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**Instructions :**

- (i) All questions are *compulsory*.
- (ii) Answers must be complete and to the point.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- (iv) Internal choices are given in some of the questions.

**SECTION - A**

(Reading)

- 1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

There was an artist who had travelled far and wide and had an extensive reputation. But so far he had not achieved access to Krishna ! As such he was anxious to seek approbation from Lord Krishna as well. Luckily one day he got an appointment with Krishna. He met Him and requested Him to stay still, so that he could paint His picture. He prepared the outline and told Krishna that he would get ready with the final painting in a week's time. Krishna knew the ego of the painter.



After a week the painter brought a finished portrait, covered with a white cloth. When he uncovered the painting, the painter himself was shocked to find the lack of similarity between Krishna and the painting. The painter was completely shaken and asked for another week to get the job done. The painter tried several times but each time the result was equally disappointing. In complete frustration and total dejection, he wanted to leave the city and go away.

Before he left he chanced upon Sage Narada. Narada told him that he was silly to attempt to paint the picture of Lord Krishna. The Lord has no fixed form and he can change his face every second. Narada advised 'if you want to paint Him, I will tell you a way which enable you to do so'. Narada whispered something into the ear of the artist. Following the advice given by Narada, the painter came back with a white cloth covering something and again approached Krishna and told Him that this time, he is welcome to change to any form. The painting under all circumstances will look exactly like Him, when the cloth was removed, Krishna saw only a mirror and this mirror produced an exact replica of Krishna. Therefore from this story we conclude that one cannot imagine God to be in a particular form. Neither can one describe God. Make your mind clear, clean and unbiased like a mirror, fill it with love and devotion; that itself will enable you to have a true vision of God.

**Questions :**

- (a) What was the desire of the artist ? 1  
(1) To meet Lord Krishna (2) To seek his help  
(3) To paint his picture (4) All of these
- (b) Lord Krishna tested the painter because : 1  
(1) He was very polite (2) He was egoistic and arrogant  
(3) He was very handsome (4) He was very silly
- (c) The painter brought a finished 'painting' of Lord Krishna 1  
covered with  
(1) White cloth (2) Some fruits  
(3) Black cloth (4) None of the above
- (d) Who helped the painter to paint the picture of Lord Krishna ? 1  
(1) Sage Narayana (2) Sage Narada  
(3) Sage Nandram Swami (4) None of these



- (e) How much time did the painter want to get ready for the picture ? 1
- (1) One week (2) Two weeks  
(3) Three weeks (4) A month
- (f) Select the correct alternative that is similar to the word 'proud'. 1
- (1) Shock (2) Frustration  
(3) Ego (4) Dejection
- (g) Find the opposite of the word 'Cheering' in the given passage. 1
- (1) Shaking (2) Disappointing  
(3) Concluding (4) Requesting
- (h) Verb form of the word 'devotion'. 1
- (1) Devote (2) Devotee  
(3) Devotedly (4) Devotional
- (i) What did sage Narada tell the artist ? 2
- (j) What is the conclusion of the given passage ? 2

2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

The behaviour of plastics when heated provides the basis for the distinction between the two main classes of plastics available today. These two groups of plastics include thermoplastics and thermosetting plastics. The first group consists of plastics that soften when heated and become rigid when cooled again. Infact, with further heating and cooling these plastics can be made to change their shape repeatedly. This is due to the fact that only weak bonding is present between neighbouring molecules and when warm, the molecules slide very easily past one another. Polythene, PVC, nylon and perspex are examples of thermoplastics. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

Thermosetting plastics, on the other hand, become rigid on further heating and cannot be softened again. These plastics consist of polymer chains that react with one another at points of contact so that they become strongly linked together in three-dimensions. Intermolecular bonds prevent the relative movement of the original chains. Examples of thermosetting plastics are bakelite and melamine.

**Questions :**

- (a) Make notes in points from the given passage, using abbreviations, where necessary and supply a suitable title also. 5
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 60 words. 3



## SECTION - B

(Writing)

- 3 Imagine yourself to be the Export Manager of Deepali Overseas Ltd., 5  
Mumbai. You need chartered accountants for Mumbai, Delhi and  
Bangalore offices. Write an advertisement for a national daily offering  
an initial salary of Rs. 20,000/- per month with free accommodation.

OR

Design an attractive and instructive poster on behalf of the Delhi Police to educate and warn the people against unclaimed articles like dolls, tiffin-boxes, suitcases, bags, transistors, mobiles etc. lying in public places/trains/buses.

- 4 Write a newspaper report to be published in a newspaper giving 6  
the detailed account of the inauguration ceremony of the annual function held in your school, using the following details.

