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ENGLISH

(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :(i) This paper consists of **four** sections :

Section A Reading 20

Section B Writing 20

Section C Grammar 15

Section D Text Books 45

(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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1 Plastic bag is an environmental hazard, but it occupies a very important place in our lives. People find it very convenient for their use. It is easily available and cheap too. There is no effective alternative to it. So people don't discard it. Being our lifeline in the market, it refuses to go.

2 From outside it looks harmless. In reality it poses a serious threat to the environment. The material is non bio-degradable. Since there is no mechanism for recycling plastic in place, about 50% of it just lies about in the city. At landfills chemicals leach out of the polythene bags. In case of P.V.C. heavy metals are left in the soil. Scientists are of the opinion that these toxins contaminate ground water and

agricultural land. If burnt, plastic releases more chemicals. Other than that, our animals are at a huge risk because once they consume it they line their intestines and the animals die a slow death.

3 Animals eat these bags as they smell the food that once was stored in them. They get sick and die. Many animals, particularly marine animals like turtle and seals get trapped in them and suffocate.

4 Thinner plastic bags create more problems. They tear easily, are not hardy and disposed of much quicker than thicker bags. Even rag-pickers who are responsible for 90% of plastic collection for recycling do not like to collect these bags. Since they are paid by the weight of the garbage, they collect heavier stuff to earn more. So plastic bags keep on lying about and cause the most problems. These bags clog sewers and pipes.

5 Government should put a total ban on plastic bags. There should be a tough common policy across the country. It is time that we follow the example of other countries that have banned them. (307 words)

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

(a) Plastic bags are harmful. Still they are in use. Why ?

(b) How do plastic bags pollute the ground water and agricultural land ?

(c) What makes the animals eat the plastic bags ?

(d) Mention any two characteristics of thinner bags.

(e) Why do the rag-pickers not like to collect the thinner bags ?

1.2 Find the word/phrase in the passage which means the same as the following :

(i) risk/danger para 1

(ii) pollute/infect/stain para 2

(iii) an official order that forbids/prohibits something from being used or done para 5

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

A weak old man went to live with his son, daughter-in-law, and four-year-old grandson. The family ate together at the table. But the elderly grandfather's shaky hands and failing sight made eating difficult. Peas rolled off his spoon on to the floor. When he grasped the glass, milk spilled on the table cloth.

The son and daughter-in-law became angry. "Something must be done about father," said the son. So the husband and wife set a small table in the corner. There, grandfather ate dinner alone. Since he had broken a dish or two, his food was served in a wooden bowl. He had a tear or two in his eyes as he sat alone seeing the family glancing at him occasionally.

The four-year-old watched it all in silence. One evening before supper, the couple noticed their son working with wooden scraps on the floor. The father asked the child, "What are you making?" Innocently the boy responded, "Oh, I am making a little bowl for you and Mama to eat your food in when you grow old."

The parents were speechless. They did not utter a word. But that evening, the husband took grandfather's hand and gently led him back to the family table.

(209 words)

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| (a) Why was it difficult for the grandfather to eat steadily ? | 2 |
| (b) Why did the husband and wife set aside a small table for him ? | 1 |
| (c) Why did they give him a wooden bowl ? | 1 |
| (d) What was the son doing ? Why ? | 2 |
| (e) What is the underlying message/moral in the story ? | 2 |

SECTION B
(Writing)

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3. You are Suman/Sanmati living at 85, Ekta Apartments, Delhi. You spent a week with your cousin at Nainital. Write a letter to him describing how much you enjoyed your stay with him. Also express your thanks.

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OR

Persons working in houses for cleaning, cooking etc. have been found involved in acts of crime in Delhi. Write a letter to the Police Commissioner, drawing his attention to this problem for necessary action. You are Shobha/Sushil, 171, Radhika Apartments, Delhi.

4. Child marriages are still common at certain regions in India. Describing their ill-effects such as lack of maturity of the child couples, their lack of education, economic dependence, risks of birth and death etc., write an article, in not more than 80 words, on "The Ill-Effects of Child Marriages".

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OR

Fashionable shopping centres have come up in large numbers in big cities and their neighbouring areas. Many students are found hanging out there during school hours. You want to create awareness about it. Using the hints given below write a paragraph in not more than 80 words.

fashionable malls coming up – air conditioned – spacious – facilities of watching movies – classes bunked – uninterested in studies – fun loving – not in the knowledge of teachers/parents – authorities not to allow them during school hours.

5. Students, playing the roles of Principal, teachers, supervisors, organizing cultural activities, taking over the assembly etc. celebrated Teacher's Day in your school. Write a report in about 60 words for your school magazine. You are Akshat/Akshita, Head Boy/Head Girl of your school.

