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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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(iv) All the Questions are compulsory.

(v) Observe word limit wherever prescribed.

SECTION-A

(Reading)

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

- (i) New Year is the time for resolution. Mentally, at least most of us could compile formidable lists of 'do's and don'ts'. The same old favourites recur year in and year out with monotonous regularity. We resolve

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to get up early each morning, eat healthy food, exercise, be nice to people we don't like, and find more time for our parents. Past experience has taught us that certain accomplishments are beyond attainment. If we remain deep-rooted liars, it is only because we have so often experienced the frustration that results from failure. Most of us fail in our efforts, at self-improvement because our schemes are too ambitious and **we never have time to carry them out.**

(ii) We also make the fundamental error of announcing our resolution to everybody so that we look even more foolish when we slip back into our bad old ways. Aware of these pitfalls, this year I attempted to keep my resolutions to myself. I limited myself to two modest ambitions, to do physical exercise every morning and to read more in the evening. An overnight party on New Year's Eve provided me with a good excuse

for not carrying out either of these new resolutions on the first day of the year, but on the second, I **applied** myself diligently to the task. The daily exercise lasted only eleven minutes and I proposed to do them early in the morning before anyone had got up.

(iii) The self-discipline required to drag myself out of bed eleven minutes earlier than usual was considerable. Nevertheless, I managed to creep down into the living room for two days before anyone found me out. **After** jumping about on the carpet and twisting the human frame into uncomfortable positions, I sat down at the breakfast table in an exhausted condition. It was **this** that betrayed me. The next morning the **whole** family trooped in to watch the performance. That was really unsettling but I **fended** off the taunts and jibes of the whole family good-humouredly and soon everybody got used to the idea.

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(iv) However, my enthusiasm waned. The time I spent at exercises gradually diminished. Little by little the eleven minutes fell to zero. By January 10th, I was back to where I had started from. I argued that if I spent less time exhausting myself at exercises in the morning, I would keep my mind fresh for reading when I got home from work. Resisting the hypnotising effect of television, I sat, in my room for a few evenings with my eyes glued to a book. One night, however, feeling cold and lonely, I went downstairs and sat in front of the television pretending to read. That proved to be my undoing, for I soon got back to the old bad habit of dozing off in front of the screen. I still haven't given up my resolution to do more reading. In fact, I have just bought a book entitled 'How to Read a Thousand Words a Minute'. Perhaps

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it will solve my problem, but I just have not had time to read it.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage complete the following statements by choosing the correct options : 4×1=4

(i) What were the writer's two resolutions?

(a) Physical exercise in the morning

(b) Read more in the evening

(c) Both (a) and (b)

(d) Not to make more resolutions.

(ii) How much time did the daily exercise last initially?

(a) 10 minutes

(b) 11 minutes

(c) 5 minutes

(d) 8 minutes.

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(iii) How many days did the narrator continue his resolution?

- (a) 8 days
- (b) 9 days
- (c) 10 days
- (d) 7 days.

(iv) Which book did the narrator buy?

- (a) How to read a thousand words a minute?
- (b) How to be a good reader?
- (c) How to be firm on your resolutions?
- (d) The importance of exercising.

(B) Answer the following questions briefly :
3×1=3

(i) Do we really follow New Year's resolutions?

(ii) Have you ever made New Year's resolutions?

(iii) What should be the title of the passage?

(C) Find out the word for each in the above passage which means the same as the following :
3×1=3

- (i) Familiarity with [Para (i)]
- (ii) Manifesting [Para (ii)]
- (iii) Have forty winks. [Para (iv)]

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

- (i) Effective speaking depends on effective listening. It takes energy to concentrate on hearing and to concentrate on understanding what has been heard. Incompetent listeners fail in a number of

ways. First, they may drift. Their attention drifts from what the speaker is saying. Second, they may counter. They find counter-arguments to whatever a speaker may be saying. Third, they compete. Then, they filter. They exclude from their understanding those parts of the message which do not readily fit with their own frame of reference. Finally, they react. They let personal feelings about a speaker or subject override the significance of the message that is being sent.

- (ii) What can a listener do to be more effective? The first key to effective listening is the Art of concentration. If a listener positively wishes to concentrate on receiving a message his chances of success are high. It may need determination. Some speakers are difficult to follow, either because of voice problems or because of the form in

which they send a message. There is then a particular need for the determination of a listener to concentrate on what is being said.

- (iii) Concentration is helped by alertness. Mental alertness is helped by physical alertness. It is not simply physical fitness, but also the positioning of the body, the limbs, and the head. Some people also find it helpful to their concentration if they hold their head slightly to one side. One useful way to achieve this is intensive note-taking, by trying to capture the critical headings and sub-headings the speaker is referring to. Note-taking has been recommended as an aid to the listener. It also helps the speaker. It gives him confidence when he sees that listeners are sufficiently interested to take notes; the patterns of eye contact, when the note-

taker looks up, can be very positive; and the speaker's timing is aided-he can see when a note-taker is writing hard and can then make effective use of pauses.

(iv) Posture too is important. Consider the impact made by a less competent listener who pushes his chair backward and slouches. An upright posture helps a listener's concentration. At the same time, it is seen by the speaker to be a positive feature amongst his listeners. Effective listening skills have an impact on both the listener and the speaker.

(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. Suggest a suitable title also

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(b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

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SECTION—B

(Writing)

3. You are Ravi Mohan/Sudharsana of 37, Indira Market, Mandi. You have lost your briefcase while traveling by bus from Mandi to Shimla. Draft a short notice is not more than 50 words to be published in 'The Indian Express' under the column, 'Lost and Found'.

