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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains four parts.
2. All the parts are compulsory.
3. Read carefully and answer the optional questions according to the specific instructions.

SECTION- A (READING)(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below.
 1. Wangari Maathai's passion for trees and concern for the environment grew out of her love for her village. She learnt to respect nature from her grandmother and her family. She spoke about a large fig tree near her family home, that her grandmother said was sacred. She would get water for the house from the springs protected by the roots of that tree.
 2. When Wangari was young her family saw that she was very bright and sent her to school. She was smart enough to win a scholarship to study in the USA. After finishing college, she came back to Kenya to teach at the University of Nairobi. She was the first woman to get a PhD in Africa, and the first woman to head a department in a university. Wangari was very successful and could have led a peaceful and comfortable life. On her return, she found that widespread deforestation had caused terrible malnutrition and famine throughout the land.
 3. Wangari wondered what happened to that lush land. Why couldn't women get clean water and healthy food for their families? Going down to the roots of the problem, she realized that the land had to be reforested. She decided to plant trees. She began the Green Belt Movement in a small nursery in her garden which later grew into a huge organization that has planted millions of trees in Africa.
 4. Deforestation had occurred in many other places in the world, because forests had been cut down to grow cash crops for export, or to build high rise buildings. Thus, the poor and the disadvantaged, got pushed into poverty and hunger. Connecting the dots, Wangari realized that to fix the environment, she had to fight for people's rights and democracy. She protested against schemes that could harm the environment. She was mistreated and jailed many times. But she persevered with her fight. When asked what kept her fighting, she told the story of the hummingbird that her mother had told her.
 5. *Once there was a terrible forest fire. All the animals stood on the edge of the forest, transfixed. As they watched the forest burning, they felt powerless, except for this one hummingbird. The hummingbird took what water it could in its tiny beak and threw it on the blaze. As it whirred its wings and flew again and again from the stream to the fire, the animals watched helplessly, including much bigger animals like the elephant, which could have carried a lot of water in its trunk. They told the hummingbird, "What do you think you can do? You are too little and the fire is so big. How can you help?" The little hummingbird turned to them without wasting any time, and said, "I am doing the best I can. This is what all of us should do."*
 6. "I will be that hummingbird," said Wangari Maathai. And she was — all her life. It has made a difference. She said in her Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, "sustainable development, democracy and peace are indivisible."

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY EIGHT** questions.

- (a) “I will be that hummingbird” said Wangari Maathai. Justify the statement. (1)
- (b) The passage has a small story. How does the story inspire you? (1)
- (c) Wangari replied that to overcome hunger and lack of water, they need to reforest the area. What did she do for successful reforestation? (1)
- (d) Wangari Maathai’s passion for trees came from (1)
- A. her grandmother and other family members
 - B. the beautiful land she grew up in.
 - C. the respect she had for nature.
 - D. her love for the fig tree.
- (e) Wangari Maathai could have led a comfortable life because she (1)
- A. had a good education
 - B. had a good job
 - C. was a teacher
 - D. had studied in the USA
- (f) The dots that Wangari Maathai connected were (1)
- A. environment can be saved, securing people’s right and democracy.
 - B. people must follow their duties to save environment.
 - C. democracy and the people’s rights have nothing to do with environment protection.
 - D. only autocratic laws and strict discipline can save environment.
- (g) Wangari Maathai found planting trees was a way of (1)
- A. undoing environmental damage
 - B. popularizing the movement for sustainable development.
 - C. helping African women earn money
 - D. sustaining people’s interest in and commitment to the movement.
- (h) Write a sentence using the word ‘protested’ in the same context as used in the passage. (1)
- (i) Complete the sentence on the basis of your understanding. (1)
- The underprivileged suffered from hunger and poverty because _____.

