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ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- (i) *This paper consists of four sections —*
 - Section A — Reading 20 marks*
 - Section B — Writing 30 marks*
 - Section C — Grammar 20 marks*
 - Section D — Literature 30 marks*
- (ii) *Attempt all questions.*
- (iii) *Do not write anything in the question paper.*
- (iv) *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
- (v) *Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
- (vi) *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- (vii) *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

SECTION A (Reading)

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

1 When I learned that my 71-year old mother was playing scrabble against herself I knew I had to do something. "Who's playing?" I asked one day when I saw a half-finished game on the table. "My right hand versus my left." "Excuse me," I said. "Well, your father doesn't play, and I want to keep my mind sharp." An admirable pursuit, but I questioned whether my mother's solitary version of Scrabble would achieve that goal. My husband suggested we give her a computer to play against. I wasn't sure my mother was ready for a cyber Scrabble: It had taken 15 years to persuade her to buy a microwave. Nevertheless, we packed up our old PC, complete with Scrabble and word-processing programmes, and delivered it to my parents' home. And so began my mother's adventure in the world of computers.

2 It also marked the beginning of an unusual teaching assignment for me. I've taught children and adults of all ages, but never thought I would be teaching my mother to do anything. Despite the look of horror on her face when she first saw our gift, my mother was eager to get started. She sat mesmerized as the screen lit up and the various icons presented themselves. Slowly, but surely, my mother caught on, making notes in a little spiral book. I wondered how she'd fare without me. But thereafter, she only spoke on her game on the computer to me. She even forgot to ask her stock question, "What did you have for supper?" It was no longer on the agenda. Instead she talked about RAM, ROM and the CPU — terms spilled out effortlessly from her mouth. My mother had acquired a new mother tongue.

3 My mother isn't the only one experiencing a personal-growth spurt. Thanks to the computer, my father has finally overcome his phone allergy. For as long as I can remember, any time I called, my mother would answer. Then, a couple of months ago, I heard dad's gruff voice on the phone. "Why didn't mum answer?" I asked. "She's on the computer." My father and I have had more phone conversations in the last two months than we've had in the previous 20 years. After a lifetime of being her child, I was finally the one with knowledge to share with my mum. But even now, I realize that she continues to teach me. I'm learning that no matter how old you are, a willing spirit is capable of anything.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

- (a) The author's mother played Scrabble _____ . 1×4
(b) The author was not sure whether her mom would use a computer because _____ .
(c) It is very clear that the author's mother was interested in learning about the computer as _____ .
(d) The author realized that age _____ .

1.2 Answer the following :

- (a) Why did the author and her husband decide to give a computer to the mother ?
(b) What was the language the mother newly acquired ?
(c) After the coming of the computer what changes were noticed in the parents ?

1.3

Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. Write the answers in your answer sheet. 1×4=4

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| (a) allotted duty/work | para 2 |
| (b) convince | para 1 |
| (c) hypnotised | para 2 |
| (d) against | para 1 |

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

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1 To reach Chhota Mollakhali in East Sunderbans, you have to sail miles through dense mangroves. Surrounded by thick forest on three sides, Chhota Mollakhali is the most neglected part of the famous world heritage site of the Sunderbans. Its population of 18,000 has no electricity, no transport or even the basic medical facilities. What it does have now though is the School of Hope, the first pucca structure constructed in April this year. An initiative of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the School of Hope has over 600 students who have been provided school uniforms and books. The school is helping the villagers in ways beyond educating its children. As there is no electricity at home, the building is lit by solar-powered bulbs so the children can study in the compound. What the electricity has also done is go some distance to remove the possibility of encounters between the villagers and the other resident of the Sunderbans — the magnificent Royal Bengal Tiger. Known for its frequent intrusions earlier, it has not been sighted near the village for the past five years thanks to WWF intervention. The brightly-lit school is another step in the WWF's multi-pronged approach to securing environment for man and beast.

2 "People here either depend on wood smuggling or prawn seed collection for livelihood. The first encroaches on tiger territory while the second completely disrupts the ecological balance of the area, because the salinity of the waters is affected due to excessive prawn seed poaching," says Kakoli Banerjee, assistant coordinator of the Sunderbans landscaping project, WWF. Villagers have lost limbs and lives to crocodile attacks when venturing into deep waters. WWF has also provided the village with tillers which have increased crop production area from 10 to 20 acres, solar-powered spice grinding machines, deep tube wells and medicinal plant gardens for sustenance. Children here have now formed nature clubs; over 14 of them have been formed in two years, instead of going to the forest to pick wood. It is now the children who teach the parents the importance of saving the tiger. To save the environment, you have to understand it first, like Chhota Mollakhali seems to have done.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1×3=3

- (a) Chhota Mollakhali is the most neglected part of the Sunderbans as its population of 18,000 has _____.
- (b) The students of Chhota Mollakhali are educated _____.
- (c) The facility to study in the school compound _____.

