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Total Marks: 100

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. OPENING AND CHECKING OF THE QUESTION-BOOKLET

Break open the seal of the Question-Booklet only when the announcement is made by the Invigilator. After breaking the seal and before attempting the questions, student should immediately check for:

- a) The number of the printed page in the Question-Booklet is the same as mentioned on the cover page of the Booklet and
- b) Any printing error in the Booklet pages, if any.  
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- a) Fill up the **Question Paper No.** and **Question Paper Code** (mentioned on the cover of Question-Booklet) in the space provided on the First Answer Sheet.
- b) Fill up his/her Roll Number on the First Answer Sheet and on each Supplementary Answer Sheet, if taken.
- c) Student should mention the total number of **Supplementary Answer Sheet**, if taken, in the space provided on the First Answer Sheet and also fill up the Serial Number mentioned on each **Supplementary Answer Sheet** along with his/her Roll Number in the register maintained by the Invigilator. Student must tie all the Answer Sheets with the thread provided by the Invigilator.

#### 4. INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT QUESTION PAPER

This Question Paper is divided into three Sections – A, B, C and D. All Sections are compulsory. Attempt all Sections as per instructions.

- a) Section A is a Reading section includes question No. 1 and 2 and this section includes 20 marks.
- b) Section B is a Writing section includes question No. 3 to 5 and this section includes 20 marks.
- c) Section C is a Grammar section includes question No. 6 to 10 and this section includes 30 marks.
- d) Section D is a Literature section includes question No. 11 to 14 and this section includes 30 marks.

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**THE ANSWER SHEET IS TO BE RETURNED ON COMPLETION OF THE TEST**

This Question Paper MUST be attached with Answer Sheet

## SECTION A – READING

**Question 1. Read the following passage carefully:**

**8 marks**

1. Cricket is a global passion, played everywhere from Test match arenas to village greens, tropical beaches and dusty back lots. Cricket is the world's second most popular spectator sport after football.
2. The origin of cricket is somewhere in the Dark Ages. All research concedes that the game derived from a very old, widespread and uncomplicated pastime by which one player served up an object, be it a small piece of wood or a ball, and another hit it with a suitably fashioned club. Cricket was first recorded in 16th-century England, and it was played in grammar schools, farm communities and everywhere in between. But things really took off when 18th-century nobles realised it was a great sport.
3. The oldest surviving set of cricket laws date from 1744 – printed on a handkerchief, naturally. It's now in the MCC Museum at Lord's in London. The oldest permanent fixture is the annual Eton v Harrow match, played since 1805. A young Lord Byron turned out for Harrow in the first match, though history doesn't record how poetic – or “mad, bad and dangerous” – his bowling was.
4. The first international match was in 1877 when Australia beat England in Melbourne. The match was dubbed a “Test”, since the gruelling nature of playing over five days was deemed the ultimate “test” for any side. But it was Australia's first win on English soil – in 1882 at The Oval in London – that led to matches between the two nations being christened the Ashes. Following the defeat, newspapers published an obituary mourning “the death of English cricket”, adding that “the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia”.
5. A One Day International (ODI) is a form of limited overs cricket, played between two teams with international status, in which each team faces a fixed number of overs, usually 50. The Cricket World Cup is played in this format. The international one-day game is a late twentieth-century development. The first ODI was played on 5 January 1971 between Australia and England at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

**Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read.**

**1x8=8 Marks**

- (a) According to the passage, how did the game of Cricket originate?
- (b) Where can we find the oldest sets of Cricket laws?
- (c) Which match did Lord Byron play?
- (d) When was the first international match played?
- (e) Which countries played that match?

- (f) Why were the matches between Australia and England titled “The Ashes”?
- (g) In which format is the Cricket world cup played ?
- (h) When did the ODIs begin?
- (i) Which word in paragraph no.4 means the same as 'exhausting'?

**Question 2. Read the following passage carefully:**

**12 marks**

1. Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in trifles. It is the desire to put those whom we meet perfectly at their ease, and save them from every kind of petty discomfort and annoyance. The limited part of benevolence called politeness requires only an inclination to make them happy temporarily, while they are in our presence, and when this can be done without any sacrifice on our part or only with a slight sacrifice of personal comfort.
2. Politeness is said to be one of the important characteristics of civilised person. Politeness is the art of choosing among your thoughts. It must be implemented in every walk of life. When we deal with people elder to us we are polite. But, an honest polite person is polite with everyone, people of lower status, workers and even children. Not only with humans but also with animals we must be polite as they are our helpers.
3. Politeness is a skill. Like any other skill, you can master it with practice. The greatest enemy of politeness is ego. To be a polite person, you have to sacrifice your ego. It is difficult for an egoist to be polite. You have to imply politeness in your thinking, speech and actions. Actions work more than words. Polite actions will give fine results. Politeness will reduce your stress and boost you to be productive. Apart from your present benefits, you protect your future. Being polite makes you mentally healthy. In our daily life we come across many incidents with people nearby and ourselves.
4. Different rules of behaviour have to be observed, accordingly as we are in the street or in the drawing-room, at home or at school, in the company of friends or of strangers. There is also to be considered the great diversity of social etiquette which distinguishes one country from another.
5. Politeness, besides being a duty that we owe to others, is a valuable possession for ourselves. It costs nothing, and yet may in many cases bring much profit. The great advantage of this excellence of conduct was very clearly expressed by Dr. Johnson, when he said that the difference between a well-bred and an ill- bred man is that one immediately attracts your liking, the other your dislike.

