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ENGLISH

(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours *Maximum Marks : 80*

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General Instructions :

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*(i) This question paper comprises **11** questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*

*(ii) This question paper contains **THREE** sections –*

***Section – A :** Reading Skills*

***Section – B :** Grammar and Creative Writing Skills*

***Section – C :** Literature Text Book*

(iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

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SECTION – A

READING SKILLS 20 Marks

1. Read the following text : 10

(1) Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) is now high on the international agenda and ESD is seen as a way to encourage greater sustainable consumption and production, to counter the effects of climate change, address threats to biodiversity and provide more effective disaster risk reduction. Education for Sustainable Development is seen by UN as a lifelong process from early childhood to higher and adult education and goes beyond formal education. As values, lifestyles and attitudes are established from an early age, the role of education is of particular importance for children! ESD has often been associated with curriculum projects linked with recycling; energy and water conservation; pollution reduction and sustainable consumption – all developed to contribute towards achieving a more sustainable future.

(2) Research from developmental psychology, longitudinal studies, social–cultural analysis, and neuroscience have all shown that it is in the early years that children have the greatest capacity to learn, and it is in these years that many of our fundamental attitudes and values are first put into place. Children are already investigating issues related to recycling, energy conservation, waste disposal and changes in their local environment. ESD in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) is of great significance. The development of ESD and ECCE requires more than just curriculum development. It provides the possibility of a transformational reconstruction.

(3) UNICEF reports show that children under the age of eight represent the highest percentage of affected population in today's global emergencies. A UNESCO survey has shown that the ministries of education, environment and sustainable development in 97 UN member states identify poverty as the highest priority area to be addressed in achieving sustainable

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development. In fact, reductions in poverty and inequality are widely recognised as the priority in efforts to create a more sustainable world. At a global level, millions of children start school carrying the handicap that comes with the experience of malnutrition, ill-health and poverty. Yet, equitable access to high-quality pre-school programmes remain a problem in both rich and poor countries. Sustainable development projects that enable rapid progress in maternal health, child nutrition and survival already exist, even in some of the world's poorest countries. Linking health and education agenda has been recognised as extremely important.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above : **10**

I. Complete the following with a suitable explanation with reference to paragraph (1). **1**

ESD is now high on the international agenda because _____.

II. Based on the given passage, How does UN view ESD as a lifelong process ? What are the critical areas of emphasis ? **2**

(Paragraph 1)

III. List two curriculum projects that ESD (Education for Sustainable Development) has been linked with. (Paragraph 1) **1**

IV. Complete the following suitably : **2**

Many of our fundamental attitudes and values are put into plan in the early years as _____. (Paragraph 2)

V. Substitute the underlined word with the correct word from paragraph (2) : **1**

ESD in Early Childhood Care and Education provides the possibility of <u>transformational</u> reconstruction.

(A) positive change

(B) power to reform

(C) negative impact

(D) creative

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VI. What do UNICEF reports reveal about the vulnerability of children under the age of eight during global emergencies ? **1**

(Paragraph 3)

(A) UNICEF reports highlight the resilience of children under the age of eight during global emergencies.

(B) UNICEF reports indicate that children under the age of eight are rarely affected by global emergencies.

(C) UNICEF reports show that children under the age of eight represent the highest percentage of affected population in global emergencies.

(D) UNICEF reports suggest that children under the age of eight are primarily responsible for responding to global emergencies.

VII. What remains a problem in both rich and poor countries? What has been recognised as crucial ? (Paragraph 3) **1**

VIII. Complete the sentence with the correct response :
The writer's tone in the passage is _____. **1**

2. Read the following text : **10**

(1) Electric vehicles (EV) market is growing rapidly all over the world. In India also the EV market has gained significant momentum. It has grown more after the implementation of FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacture of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles) scheme in 2015 by Ministry of Heavy Industry and Public Enterprises.

