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Note : (i) This question paper is divided into three sections :

- Section A : Reading Comprehension
- Section B : Writing Skills
- Section C : Literature Textbook

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

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[SECTION-A]

[Reading Comprehension]

Note : Read the passage given below and on the basis of your understanding of the passage answer the questions :

(Para-1) Suspense was over when my high school results finally came out. But I was upset. I hadn't done well as I had expected. My father tried to console me. "Why are you worried? You have done very well my dear." "No, I haven't Baba," I protested, controlling my tears, and wondering if I had disappointed him. "It doesn't really matter," he assured me. "Do you know what I got when I finished high school?" I looked into Baba's face and waited for the answer to his own question. "You know," he told me. "I've never told you this. I get just a third division. But, look at me, I've done quite well." Baba got a third division! I was almost in shock, but the thought of my having done a lot better than that made me realize that I had no reason to complain. I certainly felt better! "Everything is under control!" said Baba, smiling. That was his favourite phrase.

(Para-2) Posted in Kolkata, my father was then a senior official in the Indian Railway Service, and an expert in goods traffic operations. He was soon to become a Director with the Railway Board. By the time he retired in 1981,

he was General Manager of the Central Railways. By the time Baba passed away in November 2000, his name had found place in several hearts as well. He was open, easy to know, and full of life. We were extremely close, but I had so much more to learn about him from many things. I came to know after his death.

(Para-3) In September 2000, he was in hospital for treatment of cancer and given just two months to live. When he found out, his reaction was an extremely rational one. He asked me to fetch files from his cupboard, so that he could explain the details of my mother's pension. He also dictated his will from his hospital bed. "Everything is under control!" After Baba's death, Satish, our old family retainer, was inconsolable. We tried to cheer him up. "Your Baba had scolded me only once in all these years!" he cried. Satish pointed to the watch on his left hand. "I had been coming late for work and everyone in the family was complaining about it," said Satish. "Then, one day, your Baba gave me this watch and told me, now that you have a watch, you can't be late." That was the scolding Satish received.

(Para-4) On the fourth day after Baba's death, my sister and I had to perform a ceremony. Since several relatives were expected, we decided to order lunch from a caterer in our locality, reputed for his home-cooked food. But,

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when we went to pay the owner, we got a surprise. He refused to accept any money! "When I wanted to start my catering business, it was your father who lent me money," he told us. It seems Baba never asked for it back. Now, after four or five years, the caterer wanted to repay that debt. Of course, we made him accept the full payment for the fine food and service. "It was Baba's gift and it ought to remain so," I told him.

(Para-5) Some days later, there was yet another piece of information as we were preparing for the main ceremony. Vikram, my brother drove me to the local market. On recognizing our car, the parking assistant, in his twenties, came running towards us and asked why he had not seen its owner for long. We had to break the news to him and to our utter surprise, he started crying. We were really surprised by this reaction from a stranger—until the man told us that Baba used to pay his daughter's school fees and buy her books. It seems, it was on my father's advice that he'd even started sending the child to school.

(Para-6) More than three years after Baba's death, as we were looking into Baba's personal things, we came across an old file with Baba's certificates and I found among them, his high school diploma from 1937, the one he'd told me about 30 years earlier, about the third division

that had made no difference in his life or career. It had made me see beyond mere marks and first classes as the main road to success. But there was one more fact. Baba had actually got a first division, a rare achievement in his day. Today years after his passing, when I think of Baba, I see a man who was able to sympathise with others so easily and touch their lives in such a special way.

Questions :

[I] Choose the appropriate option :

[1×5=5]

Q.1 The narrator was in tears when her school results came out because _____.

- (a) she did better than she expected
- (b) she did not do as well as she had expected
- (c) her Baba had not done well
- (d) her Baba had done better than her

Q.2 On knowing the result, the narrator's father's reaction was _____.

- (a) he scolded her
- (b) he beat her
- (c) he consoled her
- (d) he made fun of her

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Q.3 Satish was _____.

