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SECTION-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

- ✓1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks) and write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

The self-image we harbour is the key to the success or failure of our most cherished plans and aspirations. If the image is inadequate and psychologists say most of us habitually underrate ourselves — it

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behaves us to correct it. We do this by systematically imagining that we are already the sort of person we wish to be. If you have been painfully shy, imagine yourself moving among people with ease and poise. If you have been fearful and over-anxious, see yourself acting calmly, confidently and with courage.

If we picture ourselves performing in a certain manner, this imaginative exercise impresses our subconscious mind almost as much as does actual performance.

What we believe about ourselves often imposes rigid and quite false limits on what we are able to accomplish. As a school boy Dr. Alfred

Adler, the famous Psychiatrist, got off to a bad start in arithmetic. His teacher became convinced that he was 'dumb in mathematics'. Adler positively accepted the evaluation and his marks seemed to prove it correct. One day, however, he had a sudden flash of insight and announced that he thought he could solve a problem the teacher had put on the board which none of the other pupils could solve. The whole class laughed, whereupon he became indignant, strode to the blackboard and solved the problem. In doing so he realized that he could understand arithmetic. He felt a new confidence in his ability and went on to become a good mathematics student.

The point is that Adler had been hypnotized by a false belief about himself. For the power of hypnosis is the power of belief. If you have accepted an idea from yourself, your teachers, parents, friends or any other source and if you are convinced that the idea is true, it has the same power over you as the hypnotist's words have over his subject.

Negative thinking can limit each of us if we let it. And, conversely, within your right how is the power to do things you never dreamed possible.

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

It is shocking to know that the number of people suffering from inferiority complex is extremely larger. Autosuggestion is the art of turning one's inferiority or failures into success by using the power of one's imagination. You are what you think you are. You become what you constantly imagine yourself becoming. By suggesting to yourself again and again that you will be successful or strong or beautiful or healthy, you can soon change your defeats into victories, your weakness into strength, your plainness into beauty and your illness into health.

Your imagination controls your body and your will-power. If you control your imagination by always holding pictures of success and happiness in your mind, you can be a master of your body, your will power and your circumstances.

Your imagination can help you in achieving self-mastery but your will-power cannot. Have you ever tried walking on a railway line ?

You are able to balance your body on a seven centimetres wide iron girder, sometimes for fifty metres at a stretch without any fear of falling. Now imagine that the railway line runs across a river or it is hanging in the air like a bridge. Can you now walk across it ?

No you cannot. Neither your body nor your will-power can help you here. It is because your imagination brings to your mind the horrible scenes of your falling down into the river, your drowning, death and perhaps even funeral. Your powerful imagination cripples both your body and your will-power.

It is obvious that the fears in your imagination thwart the working of your will-power. The way to success and happiness, therefore, lies in your turning out fears from your imagination. Banish horrible pictures from your mind. Fill your imagination with pictures of success, popularity and prosperity. In other words, control your imagination through autosuggestion. A man who starts of in life with the idea, "I shall succeed", always does succeed. But if there is a man who always doubts himself, will never succeed in anything although he may have good opportunities all around him.

Pack your imagination with happy images and confident thoughts. As soon as you are able to control your imagination, you will attain self-mastery and wonderful results.

Questions :

(i) What is the power of Autosuggestion ?

(ii) How can our imagination help us to achieve success ?

(iii) What are the ways and means to attain self-mastery and self-confidence ?

(iv) A man who starts off in life with the idea, "I shall succeed":

(A) Will never succeed

(B) Does not succeed

(C) Always does succeed

(D) Always does not succeed

✓(v) Your imagination does not control your body and will-power.

(True/False)

✓(vi) The word 'healthy' in the passage is used as :

(A) A verb

(B) An adverb

(C) An interjection

(D) An adjective

✓(vii) The word 'Thwart' means :

(A) Help

(B) Hinder

(C) Hasten

(D) None of these

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✓(viii) The synonym of 'horrible' is

✓(ix) It is obvious that the fears in your imagination

(Fill in the blank)

✓(x) What do you think can be the suitable title for the passage ?
1×10=10

SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

✓3. You need the services of a plumber for installation of a geyser in your office.. Write a classified advertisement for the same to be published in the local newspaper (40-50 words).

Or

You are celebrating your younger sister's birthday next week. Write an invitation to your close relative for the birthday party at your home on this occasion (40-50 words).

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4. You are the student secretary of your school and observe a lot of nuisance created by the vendors and the wrong parking of vehicles outside your school gate. Write a letter to the Mayor of your city, complaining about the same and to resolve the issue (120–150 words).

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper requesting to publish your views and suggestions about the unhealthy trend of eating junk food among the students, highlighting the hazards of the same (120–150 words). <https://www.jkbboseonline.com>

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5. You came across a job advertisement by the chairman, J & K SSRB for the posts of English teachers. In response to the advertisement write your resume (4 marks) with a covering letter/application (2 marks) (120–150 words).

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6. Write a newspaper article or a morning assembly speech on any *one* of the following (200–250 words) :

(a) Drug Addiction or substance abuse — causes and measures to eradicate it in the light of the calendar activities undertaken by your institution during ‘Nasha Mukt Bharat’ (Drug Free India) campaign.

(b) Corruption and its evils with steps and suggestions to control the menace.

7. Edit the following passage :

When I reached the station, I didn't **stopped** at the ticket counter but dashed straight to the platform. The **lucknow express** was just moving out. **a** train had still to pick up speed and I **should have able** to jump to one of the carriages. I hesitated for some unknown reason **but** I lost the chance to get away. I found **ourself** standing alone on the deserted platform. Somebody had been watching me and said **Take it easy**.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE)

1. Read the poetic extract and briefly answer the questions that follow :

(a) Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning,

I saw my mother beside me, doze, open mouthed, her face ashen
like that of a corpse and realized with pain that she was as old
as she looked.

Questions :

(i) Whose mother is described in the extract and why does she
doze with open mouth ?

(ii) Give an example of simile from the extract.

(iii) Why is the poet pained to look at her mother ?

(iv) Name the poem and the poet.

1×4=4

- (b) Answer any *two* of the following questions from the poems in your course (40–50 words) :

Questions :

(i) What will counting upto twelve and keeping quiet help us to achieve ?

(ii) What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings with reference to the poem, 'A Thing of Beauty' ?

(iii) What was the plea of the folks who had put up the roadside stand ?

3×2=6

9. Answer any *three* of the following questions in 40–50 words each :

(a) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day in 'The Last Lesson' ?

(b) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps ? Is he happy working at the Tea stall ? Why not ? (Lost Spring)

(c) Why do you think Gandhiji considered The Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life ? (Indigo)

(d) How does Douglas overcome his fear of water ? (Deep Water)

(e) What did Sophie dream and fantasise of ? Why does Jansie discourage her from having such unrealistic dreams ?

(Going Places)

3×3=9

10. Answer any *one* of the following questions in 150–200 words :

(a) What does the Third Level refer to ? Do you think the Third Level was a medium of escape for Charley and in what respect ?

(b) Describe the dilemma that Dr. Sadao faced with the wounded young white American Soldier ? How did he resolve his predicament finally as you go through the story 'The Enemy' ? 6

11. Answer any *one* of the following question in 120–150 words :

(a) How does Derry get into Mr. Lamb's garden and what is it that draws Derry Towards Mr. Lamb in spite of himself ?

(b) Mr. Lamb displays signs of loneliness and disappointment. What are the ways in which Mr. Lamb tries to overcome these feelings in order to sustain his optimism to deal with the challenges ? 5

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