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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains four sections.
2. Section A-Reading Section has a passage for comprehension.
3. Section B-Writing Section has two questions. Adhere to the word limit as given in the instructions with each question.
4. Section C-Grammar Section has two questions. Read the instruction carefully.
5. Section D-Literature Section has five questions. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A
Reading Section (7 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below.
 - a) All of us do some kind of work to ward off starvation or to gain sufficient material wealth with a view to maintain that standard of living which our physical and intellectual powers have helped us to reach. But there is another kind of work which is completely divorced from the burdensome process of our livelihood and which is undertaken for the sake of amusement or interest or the direction of our surplus stores of energy in some new and useful channels of refined tastes. This delightful occupation combining work with pleasure of hobby, as it is properly termed, calls for the application of our highest faculties and gives proper form to our healthy instincts, purposeful habits and disciplined behaviour. We devote our leisure to the pursuit of this pleasant task and derive advantages which compare favourably with those we obtain from the bread-earning routine of our daily life. Hobbies widen the sphere of our cultural activities, give refinement to our tastes and show us the path that leads to our systematic mental and moral development, our tendencies and inclinations also find in them an outlet for a healthy and progressive expression.
 - b) A hobby is a favourite subject or occupation that is not one's main business. In this age of machinery which has taken upon itself most of the laborious duties of physical exertion formerly performed by man, then creating for him pleasant intervals of rest and leisure, it should not be difficult for him to devote some time to the pursuit of a new interest that can add some charm, colour or zest to his life. The spare time must not be frittered away in idleness or spent on such work as overtaxes his mind and body after they have performed their normal functions for the day. The new interest will be worthwhile only if it provides relaxation and change from ordinary occupation, banishes the drabness of routine work and produces a feeling that life is both charming and meaningful.
 - c) The choice of hobbies like the choice of books for purposes of reading is not an easy task. Some hobbies demand a little guidance from experienced persons. Our sudden attachment to them without the backing of this preliminary knowledge may result in wasting our resources of time and money, and in the end, compel us to abandon them. Some hobbies are rather expensive, and therefore beyond the means of ordinary people who can ill afford to spend large sums of money on them. Not a few are incompatible with our temperament and taste. We must not, therefore, allow the glamour of certain hobbies to blind us to their reality, howsoever tempting they may appear to us, nor should we begin to cherish them thoughtlessly because we find other people so devotedly attached to them.
 - d) In the first flash of enthusiasm many have rushed into unsuitable hobbies only to find themselves turning away from them in a state of great disillusionment. In a few rare and exceptional cases a sudden and instinctive choice of some hobbies sometimes proves to be the right one. We must not, however, forget that tinkering with a hobby is joyless and

wasteful process, unattended by any appreciable gains. Scattered interests in half a dozen or more odd hobbies are also not a desirable end.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

- (i) Identify whether the following statements are True or False. (1)
(A) The passage suggests that one should choose hobbies based solely on their popularity.
(B) A sudden and instinctive choice of a hobby can sometimes be the right one.
- (ii) Why is the choice of hobbies compared to the choice of books in the passage? (30-40 words) (1)
- (iii) Assertion (A): Engaging in multiple hobbies simultaneously is not desirable. (1)
Reason(R): It leads to joyless and wasteful engagement without significant gains.
(A) Both (A) and (R) are true, and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A).
(B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A).
(C) The (A) is true, but the (R) is false.
(D) The (A) is false, but the (R) is true.
- (iv) What is the effect of use of machinery on human labour, as is mentioned in the passage? (1)
(A) It increases physical exertion (B) It eliminates the need for hobbies
(C) It creates intervals of rest and leisure (D) It leads to dissatisfaction
- (v) “We devote our leisure to the pursuit of this pleasant task and derive advantages which compare favourably with those we obtain from the bread-earning routine of our daily life.” (1)
The statement suggests that the pursuit being described offers:
(A) Only enjoyment, with no practical benefits.
(B) Enjoyment that surpasses the benefits of daily work.
(C) Enjoyment comparable to the benefits of daily work.
(D) Practical benefits that overshadow the enjoyment.
- (vi) The phrase “glamour to certain hobbies” suggests the hobbies are: (1)
(A) Unrealistic and overly attractive (B) Simple and straightforward
(C) Practical and beneficial (D) Time-consuming and expensive
- (vii) The word ‘delightful’ in paragraph (a) can be replaced with a synonym _____. (1)
(A) Tedious (B) Pleasing (C) Difficult (D) Unimportant

SECTION-B

Writing Section (8 Marks)

2 A You are the director of Sky-Tech, a software company. You wish to employ an accountant for your company’s office in Bengaluru. Draft an advertisement to be published in the local daily.

OR

2 B You are Rania/ Rahul of 352, Defence Colony, Meerut. You want to sell a duplex house you live in. Draft an advertisement in not more than 50 words for the classified column of a national daily.