2.2 Answer the following :

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| (a) Why is the ecological balance in the area disrupted ? | 1 |
| (b) Mention the efforts made by WWF in securing environment for man and beast. | 2 |
| (c) Who is the other resident of the Sunderbans ? | 1 |
| (d) How is the salinity of the waters affected in the Sunderbans ? | 1 |

SECTION B (Writing)

3. Ramesh rang up Arjun. As Arjun was not at home, his cousin Raju talked to him. Since Raju was going out he left a message. Read their conversation and write the message in not more than 50 words.

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Ramesh : Hello, can I speak to Arjun ?

Raju : Arjun is not at home. May I know who is speaking ? I am his cousin, Raju.

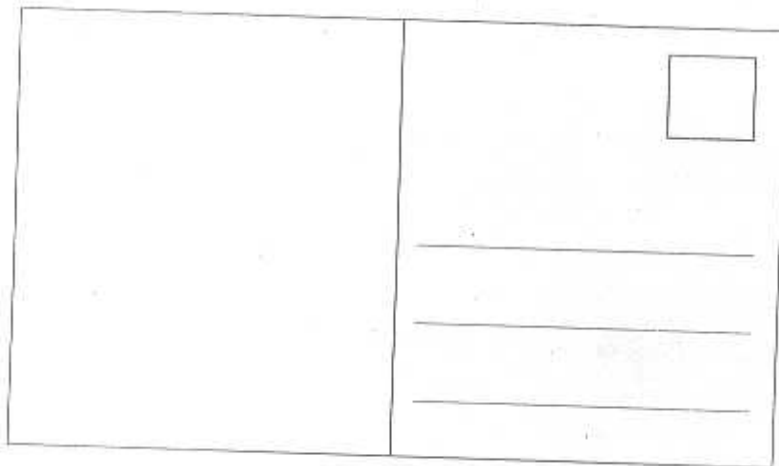
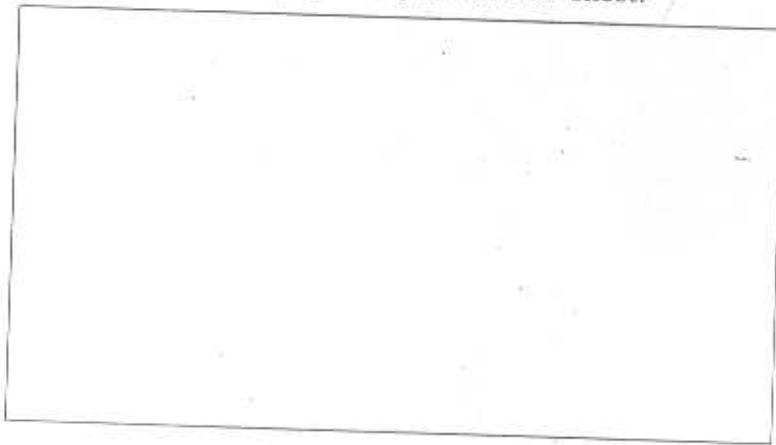
Ramesh : I am Ramesh, Arjun's classmate. Could you tell him that tomorrow's extra class is cancelled as Mr. Anil, the chemistry teacher is ill ? Also tell him to bring the practical record for submission on Monday.

Raju : I will surely pass the information.

Ramesh : Thank you, Raju.

4. You are Sanjay/Sakshi, attending a basketball coaching camp in Chennai. Write a postcard to your brother Mr. B.C. Sinha, 12 Tilak Lane, Patna, on the coaching sessions, the facilities provided and your new friends. Do not exceed 50 words. Copy the format of the postcard from the question paper in your answer sheet.

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5. Vivek came across the following newspaper cutting. He writes a letter to the editor of a local magazine emphasizing the need to create awareness of the spread, prevention and treatment of such diseases. Take ideas from the hints given below. You may make use of ideas from the unit on "Health and Medicine" along with your own ideas. Write the letter in not more than 150 words.

