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ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 100

General Instructions:

- (i) *This paper is divided into **four** Sections : A, B, C and D.*
- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

SECTION A
(Reading)

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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Indians use about 50 million tons of paper every year. The paper that four people use in a year weighs as much as a big car. To make all that paper we use more than a billion trees. It takes years for a tree to grow enough to be made into a new paper. And it takes many forests to make all the paper we use and throw away. Wouldn't it be great if old paper could be turned back into new paper ? Then we would have more trees and a green world. We can make that happen. There is a way. We can recycle our paper. If everyone in India recycles their Sunday newspaper (including the comics), we would save 500,000 trees every week. All kinds of paper — cereal boxes note paper, bags, newspapers and so on — can be recycled. The process is simple and everyone can do it.

(150 words)

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) How much paper is used by the Indians in a year ? 1
- (b) What approximately is the weight of the paper used by four people in a year ? 1
- (c) What loss is caused due to the continuous use of new paper ? 1
- (d) Why would it be great if old paper could be turned back into new paper ? 1
- (e) How can the old paper be turned into new paper ? 1
- (f) What kinds of old paper can be turned into a new one ? 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 6

A snake is a kind of long, legless, crawling reptile. It seems to move very fast but its movements are very deceptive. When it moves it has swift wave-like motions of its body, but it only crawls along the ground. Its speed, then, is no more than the speed of a man's walk. On a clear road or path which is free from obstacles only two or three species of snakes can hope to catch up with a human being. The snake may, however, have an advantage inside a jungle. There the thorny bushes check the movements of a man. But in such places also the footsteps of a man are usually more than enough to warn snakes to keep away. Snakes do not have ears as we have but they can feel some vibrations of the ground through their bodies. They thus get an early warning of danger. (150 words)

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) What kind of creature is a snake ? 1
- (b) What is deceptive about it ? 1
- (c) How is the speed of a man compared to that of a snake ? 1
- (d) How many species of snakes can hope to catch up with a man ? 1
- (e) How does a snake have an advantage over a man inside a jungle ? 1
- (f) What helps snakes to receive an early warning of danger ? 1

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 8

Road safety in India needs greater attention of the people and the government. Road accidents are killing about 100,000 Indians every year and seriously injuring more than a million. Years ago a study found that road accidents cost the country around Rs. 55,000 crore every year. But to know the real cost of unsafe roads, one needs to know the suffering of someone who has lost a dear one in a road crash.

The number of accidental deaths depends on many factors which can be categorized under three broad heads — human, vehicle and equipment, and environment. The drivers are found overtaking illegally and over-speeding in various situations. In cities they are seen ignoring their respective lanes and pedestrian walkways. Vehicle designs are faulty. They are devoid of crash protection. Road construction and engineering also add to the problem. Traffic signals are unreadable. Bus lanes are unmarked. Rescue facilities and first-aid skills are not readily available. In order to reduce fatal accidents there has to be a focus on all the three factors. All the agencies of the government whether the traffic police or the licensing authorities also need to work in cooperation.

(194 words)

3.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

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| (a) How many Indians die in road accidents in a year ? | 1 |
| (b) Who pays the heaviest price for unsafe roads ? | 1 |
| (c) How do the drivers violate traffic laws in a city ? | 1 |
| (d) What is the fault found in the design of vehicles ? | 1 |
| (e) How can fatal accidents be reduced ? | 1 |

3.2 Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following :

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| (a) collision, especially between vehicles | 1 |
| (b) one who walks on foot | 1 |
| (c) ending in death | 1 |

SECTION B

(Writing)

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4. East Delhi Railway Station is one of the oldest and busiest stations of Delhi. With the increasing number of passengers, the basic facilities of sheds, drinking water, toilets and waiting rooms are not sufficient. Write a letter to the General Manager of the Northern Railway requesting him to provide these facilities in the public interest. You are Sumit/Shweta, Secretary, Delhi Railway Passengers' Association. Do not exceed 100 words.

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OR

Write a letter to your friend Mayank presently living in Chennai describing how you spend your weekends these days. You are Shubham/Shobha, a resident of 15, Nikunj Apartments, Delhi. Do not exceed 100 words.

5. Read the passage given below :

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Charminar is located in the heart of Hyderabad, the capital of Andhra Pradesh. It is popularly known as ‘The Arc De Triomphe of the East’.

Charminar, literally meaning ‘four towers’, was built in 1591 by Sultan Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah, the ruler of Golconda. It was built in the centre of the city. The monument was built under the guidance of Mir Momin, the Prime Minister of Qutb Shah, who was also an architect of great renown. The architecture is of the Indo-Saracenic style, a mixture of Hindu and Muslim traditions.

The monument consists of four minarets, each 48.7 metres high. These minarets enclose a mosque on the top floor of the building. The mosque can be reached by a spiral staircase. Once atop, the solitude and serenity of the beautiful interior is refreshing.

It is said that the monument was built to mark the total eradication of plague, which had resulted in the death of many people in the kingdom.

The bazaars around Charminar are also as old as the monument itself. They sell glass and bangles, pearls, silver filigree work, jewellery, bridal accessories and attar (perfumes). (186 words)

5.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using headings and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it. 4

5.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 50 words. 4

6. On your way to school you saw two young men on a bike snatching a golden chain from a woman. When you challenged them, they threatened you and speedily ran away with the chain. Narrating the incident write a paragraph in not more than 80 words. 6

OR

You joined Scout/Guide Association of your school and attended a training camp at Pachmari, Madhya Pradesh for a week. Using the hints given below, write a report in not more than 80 words for your school magazine. You are Naman/Namita, Head Scout/Head Guide in Jyoti Memorial Public School, Bhopal.