(2) Electric vehicles are solutions to be independent and free from imported energy resources. Electric cars can bring a major change to India in becoming self-sustainable. EV could also be the alternative to decrease carbon dioxide gas. Carbon dioxide from automobiles is one of the causes of air pollution.

(3) An EV can be used for flexible load, for standardizing the grid with substantial share of fluctuating renewable energy generation. EV emits 30-80% less greenhouse gas when compared with Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicle. EVs

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do not consume any energy when it is stationary as compared to ICE vehicles where fuel is consumed when it is idle. EV is recognised as promising alternatives to vehicles and will potentially replace ICE vehicles in the near future.

(4) The electric vehicles have low emissions, high efficiency and smooth operation. The energy consumption and emissions for plug in hybrid electric vehicles found that compared to gasoline vehicles there is 37.5% less energy consumption and 35% less greenhouse gas emissions.

The government have started financial policies to encourage EV adoption; however, decision makers have to plan a long-term perspective to get them implemented efficiently.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

I. What does the phrase 'gained significant momentum' in paragraph (1) tell us about the impact of EV market ? **1**

(A) It is momentarily important
(B) It has developed very quickly
(C) It has gained profit
(D) It has to develop a significant market

II. Select the option that is true for the **Assertion** and **Reason** given below : **1**

Assertion : Electric vehicles can bring a major change to India.

Reason : It can bring India to becoming self-sustainable.

(A) Both the Assertion and Reason are true and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
(B) Both the Assertion and Reason are true but the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
(C) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
(D) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.

III. Give two benefits of using Electric vehicles over Internal Combustion Engine vehicles. **2**

IV. With reference to the passage, the word 'idle' in paragraph (3) most nearly means _____ . **1**

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V. How do electric vehicles contribute to diminishing a country's reliance on imported energy ? **1**

VI. Read the given prompt and select the correct option in the brackets to fill in the blank :

EV could be the alternative to _____ (enhance / reduce) the carbon dioxide gas emission. **1**

VII. Give evidence from the passage to show that government is encouraging the use of Electric Vehicles. **1**

VIII. Complete the sentence suitably :

The result of the implementation of FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacture of Electric vehicles) is _____. **1**

IX. Complete the following with a suitable reason :

The long-term perspective by decision makers is to ensure _____. **1**

SECTION – B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 Marks

GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed : 10×1 = 10

I. Complete the newspaper report by using the correct form of the verb given in the bracket : **1**

He was a renowned business person. He _____ (purchase) a house in the city last year.

II. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the concluding part of an article on 'Exploitation of Children'. **1**

It _____ (may/should/could) be our concerted effort not to employ children in industries and to save them from any kind of exploitation.

III. Read the given line and identify the error. Also provide with the correct word. **1**

Mobile phones has become an integral part of life.

Error	Correction

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IV. Take a look at the conversation between two friends Riya and Simran discussing a book that one of them has recently read. **1**

Riya : The book really caught my attention. It's called 'Eternal Echoes'.

Simran : Sounds interesting! I'll definitely add it to my reading list. Thanks for the recommendation!

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Riya told Simran about the book called Eternal Echoes that had captured her interest. Simran, in response, expressed that it _____ and mentioned that she would consider reading it.

(A) sound interesting

(B) sounded interesting

(C) will be interesting

(D) was found to be interesting

V. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the line given below : **1**

He usually ate breakfast before he goes to school.

Options	Error	Correction
(A)	usually	always
(B)	ate	eats
(C)	before	after
(D)	goes	went

VI. Report the dialogue between a teacher and a student by completing the sentence : **1**

Teacher : Good morning! Today, we're going to learn about the importance of trees. They play a vital role in our ecosystem. Can you think of any other reasons ?

Student : I pledge to plant some trees this weekend.

The student understood the importance of trees and added that he _____.

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VII. Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence talking about importance of a 'Sound Sleep'. **1**

Sleep is important in maintain one's health and well being.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

VIII. Complete the given narrative, by filling the blank with the correct option : **1**

When they began to play it _____ to rain.

