- (c) My hobby is perhaps a little out of the ordinary. What is the narrator's hobby? Why does he consider it out of the ordinary? (The Case of the Sharp Eyed Jeweller)
 - (d) What were the narrator's feelings when he was invited by the District Officer? (The Undeserved Reward)
 - (e) How can we say that Mrs. Hill was a kind and understanding lady? Comment. (A Bad Dream)
 - (f) What kind of bangles does the poet suggest for middle aged women and why? (Bangle Sellers)
 - (g) What should be the chief concern of the whole mankind? What other concerns divert people's attention from this? (Couplets)
16. Imagine yourself to be William Morris. Write a letter to your friend narrating how with your extraordinary observation and presence of mind you solved the mystery of the missing ring. Express your joy in having spoiled the well-made plan of the young lady and the American. (80-90 words) (The Undeserved Reward) (5)

OR

Imagine you are Mr. Hill. You have realised your mistakes after having unpleasant conversation with Mr. Briggs and Mr. Winter. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings and resolving to treat people around you kindly in future. (80-90 words) (A Sad Dream)

Paper -7

Maximum Marks : 100

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 10

- (a) If you want to leave foot prints on the sands of time, you must know how to live, suffer and die for your convictions. In one word, you should be fearless till death for the vindication of truth. All great and good men, whom the mass of humanity worship now, were fearless. They did not hand down fear to succeeding generations.
- (b) Jesus Christ was fearless, having a strong will power. The executors have been forgotten; the executed is still hailed and praised in songs after a thousand years. Gandhiji was fearless. He instilled the need of fearlessness in the minds of young and old.
- (c) Mentally dwarfed, spiritually bankrupt and intellectually empty men have lived and died like ants. Nobody notices them. But people who stand for a cause and are fearless in the midst of bullets and tortures are the salt of the earth. They always conquer. It is only when a man is willing to suffer and die for a cause that he will live eternally in the minds of men. Those who do not know how to live will die unwept, unsung and unhonoured. They come and go away without being noticed by others.

Fearlessness, however is not stoning the houses, burning the trains, looting the banks or killing the common man. The individual who thinks must convert the mob into a disciplined group of dedicated people who must chisel in their minds the words we live and we die as men!

- (d) Instill in everybody the seeds of courage, ambition and determination and then, with Tagore they will sing, "Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high".
- (e) Fear is the root of all evils, Change the mental attitude and life becomes pleasant.

- 1.1. After reading the above passage answer the following questions :-

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- (a) What is common between all great men?
- (b) Name two great men who are still remembered for their fearlessness.
- (c) What are intellectually empty men compared to?
- (d) What type of men live in the minds of people for ever?
- (e) What is the root cause of all evils?
- (f) How can our life become pleasant?

- 1.2. Find words from the passage which have the same meaning as :- 2
- (a) Welcomed / Greeted _____ (Para - b)
- (b) Win / dominate _____ (Para - c)
- 1.3. Find words from the passage which are opposites of :- 2
- (a) Weak _____ (Para - b)
- (b) Full _____ (Para - c)

2. Read the following poem carefully : 5

WHY ?

I know a curious little boy.
 He's always asking Why;
 Why this, why that, why then, why now,
 Why not, why, why, why, why?
 He wants to know why wood should float,
 When lead and marbles sink?
 When stars should shine and winds should blow,
 And why we eat and drink?
 He wants to know why fish have gills,
 And why we cannot fly?
 Why stream comes from the kettle spout,
 And rain falls from the sky?
 Some of his whys are not too hard
 To answer, if you'll try;
 But others - no one ever yet
 Has found the reason why.

Fill in the blanks with one suitable word :

The poet introduces us to a very (a) _____ little boy who is always asking (b) _____. He wants to know why this, why that, why then, why now, why not. For (c) _____, he wants to know why wood floats, when lead and marbles sink, why stars shine, and winds blow, why we are (d) _____ and thirsty, why fish have gills, why we cannot fly, etc. The poet says that some of his questions can be (e) _____ if one tries but others are not easy to answer.

3. Read the following passage 5

HAVE A GOOD LAUGH!

Experts often refer to exercise, a balanced diet and plenty of rest as the three essential factors for good health in the stressful society in which we live. According to leading doctors, laughter is also extremely important to our general well being. When we laugh, energy is pumped around the body and it perks up the whole system. Our stress levels are reduced, which means laughter has a calming effect on us.

More importantly, perhaps, is the fact that laughter releases chemicals into the body. These chemicals are natural pain suppressants and they affect the immune system, helping to speed up healing processes and activating hormones which kill disease cells. In fact, in 1991, the first free Laughter Clinic was set up in Britain so that patients could have fun, which would help them to get better more quickly.

According to one doctor, laughter is a total body experience in which all the major systems of the body, such as muscles, nerves, heart, brain and digestion, participate fully, so laughter is almost equivalent to a form of exercise. However, it is important to bear in mind that we are talking about laughter as opposed to just a smile, in other words, "a belly laugh" says Howard Kent of the Yoga for Health Association.

So how are we to fill our lives with merriment? Every happy home should have a laughter library of joke books, classic cartoon books, collections of humorous quotations and audio cassettes of our favourite comedians, comedy videos, fun board games, comic plays, novels and amusing biographies.

Answer the following questions :

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|----------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) What are the three most important factors for good health? | 1 |
| (b) What happens when laughter pumps energy around the body? | 1 |
| (c) Why do laughter clinic patients get better faster? | 1 |
| (d) What is laughter similar to? How? | 1 |
| (e) Find the synonyms of : | 1 |
| (i) a large quantity (Para 1) | |
| (ii) funny / entertaining (Para 4) | |

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Given below is a profile of Mr. Sharma, the school canteen assistant. Write a short bio-sketch of Mr. Sharma. The clues enclosed in the box might help you with the exercise.

- Age - 45 years old
- Bespectacled
- Education - high school dropout
- Brews the best tea - a big hit with visitors
- Stature and build - lean and of medium build
- A pleasant personality
- Profound beliefs - to him work is worship
- Believes in dignity of labour

OR

4

Read the following telephonic conversation

- Caller : Is it 25283879?
Akshay : Yes, May I know who is calling?
Caller : May I speak to Rita please?
Akshay : She is not here at the moment. Any message?
Caller : The Kitty party scheduled for today has been postponed due to a mishap in the family. The members will meet on the 18th next month at the same place. Inconvenience is regretted.
Akshay : I will convey the message.
Akshay has to go to Delhi. He leaves the message for his sister Rita. Write the message for Rita in not more than 50 words.