2. Read the passage carefully.

1. I wouldn’t buy my children the gaming products that flood the market. The level of violence in some games and the mindless addiction that they promote certainly do not find favour with me. Experts agree that long hours at the computer definitely damage eyesight and cause dizziness and headaches.
2. There are a lot of people who would disagree with me. They think that online games are not as solitary as they are made out to be. They argue that many types of games, like shooting games, sports games, backgammon, billiard and chess are two or multi-player games in which players can compete against each other. They are of the opinion that most gaming sites add several features that encourage interaction between gamers including forums, charts, multi-players’ games and tournaments. Besides being fun, some of the games provide practice in problem solving and logic as well as strategizing.

3. However, I am concerned about games that feature violence, gore, and antisocial behaviour. I even feel that certain ultra-violent games are inappropriate for all children and harmful to some. Exposure to violent games increase aggressive action. Studies have shown that violent games increase aggression. This fact strengthens my stance against these gaming products that control the lives of several people, especially the youth.
4. I strongly feel that children need to experience the joy of being in a football field and on the regular social interaction that play an important role in their development. They need that fresh gust of air against their face as they run forward to tackle a ball, let off the steam built up by the demands of daily life with loud utterances in excitement, hear the cracking of a ball against a bat or when kicked, ... The list of positive pleasure of an outdoor game can go on and on. And, as you can see, it is all the way outdoor games for me. You may gift me with the best, most expensive gaming product and I will sweetly refuse it.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY SEVEN** questions.

- (a) Why does the narrator not favour buying video games for his children? (1)
- (b) What according to the narrator does the children lose out on? (1)
- (c) Make sentence with **tackle** as you understand the meaning in the context. (1)
- (d) Complete the sentence: Many people believe that two/multi players games encourage to _____ (1)
- (e) Complete the sentence: If the author is gifted an expensive video game he would _____ (1)
- (f) Find the word from the passage which mean: craving or habit (Para-1) - _____ (1)
- (g) Give one word for: devising a plan for the future (Para-2) (1)
- (h) Write the line which tells you that the author can go on adding advantages of outdoor activities? (1)

3. Read the poem carefully and

Dandelion

<p>I think it's an insult To nature's generosity That many call this cheerful flower A 'common weed' How dare they so degrade A flower divinely made Sublimely does it bloom and seed In sunshine or in shade, Thriving in wind and in rain, On stony soil On walls or steps On strips of waste;</p>	<p>Tough and resilient, Giving delight When other flowers are out of sight. And when its puff ball comes to fruit You make a wish and blow it clean away: 'Please make my wish come true', you say. And if you're kind and pure of heart, Who knows? The magic flower may just respond And help you on your way Good dandelion Be mine today</p>
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-Ruskin Bond

Based on your understanding of the poem, answer **ANY FIVE** questions.

- (a) Why did the poet consider the flower as 'divinely made'? (1)
- (b) Write the lines which tells you that poet was angry with the people? (1)

- (c) According to the poet, what is an insult to nature's generosity? (1)
- (d) Choose the most suitable option to summarize the poem. (1)
- A. It talks about a common weed.
B. Appreciates the beauty of dandelion
C. It gives a message of generosity
D. It tells about magical flower
- (e) The synonym of resilient is (1)
- A vulnerable B sensitive C rigid D adaptable
- (f) Complete the sentence (1)
- The wish will come true _____

SECTION- B (WRITING) (16 Marks)

4. (a) You are Ridhima/ Rehan, the Editor of your school magazine called 'Antarchetana'. Write a report on the Prize Distribution Ceremony held in your school in 100 words, using of the hints given below. (3)

Hints : date- time – venue- event-its importance-objectives of participating events- conclusion

OR

- (b) You are Akshay Mathur, Head Girl/Boy of Sunrise International School, Anand. You have found a library book in the playground of your school. Write a notice in not more than 50 words. You may take help of the hints given below. Put the notice in a box.

Article found-place-contact when and where

5. (a) Your school celebrated 74th Republic Day this year. Write a paragraph describing the event in not more than 100 words. You may use the hints to write the paragraph. (3)

Importance of Republic Day- date-venue-NCC parade-flag hoisting-cultural programme-conclusion

OR

- (b) Write a factual description of your school's Chemistry lab in 100 words. The hints given below can be useful to you.