Name of the event, occasion, date, time, place, chief guest, guest(s) of honour and chairman of the function, welcome address, floral welcome, speeches by the guests, vote of thanks.

OR

Using the following inputs produce a write up on the 'Importance of English' in about 150-200 words. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>

International Language, Invention of Internet, Language of Trade, Commerce, Higher technical and scientific studies, Communication round the globe, means for earning livelihood.

- 5 Write a letter to the collector of your district about the lack of 6  
facilities and malfunctioning of the government hospital of your area.

OR

Write an application to the principal of Government Higher Secondary School, Seoni to issue you books from the book-bank.



- 6 Write a letter to your friend advising him to study English, Maths, general knowledge and reasoning for competitive examination. 6

OR

You are Manish Shukla. Write a letter to your friend Vivek to congratulate him on his brilliant success in H.S.S. Examination 2019.

- 7 Write an article on Importance of Co-curricular activities in shaping the personality of students. 7

OR

Write an essay on any **one** of the following topics in about 250 words :

- (a) Pollution problem
- (b) Importance of Games and Sports
- (c) Corruption in everyday life
- (d) Science in the service of man
- (e) If I were the Prime Minister.

### SECTION - C

#### (Grammar)

- 8 Fill in the blanks with the help of the correct alternatives given in the brackets : 5

(1) Iron is \_\_\_\_\_ useful metal.

- (a) a
- (b) an
- (c) the
- (d) none

(2) He has hardly \_\_\_\_\_ money. (some/any)

(3) I am used to \_\_\_\_\_ in queues. (wait, waiting, waited)

(4) He is good \_\_\_\_\_ English. (in, of, at)

(5) Cotton is \_\_\_\_\_ in Egypt. (growing, grown, grow)



- 9 Do as directed : (any five)
- (i) in / this / book / are / there / pages / how / many / ?  
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
- (ii) He is too poor to pay his fees.  
(Change into complex sentences using 'so.....that').
- (iii) Suraj shut the door.  
(Change into negative)
- (iv) She (watch) movie for two hours.  
(Supply the correct form of the verb)
- (v) I am buying mangoes. (Change the voice)
- (vi) He saves money so that he may buy a car.  
(Rewrite using a non-finite clause)
- (vii) We will leave, as soon as, the taxi arrives.  
(Rewrite using 'No sooner..... than')

### SECTION - D

#### (Textbook)

- 10 (A) Read the following extracts from poem and answer the questions given below :

"This life is sweetest; in this wood  
I hear no children cry for food;  
I see no woman, white with care;  
No man, with muscles wasting here."

#### Questions :

- (a) What is the same meaning of the word 'Shout' ? 1
- (i) Hear (ii) Care
- (iii) Cry (iv) See
- (b) What is the opposite of the word 'Sourest' ? 1
- (i) Deepest (ii) Sweetest
- (iii) Happiest (iv) Sweeter
- (c) Give the name of the poem. 1



(B) "But what am I ?  
Only a captive,  
Chained to the earth  
In silence I grow old  
In silence I wither and die."

**Questions :**

- (a) Who is 'I' in these lines? 1
- (i) Forest (ii) River  
(iii) Earth (iv) Sea
- (b) The opposite word of 'free' is 1
- (i) Silent (ii) Withered  
(iii) Noise (iv) Captive
- (c) Give the name of the poet. 1

11 Answer any **two** of the following questions : 2×2=4

- (i) Who are the people far from us ?  
(ii) Why does the poet regard earth a friend ?  
(iii) What did the poet see when he reached the temple ?  
(iv) Why does the forest envy the river ?

12 Answer any **seven** of the following questions : 7×2=14

- (i) What was Mini doing in the balcony ?  
(ii) What happens if we prejudge people and future events ?  
(iii) What are comfort zones ? Mention its types also.  
(iv) What was so peculiar about the face on the wall ?  
(v) What happened when Birju went to collect firewood ?  
(vi) What is a blood-brain barrier ? How does it work ?  
(vii) Write two ways in which the crows irritated the author.  
(viii) What are the impediments in India's development ?  
(ix) Describe the people of Kashmir.



13 Answer any **one** out of two :

What are natural laws ? How do they affect our lives ?

**OR**

Justify the title 'The fun they had'.

14 Answer any **four** of the following questions :

4×2=8

(i) What makes 'a team' 'a whole' ?

(ii) What is 'The Angel Canyon' ? And what is the 'Churun River' ?

(iii) Who can plan and carry out the things in a better way ?

(iv) Why is the Gita beyond the mere intellect ?

(v) What are the benefits of meditation ?

(vi) What according to the poet 'Psalm of Life' is the nature of life ?

15 Summarize the poem 'We are the Future' in about 80 words.

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**OR**

Summarize the poem 'Psalm of Life' in about 80 words.

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