5. Upon being judged the best athlete in this year's Athletic Meet, your sports teacher has asked you to write a speech on "The Importance of Sports in Student's Life". Use the hints given below :
- Sports – a necessary part of a student's life
 - Contribute to physical fitness
 - Teach healthy competitiveness
 - Teach sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline, determination
 - Overall personality development
 - Can be developed into a career

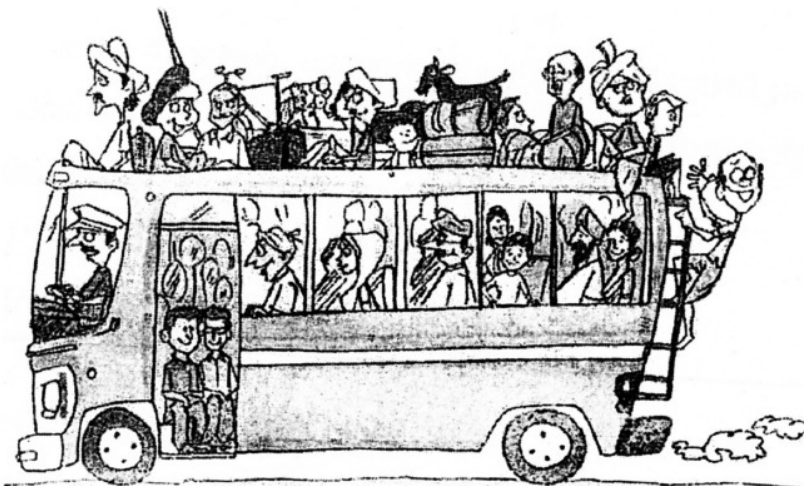
OR

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You are Madhur / Meena. You saw a short film on television about the tremendous increase in the rate at which we are cutting trees to fulfill our needs. The film highlighted that if the deforestation continues, very shortly we will not be left with trees on earth. Using your own ideas and the ideas from the film, write an article on – 'The Importance of afforestation and maintaining a green cover in the country to prevent pollution and global warming.' (100 words)

6. Buses are often overcrowded. As a concerned citizen of your city, write a letter to the editor of a national daily about your concern for the commuters and your suggestions for streamlining the transportation system in about 120 words.

8



You can use the clues given below along with your own ideas -

- Poor bus service, causes lots of problems for the commuters
- Buses can overturn due to excessive load.
- Awareness should be created among people
- Transport authorities and Traffic Police should monitor the situation

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(25 Marks)

7. Read the notes given below and complete the following paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each blank. Do not add any new information.

4

SOUTH ZONE JUNIOR VOLLEYBALL MATCHES

Dates : March, 9th to 12th, 2018

Registration : At school auditorium with authenticated previous school records.

Prize Distribution : March 12

Selection of participants : Depends on

- (i) Previous record
- (ii) Present performance

South zone volleyball matches will (a) _____ from 9th to 12th March 2018. Those interested can (b) _____ at school auditorium. The selection will (c) _____ and (d) _____ of the candidates. The prize distribution will be held on 12th March 2018.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

		Incorrect	Correct
The purpose in prayer is to awaken	(a)	_____	_____
the divinity in the depth of ours heart.	(b)	_____	_____
Man's need for prayer is as greater as his	(c)	_____	_____
need for bread. As food was necessary	(d)	_____	_____
for the body, prayer is necessary for a	(e)	_____	_____
soul. True prayers never goes unanswered.	(f)	_____	_____
Then the mind is full of prayerful thoughts	(g)	_____	_____
Somethings in the world seems good.	(h)	_____	_____

9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences : 1×4=4

- (a) friends / I / my / were / grandmother / and / good
- (b) left me / in the city / my parents / with her / when they / went / to live
- (c) morning / wake / used to / up / the / in / she / me
- (d) she did that / the prayers / in order / me learn / to make

10. Fill in the blanks with correct linkers : 1×4=4

- (a) I must keep working hard _____ (so / since / until) I achieve my goal.
- (b) They suggested me to go back home _____ (as / so / so that) I was not feeling well.
- (c) She was hungry _____ (and / but / because) she could not find any food joint near by.
- (d) _____ (however / since / although) he was a deserving candidate, he did not win the election.

11. Given below are some notes to prepare a cake. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows. Use the underlined verbs in the passive voice. 4

PREPARATION OF A CAKE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cream the butter and sugar until it gets fluffy • <u>add</u> the eggs gradually • add flour, baking powder and milk powder • add vanilla extract with milk and mix well • <u>pour</u> into the baking dish greased and lined with baking paper • <u>bake</u> at 180°C for about 25 minutes

To make a delicious cake first of all, butter and sugar are to be creamed until it gets fluffy. Then (a) _____ gradually. Flour, baking powder and

milk powder are added after that. Vanilla extract (b) _____ with milk and mixed well for particular flavour. Baking dish is greased and added with baking paper and the material (c) _____. The material (d) _____.

12. Do as directed

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|----------------------------------------------|---|
| A. Fill with appropriate modal : | 2 |
| 1. You _____ borrow my pen if you want to. | |
| 2. He _____ to serve his old parents. | |
| B. Fill in with correct form of verbs : | 2 |
| 1. The passenger had _____ (Pull) the chain. | |
| 2. Water _____ (Boil) at 100 degrees. | |
| C. Punctuate the following : | 1 |
| 1. Where are you going he asked | |

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(35 Marks)

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

"In faith and hope the world will disagree,
But all mankind's concern is charity."

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|--------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Name the poem and the poet. | 1 |
| (b) What does 'faith' refer to? | 1 |
| (c) What will the world disagree on? | 1 |
| (d) What is the main concern of mankind and why? | 2 |

OR

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :

Land of our Birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died,
Oh, Motherland, we pledge to thee
Head, heart and hand through years to be

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Name the poem and the poet of the above extract? | 2 |
| (b) Why does the poet call his motherland 'Land of faith pride'.....? | 1 |
| (c) What do the words 'head', 'heart' and 'hand' in the line 4 refer to? | 2 |
| 14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : | 5 |

"I agree with you now, of course, she is not a good cook but she works hard."

