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NOTE

(I) Please check that this question paper contains **11** printed pages.

(II) Please check that this question paper contains **10** questions.

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(IV) **Please write down the serial number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.**

(V) 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours *Maximum Marks : 80*

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

*(i) The question paper is divided into **four** sections – A, B, C and D.*

***Section A** — Reading Skills*	***22 marks***
***Section B** — Writing Skills*	***22 marks***
***Section C** — Grammar*	***10 marks***
***Section D** — Literature Textbook*	***26 marks***

*(ii) There are **10** questions in the question paper. **All** questions are compulsory.*

(iii) Answers should be brief and to the point.

(iv) You may attempt any section at a time.

(v) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

(vi) Instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.

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SECTION A – (Reading Skills) *(22 marks)*

1. Read the following passage carefully : *12*

(1) For most of us, a strong immune system implies fewer sick leaves and being able to avoid seasonal colds, stomach bugs or just about any infection. But research shows that a ramped up immune system goes much further : it helps us age better and live longer.

(2) Lifestyle plays a crucial role in proper functioning of your immune system. Chronic stress, such as prolonged job insecurity or a difficult marriage, takes a toll on many aspects of your health, including immunity. There's compelling evidence that this kind of stress, causes a measurable decline in the immune system's ability to fight infections. Try activities that relax you — yoga, meditation, trekking, volunteering or learning a new skill.

(3) The more physically fit and active you are, the less likely you are to fall ill. Exercise helps flush out toxins, and increases the circulation of the body's immune system cells. You need to exercise at least 30 minutes each day. Practice yoga and pranayama that focuses on deep breathing.

(4) A nutritionally balanced diet is a key for a strong immunity. Fill your plate with fruits and vegetables, especially purple, blue, green, red, orange and yellow veggies that are rich in antioxidants.

(5) Excessive exposure to pollution can cause inflammation. Besides putting you at a higher risk for asthma and other respiratory diseases, breathing polluted air over a long time can damage your immune system. To avoid pollution, plan outdoor activities early in the morning or late evening as air pollution is highest during rush hours. Use the recycled air option on your air conditioner to cut down fumes while driving and cover your nose and mouth while outdoors.

(6) You may eat healthy, sleep eight hours, and exercise daily, but researchers have discovered a much simpler way to boost immunity, and it's as easy as watching a sunrise. Positive emotions like awe, the feelings you get on seeing the wonders of nature, help boost immunity. Explore the great outdoors. Look for reasons to feel lucky every day. Make time for a favourite activity, or simply help another person — it will bring a smile to your face.

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Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

(i) Four friends Aman, Ayesha, Alok and Drishti ate from a roadside food outlet while coming back from school. Alok started having a stomach ache and developed fever in the evening. *1*

Why do you think it happened with Alok and not with the other three friends ?

(ii) List two ways discovered by the researchers to boost your immunity. Answer in 30 – 40 words. *2*

(iii) According to the majority of us, a strong immune system implies *1*

(A) sleeping peacefully.

(B) falling less ill.

(C) ageing better.

(D) living longer.

(iv) Briefly explain in 30 – 40 words how stress affects our immunity. *2*

(v) In order to avoid pollution, which is the most suitable time to go for outdoor activities ? *1*

(vi) Substitute the underlined word in the following sentence with a word from paragraph (2) that means the same. *1*

Yoga and meditation help cure persistent diseases.

(vii) What is the most appropriate way to flush out toxins from the body ? *1*

(A) Sleeping

(B) Eating antioxidants

(C) Exercising

(D) Dieting

(viii) Complete the following appropriately. Based on the use of the word 'ramped up' to describe the immune system, in Paragraph 1, we can infer that the immune system is _____ . *1*

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(ix) Complete the sentence appropriately.

If the title, 'Build Up Your Immunity' is given to this passage, it would be an appropriate title, as compared to 'Health and Yoga' because _____. *1*

(x) State whether the given assertion is *True* or *False*. *1*

A balanced diet is the most important way to build a strong immunity.