Chemistry lab-tools-test tubes-beakers-big tables-lids-acid bottles-indicators-chemicals-burner-charts-models-periodic tables

6. (a) This year Woman's Day will be celebrated on 8th March and you are asked to prepare a speech on the changing role of women in 21st century acknowledging their significant contribution in changing the face of the modern era. You may take help of the hints given below and write a speech. (120 words). (5)

Gone are the days when women were considered to be the queen of tragedies-position remarkably improved-have all rights of equality - possess higher position without any distinction-have made their place in literature, education, administration-modern woman- self-confident, self-respect, we are proud of them.

OR

- (a) Here is a picture of every home after school hours. Look at the picture given below and write an article on the condition of a student who is caught between the pressures of homework, play and TV. Write an article in about 120 words by taking help of the picture and the hints given below.

rat race for excellence - parents' pressure and expectations-emphasis on memory - and rote learning - harmful effects of too much homework - no time for recreation and physical activities - studies become monotonous and boring - growth hampered growing unrest and frustration - what needs to be done - reduce homework-make it activity based - balance between TV, games and homework



7. (a) Write a letter to the Editor of Navbharat Times expressing your views on children's shows on television. You may use the following points to write the letter in 120 words. (5)

introduce yourself and state the purpose of your writing - give examples of some children's talent shows - describe-how you think shows are bad for children - almost labour, causes children to work unnecessarily hard, children do not enjoy their childhood, lose out on studies -seek an end

OR

- (b) You are Urvashi/Uday, President of Ganesh Society, Vadodara. The water pipe that supplies drinking water to your area is damaged and there has not been any water supply for four days now. Write a letter to the President of Municipal Corporation, Vadodara spelling out the difficulties of the residents and asking for immediate repair of the pipe besides the supply of drinking water through tankers. You can take help of the hints given below. (120 words)

Shortage of drinking water- the pipe is damaged- problems faced by the residents- requesting for repair- immediate action

SECTION- C (GRAMMAR) (14 Marks)

8. Look at the following words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. (3)
One has been done for you.

tradition / has India / a glorious / of education

Ans India has a glorious tradition of education.

- a) great reservoir / India's / of knowledge / were considered / ancient universities
b) legacy / the present / is a / from /educational system / the British
c) also / great / they / have / traditions / educational
9. Read the following conversation and complete the passage using reported speech. (3)

Iris : Hi! Tom, how are you?

Tom : Life's rather tough. I desperately need a job.

Iris : We have a vacancy in our office for the post of an Accounts Officer

Tom : I have five years of experience in a reputed firm as an Accounts Officer.

Iris : Will you like to go abroad?

Tom : I have no problem

Iris, on meeting Tom, asked him how he was. Tom replied that life was rather tough and he desperately needed a job. Iris told him that (b) _____. Tom said that (c)_____. Iris enquired (d) _____ and Tom replied that he had no problem.

10. In the following passage, there is one omitted from each line with the blanks alongside it. Write (4)
the correct word in the space provided.

		Before	Words	After
India is land festivals. Every	(a)	_____	_____	_____
now then we have a festival.	(b)	_____	_____	_____
This is of its age-old	(c)	_____	_____	_____
culture and civilization. All festivals	(d)	_____	_____	_____
promote the feeling co-operation	(e)	_____	_____	_____
love, kindness and humanity.				
We respect and celebrate all				
our national as well religious	(f)	_____	_____	_____
festivals. We should not	(g)	_____	_____	_____
partial that.	(h)	_____	_____	_____

11. Given below are some instructions on how to clean your room. Use these instructions and (4)
complete the paragraph that follows.

HOW TO CLEAN YOUR ROOM

- i) Pick up a dusting cloth.
- ii) Dust all the furniture, doors and windows carefully.
- iii) Remove all the cobwebs from the corners of your rooms.
- iv) Arrange the books properly on the tables.
- v) Take a broom and clean the floor.
- iv) Throw the waste in the dustbin.