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|---------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) Name the speaker and the person addressed to. | 2 |
| (b) Who isn't a good cook? | 1 |
| (c) What is the speaker's state of mind? | 1 |
| (d) Why has the speaker changed his mind? | 1 |

15. Answer the following questions in 30 to 40 words each.

18+2=20

- (a) How does the narrator introduce himself in the story, 'The Case of the Sharp Eyed Jeweller'?
- (b) What was Annie's reaction when she came to know that Mr. Hill had lost his job? (A Bad Dream)
- (c) How did Baldev's son get implicated in a false case of dacoity? (The Undeserved Reward)
- (d) The poetess has compared the bangles of the Indian Bride to her laughter as well as her tears. Why? (Bangle Sellers)
- (e) What does the poet mean by 'an undefiled heritage' in the poem 'The Children's Song'?
- (f) Why did Margie hate her school so much? (The Fun They Had)
- (g) In order to lead a successful life, a man has to tread a balanced way. Comment? (Couplets) (Value - Based)

16. Imagine you are Mr. Hill. Your unpleasant conversation with your colleagues awakens your conscience and your attitude towards Annie changes. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings for her before and after your meeting with the visitors. (Word limit 80-90 words)

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OR

Suppose you are the narrator, (The Undeserved Reward). You are overcome with a feeling of guilt after Baldev and his son leave your house. Write a letter to Baldev expressing your guilt over accepting the honour that you did not deserve. (Word limit 80-90 words)

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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All of us have seen the inside of a hospital sometime or the other. Hospitals have a special smell of their own and seem very busy all the time. But how did the idea of setting up a special place for sick people ever come about? The ancient Greeks used the temples of their gods of healing as resting places for the sick. So too did the Egyptians, the Babylonians and the ancient Indians. The Romans especially, began to realize the need for hospitals. They were always at wars, and their soldiers needed care and treatment. The idea of hospitals caught on and slowly they passed into the charge of the Church. By the 4th century, Church hospitals had begun. Centuries passed. By the 17th century, public hospitals were founded in Britain by rich citizens who wished to serve the public. The hospitals, as we see today, began to evolve only around the 19th century. People began to live in better conditions. They felt the need for more cleanliness and better expert care. In the past, nuns and other members of the church used to do the nursing. It was Florence Nightingale who began to feel the need for trained nurses to care for the sick. She started the St. Thomas Hospital in England. This was the first training college for nurses ever. Today, any hospital is a vast, complete organization. There are doctors, nurses and other staff like receptionists, records staff, hospital managers etc. Big hospitals could have porters, orderlies, electricians, carpenters, plumbers, security staff --- whew! Doesn't that sound like a small town in itself?

- 1.1. Answer the following questions on the basis of your reading of the above passage :

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| (a) In the past nursing was done by _____. | 1 |
| (b) The Romans were the first to realize the need for hospitals as _____ & _____. | 2 |
| (c) The first nursing training college was started by _____. | 1 |
| (d) Like the ancient Greeks, the temples were used as resting places for the sick by _____ & _____. | 2 |
| (e) The need for more cleanliness and better expert care was felt in 19 th century as _____. | 1 |
| (f) In 17 th century public hospitals were founded by rich citizens as _____. | 1 |

1.2. Find a word from the passage which means the same as :

(a) old _____.

(b) develop gradually _____.

2

2. Read the poem carefully and answer the question that follows :

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WHENEVER

When you are depressed,
With confidence compressed.
When success is nowhere to be seen,
Nowhere to be heard,
Nowhere to be felt
And failure is all you have.
Then too
Don't ever lose
Hold on to courage
And strength's unbreakable rope.
Bring in the light
Of hard work and determination.
The darkness will vanish by itself.
Due to the glare of your concentration.
Wrap and bury, all your worries
In a roll.
Follow your milestones
To your goal.
Think like a man of action
Act like a man of thought
Don't ever panic
When you get caught
In the whirlpool of difficulties
Trust your abilities
Gather your wits
And be a winner.

1.1. Fill in the blanks with one word only and complete the summary of the poem.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

We should never lose hope whenever we are (a) _____ and lose our (b) _____. We must always hold onto (c) _____ and (d) _____. The problems will go with our (e) _____ and (f) _____. We should put away all our (g) _____ and achieve our (h) _____. We must never (i) _____ in case of problems but take (j) _____ and always trust our abilities to be a winner.

3. Read the following passage

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Feathered Watchman.

Black Drongo is a very common breeding bird of Haryana, found in open areas, wetland and near cultivation. This is a glossy black bird with a long deeply forked tail. These birds are quite agile in flight. Drongos are renowned for their courage. A drongo will never allow any bird that eats eggs or hatchlings, to come near its nest. It fearlessly attacks birds bigger than itself, such as crows, hawks and even eagles if they dare come into its territory. Less aggressive birds like the oriole feel safe if they have a drongo as a neighbour. So one can often find an oriole's nest in close proximity to that of a drongo's. In some parts of India the black drongo is known as Kotwal, watchman for this reason. One specie, the racket tailed drongo, has two spatula shaped streamers in its tail. It is larger than the black drongo and has a prominent tuft of feathers on its forehead, swept back Elvis Presley style.

The racket tailed drongo has a melodious voice and is an excellent mimic.

The drongos feed on insects and flower nectar.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following : 1×5=5

- (a) Black drongo is a common breeding bird of _____.
- (b) Drongos are famous for their _____.
- (c) The main food of the drongo is _____ and _____.
- (d) An _____ feels safe in the neighbourhood of drongo.
- (e) The racket tailed drongo is an excellent _____.

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Read the following telephonic conversation between Sahil and Bimal. Bimal has to go out for some official work, so he leaves a message for the boss, Mr. Singh. As Bimal, write a message in not more than 50 words and put it in a box.

Sahil : Is it Gupta Electronics?

Bimal : Yes, what can I do for you?

Sahil : I want to talk to Mr. Singh.

Bimal : Sorry sir, he is not here at the moment.

Sahil : Would you please give him my message?

Bimal : Sure sir.

Sahil : Please tell him that I purchased an inverter from his shop last month. It has not been functioning properly for the last two days. He should send some mechanic at my residence in the evening to check it. Please ask him to call me at 9898989898. Its quite urgent.

Bimal : Ok sir. I'll convey your message.

Sahil : Thank you.

OR

(4)

On the basis of the hints given below, write a short biosketch of Abhinav Bindra, an ace shooter, who won India's first ever individual Olympics gold medal in Beijing Olympics 2008. (within 50 words)

Birth : 28th September, 1993 in Dehradun.

Education : Doon School, Dehradun (upto Class VIII)

St. Stephens School, Chandigarh

BBA from Colorado University.