2. The following data is based on a survey to assess percentage of activities done by different age groups during their free time. *10*

Age Group	Reading	Outdoor Sports	Gym	Vacation	Meeting Friends	Social Media	Watching TV
10 – 15 yrs	5	25		20	25	10	15
16 – 25 yrs			30		10	50	10
26 – 40 yrs	30		30	20	20		
41 – 55 yrs	10			25		35	30
56 – 70 yrs	10	20			10	20	40

Answer the following questions based on the above table :

(i) Identify the age group from the above table that spends the least time reading. *1*

(A) 10 – 15 yrs

(B) 26 – 40 yrs

(C) 41 – 55 yrs

(D) 56 – 70 yrs

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(ii) The age group of 16 – 25 yrs prefers going to the gym rather than _____ for physical fitness. *1*

(A) play carrom

(B) go for a walk

(C) watch a movie

(D) cook a meal

(iii) Which activities can help the 56 – 70 yrs group make more friends ? *1*

(A) Watching TV, gym, and reading

(B) Social media, reading, and meeting friends

(C) Vacation, social media, and watching TV

(D) Outdoor sports, social media, and vacation

(iv) Give one justification each to prove that : *2*

(a) The 26 – 40 yrs old age group is more outgoing.

(b) Reading is the least popular activity among most age groups.

(v) Select the correct option to complete the analogy: *1*

Noise : Sound :: _____ : Silence

(vi) Complete the given sentence with the appropriate reason with reference to the information in the given table : *1*

The 16 – 25 yrs age group prefers more indoor activities to outdoor ones because…

(vii) Validate why, based on the above information, the 10 – 15 yrs age group prefers to spend more time outside the home. *2*

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(viii) Which one is the correct option based on the above data ? *1*

(A) The 41 – 55 yrs group spends most of its free time going on vacation and playing outdoor sports.

(B) The 56 – 70 yrs group spends some free time reading and on social media with no time for physical activity.

(C) The 26 – 40 yrs group prefers meeting friends more than any other group.

(D) The 16 – 25 yrs group prefers virtual interaction more than any other group.

SECTION B – (Writing Skills) *(22 marks)*

3. As the Eco Club In-charge/President of your school, write an email, in about 50 words to the Principal of your school seeking permission to initiate a plantation drive in the nearby vicinity. You are Ridhi/Rohan. *3*
You may copy the given template to write your email.

From :	
To :	
Cc :	ssc@abcschool.com
Date :	April 10, 2024, 07:05 PM
Subject :	

4. Write a factual description, in not more than 100 words, of a mobile phone that you wish to gift your mother from the pocket money that you have saved. *4*

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5. (a) You are Arif/Amina. You recently visited Hyderabad and were captivated with the various heritage sites like the Golconda Fort, Tortoise Rock, etc. You may use ideas from Unit 4 – Environment, along with your ideas to write a letter to the Editor, in not more than 120 words, highlighting the threatening factors and suggesting ways of preserving the geological heritage. *7*

OR

(b) You are Sarika/Sagar working for an NGO in Raipur. You have observed that a local school does not have sufficient general reading and reference books for primary classes. Write a letter to a book distributor, in not more than 120 words, placing an order for books and also requesting for early delivery. *7*

6. (a) Social media and excessive dependency on gadgets have impacted human interaction. Though life has become more comfortable, human relationships have taken a back seat. Write an article in about 150 words on "Our Dependency on Technology".

Opening of new horizons	Connecting with the world
Emotional imbalance	

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OR

(b) "Everyone is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid." Based on the above quote and using ideas from Unit 2 – Education, along with your ideas, write an article in about 150 words on "The Transformative Power of' Inclusive Education on Modern Education System."

Attitude of Parents, Teachers and Classmates	Physical support
Curriculum support	

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SECTION C – (Grammar) *(10 marks)*

7. Complete the tasks (a) – (c), as directed.

(a) Fill in the blanks (i) – (iii) with the appropriate option from those given in the brackets. *3*

Solar energy (i) _____ (must/should/could) become a viable source of power generation in our near future. (ii) _____ (Take/Taking/Taken) both environmental and economic cost, it works cheaper (iii) _____ (then/than/those) fossil fuels.