First, a dusting cloth was picked. All the furniture, doors and windows (a)_____. All the cobwebs (b)_____ from the corners of your rooms. The books were arranged properly on the tables. Then, a broom (c)_____ and the floor was cleaned. The waste (d)_____ in the dustbin.

SECTION - D (LITERATURE) (30 marks)

12. Read the extract from the poem 'When I set out for Lyonesse' and answer the following questions. (2)

*"When I returned from Lyonesse
With magic in my eyes,
All marked with mute surmise
My radiance rare and fathomless,
When I returned from Lyonesse
With magic in my eyes."*

- (a) What transformation has taken place in the poet when he says 'magic in my eyes'?
(b) Explain where and how the literary device Anaphora is used in the stanza.

OR

Read the extract from the poem 'On the Grasshopper and Cricket' and answer the following questions.

*The poetry of earth is ceasing never;
On a lone winter evening when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stone there shrills
The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost;
The grasshopper's among some grassy hills.*

- (a) Explain where and how the literary device Alliteration is used in the stanza.
(b) What does the grasshopper and the cricket symbolise?

13. Read the extract from the lesson 'The Great Stone Face' and answer the following questions. (2)

"One summer day. Therefore, he arrived at Ernest's door, where he found the good old man holding a book in his hand, which he read and then, with a finger between the leaves, looked lovingly at the Great Stone Face"

- (a) The statement 'he arrived at Ernest's door' means
- Ernest's visitor was a poet, who had strong desire to meet Ernest
 - Ernest's visitor was a poet, who had exact resemblance of The Great stone Face
 - Ernest's visitor was a poet, who wanted to write about the Ernest's life
 - Ernest's visitor was a poet, who had all the qualities, required in a saint
- (b) Why did he come to Ernest and what did he ask for?

14. Read the extract from the lesson 'The Fight' and answer the following questions. (3)

'If you dare to come here again tomorrow, we will continue this fight, and I will not show you any mercy as I have done today.'

- (a) 'I have done today.' Which one of the following is the BEST explanation of the sentence?
- He wanted to take the pool under his control.

- ii. He tried to threaten Ranji not to come.
- iii. He was exhausted and could not fight anymore.
- iv. He was exhausted and give up.

(b) Why does the speaker say he will not show mercy?

(c) What was the reason for the fight?

15. Answer the following questions from the book '*Honeydew*'. **(ANY FOUR)** (8)

(a) The writer calls Stephen Hawking one of the most beautiful men in the world. Justify.

(b) Was it right for the ant to turn the cricket away when he needed her the most? Elaborate.

(c) Why does the poet compare the minivets to the jewels?

(d) The author's gift was the best Christmas gift for the lady. Justify.

(e) The grasshopper and the cricket are the symbols of hope and tenacity. Explain.

(f) Why does the school boy compare himself to bird in the cage? Why does he worry about it?

16. Answer the following questions from the book '*It so happened...*'. **(ANY THREE)** (6)

(a) Why was the little child merciful to the Giant and what was his reward?

(b) Comment on the statement 'Romance at short notice was her speciality'.

(c) What did the narrator do to please Allah?

(d) Whose views do you agree with- Indrani Debi's or Duttada? Elaborate?

(e) Who were the adversaries in the lesson The Fight and how did they become friends later?

17. Answer the following question in not more than 100 – 120 words. All questions are compulsory. (3)

(a) Write a brief character sketch on **ANY ONE** of the following characters describing their qualities and attitude with evidence from the story. Also state their strong impact, the message they portray in the story and your views about the character.

- Ernest

(b) The author had found a letter in a roll top desk. His curiosity won him over and he read the letter. Imagine if he was careless and didn't bother to find out the whereabouts of Connie Macpherson. Discuss the consequences that would have followed and suggest your opinion about the situation. (3)

(c) The episode mentioned in the lesson 'A Short Monsoon Diary' talks about superstition that Chuchundars are lucky and they bring money. On the other hand, Indrani Debi who had attained an M.A degree also believed in the superstition that comet bring ill-luck in the lesson 'The Comet-I'. What are your beliefs and disbeliefs regarding the superstition? Explain (3)