Achievements : Youngest Indian contributor at 2000 Olympics Games,

Bronze medal in Munich World Cup 2001

Gold medal in 10mt air rifle shooting in Beijing Olympics

(2008), Commonwealth Games (2010)

Award : Arjuna Award 2000

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2001

Padma Bhushan 2009

5. Earth is the only planet which has the environment to support life. Unfortunately the environment is being polluted by man therefore leading to a rise in temperature and consequently global warming and ecological imbalance. Taking ideas from the unit 'NATURE' and using your own ideas write an article for school magazine in not more than 100-150 words expressing concern over the most serious problem 'GLOBAL WARMING'.

You are Janak / Janaki

OR

(8)

Sports encourage innumerable virtues that we need for a good life such as sportsmanship, teamspirit and tolerance. Taking clues from the unit 'Sports' and using your own ideas, write a speech on 'Value of Sports and Games in Life', in not more than 100-150 words.

6. You are Ishank / Ishita. You feel quite concerned to see kids, children spending hours surfing the net, accessing prohibited sites, downloading games, misusing the gift of science.

Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper expressing your concern on misuse of internet and asking parents to monitor and guide children. (Word limit 100-150)

(8)

SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(25 Marks)

7. Use the information given in the notes to complete the paragraph that follows. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

KODAIKANAL

Kodaikanal one of the most popular hill resorts in India located amidst folds of Pali Hills situated at an altitude of about 2133m high covers area of 21.45 sq. km established in 1845 mesmerizes visitors rocks, woods, lovely lake, bracing air frequented all through the year renowned educational institutions fruits and plums known for freshness and taste.

Kodaikanal is one of the most popular serene hill resorts in India. It (a) _____ amidst the folds of the verdant Pali hills near Madurai in Tamil Naidu. It (b) _____ at an altitude of about 2133m high and (c) _____ an area of 21.45 sq km. Kodaikanal (d) _____ in 1845 as a refuge from the high temperatures of the plains. With its rocks, woods, lovely lake and bracing air, Kodaikanal (e) _____ many visitors and (f) _____ all through the year. The hill town (g) _____ for its educational institutions. The fruits and plums (h) _____ for their taste and freshness.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correct one in the blank given. The first one is done. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

	Incorrect	Correct
Pyramids can be find nowhere in	find	found
the world except at Egypt. Even	(a) _____	_____
though pyramids was built more than	(b) _____	_____
10000 years ago, they were still	(c) _____	_____
consider great tourist attractions and	(d) _____	_____
draw million of people every year as	(e) _____	_____
visitors. Pyramids are nothing and	(f) _____	_____
graves or burial chambers to the	(g) _____	_____
kings of Egypt. A first true pyramids	(h) _____	_____
were the pyramids of Gizeh.		

9. Rearrange the following jumbled words / phrases into meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. The first one is done as an example.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

e.g. extremely important / the Egyptians / was / to / pyramid building.

Pyramid building was extremely important to the Egyptians.

- (a) their paraohs / live for / destined to / believed that / were / they / millions of years.
- (b) laboured willingly / these monuments / the people / for their rulers / of Egypt / to build.
- (c) the names of / these tombs / the ancient kings / have / kept alive / on.
- (d) pyramid building / about 400 years / the great age of / lasted for.

10. Fill in the blanks with linkers.

1×4=4

Do you suppress your anger (a) _____ do you let it explode? Most of us carry around harmful levels of hostility, (b) _____ what concerns doctors is the fact that do you smile even though you may be angry within as a result you do yourself more harm (c) _____ the solution is forgiveness (d) _____ that does not come easy.

11. Read the set of instructions below and complete the paragraph that follows :

1×4=4

HOW TO MAKE CUSTARD.

- * pour a litre of milk in a pan
- * let the milk boil
- * stir the milk frequently
- * when milk begins to thicken add 100 gm sugar
- * add a tablespoonful of custard powder
- * add some flavour
- * take the pan off the gas after 5 minutes
- * allow the preparation to cool before serving

To prepare custard, first a litre of milk (a) _____. The milk (b) _____. When the milk begins to thicken add 100 gm sugar and then one teaspoonful of custard powder is also added. After 5 minutes the (c) _____ and the preparation (d) _____ before serving.

12. Do as Directed

1×5=5

- (a) my teacher asked me why were you absent last week (punctuate the sentence)
- (b) The little girl _____ (lose) her precious expensive ring. (Fill in the correct verb form)
- (c) My friend _____ (live / lives) in Chennai and _____ (work / woks) as a teacher (fill in the correct option.)
- (d) This painting is very valuable, please look _____ it (fill in preposition)

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(35 Marks)

13. Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow : (5)

Some like the flame of her marriage fire
Or rich with the due of her heart's desire.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 2
- (b) Name the figure of speech used. 1
- (c) Whom does 'her' in the lines refer to? Which colour describes 'her heart's desire'? 2

OR

I strongly recommend a quiet week in bed.
We sighed with relief and tucked her up well
Poor granny! for her it was like brief season in hell

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 2
- (b) Why was granny recommended one week bed rest? 2
- (c) Name the poetic device used in the last line of the stanza. 1

14. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow : (5)

I agree with you now of course she is not a
Good cook but she works hard.

- (a) Name the speaker and the person addressed. 1
- (b) Who is not a good cook and why is it said so? 2
- (c) Why has the speaker changed his mind? 2

15. Answer the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each. (18+2=20)

- (a) The poem, 'The Children's Song' is highly patriotic. Justify the statement.
- (b) What were the three questions put up to the hermit and what were the answers given by him?
- (c) What was the season of hell for granny and how did she try to move out of it?
- (d) How was the plan to steal the ring from the Regniers made and put into action?
- (e) What are Alexander Pope's views on judgement? (Couplets)
- (f) Sarojini Naidu's, 'Bangle Sellers' is deeply rooted in Indian culture and traditions. Explain.
- (g) "Every deserving action should be rewarded, likewise every reward should be well deserved". Does this statement always hold true in life.

16. Imagine you are the narrator. You are overcome with a feeling of guilt after Baldev and his son leave your house. Write a letter to Baldev expressing guilt over accepting the honour that you did not deserve.

OR

(5)

Imagine you are William Morris, write a diary entry expressing your views, experience after you foiled the theft attempt and proved your loyalty towards The Regniers where you work.