3 A The entire country experienced severe temperatures during the summer this year. And this is set to rise with rise in global warming and urbanization. As a responsible citizen, you feel that you must raise awareness on the urgent need to plant trees for both, short term as well as long term benefits. As monsoon is currently going on, this is the best time to do so. As a member of the Green Club of Ecovalley School, Pune, draft a speech in 120-150 words. In it explain the reasons for each person to plant trees. Encourage the members of the club to plant trees. You may use the hints given below. You are Dharti / Dhanush. You are a student of class XI.

- Community - beautifies the city, reduces noise, lowers crime, makes street safer
- Environment & Climate Change - cleaner air and water, reduces flooding, CO₂ and greenhouse gases in atmosphere, effects of climate change
- Health - less stress, improves physical and mental health, heals faster

OR

(5)

- 3 B India has the highest number of deaths in the world caused by road accidents, as per a WHO report. This serious issue needs to be addressed by the government as well as the citizens. You have been asked to give a speech in the Social Club in your school. Draft a speech in 120-150 words highlighting the adverse effects of flouting traffic rules and how life could be made more secure on the roads. You may use the hints given below. You are Prachi / Purab.
- Many roads have insufficient capacity, poor sidewalks, unlimited crossings and a lack of road equipment and safety measures
 - Highway traffic in India is heavily taxed, roads not well maintained
 - Solutions- need for education and awareness, enforcement of traffic laws, improved infrastructure, public transport, use of technology

SECTION-C

Grammar Section (7 Marks)

- 4 A Rearrange the following words and phrases to make meaningful sentences. (3x1=3)
- (i) people / helping and /others / serving / some / enjoy
- (ii) feel / their / is / serve / to / mankind / duty / they / that / it
- (iii) who / the / for / of humanity / are / people / work / called philanthropists / benefit
- 4 B Fill in the blanks by selecting the correct option. (4x1=4)
- (i) Read the dialogue between Arush and Esha about a career option.
- Arush: Why did you opt for a career in journalism?
Esha : I couldn't resist my love for storytelling and my desire to expose the truth.
Select the option to complete the reporting of the dialogue:
Arush asked Esha _____ in journalism. Esha passionately expressed that she couldn't resist her love for storytelling and her desire to expose the truth.
- (A) why did she opt for a career (B) why had she opted for a career
(C) why she opted for a career (D) why she had opted for a career
- (ii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction from a scientific review. The study examines the association among exposure to sunlight and vitamin D levels in the body.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Error	examines	to	among	levels
Correction	examine	for	between	level

- (iii) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. The opportunity to volunteer at the local food bank made me _____ the challenges faced by underprivileged communities.
- (A) realising (B) to realise (C) realized (D) realise
- (iv) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the update on the school's chess team.
It's a victorious day!
Our school's chess team _____ the interschool chess championship.
- (A) has been won (B) will winning (C) was winning (D) has won

SECTION-D

Literature Section (18 Marks)

- 5 A Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (2x1=2)
- "We were certain she had always been as we had known her. Old, so terribly old that she could not have grown older, and had stayed at the same age for twenty years. She could never have been pretty; but she was always beautiful."*

- (i) How is beauty defined in the passage?
 (A) Young and vibrant (B) Old and unchanging
 (C) Pretty but forgettable (D) Frail and sickly
- (ii) The person is described as 'always beautiful' despite never being 'pretty'. What does this suggest about the speaker's view of beauty?

5 B Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (2x1=2)

*"The sea holiday
 Was her past, mine is her laughter. Both wry
 With the laboured ease of loss."*

- (i) How does the word 'wry' describe the laughter and the sea holiday?
- (ii) The line 'laboured ease of loss' seems paradoxical. Which literary device is used here?

5 C Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (2x1=2)

*"I can get it to want to do anything I want it to do. Horses understand me.
 How do you do it? I said.
 I have an understanding with a horse, he said.
 Yes, but what sort of an understanding? I said.
 A simple and honest one, he said."*

- (i) What is the difference in the way the two speakers view the relationship between rider and horse?
- (ii) Identify the correct option for the statements given below.
 Assertion(A): The speaker can influence horses because of a simple and honest understanding.
 Reason(R): This understanding allows the speaker to communicate effectively and build trust with the horses.
- (A) Both (A) and (R) are true, and the (R) is the correct explanation of the (A).
 (B) Both (A) and (R) are true, but the (R) is not the correct explanation of the (A).
 (C) The (A) is true, but the (R) is false.
 (D) The (A) is false, but the (R) is true.

6 Answer the following question in 40-50 words. (ANY 2) (3x2=6)

- (i) Describe the three phases of the author's relationship with his grandmother. (The Portrait of a Lady)
- (ii) Explain the line 'Showing her barred face identity mask' (The Laburnum Top)
- (iii) What is the contrast between the sea and the girls in the picture? (A Photograph)
- (iv) "A man could be the father of his son's flesh, but that did not mean that he was also the spirit of the father." Elaborate. (The Summer of the Beautiful Horse)

7. Answer the following question in 120-150 words. (ANY 1) (1x6=6)

- (A) Imagine that you are Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. Write a diary page expressing your relief after King Tut's mummy was scanned successfully. Describe how this was achieved.

OR

- (B) A breach of trust is evident in the story 'The Address'. Elucidate.