- (a) narrator's brother
- (b) a family relative
- (c) a family friend
- (d) a family servant

Q.4 The narrator's father got retired in the year _____.

- (a) 1970
- (b) 1980
- (c) 1981
- (d) 1937

Q.5 Choose the option that is not correct :

- (a) Baba was a senior official in the Indian Railway Service.
- (b) Baba was to become a Director with the Railway Board.
- (c) Baba was the General Manager of the Central Railways.
- (d) Baba had got a third division in high school.

[II] Answer the following questions in 1 sentence each : [1×5=5]

Q.6 Why did the narrator's sick father want her to fetch files from his cupboard?

Q.7 Why did Baba buy Satish a watch?

Q.8 Why did the caterer not want to take money from the narrator?

Q.9 Why were the narrator and her brother surprised when the parking assistant started crying?

Q.10 Today years after his passing away what did the narrator realize about her Baba?

[III] Pick up words from the passage which are similar to the following : [1×2=2]

Q.11 Feeling of worry (Para 1)
or excitement

Q.12 Logical (Para 3)

Note : Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below :

Fasting is said to bring a host of benefits, provided it is done under medical supervision. Doctors explain how to go about it. Food is to a body what fuel is to a motor vehicle. It provides energy, helps repair, rejuvenates and confers many other benefits. A lot of research has been done and is being done on fasting. When one fasts, the digestive system gets rests and all body mechanisms are cleansed.

While fasting, the natural process of toxin removal continues, the entry of new toxins is reduced. The energy

usually used for digestion is redirected to immune system and cell growth. Fasting helps you lose excess weight and water flushes out toxins, helps you heal at greater speed, cleanses your liver, kidney and colon, purifies your blood, clears the eyes, tongue and breath.

Another research says, fasting, even occasionally, helps in detoxification. Through fasting we restrict digestive activity and so energy is utilised to cleanse different systems. Fasting improves metabolism, sharpens the senses, calms the mind, improves general immunity, improves concentration and mental clarity. Fasting has tremendous benefits and impacts one at various planes : mental, emotional, physical and spiritual. Specially it helps in detoxification, repair and rejuvenation, gives rest to the gastro-intestinal system and promotes mobilization of excess fat.

The crucial point to note is the difference between fasting and starvation. Research suggests there are other benefits of fasting. It slows down the aging process and increases lifespan. On the other hand, starvation occurs when the body begins to use protein for fuel and may lead to death in some cases.

Q.13 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make note on it in points only using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. [4]

Q.14 Write a summary of the above passage and give a suitable title. [1+3=4]

[SECTION-B]

[Writing Skills]

Q.15 You are Rohan/Rohini Sharma, a student of Class XII. Write a notice to be displayed on the school notice board regarding your lost library card (Card no. LIB/1234). Provide necessary details and request the finder to return or inform you. (Word limit 50-60 words) [4]

OR

You are Rashmi/Ranjeet—Sports Incharge of Gandhi Memorial HSS, Surajpur. Write a notice for the selection of interested students to take part in the Inter-school Sports Meet. Last day of submission is 02/04/2024.

Q.16 Imagine you live in a residential area where loudspeakers are used frequently, causing disturbance and noise pollution. This is affecting your studies and overall peace in the neighbourhood. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police, requesting a ban on the use of loudspeakers in your area. [2+3+1=6]

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OR

You are Vijay/Vijaya residing in Ward No. 8, Adarsh Nagar, Bilaspur. Write a letter to your friend about your future plans after you leave school.