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

10 Marks

1. As the dreaded examinations crawl to a halt, students look forward to the much awaited "creative outlets", the summer camps, to let off steam and spend their holidays. A summer camp is conducted over a short period of four to five weeks involving interesting and fun-filled activities. The colourful spectrum of summer camps provides a wide variety of activities which include artistic skills, such as painting, origami, art, music, craft, and also spoken English, cookery and computer courses. Not only this, the summer camps keep the child "fit as a fiddle" by imparting lessons in yoga, cricket, tennis and swimming.
2. With changing times and trends parents have become productivity oriented. They want their children to learn through productive play unlike in the past when play was just play. Today, the parents want to tap the potential of their children to the fullest. To achieve this aim, the summer camps afford an ideal opening for children to develop their hobbies and talents. The importance of creative play is often underestimated whereas the fact is that art and craft projects can excite even a young child's imagination and promote a sense of great achievement. The little things that children make and take home give them a sense of achievement and pride when they show them to their parents.
3. Summer camps develop a child's confidence and his ideas. They also encourage children to do things on their own. The camps are beneficial for hyper-active and aggressive children as they help to channel their energies fruitfully by drawing out the best in them. They also promote mutual understanding among teachers and children. This provides a good experience for a better future - a future of confidence.

Source : "The Young World" The Hindu

A. Now complete the following sentences briefly :-

1. Students seem to be very excited after _____. 1
2. Summer camps that are held for four to five weeks involve _____ and _____. 1
3. Parents have become productivity oriented which means that _____. 1
4. By promoting mutual understanding among teachers and students, summer camps _____. 1
5. The importance of creative play should not be overlooked because _____. 2
6. Hyper - active and aggressive children also get benefited by such camps as _____. 2

- B. Find the words from the above passage which mean the same as the following :- $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$
1. art of folding paper to make attractive objects (para 1)
 2. Behaving in an angry and violent way towards another person (para 3)

- C. Find words from the above passage that mean the opposite of the following :- $\frac{1}{2} \times 2 = 1$
1. Demote (Para 2)
 2. Quiet / Lazy (Para 3)

2. Read the Poem carefully and fill in the blanks with one word from the poem. 5

Who is Disabled?

If you fail to see the person
But only see the disability.
Then who is blind?
If you cannot hear
Your brother's
Cry for justice.
Who is deaf?
If you do not communicate
With your sister
but separate her from you.
Who is the mentally handicapped?
If you do not stand up
for the rights of all persons.
Who is the crippled?
Your attitude
Towards persons with disabilities
may be your biggest handicap.

A truly blind person according to the poet, is one who does not (a) _____ the other person but only his (b) _____. He says that the person who does not stand up for the rights of others is in the real sense a (c) _____. The poet finds our (d) _____ towards persons with disabilities to be our biggest (e) _____ 1×5

3. Read the following passage carefully : 5

Nainital is glorious hill station for tourism in Uttaranchal. It is 336 kms from Delhi which was discovered by Lord Barron, a Britisher in 1841. It is surrounded by mountains on three sides. The first one is Naina (2615 metres) the second is Deopatha (2438 metres) and the third is Ayarpatha (2278 metres). Naina is the highest mountain among the three.

From the sea-level, Nainital hill station is located at a height of 6,350 feet. In winter Nainital has freezing cold temperature falling below zero degrees centigrade. Every year during December to February Nainital hill station gets its annual snowfall. Summer season is also very cold in Nainital. The highest temperature is not more than 26 degree centigrade. So most tourist prefer to come at summer season to explore Nainital.

Nainital is named after its beautiful lake Naini and is the base for tourism here. This lake is called Naini because it appears as if it is eye shaped. This lake is famous among the visitors, tourist and nature lovers for yachting and boating.

The southern end area of the lake is called Tallital and the northern and area is called Mallital. Both the areas have pretty cottages, luxurious hotels, villas, restaurants, food zones, shopping centres, game parlours and luxury shops.

Naina peak, which is also known as Cheena Peak is the most favourite picnic spot of Nainital. It's height is 2612 metres. It is 6 km far from Nainital. We can easily view the snow garbed Himalayas, Nainital city and its surrounding localities. Naina Devi Temple is situated on the northern shore of Naini lake. The presiding Goddess of this temple is "Maa Naina Devi".

Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option from the options given below :

- (a) Naina is the highest among the three mountains that surround Nainital from three sides. The height of this mountain is
 - (i) 2438 metres
 - (ii) 2615 metres
 - (iii) 2278 metres
 - (iv) 2805 metres
- (b) Nainital hill station gets its annual snowfall during
 - (i) November to January
 - (ii) December to February
 - (iii) December to January
 - (iv) January to March
- (c) The base for tourism in Nainital is
 - (i) Naina peak
 - (ii) Cheena peak
 - (iii) Naina Devi Temple
 - (iv) Naini lake
- (d) Choose and write the incorrect statement from the following
 - (i) Naina peak is the most favourite picnic spot of Nainital.
 - (ii) Tourists visit Naini lake for yachting and boating.
 - (iii) Naina Devi temple is situated on the southern shore of Naini lake.
 - (iv) The southern end area of Naini lake is called Tallital.
- (e) The word 'garbed' means
 - (i) Covered
 - (ii) Enjoy
 - (iii) Garbage
 - (iv) Glacier

1×5=5

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Write a message to be left at the desk of Chaitali, about a telephone call received for her when she was away, in not more than 50 words.

Raman : Hello! Is it 22990346? Could I talk to Chaitali, who works in the Sales Department?

Receptionist : Sorry, she has not arrived yet.

Raman : Could you convey to her that her brother is quite serious in Amritsar and she should leave for Amritsar immediately? He met with an accident.

Receptionist : Oh, so sad. Should I convey anything else?
 Raman : Yes. She should bring at least Rs 10,000. I am sure you will do this favour.
 Receptionist : Yes, Sure. I will pray for his speedy recovery. By the way, may I know to whom I am talking to?
 Raman : I am Raman, a neighbour of Chaitalis brother.

4

OR

Look at the given notes. Then use the following information to write a brief bio-sketch of R.K. Narayan.

Birth : 1906
 Place of Birth : Madras (Now Chennai)
 Education : Not a good student, failed both in the High School and Intermediate examinations, Got his degree at the age of 24.
 Career : After a brief teaching career took to whole-time writing.
 Achievement : Wrote short stories and novels, stories based on imaginary town of Malgudi.
 Awarded : Sahitya Akademi Award in 1960 for his novel The Guide. Padma Bhushan in 1964.

5. Write an article for your school magazine in about 150 words on the harmful effect of pollution and suggest a few way to control it. You may refer to unit Nature of My English Reader along with your own ideas.