(A) start

(B) started

(C) starts

(D) having started

IX. Fill in the blank choosing the most appropriate option : **1**

The teacher distributed a piece of paper to _____ student.

(A) few

(B) all

(C) many

(D) each

X. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line given below : **1**

Oral hygiene _____ be inculcated in children early in life. (should, would)

XI. Complete the given sentence by selecting the correct option : **1**

The information given here _____ to all the products in this section.

(A) apply

(B) applied

(C) is applied

(D) applies

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XII. Identify the error and supply correction for the following sentence. **1**

Be the changes you want to see in the world.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt ANY ONE from (A) and (B) given below :

(A) You are Raashi / Rahul of Simargarh, Himachal Pradesh. Write a letter in about **100-120** words to the Municipal Commissioner of the city drawing attention to the unattended condition of the public parks in your town. They are poorly maintained with garbage strewn and pools of stagnant water. Give suggestions on how the parks can be maintained. **5**

OR

(B) You are Bela / Baloo of Palanpuri. You recently visited a 'craft mela'. You were delighted to see the diversity of handicrafts, handlooms and cultural fabric of India. However, you were dismayed that not many people were there to encourage the artisans. Write a letter to the editor in **100-120** words, expressing your views on the situation and the need to support indigenous art and craft. **5**

5. Attempt ANY ONE from (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Today, many projects in India are being initiated and implemented with the aim of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and economy.

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Digital India Program

IT – Jobs

E – governance

E – Kranti Electronic Delivery of Services

Broadband for all – Urban and Rural

Information for all.

Write an analytical paragraph of **100-120** words based on the given information. **5**

OR

(B) Read the given details of the different activities that interest children in the age group of 14-17 years.

- dance, music, art
- outdoor sports like cricket, hockey, basketball, soccer, tennis
- computer games
- net surfing
- social media

Analyse the details and write an analytical paragraph in about **120** words about the suitability of the given activities. Focus on factors like interest, physical, mental and emotional development, personality development, and suitability. **5**

SECTION – C

LITERATURE TEXT BOOK **40 Marks**

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given :

A. "Paper has more patience than people. I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding : Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff backed

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notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary', unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference."

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

I. In light of the excerpt, what can we infer about the speaker's emotional state? **1**

II. The narrator enhances the narrative technique of the extract by using : **2**

(A) descriptive language

(B) literary allusions

(C) humour

(D) reflective

III. Fill in the blank with the correct word from the bracket : **1**

The narrator doesn't plan to let anyone read her diary as she doesn't have any real _____. (friend / incidents)

IV. Why does the narrator say that 'paper has more patience than people' ? **1**

OR

B. "He was silent, stupefied, in dismay, at the sight of his wife weeping. He stammered, "What is the matter? What is the matter?" By a violent effort, she had controlled her vexation and responded in a calm voice, wiping her moist cheeks, "Nothing. Only I have no dress and consequently I cannot go to this affair. Give your card to some colleague whose wife is better fitted out than I." He was grieved, but answered, "Let us see, Matilda. How much would a suitable costume cost, something that would serve for their occasions, something very simple?" She reflected for some seconds thinking of a sum that could ask for without bringing with it an immediate refusal and a frightened exclamation from the economical clerk." (The Necklace)

I. What can we infer about Matilda's emotions and financial situation based on her husband's reaction and her response to not having a dress for the affair? **2**

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II. Which of the following is NOT a reason for Matilda's distress in the extract? **1**

(A) She has no suitable dress for the affair.

(B) She is upset about her husband's reaction.

(C) She is worried about the cost of a suitable costume.

(D) The card did not bear her name.