Q.17 Write an article in about 250 words on any *one* of the following topics : [10]

- (i) The International Day of Yoga
- (ii) Save Water—Are we doing enough?
- (iii) Science and Technology for Students and Children
- (iv) Grow more trees to reduce pollution
- (v) One Nation, One Election

Q.18 Do as directed (any *ten*) : [1×10=10]

- (i) (a) This is the village.
(b) I was born here.
(Combine the pair of simple sentences into a single complex sentence containing an adjective clause)
- (ii) I made him go to school. (Underline the finite verb)
- (iii) The servant said to his master, "Pardon me, Sir."
(Change the narration)
- (iv) Who has taken my pen? (Change the voice)
- (v) The door is too high for the baby to reach.
(Change into complex sentence)
- (vi) Sneha is rich. She is not happy.
(Change into a compound sentence)

- (vii) Shut the door. (Change the voice)
- (viii) I won't pay it if he does not send me the bill again.
(Rewrite the sentence using 'unless' in place of 'if')
- (ix) The Principal said to Anil, "Did you beat Ravi yesterday?" (Change the narration)
- (x) It was a blue shirt.
(Expand the adjective phrase to form relative clause)
- (xi) As soon as the bus arrived, the children rushed to board it.
(Pick out the adverb clause)
- (xii) (a) He is an honest guy.
(b) I know this.
(Combine the pair of simple sentences into one complex sentence containing "Noun Clause")

[SECTION-C]

[Literature Textbook]

(Flamingo)

Note : Read the extract given below and choose the correct option :

"Greta Garbo must have used it. Miss Gohar must have used it. Vyjayantimala must also have used it, but Rati Agnihotri may not have even heard of it." The make-up department of the Gemini Studios was in the upstairs of a building that was believed to have been Robert Clive's stables.

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Questions :

Choose the correct alternative and answer the questions :

[1×4=4]

- Q.19** 'It' is referred to in these lines _____.
- (a) Movies
 - (b) Pancake—make-up material
 - (c) Hair conditioner
 - (d) Brush for hair
- Q.20** Greta Garbo and Miss Gohar are _____.
- (a) a fashion designer and her assistant
 - (b) famous Swedish actress and Indian artist
 - (c) co-owners of Gemini Studios
 - (d) an editor and make-up assistant
- Q.21** Rati Agnihotri may not have heard about this make-up material because _____.
- (a) she is a new actress
 - (b) now this make-up material has been replaced with better one
 - (c) it has disappeared from the studios
 - (d) Both (a) and (b)
- Q.22** The speaker of the given stanza was _____.
- (a) the narrator, Mr. Ashokamitran
 - (b) not from the staff of Gemini Studios
 - (c) music director who kept visiting Gemini Studios
 - (d) one of the visitors to Gemini Studios

Note : Read the extract of the poem given below and choose the correct option :

“Aunt Jennifer’s tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree ;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.”

Questions :

Choose the correct answer :

[1×4=4]

Q.23 Aunt Jennifer’s tigers are described as _____ .

- (a) bold and fearless
- (b) cruel and menacing
- (c) rober and serene
- (d) sleek and slender

Q.24 The tigers are described as denizens of a world of green because _____ . <https://www.cgboardonline.com>

- (a) they eat the herbivores
- (b) they are green in colour
- (c) they live in dense green forests
- (d) they are bright and beautiful

Q.25 They are not afraid of men because _____ .

- (a) men are afraid of them
- (b) they are bold, fearless and symbol of peace
- (c) they are carnivorous
- (d) they are knitted on a piece of cloth

Q.26 The word 'prance' in the extract means _____.

- (a) destroy
- (b) camouflage
- (c) shriek
- (d) move about or leap

Note : Answer the following questions in about 2-3 sentences each : [2×3=6]

Q.27 What had been put up on the bulletin board?

Q.28 From where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap?

Q.29 Who was Saheb? Describe the irony in his name.

Note : Answer the following question in about 120-150 words : [6]

Q.30 Desire, determination and diligence lead to success. How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?

OR

Jansie is just as old as Sophie but she is very different from her. Bring out the contrast between the two friends citing relevant instances from the story 'Going Places'.

(Vistas)

Note : Answer the following questions in about 2-3 sentences each : [2×2=4]

Q.31 Who was Dr. Sadao? Where was his house?

Q.32 What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley?

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Note : Answer the following question in about 120-150 words : [6]

Q.33 Geoff Green, a Canadian explorer and educator, started to include high school students on the expedition "Students on Ice" Programme. Explain why.

OR

Describe the efforts made by the Tiger King to achieve his target of killing a hundred tigers.