

# Series-A

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## ENGLISH

Time Allowed—3 Hours Maximum Marks—80

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

Marks allotted to each question are indicated against it.

### Special Instructions :

- (i) You must write Question Paper Series in the circle at top left side of title page of your Answer-book.

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- (ii) While answering your Questions, you must indicate on your Answer-book the same Question No. as appears in your Question Paper.
- (iii) Do not leave blank page/pages in your Answer-book.
- (iv) Read the instructions carefully.
- (v) The paper is divided into four section :
- Section-A (Reading) 17 marks  
Section-B (Writing) 18 marks  
Section-C (Grammar) 15 marks  
Section-D (Literature) 30 marks.
- (vi) Each Section is compulsory to attempt.
- (vii) There is an internal choice in the question.
- (viii) While answering your question do not exceed the Word limit wherever prescribed.

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

In Practical life we witness that we have to criticize someone, give bad news or to disagree with someone or face criticism. In such situation some people either offend other person's personal boundaries or let their personal boundaries offended. This leads to resentment or feeling that others have manipulated or offended their personal boundaries. One should know the skill of being assertive without being aggressive or submissive in such situations. Assertive behaviour or communication is the ability to communicate clearly and directly without being aggressive or offensive. Aggressive people do not respect the personal boundaries

of others and are more likely to harm others while trying to influence them. Submissive people do not defend their own personal boundaries and thus allow the aggressive people to harm them or take their undue advantage. Assertiveness is the ability to honestly express one's opinions feelings, attitudes and rights besides respecting the boundaries of others and without provoking negativity such as resentment and anxiety. Assertive communication is the ability to express positive as well as negative ideas and feelings in an open, honest and direct way without offending the boundaries of others. It recognizes one's right along with respecting the rights of others and allows to shoulder the responsibility for one's actions without judging or blaming the other people. This behaviour and communication allows the person to constructively confront the

situation and to find a mutually satisfying solution with win/win approach.

(A) Answer these questions briefly on the following :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

- (i) What situations we have to face in life ?
- (ii) What is Assertive behaviour ?
- (iii) What do the aggressive people do ?
- (iv) Why is submissive behaviour not good ?

(B) Choose the correct option :  $6 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3$

- (i) What is meant by the word "Criticize" ?
  - (a) Appreciate
  - (b) Arrange
  - (c) Condemn
  - (d) Praise.

(ii) What is meant by "Defend" ?

- (a) Ignore
- (b) Protect
- (c) Attack
- (d) Accept.

(iii) What is antonym of the word "Ability" ?

- (a) Intelligence
- (b) Behaviour
- (c) Disability
- (d) Knowledge.

(iv) What is the synonym of the word "Submissive" ?

- (a) Helpful
- (b) Fearful
- (c) Humble
- (d) Kind.

- (v) One should know the skill of being .....
- (a) Aggressive
  - (b) Assertive
  - (c) Humble
  - (d) Submissive.
- (vi) Which word in the passage means same as "Attack" ?
- (a) Defend
  - (b) Offend
  - (c) Respect
  - (d) Recognize.

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

It has been observed that people try to blame their destiny when they are not able to achieve what they desire. They forget to assess the

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seriousness in their efforts. When we go through the life stories of the great personalities of the history and contemporary world, the common thing that comes forward is their dedication, utmost hard work and goal-oriented approach. Dreaming is bit natural for human beings. It is also better to set goals high. But at certain times we do not assess our true potential and set a goal beyond our capacity which ultimately brings, failures and thereby gives us jerks of depression. The other tendency of most of the persons is to follow the path on which others travel.

It may happen that after going a little way we lose interest in it and hence minimize our efforts. When we set for a predetermined goal, we should concentrate our mind and heart to it. Our thoughts sometimes tend to bring distractions. We always think of the results

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rather than efforts. At this point training of mind for a focused approach is important. Our surroundings must be positive enough to create a motivational and inspirational atmosphere. No goal can be achieved with a single step, so strengthening our will power, inner motivation, toughness of mind and enjoying your little progresses will surely put our foot on the endline of success.

(A) Answer the following questions briefly :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) To whom people try to blame for their failure ?
- (ii) What things we learn from the great personalities of the world ?
- (iii) What brings distractions in our mind ?
- (iv) What is important for success ?
- (v) How does surrounding atmosphere affect us ?

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(B) Choose the correct meaning for each :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) Destiny :

- (a) Luck
- (b) Outcome
- (c) Result
- (d) Goal.

(ii) Potential :

- (a) Hard work
- (b) Capacity
- (c) Force
- (d) Skill.

(iii) Concentrate :

- (a) Attain
- (b) Succeed
- (c) Focus
- (d) Divert.

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(iv) Distractions :

- (a) Attachment
- (b) Awareness
- (c) Diversion
- (d) Thoughts.

(v) Motivational :

- (a) Harassing
- (b) Effective
- (c) Inspiring
- (d) Special.

**SECTION—B**

**(Writing)**

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3. You are Amita/Atul studying in Kavya Niketan School, Solan. Write an application to the Principal of your school for remitting your fine.

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**Or**

Write a letter to your father requesting him for sending you money. 7

4. Write a paragraph in about 60 words on any one of the following topics : 6

(a) A Visit to Railway Station

(b) A Morning Walk

(c) How you celebrated your Birthday ?

5. You are Shweta/Shagun Head girl/Head boy of School. A singing competition is going to be held in School. Write a brief notice for the same.