(b) In the following paragraph, one word has been omitted in each line. In your answer sheet, remember to write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it, as shown below. The first one has been done as an example. *4*

No.	Text	Word before	Omission	Word after
e.g.	Wetlands are world's most productive environment.	are	the	world's
(i)	Wetlands stretch mountains to seas.	_____	_____	_____
(ii)	They support variety of species of fauna.	_____	_____	_____
(iii)	Wetlands provide a barricade the sea and land.	_____	_____	_____
(iv)	They are found all the world.	_____	_____	_____

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(c) Do as directed. *3*

(i) Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. *1*

A : Do you have an idea that India is the sunny belt of the world.

B : What do you mean by sunny belt ?

Energy/Receives/Solar/Energy/Country/The/Far/Than/More/Total/Annual/Consumption/Its

(ii) Report the dialogues to complete the paragraph that follows. *1+1*

Daughter : Read me a story, Mom.

Mom : Give me a few minutes to relax and unwind.

Daughter : I will go out to play.

The daughter requested her mother (i) _____.

The mother replied and told her (ii) _____.

SECTION D – Literature Textbook *(26 marks)*

8. Read the following excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for any ***two*** excerpts, of the given three, (a), (b), (c). *4+4=8*

(a) And wrinkled lip, and sneer of cold command,

Tell that its sculptor well those passions read

Which yet survive, stamped on these lifeless things,

The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed;

(Ozymandias)

(i) Describe the setting of the poem. *1*

(ii) Identify the poetic device used in the first line. *1*

(iii) What image of the sculptor can be formed after reading the above lines ? *1*

(iv) Explain the phrase 'The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed'. *1*

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(b) Mrs. Slater : In the kitchen; but you want a new pair, those old ones are nearly worn out. You don't seem to realise what it's costing me to bear up like I am doing. My heart's fit to break when I see the little trifles that belonged to grandfather lying around, and think he'll never use them again. Here ! You'd better wear these slippers of grandfather's now. It's lucky he'd just got a new pair.

(The Dear Departed)

(i) Whose slippers were completely worn out ? *1*

(ii) From the above extract, what can be inferred about the speaker's feelings for the grandfather. *1*

(iii) Mrs. Slater was very disturbed. Justify. *1*

(iv) Find one word for the phrase 'a thing of little value or importance'. *1*

(c) Technology was advancing every day, and Dad couldn't resist any of the new gadgets or gizmos that came on the market. That was why we went to the Computer Fair. We came away with a virtual reality visor and glove, and a handful of the latest interactive psycho-drive games. They're terrific. (Virtually True)

(i) Explain the usage of the word 'terrific' in the above lines. *1*

(ii) What did they purchase from the Computer Fair ? *1*

(iii) Identify the phrase which reflects Dad's interest in technology. *1*

(iv) What are pschyo-drive games ? *1*

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9. Answer any ***five*** of the following six questions in 30 – 40 words each : *5×2=10*

(i) The inscription on the pedestal of Ozymandias was ironical. Justify. (Ozymandias) *2*

(ii) Why do you think Luigi did not approve of the young boys ? (Two Gentlemen of Verona) *2*

(iii) Lavinia felt that her husband's problems could be solved with the help of the Ouija Board. Do you agree ? (The Shady Plot) *2*

(iv) "The incidental expenses are so heavy." Why do you think Mrs. Packletide felt so after killing the tiger ? (Mrs. Packletide's Tiger) *2*

(v) Antony was permitted to address the Romans on Caesar's funeral on a few conditions laid down by the conspirators. State the conditions. (Julius Caesar) *2*

(vi) The poem 'Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments' talks about the immortality of poetry. Elaborate. *2*
(Not Marble, Nor the Gilded Monuments)

10. Answer any ***one*** of the following two questions in about 150 words : *8*

(a) Animals too deserve respect and should not be harmed. Describe in about 150 words how the action of the ancient mariner in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' and the poet in the poem 'Snake' highlight the regret of harming the animals.

OR

(b) Love and pain are two emotions which can transform people. Write an article in around 150 words about the values you have learnt from Ali (The Letter) and Nicola and Jacopo from 'Two Gentlemen of Verona'.

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