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OR

Chetna Club of your school organized a function distributing toys to the kids of underprivileged (poor) parents. Mentioning the efforts of your club for collecting toys from students and other sources, the number of toys gifted, the smile on the faces of the kids and the presence of celebrities, write a report in about 60 words. You are Mudit/Ishita, Secretary of the Club.

SECTION C
(Grammar)

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6. 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. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$*

One day Manju's aunt uncle e.g. aunt and uncle
took her a circus. The circus (a)
was in very large tent. In the (b)
middle of the tent there was empty (c)
ring. They sat down their seats (d)
and listened to band. After some time (e)
seven elephants came the ring. (f)
Then stood up on their hind (g)
legs danced. (h)

7. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in brackets. Correctly number and write the answer in your answer sheet. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Fire (a) _____ (break out) in a market in central Delhi on Sunday morning. The blaze (b) _____ (spot) in a shop. It soon (c) _____ (spread) to (d) _____ (neighbour) shops. It (e) _____ (take) around fifteen fire tenders (f) _____ (douse) the blaze. There (g) _____ (be) no reports of any casualty as all the shops (h) _____ (close) because of Sunday.

8. 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. 4

Doctor : Do you go for a morning walk ?

Vimal : I don't have enough time in the morning.

Doctor : But morning walk is very essential for you.

Vimal : I walk many miles a day during the course of my work.

The doctor asked Vimal (a) _____, Vimal told him (b) _____ enough time in the morning. The doctor insisted that (c) _____ Vimal told him (d) _____ during the course of his work.

9. 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. 3×1=3

Example :

lived / farm / a / near / a / grape / fox

A fox lived near a grape farm.

- (i) decided / some / eat / he / to / grapes
(ii) them / saw / the / from / hanging / he / grape vines
(iii) jumped / a bunch / them / of / he / to pick

SECTION D
(Text Books) 4

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines only*. Remember to number the answers correctly.

Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a licence.

- (a) What is the tradition in Coorgi homes ?
(b) What stories are the Coorg people always ready to tell ?
(c) Who was the first Chief of the Indian Army ?
(d) What is the special favour granted only to them even now ?
(e) Find a word from the passage which means the same as 'courage and bravery, usually in war'.

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*. Remember to number the answers correctly. 5

But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and peep into the basket, somehow. I can still recall the typical fragrance of those loaves. Loaves for the elders and the bangles for the children. Then we did not even care to brush our teeth or wash our mouths properly. And why should we ? Who would take the trouble of plucking the mango-leaf for the toothbrush ?

- (a) Who are 'we' referred to here ? 1
(b) What would they not give up ? 1
(c) Why did they not care to brush their teeth ? 2
(d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'look quickly' ? 1

12. Answer the following question in about 80 words. 6

God is a living reality for Lencho. Substantiate your answer giving examples from the text.

OR

Describe the flight of the Dakota aeroplane till it landed safely at the airport.

13. Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words. 4

Describe the incidents of humour in the play, 'The Proposal'.

OR

What does Mandela mean by the 'glorious human achievement' mentioned at the end of his speech ?

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. 4

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

- (a) Who is 'He' ? 1
(b) Where is he keeping himself out of view ? 1
(c) Why is he lurking there ? 1
(d) What type of deer is referred to here ? 1

OR

But if it had to perish twice,
 I think I know enough of hate
 To say that for destruction ice
 Is also great
 And would suffice.

- (a) What does 'it' refer to ? 1
 (b) What does ice stand for ? 1
 (c) What does the poet mean by 'And would suffice' ? 1
 (d) What is the rhyme scheme in this stanza ? 1

15. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each on the basis of the lines given below : 6

- (a) They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

Who are 'they' ? Which basic aspect of their nature, as opposed to that of human beings, is referred to here ? 3

- (b) They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
 At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.

Who are 'they' ? What were they all doing ? Why ? 3

- (c) He senses first responsibility
 In a world of possessions.

What does 'in the world of possessions' mean ? What is the first responsibility that he senses ? 3

16. Answer the following question in about 100 words : 8

What attitude did the lawyer have for country life ? How did his experience at New Mullion change it ?

OR

Write the character sketch of Mr. Herriot, the veterinary surgeon.

17. Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words :

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What was the cause of Matilda's ruin ? How could she have avoided it ?

OR

What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at a science fair ?

18. Answer the following question in 20 – 30 words :

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Why, according to Hari Singh, is it easier to rob a greedy man than a careless person like Anil ?

OR

Who was Henry ? What role did he play in Ausable's plans ?