(1) Answer the four questions briefly:

**2x4 = 8 Marks**

- (a) Why is politeness called as limited part of benevolence?
- (b) List some of the persons we should be polite to?
- (c) Why is it difficult for an egoist to be polite?

- (d) What are the benefits of being polite?
- (e) Which rules of behaviour are to be observed?
- (2) On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. **1x2 = 2 Marks**
- (a) Politeness is an art of choosing\_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) An honest polite person is polite with\_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) To others, we \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) Attempt any two of the following. Find out the words that mean the same as under: **1x2 = 2 Marks**
- (a) 'insignificant' (Paragraph 1)
- (b) 'manners' (Paragraph 4)
- (c) 'civil'(Paragraph 5)

## SECTION B - WRITING

### Question 3.

8 marks

Drinking water is becoming a rare commodity. Industrial development is filling our rivers, seas and oceans with toxic pollutants which are a major threat to human health. You are deeply saddened to see water pollution as an appalling problem, which is powerful enough to lead the world on a path of destruction. Write a letter to the Editor of Express News to make the public aware about the causes of water pollution and also suggest the measures to prevent water pollution. (About 100 - 120 words)

**You may use the clues given below:**

- (a) Causes of Water Pollution
- (i) industrial waste
  - (ii) sewage and waste water
  - (iii) mining activities
  - (iv) accidental oil leakage
  - (v) burning of fossil fuels
  - (vi) urban development
- (b) Suggestive measures
- (i) prevent river water to get polluted
  - (ii) treatment of wastes before discharge

- (iii) treatment of drainage water
- (iv) routine cleaning
- (v) self hygiene
- (vi) public Awareness

**OR**

Tourism being one of the biggest and fastest growing industries globally, affects the economic, socio-cultural, environmental and educational resources of nations. Improving tourism industry in India would thus lead to national development in many spheres. As Ankit/Ankita, write a letter to the Editor of The Times of India expressing your views on the same. You may like to take ideas from the unit- Travel and Tourism besides your own ideas. (about 100 -120 words)

**Question 4.**

**4 Marks**

Write a story in 80-100 words based on the input given below:

Enjoyed going for long walks—visit to Dehradun — huge forest - taking shortcut through the woods, a tree toppled pinning me underneath. Then.....

**Begin the story with:**

I have always enjoyed taking long walks among the forests.....

**OR**

**loved reading about life on other planets**----One day --walking in the school. Suddenly heard a noise----strange man, no creature --an alien saying something ---- then more came---abducted me.....

**Begin the story with:**

I loved reading about life on other planets.....

**Question 5.**

**8 Marks**

Brain drain is a major problem in developing nations. India has provided some great minds to the world. Write an article in about 100–120 words, to encourage Indians to serve their nation and nature it.

**OR**

You are, Sumit/Sobha. Many people have fallen victim to dengue and chikungunya in your town. Write an article 'Fight against Dengue and Chikungunya' by using the following hints and also your own ideas. (130 – 150 words)

Hints : Prevention better than cure – cleanliness – no waterlogging – in and outside – use mosquito nets – DDT spray – wear full sleeves – cover body parts.

## SECTION C – GRAMMAR

### Question 6.

4 Marks

Read the following passage and fill in each blank with one word only. Write the answer in our answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence.

Looking back (a) ----- some of the things I did (b) -----  
---- a teenager makes me break (c) ----- in cold sweat. The purpose of  
each adventure (d) ----- always fun, but occasionally things (e) -----  
----- out of hand. Now when I think (f) ----- my pranks I  
chuckle at the innocent ones and feel lucky that I did not hurt myself (g) -----  
-- others. Today I am older, wiser and may be just (h) ----- little more boring.

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| (a) | (i) while       | (ii) despite  |
|     | (iii) although  | (iv) though   |
| (b) | (i) in spite of | (ii) although |
|     | (iii) despite   | (iv) while    |
| (c) | (i) because     | (ii) so       |
|     | (iii) while     | (iv) despite  |
| (d) | (i) in spite of | (ii) though   |
|     | (iii) since     | (iv) as       |

### Question 7.

4 Marks

Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

Three years ago, fresh (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of school, I (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the intimidating task of choosing a career (c) \_\_\_\_\_ college started. My uncle, (d) \_\_\_\_\_ of the elders of the family, suggested (e) \_\_\_\_\_ I do a summer job (f) \_\_\_\_\_ a multinational company followed by a month of social service with an NGO. He said that (g) \_\_\_\_\_ that I could (h) \_\_\_\_\_ which carrier to choose.