III. What did Matilda suggest that her husband do with the card ? **1**

IV. In the given extract what does the term 'economic clerk' imply ? **1**

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two given :

A. Belinda giggled till she shook the house,
And Blink said Weeck! Which is giggling for a mouse,
Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age,
When Custard cried for a nice safe cage.
Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

I. What inference can be drawn from the repetition of 'suddenly, suddenly' in the above extract ? **1**

(A) The scene shook the house

(B) It highlights the swift assault

(C) It emphasises that an unexpected noise was heard

(D) It directs our notice to Mustard's growling

II. Despite its symbolism of captivity, what leads Custard to have a preference for staying in a cage ? **2**

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III. Select the option that applies the same rhyme scheme as the lines of the first four lines of the given extract : **1**

(A) Through the telescope she saw a star
which she thought was very far
She stretched her hand
and felt the crumple of the sand.

(B) Through the telescope she saw a star
She stretched her hand
As it was very far
But felt the crumble of the sand.

(C) Through the telescope she saw a star
Which she thought was very far
Her hand she stretched
But felt the crumble of the sand.

(D) Through the telescope she saw a star
Which she thought was very far
Her hand she stretched afar
But felt the crumble of the sand.

IV. In the given extract,
The difference between the other animals and Custard is that Custard behaves like a _____ (coward / dragon). **1**

OR

B. I sit inside, doors open to the veranda writing long letters in which I scarcely mention the departure of the forest from the house. The night is fresh, the whole moon shines in a sky still open ..... (The Trees)

I. What atmosphere or mood is created by the language and imagery used in the above lines? **2**

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II. Choose the option that correctly pairs the two different meanings implied by the use of 'open' twice in the extract : **1**

(A) entry point - vastness
(B) sharing a common space - great view
(C) allowing access and vision - expanse of space
(D) advantage - obstacles ahead

III. From the provided extract, what is conspicuously absent from the long letters the speaker is writing while they sit indoors with the doors open to the veranda? **1**

IV. How does the poet describe the night ? **1**

1. dark 2. frightening 3. dense 4. fresh 5. bright

Select the correct option :

(A) 1 and 5
(B) Only 3
(C) 4 and 5
(D) 2 and 4

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 30-40 words each : 4×3 = 12

I. Every creature possesses a unique characteristic that defines it, and this trait is closely linked to its nature. This concept is beautifully illustrated in the poem "How to Tell Wild Animals." Elucidate.

II. Pranjal seemed to have a different level of enthusiasm compared to Rajvir when they both saw the tree plantation. Justify. (Glimpses of India)

III. In the poem "Dust of Snow", the 'hemlock tree' and the 'crow' hold specific meanings. Elaborate on how these symbols are utilized within the context of the poem.

IV. In what manner did Lencho's cornfield suffer damage? Did he hold any expectations of receiving assistance? (A Letter to God)

V. Engaging in discussions and disputes rarely leads to problem resolution. Support the statement with evidence from the text. (The Proposal)

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9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words : **2×3 = 6**

I. Books play a significant role in shaping the personality of a person. In what way did a book cause a significant shift in Richard Ebright's life? (The Making of a Scientist)

II. Bholi is sent to school for an uncommon reason, leading to a distinctive twist in her story. Elucidate.

III. Fowler's disappointment arose when he laid eyes on Ausable. Rationalise the statement. (The Midnight Visitor)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words :

I. The inherent instinct for freedom is a fundamental trait in all living creatures. Justify this statement with reference to 'Mijbil the Otter' and 'A Tiger in the Zoo'. **6**

II. Both 'Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom' by Nelson Mandela and 'The Trees' by Adrienne Rich explore themes of transformation, Liberation and the power to change. Examine the commonality of themes in both the works. **6**

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words :

I. Griffin was a lawless person even though he was a brilliant scientist. Discuss. (Footprints without Feet) **6**

II. "The Book that saved the Earth" communicates the idea that misinterpretation of cultural disparities among different groups can lead to misunderstandings and disputes. From the play, discuss methods to prevent such confusion and conflicts, ensuring the preservation of peace and harmony. **6**

(The Book that saved the Earth)

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