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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 :

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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.

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(iv) Read the instructions carefully.

(v) The paper is divided into four sections :

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.

SECTION-A

(Reading)

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

The problem of unemployment is assuming serious concern for our planners and policy makers. Though the problem is no doubt serious and complicated yet it can certainly be tackled through proper planning and sincere efforts over a long period of time. The need of the hour is a system of vocational education which is market friendly. Colleges and Universities should provide quality training; their aim should not be turn out degree and diploma holders in droves. More and more ITIS, Polytechnics, engineering colleges, IITs should be opened. Vocational training should be started from +2 level. Moreover, Industry and Corporate Sector should also come forward

and participate in the education and training of young men. Since it is the age of globalisation, fundamental structural changes in the entire education system should be made so as to make the system more practical and vocation oriented. In order to create employment opportunities in rural areas adequate funds should be used for rural electrification, industrialization, housing and road building. Most of the projects undertaken should be labour intensive and attempts should be made to reduce under utilization of installed capacity. It is only through combined efforts made in Rural as well as urban sectors that we shall be able to solve this complicated problem.

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

- (i) What serious problem is being faced by our planners ?

- (ii) What is the need of the hour ?
- (iii) What changes are required in our Education system ?
- (iv) How can more employment be created ?

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

(i) What is meant by word 'Complicated' ?

- (a) Complex
- (b) Simple
- (c) Attractive
- (d) Ancient.

(ii) What is meant by "Vocation" ?

- (a) Intention
- (b) Syllabus
- (c) Profession
- (d) Holiday.

(iii) What is meant by 'Intensive' ?

(a) Great

(b) Extra

(c) Process

(d) More concentrated.

(iv) What is the opposite of the word 'Urban' ?

(a) Town

(b) City

(c) State

(d) Rural.

(v) Education should be friendly.

(a) market

(b) students

(c) women

(d) Government.

(vi) Which word in the passage means same as 'full' ?

(a) Intensive

(b) Serious

(c) Entire

(d) Change.

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

Why exactly do we compare ourselves with others ? We compare ourselves because we have never understood ourselves and are not aware of who we are and what we have. It is also because society has conditioned us from our birth to evaluate ourselves based upon others. But there is no scale to compare you with anybody. Each individual is unique. Can you compare a lion and a horse ? Do we ever

compare ourselves with flowers or birds or mountains ? Then why do we have to compare ourselves with human beings ? Just see nature; the rose plant and the mango tree grow in the same garden and prosper because they use all their energy for their own growth instead of using it to compare themselves with the other. Comparison leads to Jealousy. We always compare ourselves with others in various fields—looks, wealth, knowledge, name and fame and friends etc..... when we compare ourselves with others we feel that somebody else has something more than what we have and, we get caught in jealousy. Through comparison you will grow only to the extent of the person with whom you are comparing yourself. Not in your own unique level. The whole spiritual knowledge is nothing but realising you are unique, there is nothing to compare.

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

- (i) Why do we compare ourselves with others ?
- (ii) For what has our society conditioned us ?
- (iii) What leads to Jealousy ?
- (iv) What does the spiritual knowledge tell ?
- (v) How do the rose plant and mango tree grow in the same garden and prosper ?

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

- (i) Aware :
 - (a) Educated
 - (b) Realise
 - (c) Having knowledge
 - (d) Skilled.

(ii) Evaluate :

(a) Simplify

(b) Purchase

(c) Assess

(d) Warn.

(iii) Prosper :

(a) Fertile

(b) Destroy

(c) Calmly

(d) Flourish.

(iv) Unique :

(a) Special

(b) Increase

(c) Usual

(d) Stable.

(v) Fame :

(a) Strange

~~(b)~~ Popularity

(c) Richness

(d) Insult.

SECTION—B

(Writing)

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3. You are Tarun/Sangita studying in SVN Sr. Sec. School, Sirmour. Write an application to the Principal of your school for fee concession.

Or

Write a letter to your friend congratulating him on his success in the Board Examination.

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

(a) Himachal Pradesh

(b) My aim in Life

(c) A Cricket Match.

5. You are Head Girl/Head Boy of School. A slogan writing competition is going to be held in the school. Write a short notice for it.

Or

Write a brief note on the importance of trees in our life. <https://www.hpboardonline.com> 5

SECTION—C

(Grammar)

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

(i) I want (buy) a car.

(a) buying

(b) buy

(c) to buy

(d) bought.

(ii) (smoke) is very bad habit.

(a) To smoked

(b) Smoking

(c) Smoke

(d) Smoked.

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

(i) Raghu is very poor he is honest.