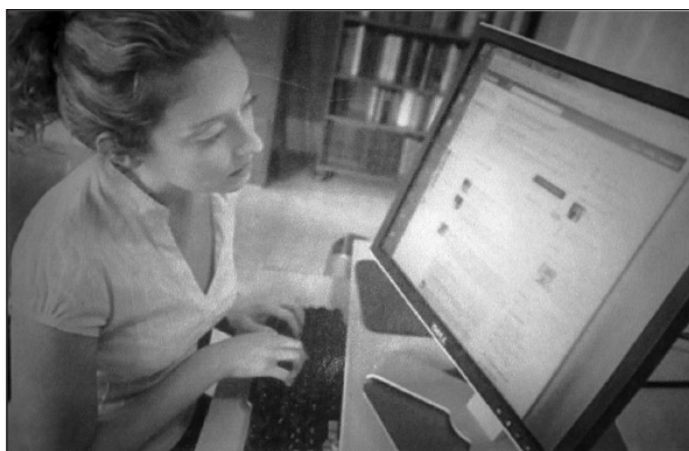
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OR

You are Vanshika / Vansh. You are very worried after seeing the pollution level in your city especially after Diwali. Schools are closed, and people are using masks. You decide to write an article for your school magazine in about 150 words. You may use the ideas given in unit Nature of My English Reader along with your ideas. The importance of sports and games is being increasingly recognized in India, from both the educational and social points of view. As Mishti / Ish write an article in about 150 words on 'The Importance of Sports and Games in a Student's Life'.

6. You are Devansh / Devanshi. You feel quite concerned to see the Children of today spending a lot of their time surfing the internet, accessing prohibited sites and misusing the gift of science. You decide to write a letter in 150 words to the Editor of a National Newspaper expressing your concern on the misuse of the internet and drawing the attention of the parents to guide and monitor their children. Refer to the picture given below.

8



SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(15 Marks)

7. Given below are some notes in the box, read them to complete the paragraph. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers.

UDBI robbed- hold the employees at pistol point- watchman shot at - a customer alerts police. - Culprits leave with cash.

The urban Development Bank of India Kishan Nagar branch (a) _____. According to Mr. R.L. Sharma, the Manager, four men entered the bank and (b) _____ at pistol point. Rajan, the watchman (c) _____ when he tried to prevent them. A customer alerted the police, but before they reached the culprits had left with the cash.

1×3=3

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the lines, against which a blank is given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

	Incorrect	Correct
Women who are fond for beauty products are in for a shocks.	e.g. for	of
The recent study says that many beauty products can causing birth defects by damage the human reproductive system. Stickers bindis should cause white patches on the forehead.	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____ (f) _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them into meaningful sentences as given in the example.

1×3=3

by / childhood / are / memories / everyone / cherished
Childhood memories are cherished by everyone.

- (a) childhood / generally / I / as being / rember / my / happy.
(b) free / some of / recall / my / I / can / times.
(c) frightening / remember / I / can / moments / also / my

10. Given below is a set of instructions for issuing a book from the library of your school. Read the instructions carefully complete the paragraph by choosing the correct answer from the options provided. $1 \times 3 = 3$

Instructions :

- Go to the library with your library card.
- Select the book of your choice.
- Take the book to the library counter.
- Give the book to the counter clerk.
- Get the book issued.

If you want to issue a book from your school library the library card is taken for entering the library. The book of your choice (a) _____. The selected book is then taken to the library counter and (b) _____ to the counter clerk. The book (c) _____ by the counter clerk.

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| (a) (i) are selected | (ii) is selected |
| (iii) is select | (iv) was selected |
| (b) (i) are given | (ii) was given |
| (iii) is given | (iv) is gave |
| (c) (i) is issued | (ii) will be issued |
| (iii) was issued | (iv) is issuing |

11. My parents had promised me (a) _____ (that / and / but) they would buy me a motor bike (b) _____ (before / if / because) I passed the final examination (c) _____ (or / which / this) I knew was not difficult (d) _____ (and / but / Therefore) I wanted to show them (e) _____ (that / as / so that) I cared for their feelings. They had great confidence in my capability (f) _____ (but / or / and) I did what my parents had wished. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheets. $1 \times 4 = 4$

Some like the flame of her marriage fire,
Or rich with the hue of her heart's desire

- (a) Name the poem and the poet
- (i) 'Bangle Sellers' by 'Sarojini Naidu'.
 - (ii) 'Bangle Sellers' by 'Ruskin Bond'.
 - (iii) Children's Song by Alexander Pope
 - (iv) 'Couplets' by Sarojini Naidu
- (b) 'her' in the above lines refers to -
- | | |
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| (i) the young girl | (ii) the bride |
| (iii) the poetess | (iv) the middle aged woman |

- (b) 'her' in the above lines refers to -
 (i) the young girl (ii) the bride
 (iii) the poetess (iv) the middle aged woman
- (c) Name the figure of speech used in the 2nd line.
 (i) simile (ii) metaphor
 (iii) alliteration (iv) personification
- (d) Which colour appropriately describes 'her hearts desire'?
 (i) orange (ii) purple
 (iii) red (iv) blue

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheet.

1×4=4

Land of our Birth, we pledge to three
 Our love and toil in the years to be.
 When we are grown and take our place
 As men and women with our race

- (a) 'We' in the above extract stands for
 (i) the bonafide citizens of the country
 (ii) all those who have migrated to this country
 (iii) men & women of the country
 (iv) the children of the country
- (b) 'In the years to be' means
 (i) in times to come (ii) on yearly basis
 (iii) in the past (iv) when months turn into years
- (c) When would 'we' fulfil the pledge?
 (i) on running a race with men and women
 (ii) on becoming adults
 (iii) when we are ready for the race
 (iv) when we take responsibility as men & women
- (d) The word 'toil' in the second line means.
 (i) to labour / work continuously; exhausting labour on effort.
 (ii) to work halfheartedly
 (iii) to make friendship
 (iv) to sit idle

14. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2×4=8

- (a) Mention the grievances the staff members had against Mr. Hill.
 (b) When the narrator was invited by the district officer to see him, his friends said it was an insult to him. Explain.
 (c) How can you say that it is foolish to 'contest' for the forms of government? (Couplets)
 (d) Describe Mr. Regnier's reaction on learning that the ring had been found.
 (e) What idea do you get about the children who are singing 'The Children's Song'?