Or

You are Raghav/Radha, the Head boy/girl of Anuradha Public Senior Secondary School Samirpur Distt. Kangra. Write a suitable notice for your School notice board informing the students about the magic show being organized by your School to aid and help the Victims of recent flash floods, cloud bursts, and landslides in Himachal Pradesh.

Or

You are the personnel manager of a Star hotel, 'Hotel Taj Mumbai' you need a lady receptionist for the Hotel. Write out an advertisement for publication in a reputed daily. 4

4. (A) Your School has just inaugurated its new Computer wing. Write a brief report of the inauguration ceremony in 125 words for an English daily.

Or

You are Bikrant/Banita of Kotwali Bazaar Dharamshala. You were coming back home from School; you witnessed a road accident between a car and a truck. Describe the scene in about 125 words. 6

(B) Answer the following multiple choice questions : <https://www.hpboardonline.com> 4×1=4

- (i) Where is the designation of the issuing authority written?
- (a) On the top right-hand side corner of the Notice.

(b) On the bottom right-hand side corner of the Notice.

(c) Just below the signature of the issuing authority.

(d) Just above the signature of the issuing authority.

(ii) Which of the following is the correct receiver's address from the following?

(a) To, the Editor, the Hindustan Times

(b) The Editor, Hindustan Times

(c) The Editor, The Hindustan Times

(d) None of these.

(iii) The purpose of the trouble-shooting report is :

(a) Analyse the problem

(b) Incorrect the defeat

(c) Dislocate the defeat

(d) All of these.

(iv) A short paragraph thanking any person or organisation that gave you help in collecting Data is called.

(a) Summary

(b) C-glossary

(c) Acknowledgment

(d) Introduction.

5. Write a letter to the Editor of a Newspaper expressing your concern about the "Population Explosion". Sign yourself as Balbir/Babita of 37 Nabha Colony, Shimla H.P.

Or

Draft an application for the post of an Accountant in Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Hyderabad in response to their advertisement that appeared in The Hindu dated 9th Oct. 2023. Prepare a Bio-data to be enclosed. You are Naresh/Jyoti. 6

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6. Write an article in about 200 words about 'The Future of Information Technology'.

Or

Write an article on the topic 'Hazards of Smoking' to be published in the School magazine. 6

SECTION—C

(Literature)

7. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow : 4×1=4

Far far from gusty waves these Children's faces

Like rootless weeds, the hair torn around their pallor:

The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

The paper-seeming boy, with rat's eyes.

- (i) Name the poet and the poem from which the above stanza has been taken.

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- (ii) Where do you think are these Children sitting?
- (iii) How do the faces and hair of these Children look?
- (iv) Why is the head of the tall girl weighed-down?

Or

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.

- (i) Write the name of the poem and the poet.
- (ii) Where are the tigers? What are they doing?
- (iii) What does 'topaz denizens' signify?
- (iv) "They do not fear the men beneath the tree"
What does this show?

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8. (A) Answer any **two** of the following in about 30 words each : 2×2=4

- (i) What do the parting words of the poet and her smile signify?
- (ii) How is the pall of Gloom moved away from our dark spirits?
- (iii) What is the 'Childish longing' that the poet refers to? Why is it 'vain'?

- (B) ["Those who prepare green wars' wars with gas, wars with fire"]

Green wars mean

- (i) wars caused by men all over the world
- (ii) new or fresh wars
- (iii) wars with the environment
- (iv) none of these. 1

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9. (A) Answer the following questions : 6

- (i) How did Franz's feelings about Mr. M. Hamel and his School change?
- (ii) What forces conspire to keep the workers in the bangle industry of Firozabad in poverty?
- (iii) When did the Iron master realize his mistake?
- (iv) Why is Raj Kumar Shukla described as 'resolute'?
- (v) What does "The God that Failed" refer to?
- (vi) How does Eco find the time to write so much?

(B) Answer the following MCQs : 2

- (i) The stranger's reaction to the ironmaster was :
 - (a) he was angry

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(b) he made no attempt to hide his feelings

(c) he denied it completely

(d) he started screaming.

(ii) The father talked about a man who knew :

(a) Pele

(b) Beckham

(c) Tom Finney

(d) Jeffrey, Archer.

10. Answer the following questions in about 80 words : 6

Compare and contrast the characters of Saheb and Mukesh.

Or

Sophie's dreams and disappointments are all in her mind. Explain.

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11. Answer the following questions in about 80 words : 6

The Modern world is full of insecurity, fear, war, worry, and stress. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome them?

Or

Dr. Sadao was compelled by his duty as a doctor to help the enemy soldier. What made Hana, his wife, sympathetic to him in the face of open defiance from the domestic staff?

12. (A) Answer any **three** of the following questions in about 30 words each : 3×2=6

- (i) What did the Astrologers foretell as soon as The Tiger King was born?
- (ii) How do Geological phenomena help us to know about the history of mankind?

- (iii) Why did Hana say to her husband, Dr. Sadao : "Why are we different from other Japanese?" Were they really different? Why?
- (iv) What is the Moral issue that the story raises?
- (v) Why does Derry say; "I'm not afraid People are afraid of me." Are people really afraid of Derry?

- (B) Answer the following MCQs : 2

- (i) The shopkeeper sold a wooden tiger to the Tiger King for
- (a) 30 rupees
- (b) 60 rupees
- (c) 120 rupees
- (d) 300 rupees.

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(ii) Evans had escaped from jail :

- (a) 3 times
- (b) 4 times
- (c) 5 times
- (d) 6 times.

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