(a) yet

(b) when

(c) so

(d) because.

(ii) Please wait me I came back.

(a) because

(b) but

(c) although

(d) ✓ until.

8. Fill in the blanks with correct modals : 2

(i) You key attention to your studies.

(a) will

(b) can

(c) ✓ should

(d) could.

(ii) Reena drive a car.

(a) must

(b) can

(c) may

(d) could.

(iii) you like to have a cup of coffee ?

(a) should

(b) may

(c) would

(d) must.

(iv) You to respect your elders.

(a) can

(b) shall

(c) should

(d) ought.

9. Do as Directed :

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(i) Seldom/agree/a/trade/of two. (Re-arrange)

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(ii) I (take) admission in New School
yesterday. (Use correct form of Verb)

(iii) He said to his Father, "I am going on to school
tomorrow." (Change the Narration)

(iv) He can paint a picture. (Change the Voice)

(v) What a lovely story !

(Change into Assertive form)

(vi) He is too fat to run fast.

(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. Keep this book on the table (book on the)

(a) He was waiting me

(b) Please take a glass water

(c) Suddenly a man entered room.....

SECTION—D

(Literature)

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

The baker made his musical entry on the scene with the 'Jhang, Jhang' sound of his specially made bamboo staff. One hand supported the basket on the vertical bamboo. We kids would be pushed aside with a mild rebuke and the loaves would be delivered to the Servant. But we would not give up. We would climb a bench or the parapet and keep 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 ? And why was it necessary at all ? The tiger never brushed his teeth. Hot tea could wash and clean up everything so nicely, after all !

(i) Who is the Author of this passage ?

(a) Nelson Mandela

(b) K. S. Sundaram

(c) Lucio Rodrigues

(d) Lokesh Abrol.

(ii) Who made the Musical entry ?

(iii) How do children try to keep into the **basket** ?

(iv) What **sound** announced the arrival of the **Baker** in the streets ?

(v) What **excuses** would the children **make** for **not** brushing their teeth ?

Or

My father, the most adorable father I've ever seen, didn't marry my mother until he was thirty-six and she was twenty-five. My Sister, Margot, was born in Frankfurt in Germany in 1926. I was born on 12 June, 1929. I lived in Frankfurt until I was four. My father emigrated to Holland in 1933. My mother, Edith Hollander Frank, went with him to Holland in September, while Margot and I were sent to Aachen to stay with our grandmother. Margot went to Holland in December, and I followed in February. When I was plunked down on the table as a birthday present for Margot.

I started right away at the Montessori Nursery School. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the Headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell.

In the summer of 1941 Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.

- (i) When was her Sister, Margot, born and where ?
- (ii) Where did her father emigrate to ?
- (iii) Who is "I" in this paragraph ?
- (iv) What happened to her Grandma in the Summer of 1941 ?
- (v) The word 'Emigrate' means :
 - (a) Visit
 - (b) Arrive
 - (c) Migrate
 - (d) Turn.

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

The Fog comes

One little cat feet.

It sits looking
Over harbour and city
On silent haunches
And then moves on.

(i) The poet of this poem is :

- (a) W.B. Yeats.
- (b) Robin Klein
- (c) Carl Sandburg
- (d) Robert Frost.

(ii) How does the Fog come ?

(iii) What places do the Fog cover ?

(iv) What is the Fog compared do ?

Or

But he locked in a concrete cell,

His strength behind bars.

Stalking the length of his cage,

Ignoring visitors.

- (i) The names of the poet is
- (ii) Why is "he" in this stanza ?
- (iii) Why does he ignore the Visitors ?
- (iv) Where is he locked ?

13. Answer any two of the following questions : 5

- (i) Is Amanda an Orphan ? Why does she say so ?
- (ii) What message does the Poet want to give through the "The Ball Poem" ?
- (iii) How does the Tiger feel in the Cage ?
- (iv) Give a brief substance of the poem, "Fire and Ice".

14. How did Mandela's understanding of Freedom change with Age and Experience ?

Or

Write a brief character sketch of Lencho.

Or

Why does Anne Frank say "Paper has more patience than people" ? 5

15. What does the author of "A Baker from Goa" mentions about his childhood memories ?

Or

Give a brief character sketch of Lomov.



Or

What are the different tales about the descent of the Coorgies (or Kodavus) People? 5

16. Why was Matilda unhappy ? What change occurred in her life ?

Or

Draw a brief character sketch of Anil. 3

17. How did Ausable get rid of Max ?

Or

What makes you think that Griffin was a Lawless person ?

Or

What are the qualities that go into the making of a Scientist ?

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