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| (a) | (i) from     | (ii) out   |
|     | (iii) in     | (iv) when  |
| (b) | (i) in       | (ii) was   |
|     | (iii) have   | (iv) had   |
| (c) | (i) for      | (ii) after |
|     | (iii) before | (iv) as    |
| (d) | (i) are      | (ii) was   |
|     | (iii) one    | (iv) who   |

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| (e) | (i) when    | (ii) that     |
|     | (iii) which | (iv) as       |
| (f) | (i) in      | (ii) on       |
|     | (iii) for   | (iv) at       |
| (g) | (i) before  | (ii) then     |
|     | (iii) after | (iv) in       |
| (h) | (i) made    | (ii) decision |
|     | (iii) make  | (iv) decide   |

**Question 8.**

**8 Marks**

**Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences.**

- (a) Gold /one day/Mohan das/piece/stile/a/of
- (b) prey on / not / all insects / they / do
- (c) some of / enemies / them / worst / destroy / our
- (d) our / are / friends / among / the spiders / best.
- (e) very / home / machine / a. / a / at / is / useful / computer
- (f) hobbies / may/also/about/teach/them/it.
- (g) games/can/children/interesting/provide/it/for
- (h) telephone/numbers/provide/like/information/it can

**Question 9.**

**2x4 = 8 Marks**

- (i) Read the following passage and fill in each blank with one word only. Write the answer in our answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence.

Joice : When is your aunt visiting you?

Mary : She is planning to come in September.

Joice : Wouldn't our exams have started by then?

Mary : That's true. I've called her and requested her to come only after my exams.

Joice asked Mary (a) ----- Mary replied that (b) -----  
 ----- Joice enquired (c) ----- by then. Mary said that it was true  
 and added (d) ----- to come only after her exams.

- (ii) Look at the newspaper items given below. Use the information in the headlines to complete the sentences. Write the answers in your answers sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

- (a) Big B to sign up a global project  
Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan said that ----- a global project to be made by the makers of the 2006 Oscar winning documentary, 'March of the Penguin.'
- (b) Violence in Orissa – one killed in firing  
According to reports a person ----- during the violence in Orissa last week.
- (c) 150 workers in Afghanistan kidnapped  
Authorities said that ----- by suspected Taliban militants.
- (d) SC stays judicial postings in Punjab  
Judicial postings in Punjab ----- by the Supreme Court.

**Question 10.**

**6 Marks**

In the paragraph below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Make sure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

Tears produced the tear glands keep the eye e.g. produced by the  
 moist and are normally drained the (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
 nose. Onions a number of water-soluble volatile (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
 substances containing sulphur. cutting the onion (c) \_\_\_\_\_  
 these spread the air and cause irritation in the eyes. (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
 The tear glands start secreting more and more (e) \_\_\_\_\_  
 tears wash out the irritants. The tears are (f) \_\_\_\_\_  
 produced fast that they cannot be drained out (g) \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION D – LITERATURE

### Question 11.

2x3 = 6 Marks

- (a) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

The most laidback individuals become converts to the life of high-energy adventure with river rafting, canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing and mountain biking. Numerous walking trails in this region are a favourite with trekkers.

- (i) What do the laidback persons get converted to ?
  - (ii) What is liked by trekkers ?
  - (iii) Find the word from the extract which means 'paths'.
- (b) I think I could turn and live with animals, they are so placid and self-contained, I stand and look at them long and long.
- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
  - (ii) What does the poet want to do with the animals ?
  - (iii) Find the word from the extract which means 'calm'.

### Question 12.

2x5 = 10 Marks

Answer **any five** of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- (a) How does the author of 'A Shady Plot' earn his living?
- (b) What was Gogon Pakrashi's advice to Patol Babu on how to become a successful actor?
- (c) Why was Michael surprised to see Sebastian Shultz' photograph in the newspaper?
- (d) What is the setting of the poem, 'Ozymandias'?
- (e) Why did the poet wait for the snake to quench its thirst first?
- (f) In what way did the villagers help Mrs. Packletide shoot the tiger?
- (g) In what way is the play, "The Dear Departed" satirical? Comment on the nature of human beings.

### Question 13.

4 Marks

Loyalty is inherent in friendship. A friend is expected to avenge the hurt caused to his friend. Describe how Antony proves his loyalty to Julius Caesar by bringing the conspirators to justice.

**OR**

No sinful action can ever go without its consequences. What consequences does the Ancient Mariner have to face as a result of his sinful action ?

**Question 14.**

**5x2 = 10 Marks**

(a) Through the eyes of Anne Frank, draw a character sketch of her mother, Edith Frank.

**OR**

How does Anne Frank explain her hobbies to dearest 'Kitty' in her diary?

(b) Who was Mr. Gilman? How did he play his role to fulfil Keller's dream of studying at Harvard?

**OR**

But I soon discovered that college was not quite the romantic lyceum I had imagined." What made Helen realise this?

Sample Paper

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