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New Delhi : 20 people died and several have been hospitalized in the Dhari village of UP due to the spread of Cholera and Diarrhoea. Doctors are of the opinion that lack of hygiene is the main reason for the outbreak of such diseases.

6. The visual given below makes it quite clear that the number of female children has drastically declined since 1991 even in the capital of the country. The number is getting abysmally low in various states. Using the visual together with your own ideas, write an article in about 200 words on the decreasing number of females in the country. Suggest measures to tackle this problem.

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girl child in city

(For Blind Candidates Only)

The number of female children has greatly declined in the country. It has decreased even in the capital of the country where people are supposed to be educated. Taking the hints from the data given below together with your own ideas, write an article in about 200 words on the decreasing number of females in the country. Suggest measures to tackle this problem.

SEX RATIO OF GIRL CHILD IN DELHI

1991 — 867

2001 — 809

2003 — 823

2005 — 822

SECTION C (Grammar)

7. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet.

1×4=4

Hoolock - only ape in India - small build - long arms - no tail - born greyish white - food - leaves and insects - lick - dew or rain - sing songs - maintain territory.

Hoolock is the only ape in India. It has (a) _____ .
 At (b) _____ greyish white in colour. Their main diet is leaves and insects. They satisfy their thirst by (c) _____. They sing songs which play an important role in (d) _____ .

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. The first one has been done for you.

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

	<i>Incorrect</i>	<i>Correct</i>
Oats are a species with cereal grains.	with	<u>of</u>
Oat consumption by human being	(a) _____	_____
date back to 400 BC. They are	(b) _____	_____
mainly consumed by a	(c) _____	_____
breakfast food but snack	(d) _____	_____
product. Oats are a value source	(e) _____	_____
of carbohydrates who	(f) _____	_____
provides calories of energy.	(g) _____	_____
They is also rich in starch.	(h) _____	_____

9. In the passage given below, fill in each blank with one word only. Write the correct word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

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

India is (a) _____ land of the Jatakas and the Panchatantras. They (b) _____ not only collections (c) _____ moral stories, but also entertainers (d) _____ plots and interesting characters. The ease with (e) _____ morals may be conveyed (f) _____ stories has (g) _____ recognized (h) _____ our forefathers.

10. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. 1×4=4

Ravi : Are you going to Singapore as part of the exchange programme ?

Sunil : Yes, I am. Are you also going ?

Ravi : I don't know whether my parents will allow me.

Sunil : Tell them that it is a rare chance.

Ravi asked Sunil (a) _____ as part of the exchange programme. Sunil replied that he was and asked (b) _____. Ravi was not sure (c) _____. Sunil advised him (d) _____.

11. Look at the newspaper items given below. Use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet. 1×4=4

- (a) FREE EYE CAMP ORGANIZED

Giri's eye clinic _____ for the benefit of the local community.

- (b) NAVARATRI CELEBRATION

Abhirami group _____ from 12th to 21st of this month.

- (c) OFF-DUTY COP KILLS 4 TEENAGERS

An off-duty policeman went on a shooting spree _____ at a house party.

- (d) ANTIL SETS RECORD

Haryana's Akash Antil _____ in discus throw at the 19th Junior Athletic Championships held in Chandigarh.

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. 4

Like the bright hair uplifted from the head
Of some fierce Maenad, even from the dim verge
Of the horizon to the zenith's height,
The locks of the approaching storm.

- (a) Who is "Maenad" ? What comparison does the poet make here ? 2
(b) Who is driving the locks of the storm ? 1
(c) Mention the poetic device used in the first line. 1
13. 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. 4

The Wedding-Guest sat on a stone:
He cannot choose but hear;
And thus spake on that ancient man,
The bright-eyed Mariner.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1
(b) Why didn't the wedding guest have a choice ? 1
(c) What did the mariner speak about ? 2
14. What characteristic traits of the mother are highlighted in the poem, "Night of the Scorpion". Write in 75 – 100 words. 5
15. 'Have I in conquest stretch'd mine arm so far,
To be afraid to tell greybeards the truth ?'
Explain the circumstances under which Julius Caesar made this statement to Calpurnia. 5
16. Who was Cutie-Pie ? How did he reach Earth ? Write in 50 – 75 words. 4
17. On the eve of the partition the elder brother makes a diary entry on his feelings about the partition. Though in pain, his love for his brothers is evident. Imagine you are Babuli's elder brother. Make the diary entry in 150 – 175 words. 8