No. of Scouts and Guides - learnt objectives of scouting - team work - community service - help and care - first aid training - fellow feeling - discipline - punctuality - cleanliness.

SECTION C

(Grammar)

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7. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. *Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown below.*

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

A Chinese who was drunk went a _____ went to a

zoo and saw panda there. He felt a _____ (a)

sudden urge touch the panda with _____ (b)

his hand. He at once jumped the _____ (c)

enclosure to hug. The panda was _____ (d)

asleep. It got startled bit the man _____ (e)

in right leg. The man got angry _____ (f)

and kicked panda who then bit his _____ (g)

other leg. The zoo keeper brought panda _____ (h)

under control.

8. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in brackets. Correctly number and write the answers in your answer sheet.

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

Anita, a young woman from Bihar once (a) _____ (graze) sheep
(b) _____ (support) her family. She just (c) _____ (attend) school upto
class V. She (d) _____ (take up) bee-keeping with the help of a small bank
loan. Today she (e) _____ (be) an entrepreneur who (f) _____ (send)
bees to different parts of the country for (g) _____ (get) different flavours of
honey. Her example (h) _____ (inspire) confidence and shows the value of self
help.

9. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. 1×4=4

Gaurav : Have you seen the film, ‘Lage Raho Munna Bhai’ ?

Pulkit : Yes. I saw it yesterday with my grandfather and grandmother.

Gaurav : How did you like it ?

Pulkit : It is a great comedy. It carries a message with gentle humour.

Gaurav asked Pulkit (a) _____ . Pulkit replied
(b) _____ with his grandfather and grandmother. Gaurav further
asked how (c) _____ . Pulkit said (d) _____
which carried a message with gentle humour.

10. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. 1×3=3

Example :

jungle / in / lost / the / boys / their way / the

The boys lost their way in the jungle.

(a) singing / in / first / come / Umang / has / the / competition

(b) found / he / sleeping / has / duty / on / been

(c) easy / very / it / for me / swim / to / is

SECTION D

(Literature)

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11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines only*. Number the answers correctly. 5

“It was my ability to dance despite what happened to me that made me an international star. If you want to be an achiever, you have to be positive and also have lots of patience,” observes this plucky dancer-turned-actress.

(a) What made Sudha Chandran an international star ? 1

(b) What had happened to her ? 1

(c) Which two traits according to Sudha Chandran should one develop to be an achiever ? 2

(d) Which word in the passage means the same as ‘brave/having courage’ ? 1

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines only*. Number the answers correctly. 5

Just as Tuskless and Teddy were tackling the third cupboard, with the jams and spices in it, they heard the engine of a car coming in their direction. A few minutes later the headlights swept around the clump of palm trees at the clearing entrance and shone brightly on the five elephants standing in, on, and around the totally destroyed kitchen.

- (a) What were Tuskless and Teddy doing ? 1
(b) What did they hear ? 1
(c) What did the headlights reveal/show ? 2
(d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'a group of trees' ? 1
13. How would you describe the postmaster ? How do you think he felt when he received Lencho's second letter ? Write your answer in about 80 words. 6

OR

How does the Sanskrit verse quoted by Nehru in the letter relate directly to the actions of the White Ant ? Write your answer in about 80 words.

14. Who is Reuben ? Why did he welcome the arrival of Dan ? Write your answer in 30 - 40 words. 4

OR

What are the qualities that you find in the character of the wounded stranger in the play, 'One Good Turn' ? Write your answer in 30 - 40 words.

15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets. Remember to number the answers correctly. 3

As soon as 'tis daylight, tomorrow, with me
You shall go to the orchard, and then you will see
That he has been there, and made a great rout,
And cracked the branches, and strewn them about.

- (a) Who are 'me' and 'Tou' in the above stanza ? 1
(b) When and where will they go ? 1
(c) What will he see with his own eyes ? 1

OR

His eye was on the Inchcape float;
Quoth he, "My men, put out the boat,
And row me to the Inchcape Rock,
And I'll plague the priest of Aberbrothok."

- (a) Who was looking at the Inchcape float ? 1
(b) What did he ask his men to do ? 1
(c) How will he plague the priest ? 1
16. What different moods of the sea are described in the poem ? Write your answer in 30 - 40 words. 3

OR

Listening, according to the poet, is a great virtue. What message does he give in the poem ? Explain in 30 - 40 words.

17. What are stream, wind and clouds doing all the time ? 2
18. Why were the mariners grateful to the Abbot of Aberbrothok ? 2

OR

What, according to Wordsworth, should Edward do when the wind rattles outside ?

19. Science is a good servant but a bad master. How is it applicable to Griffin's scientific discovery ? Explain in about 100 words giving examples from the text. 7

OR

How, in your view, is the treatment given to Bholi by the parents justified ? Give examples to support your view. Write your answer in about 100 words.

20. Why was it a temptation to keep Tricki as a permanent guest ? 2
21. How did the thief realize that Anil knew the money had been stolen ? 2

OR

How did the tiger behave with the school children ?

22. When did Horace Danby realize that the lady in red had befooled him ? 2
23. Why was Matilda unhappy ? 2

OR

How did Lutkin's mother receive the narrator ?