**Or**

Write a brief note on the 'Importance of the School Library'. 5

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SECTION—C

(Grammar)

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6. Choose the proper Non-finites to complete the following sentences : 2

(i) It is good ..... you.

- (a) seeing
- (b) see
- (c) to see
- (d) saw.

(ii) ..... Cricket is my hobby.

- (a) To play
- (b) Playing
- (c) Play
- (d) Played.

7. Choose the proper connector to complete the following sentences : 2

(i) She tried her luck ..... could not succeed.

- (a) or

(b) since

(c) but

(d) because.

(ii) ..... he is poor, he is honest.

- (a) Because
- (b) So
- (c) Although
- (d) When.

8. Fill in the blanks with correct modals : 2

(i) You ..... take care of your health.

- (a) will
- (b) can
- (c) should
- (d) need.

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(ii) I ..... sing better in my college time.

- (a) must
- (b) can
- (c) could
- (d) would.

(iii) It ..... rain today.

- (a) should
- (b) may
- (c) could
- (d) must.

(iv) We ..... to help the needy persons.

- (a) can
- (b) shall
- (c) should
- (d) ought.

9. Do as Directed :

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(i) Bite/dogs/seldom/barking (Re-arrange)

(ii) Seema ..... (like) story books

(Use correct form of Verb)

(iii) Father said to his son, "Union is strength."

(Change the Narration)

(iv) She will help you. (Change the Voice)

(v) How high the building is!

(Change into Assertive)

(vi) You are too weak to play the match.

(Remove 'too')

10. There is a word missing in each line/ sentence. Write the missing word along with the one that comes before and the one that comes after it. 3

e.g. The cow feeds grass (feeds on grass)

(a) Mira send the doctor .....

- (b) She knocked the door twice .....
- (c) My papa is angry me .....

**SECTION—D**

**(Literature)**

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11. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 5

Day after day she watched the bus and gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there : she wanted to ride on that bus even if just once. This wish became stronger and stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire. Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on or off the bus when it stopped at the street corner. Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams and hopes. If one of her friends happened to ride the bus and tried to describe the sights of town to her, Valli would be too jealous to listen and would shout in English: "Proud! Proud!"

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Neither she nor her friends really understood the meaning of the word, but they used it often as a slang expression of disapproval.

- (i) Who is the Author of this passage ?

- (a) Nelson Mandela  
(b) K. S. Sundram  
(c) Gobin Maxwell  
(d) Lokesh Abrol.

- (ii) What was Valli's wish ?

- (iii) What thing did she watch daily ?

- (iv) What were her reactions on seeing the people riding on and off the bus ?

- (v) Valli would should in English .....

**Or**

But in the hearts of all who lived in that solitary house in the middle of the valley there was a single hope: help from God.

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"Don't be so upset, even though this seems like a total loss. Remember, no one dies of hunger."  
"That is what they say : no one dies of hunger."  
All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope : the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in one's conscience. Lencho was an Ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write. The following Sunday, at daybreak he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail. It was nothing less than a letter to God.

- (i) What was the single hope of everyone who lived in that house ?
- (ii) The writer of this passage is :
- (a) G. L. Fuentes
  - (b) Liam O' Flaherty
  - (c) Anne Frank
  - (d) EL Bsorester.

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- (iii) What had Lencho lost ?
- (iv) What did he decide at last ?
- (v) The word 'Solitary' means :
  - (a) Crowded
  - (b) Strange
  - (c) Alone
  - (d) New.

12. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : 4

Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented  
with the mania of owning things,  
Not one kneels to another, not to his kind  
that lived thousand of years ago,  
Not one is regretful or unhappy over the  
whole earth.

- (i) The poet of this poem is :  
(a) Leslie Norris

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- (b) Robin Klein
  - (c) Walt Whitman
  - (d) W.B. Yeats.
- (ii) Who is not dissatisfied as per the above stanza ?
- (iii) Who remains regretful or unhappy over the whole earth ?
- (iv) What is the name of the Poem ?

**Or**

Some say the world will end in fire,

Some say in Ice.

From what I've tasted of desire,

I hold with those who favour fire.

- (i) The poet of this poem is :
- (a) Robert Frost
  - (b) Walt Whitman
  - (c) Leslie Norris
  - (d) John Berryman.

- (ii) How do the people think the World will end ?
- (iii) What is the opinion of the poet regarding the end of the world ?
- (iv) With which word is "Fire" compared to in this poem ?

13. Answer any **two** of the following questions : 5

- (i) What is meant by the word 'Fire' used in the poem "Fire and Ice" ?
- (ii) Where does the boy lose his ball ? What was his feeling after losing the ball ?
- (iii) What does Amanda Yearn for ? What does this poem tell you about Amanda ?
- (iv) Name the pets owned by Belinda in her house ?

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14. Write a brief character-sketch of Anne Frank.

*Or*

How was Mijbil taken to England by Maxwell ?

*Or*

How was Lencho helped by the Postmaster ?

What was Lencho's reaction on opening the envelop ? 5

15. How Young Seagull's parents forced it to fly ?  
Use your own words.

*Or*

Give a brief character sketch of Maddie ?

*Or*

Valli was made to laugh at first and sad at the end on seeing a young cow. Explain both the situations. 5

16. How did Richard Bright's mother help him ?

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*Or*

Describe the qualities of Ausable based on the story "The Midnight Visitor". 3

17. What problems did Mr. Herriot notice on seeing Tricky ? What advice did he give to Mrs. Pumphery ?

*Or*

Why was Matilda unhappy ?

*Or*

Why did Bholi refuse to marry the rich man, Bishamber Nath ? 3

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