15. Value based Questions (Answer in 30-40 words) 2×2=4
- (a) It is said Presence of mind keeps a person alert about the things around and saves him from difficult situations. Comment (The Case of the Sharp Eyed Jeweller)
 - (b) Mention the virtues, you think, the children should adopt to serve their motherland. Mention any four.
16. Imagine you are the narrator, your conscience pricks you for having accepted the undeserved credit of getting Baldev's son acquitted / released. Write a letter to Baldev expressing your guilt over accepting the honour that you did not deserve. (Word limit 80-90). 5

OR

Imagine you are Mrs. Hill. Write a diary page expressing your relief at George's changed attitude and his decision to retain Annie in the job. (Word limit 80-90)

SECTION - A (READING)

(20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below carefully :

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1. Laughter, they say, is the best medicine : And now, with due respect to the apple, one can add TV to the list of ways to keep the doctor away. According to a study conducted by Sophia Moskalenko of the University of Pennsylvania and Steven Heine of the University of British Columbia, watching TV is good for one's self-esteem.
2. "People often watch TV to block out feelings of inadequacy", explains Moskalenko, "When the gap between expectations and reality is wide, that is when most problems start, TV appears to be an effective means of reducing awareness of how we are falling short of our own standards". In other words, if entertainment manages to divert the thoughts of a tense mind, psychological problems can be nipped in the bud. And this theory seems to work.
3. Or, at least it has proved effective in the case of Gayatri Nayak, an ad executive. "A daily dose of TV helps keep my stress levels down". maintains Gayatri, "even if I watch TV for an hour, it blocks out thoughts of dealing with clients, meeting deadlines, and all that comes with the job". Adds Amit Goyal, a class XII student preparing for the engineering entrance exams. "I watch my favourite sitcom every day to keep my anxiety levels in check".
4. Says psychiatrist Gaurav Gupta, MD, "Indulging in one's favourite activity, no matter how short the duration, distracts the mind and enables it to look at routine problems with a different perspective".
5. While the exact role of TV as a stress-buster is not known, there is reason to believe that the solutions provided by scriptwriters to the problems of tele-serial characters act as a tonic for certain people. Software professional Nita Malhotra, for instance, felt betrayed by the roving eye of her husband Mohit. But after seeing a similar problem in a TV serial, she claims to feel 'less anxious' than before.
6. "TV makes for a surreal world in which the problems of the characters in serials are not so daunting as to debilitate them from being able to function", explains psychiatrist Neena Kapoor, MD. "One fallout of this situation is that the viewer is influenced by how his favourite actor or actress in a serial reacts." So, the next time the blues make you feel low, maybe it's time to reach for the remote.

1.1. Complete the following statements. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

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| (a) Laughter, TV and apples are like | (Write one word only) | 1 |
| (b) According to Steven Heine watching TV | | 1 |
| (c) Entertainment prevents tension by | | 1 |
| (d) (i) According to Gayatri Nayak she often thought about | | 1 |
| (ii) However watching TV everyday | | 1 |
| (e) Getting involved in one's favourite activity even for a short period as believed by Gaurav Gupta, a psychiatrist | | 1 |
| (f) A student's anxiety level if he watches even a single programme. | | 1 |
| (g) The problems of the characters in the TV serials are not to those of real people. | | 1 |

1.2. Find the words with the same meaning from the passage above :

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a) to succeed in doing something difficult (para 2)
- (b) make mind weak (para 6)
- (c) Example (para 5)
- (d) to stop (para 2)

2. Read the following poem carefully -

It crept forward,
A spark at first.
Growing into a flame
Then brightening into a blaze
It crept forward.
Like a panther, stealthily stalking
his prey slowly now, then leaping
like a beast gone mad.
Leaping and being doused with water.
Still, relentlessly, on and on it went
Tearing through, with lightning speed.
It spread.
Its petals fanned out, yellow and orange and red.
The greedy rage-flower.
Advancing its tendrils announcing their arrival
With a crackle, a hiss, a sizzle and spit.
Tearing along with binding fury.
Destroying everything in its path
Hurrying through.
Feeding on dried up wood and brittle screams.
Fire!

2.1. Given below is the summary of the poem. Complete it by picking one appropriate word from the poem and writing against the correct blank number in the space provided.

$1 \times 5 = 5$

It takes only a (a) _____ to start a fire which soon (b) _____ into a flame and becomes a (c) _____. It leaps like a Mad beast and (d) _____ its helpless preys. It spreads with lightning speed defying all efforts to (e) _____ it. Ignoring its screaming victims, it destroys everything on its way.

3. Read the following passage carefully :

1. Parimarjan began playing chess when one of his father's friends presented him with a chess set when he was four. He fell in love with the game immediately and it didn't take his parents long to discover that chess wasn't just a hobby for him.
2. Before long, Parimarjan started playing in tournaments and began to make his presence felt at the national and international events. He's done pretty well in quite a few of them, winning medals at the World, Asian and Commonwealth meets. At 13 years and 142 days, Parimarjan Negi became the World's second youngest ever grandmaster on July 1, 2006 in Satka, Russia.
3. Parimarjan is a truly gifted player who spends hours practising. He is unperturbed by losses. And he holds a number of records. He is the youngest Indian to get the International Master title, the youngest Indian to beat GM and the youngest Indian to get the GM title.
4. The journey never is easy after you become a GM but knowing Parimarjan, one could safely say that the boy would relish all the challenges that he would come across in that journey.

3.1 Write the option you consider the most appropriate in your answer sheets.

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- (a) Parimarjan started playing chess
- (i) At a very young age
 - (ii) When he started going to school
 - (iii) During his college days
 - (iv) As a teenager
- (b) 'Make his presence felt' (Paragraph 2) means
- (i) He was present
 - (ii) He was given many presents
 - (iii) He impressed people
 - (iv) He was never present
- (c) Parimarjan has won
- (i) National medals
 - (ii) International medals
 - (iii) Asian medals
 - (iv) Both National and International medals
- (d) When Parimarjan loses a match, he
- (i) gets very upset
 - (ii) does not lose his cool
 - (iii) becomes temperamental
 - (iv) gets depressed
- (e) Parimarjan
- (i) hates challenges
 - (ii) enjoys challenges
 - (iii) does not bother about challenges
 - (iv) avoids challenges

SECTION - B (WRITING)

(20 Marks)

4. Read the conversation carefully and write the message for Sourav as Manish has to go to a friend's party in not more than 50 words.

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Kartika : Could I speak to Sourav?

Manish : He has gone out with his father. Can I take the message?

Kartik : Tell him Kartik called. The interview with Godrej has been fixed for 9:30 a.m. next Monday. So, he must reach their office with all his certificates.

Manish : I will tell him.

Kartik : Thank you.

