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**General Instructions:**

1. This paper has four sections: A, B, C and D.
2. All the sections are compulsory.
3. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.
4. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

**Section A- READING (07 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below.
  - a) Wu Chen trembled when his mother asked him to take Ping, their ox, to pasture. "Beware of passing Dragon Pool," she said, "because a dragon of bad luck lives there." "Who has seen this dragon?" Wu Chen said, hiding his fear. "Nobody has seen it," his mother replied, "but people leave it gifts, and the gifts disappear. Use your wits. Leave bamboo shoots for the dragon at the pool."
  - b) Wu Chen left home, and at a stream he picked bamboo shoots, tying them to Ping's back. At the city wall, a hawker of charms called to him. Wu Chen bowed. "Have you a charm to protect travellers?" "Have you a coin for my palm?" "Honourable One, I have only bamboo shoots." The hawker smiled. "I will trade two charms for bamboo." Wu Chen agreed, saving two bamboo shoots for the dragon. The hawker wrote the charms on rice paper, and Wu Chen tucked one charm into his pocket, the other under his hat. Near Dragon Pool, Wu Chen crawled, trying to hide as he left bamboo for the dragon. Then he stood.
  - c) "Ping, I can crawl past Dragon Pool, but the dragon will see you because you're so tall. Please crawl." He tapped on Ping's knees, but Ping refused to crawl. "Ping, if we pass safely, people will say the dragon caused good luck, but if we lie injured, people will say the dragon caused bad luck." Then Wu Chen remembered his mother's words. *Use your wits.* "Ping, since you won't crawl, I'll make myself tall. Would not a very tall boy frighten a dragon?" Wu Chen climbed onto Ping's back and stood still. He trembled as Ping plodded forward. Wu Chen looked into Dragon Pool as they passed it, and he saw azure water, white rocks, and golden carp swimming, but he saw no dragon.
  - d) When he saw a sloth stealing bamboo shoots, he laughed. The dragon must have existed only in superstitious minds. He passed Dragon Pool safely by standing tall. By using his wits, he made his own luck. Back at home, Wu Chen spoke of the hawker of charms, but he spoke not of Dragon Pool. Others would have to experience Dragon Pool themselves.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions that follow.

- i) Who is Ping and who is Wu Chen? (1)
  - (A) A dragon, a middle aged man
  - (B) Wu Chen's friend, a magician
  - (C) An ox, a young boy
  - (D) A hawker, an old man
- ii) Wu Chen's mother ask him to be careful about Dragon Pool for the reason \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
- iii) When Wu Chen's mother tells him to "Use your wits," she means \_\_\_\_\_. (1)
  - (A) Stay mentally alert
  - (B) Don't be cheated
  - (C) Take the safe way home
  - (D) Treat the dragon with respect

- iv) The story is mainly about \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
 (A) how Wu Chen tricked a dragon (B) why the peddler helped Wu Chen  
 (C) how Wu Chen made a friend (D) how Wu Chen learned the truth
- v) When Wu Chen saw the sloth take the bamboo shoots, he felt \_\_\_\_\_. (1)  
 (A) frightened (B) relieved (C) disappointed (D) proud
- vi) What will happen after Wu Chen discovered the truth? (1)  
 (A) Wu Chen won't be afraid to go to the pasture.  
 (B) The charm hawker will use Wu Chen as an example.  
 (C) Wu Chen's mother won't allow him to go to the pasture.  
 (D) Wu Chen will tell other people about the dragon.
- vii) What lesson could the reader learn from this story? (1)  
 (A) Peddlers cannot be trusted (B) Be careful what you wish for  
 (C) Be kind to animals (D) Don't believe everything that people say

### Section B- GRAMMAR (4 Marks)

2. In the following passage, one word is missing 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. The first one has been done for you. (2)

	<b>Before</b>	<b>Missing</b>	<b>After</b>
Eg. The earliest means water transport were rafts and boats.	means	of	water
The increase trade demanded improvement in boat-making.	a)		
New boats fitted steam engines were built.	b)		
These boats called ships.	c)		
They can more goods and also move faster.	d)		

3. Arrange the words and phrases given below to form meaningful sentences: (2)  
 a) of / Alzheimer's Disease / one / is / a / of / in / the symptoms / gradual decline / intellectual abilities  
 b) the / personality / gradually/ observe / can / one / in / change

### Section C- WRITING (9 marks)

4. Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

A) The condition of the public park in your locality is miserable. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu in 100-120 words describing its condition and the difficulty it causes people living around the park. You are Ritu/Ravi, A-15 Kailash Colony, New Delhi.

Hints- purpose of the park – poorly managed park- boundary wall broken and dirty- animals resting there – heaps of rubbish lying everywhere – people are scared to go there

**OR**

B) You are concerned about the increased in accidents involving school children who drive recklessly. Write a letter to the Editor of Deccan Herald discussing the problem. Also suggest solutions to fight this problem. Write in 100-120 words.

Hints- owing vehicles at a young age - fashion statement - reckless driving to compete with friends - unable to understand that speeds thrills but kills - do not wear helmets - consequence can be dangerous - parents and schools must make strict rules

5. Answer ANY ONE from A and B given below. (4)

A) Given below is some information about the guard of your school. Write a factual description describing based on the given information. Write in 100 words.

Hints- 5'5"- wheatish complexion - black hair- 40 yrs old- high school passed - married- 3 children - alert, caring, dutiful, honest - expert flute player.

**OR**

B) Write the factual description of Albert Einstein using the given hints. Write in 100 words.

Hints- Born: 14<sup>th</sup> March, 1879, Ulm, Germany – migrated to USA in 1933 after Nazi takeover of Germany – won Nobel prize for theory of relativity- warned U.S. President Roosevelt about destructive power of atom bomb- deeply shaken after bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki- advocated for world government – true world citizen.

**Section D- LITERATURE (10 Marks)**

6. Read the extract from both the textbooks and answer ANY ONE from the following questions.

A) *“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.”*

i) How does the Cricket's song change over time in these lines? (1)

- (A) It gets louder (B) It becomes softer  
(C) It remains constant (D) It disappears

ii) What is the setting described in the provided lines? (1)

- (A) A bustling summer afternoon (B) A solitary winter evening  
(C) A noisy city street (D) A foggy morning in spring

**OR**

B) *“I kept wondering, if Allah miyan had sent me four rupees that day, what harm could it have possibly caused anyone? It was only later that I came to the conclusion that if Allah miyan were to provide all for the asking, then man would, even today, be living in nests like vultures and crows and would not have learnt the art of making jalebis!”*

i) What realization does the narrator come to later about Allah miyan providing everything for the asking? (1)

- (B) It would lead to abundance and prosperity.  
(C) It would result in a primitive way of living without progress.  
(D) It would make people lazy and dependent.  
(E) It would foster a sense of community and sharing.

ii) What is the narrator's initial thought about proposing to get four rupees from Allah miyan? (1)

The narrator is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) grateful and believes it would cause no harm. (B) indifferent and does not think much of it.  
(C) disappointed and wishes for more. (D) skeptical and questions the purpose.

7. Answer ANY TWO questions in about 30-40 words each.

i) What is it about Ranji that surprises the warrior? How does this knowledge help in ending the fight? (2)

ii) How does the author describe the scarlet minivet in 'A Short Monsoon Diary'? (2)

iii) What is the speaker’s last bargain? Why does he call it the best? (2)

81. Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in 100 words. (4)

A) Draw a character sketch of Vera on the basis of your reading of ‘The Open Window’.

**OR**

B) Jody Baxter is a compassionate being. Justify this statement on the basis of ‘This is Jody’s Fawn’.