OR

Write the Bio-sketch of M.P. Ganesh, former Olympic Hockey player
INFORMATION

Born : Karnataka, July 8, 1946

Achievements / Career : At 26, captained Indian Hockey Team

- second world cup at Amsterdam, 1973, won silver medal
- Worked as Executive Director, National Institute of Sports
- Working towards promotion of hockey training program
- Arjuna Awardee, role model

5. The environment and our life are inter-related to each other. But today there is imbalance in nature and man who is responsible for it is not bothered about the consequences. As a student write an article for your school magazine on the topic 'Global Warming and climate change'. Also write the measures to be adopted for saving the earth. Use the leads from the unit 'Nature' of your English Reader book along with your own ideas in about 150 words.

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OR

You are Aman / Anamika you feel highly disturbed to see the growing intolerance everywhere in the society especially the road rages. However you feel that tolerance is the need of the hour as without it the society will collapse one day.

Write an Article in this regard for your school magazine on 'Tolerance-Need of the hour'. Refer to unit Tolerance of My English Reader. Include your own ideas too. (Word Limit 150)

6. You are Ramn / Ridhi. You came across the following news on female foeticide which is a crime against humanity. You feel sick at the mentality of people at this age. You decide to write a letter to the Editor of a reputed newspaper to express your views on the topic 'Save the girl child and let her bloom' following the examples of personalities like Kalpana Chawla, Deepa Karmakar etc. who have brought laurels for the country. (Word Limit - 150)

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SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

(15 Marks)

7. Given below are some notes in the box read them and complete the paragraph. 1×3=3

Ram Krishna School - host annual art competition - classes VI-VIII -
registration 8:30 a.m. - conference hall - 29 march 2019, comprise two
students per school - teacher to accompany.

Ram Krishna school (a) art competition for class VI-VIII on 29 March
2017. School teams are requested to (b) 8:30 a.m. in the conference hall.
Each team (c) of two students per school and is to be accompanied
by a teacher.

8. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word and the word that comes before and after it. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

	Before to	Missing Word be	After sacred
Sandal wood considered to sacred by most Indians is highly valued for fragrance and medicinal properties The purest form sandalwood Oil comes the city of Mysore. Karnataka state abounds sandalwood trees Around 1792 Tipu Sultan then ruler of Mysore recognised the commercial of sandalwood	(a) _____ (b) _____ (c) _____ (d) _____ (e) _____ (d) _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them into meaningful sentences as given in the example. $1 \times 3 = 3$

E.g. it / to obey / the rules / is / school / important / of the

It is important to obey the rules of the school

- (a) are made / the students / teach / be disciplined / rules / these / to / to
 (b) discipline / succeed / important / to / in / is / life.
 (c) and determination / success / are / for / hard work / a / formula / attaining.

10. Given below are some instructions on how to tackle a comprehension passage. Complete the paragraph using the passive form. $1 \times 3 = 3$

- Read the given passage carefully once, going through all the questions.
- Once again browse through the passage and mark the answers to given questions.
- Next write the answers but do not add your own views or any other points.
- Complete all the answers to the questions. Revise.

The given passage (a) _____ once, going through all the questions. Subsequently, the passage (b) _____ through once again and the answers to the given questions are marked. Next the answers are written but your own views or any other points (c) _____. After the answers to the questions are completed, review your work.

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| (a) (i) was carefully read | (ii) will be read |
| (iii) is carefully read | (iv) will be carefully read |
| (b) (i) are browsed | (ii) will be browsed |
| (iii) would be browsed | (iv) is browsed |
| (c) (i) was not added | (ii) is not added |
| (iii) are not added | (iv) will not be added |

11. Choose the best word from the options given in the brackets to complete the following passage. 1/2×6=3

Do you suppress your anger (a) _____ (and / or / when) do you let it explode? Most of us carry around harmful levels of hostility (b) _____ (though / and / but) what concerns doctor is the fact that (c) _____ (when / and / till) you smile even though you may be angry within, you do yourself more harm (d) _____ (yet / therefore / but) the solution lies in forgiveness (e) _____ (when / but / and) that does not come easy (f) _____ (though / while / when) you try hard.

SECTION -D (LITERATURE)

(25 Marks)

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×4=4

Some are fit for a maiden's wrist,
Silver and blue as the mountain mist,
Some are flushed like the buds that dream,
On the tranquil brow of a woodland stream.
Some are aglow with the bloom that cleaves,
To the limpid glory of new-born leaves.

- (a) 'some' in these lines refer to ----
(i) Wrist (ii) bangles
(iii) Maiden (iv) mist
- (b) The colour of bangles suitable for unmarried girl is ----
(i) silver, blue (ii) silver, red
(iii) blue, brown (iv) pink, blue
- (c) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem
(i) aabbbc (ii) aaabb
(iii) aabbcc (iv) aabccc
- (d) Name of the poem and the poet is ----
(i) Bangle Sellers Alexander Pope
(ii) The Children's Song-Rudyard Kipling
(iii) Bangle sellers - Sarojini Naidu
(iv) Couplets - Alexander Pope.

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. 1×4=4

Land of our Birth, our faith, our pride,
For whose dear sake our fathers died;
Oh, Motherland, we pledge to thee
Head, heart and hand through the years to be!

- (a) The word 'fathers' here stands for _____
(i) grand father (ii) fore fathers
(iii) God (iv) Father

- (b) The poet wishes to serve his motherland _____
 (i) With love (ii) with heart and soul
 (iii) with mind (iv) by exploring
- (c) The literary device used in the last line is _____
 (i) metaphor (ii) simile
 (iii) alliteration (iv) personification
- (d) Name of the poet is _____
 (i) Sarojini Naidu (ii) Alexander Pope
 (iii) Rudyard Kipling (iv) Ruskin Bond
14. Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 2×4=8
- (a) Does the lady drop the wrapping of the brooch purposely or accidentally?
 How can you say that?
- (b) Every person believes in his own judgement. What light does it throw
 on human nature?
- (c) What was Annie's reaction when she came to know that Mr. Hill had
 lost his job?
- (d) How has the poetess described the bangles in 'Bangle Sellers'?
- (e) Describe Annie in your own words.
15. Value based Questions (Answer in 30-40 words) 2×2=4
- (a) Mention the virtues you think, the children should adopt to serve
 their motherland? (Children's song)
- (b) Do you agree that we learn our lesson only when we are placed in an
 identical situation. Justify your answer. (A Bad Dream)
16. Imagine you are narrator. Your conscience pricked you for having accepted
 the credit of getting Baldev's son acquitted. Write a diary entry expressing
 your guilt over accepting the honour that you did not deserve? 5

OR

Imagine yourself to be William Morris. Write a letter to your friend describing
 how you foiled the well made plan of the American and the young lady to steal
 the precious flower ring.