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ENGLISH

Full Marks : 100

Pass Marks : 33

Time : Three hours

The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer the questions in your words as far as practicable.

SECTION - A
(READING)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Just think about how much you read every day in order to complete your school work. How often can you finish an assignment or your home-work without doing any reading? Is there any class in your school that does not require you to do some reading? You have to read in the science lab and certainly in such courses as Social Studies and English. There is no denying the fact that most academic and vocational courses rely heavily on text books.

A group of teachers made a study of the students and learning problems. A curious fact came out of this study. The teachers discovered that the students who did poorly in subjects such as Maths or Art could still do very well in other subjects. But students who did poorly in reading, almost always did poorly in all other courses. Of course there were also other skills involved such as learning to add and subtract in Maths class but most of the explanation of how to do things had to be read by the students. Much of the homework assignments required students to read long sets of directions and tests and, problems in class often involved story problem, problems that were explained in words and had to be read and understood before they could be solved. Your success or failure in these classes will depend on your ability to read the required material. Finally, when you go to college, almost all your study time will be spent in reading. You need more and more information and most of this information comes from the printed materials you have to read. Magazines and books may all be on microfilm, but they will still have to be read. The same is true of most of what you have to learn in school. Your school is probably not going to throw all printed materials out of the window very soon. Success in school courses still depends on the ability to read and those students, who cannot read or at least read well enough to master material, are in trouble.

People in modern society read hundreds or even thousands of words every day. Doctors read professional journals so that they can use the latest medical knowledge in treating patients while pharmacists have to read the prescriptions the doctors write. Lawyers spend their days reading briefs. The number of semi-skilled and professional occupations that require high reading ability is increasing rapidly. Today a person who cannot read is almost unemployable.

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| (a) | Why is reading an important tool in your school work? | 2 |
| (b) | What were the findings of the teachers regarding the poor performance of the students? | 2 |
| (c) | What are the skills involved in learning and solving the problems in the class? | 2 |
| (d) | Do you think audio-visuals and microfilms can replace reading? Give reason. | 2 |
| (e) | Why do professionals and semi-skilled people depend their works on reading? | 2 |
| (f) | Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following: | |
| | (i) Strange or surprising | 1 |
| | (ii) A task that is given as part of the study | 1 |

2. Read the following passage and give your answer as directed:

Today happiness has defied definition. Most people tend to equate happiness with fun, good living, plenty of money. If happiness were synonymous with all these, rich people with all their luxuries and countless parties, would be perpetually happy. But in actual fact, they are frequently acutely unhappy, despite their riches and ability to indulge in fun activities at will. Fun is what we experience during an act and happiness is that intangible something we experience after an act. We may have fun watching a movie, going shopping, meeting friends — these are all fun activities that afford us fleeting moments of relaxation and enjoyment. Happiness, on the other hand, is a much stronger, deeper and more abiding emotion.

If we perceive happiness as the ultimate goal, we must also devise a way to reach that goal. The way to happiness is not a smooth, broad highway along which we can cruise at a comfortable speed. It is a path through rocky and rugged terrain and the going can become very tough at times. At these times, we have to roll up our sleeves and with pitchfork and shovel make our way onwards. This pursuit of happiness lasts a lifetime. Great happiness is earned only by great effort and effort not in spurts but diligent and constant effort.

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| (a) | Make notes of the main points from the passage. (Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary). | 4 |
| (b) | Develop the points into a summary. | 4 |

SECTION - B
(HIGHER LEVEL WRITING SKILLS)

3. (a) Mangalam of Class XII-Science, Jindal Hr. Sec. School has lost his wallet containing some money in the school premises. He writes a notice to put it up on the school notice board on the advice of the Principal. Write the probable form of the notice in about 50 words. 4
- Or
- (b) You took part in the school social service. Write a diary entry on it in about 50 words. 4
4. (a) A road accident happened between an autorickshaw and a Bolero jeep near Manipur University Gate, Canchipur. As a reporter of a local daily, you went there and collected the following data.
1. Auto coming from Imphal to M. U. and turning right to cross the road towards the gate.
 2. Bolero, coming from other direction hit it.
 3. Passengers of the auto seriously injured.
- Now, using the data, prepare a news-report for your daily in about 125 words. Add additional information. 6
- Or
- (b) Describe in about 125 words on how you got ready for today's examination. 6
5. (a) You find frequent disruptions in the internet service of BSNL. Write a letter to the Chief Engineer, BSNL, Manipur Division complaining of the inconveniences caused to customers by the mobile phone service and computing network. You are Yendula. 8
- Or
- (b) You are Samson of Pinnacle Academy. Write a letter to the Minister of Education, Govt. of Manipur requesting him to stimulate Moral education and to create a proper academic atmosphere in the schools and educational institutions in Manipur. 8
6. Answer the following questions as directed, choosing the correct option given under each question.
- (i) The given sentence is parted into four options (a), (b), (c) and (d) that follow. Identify the Co-ordinating clause from the options and rewrite as your answer: Nobody can tell where he lives because he has not told anybody and nobody has cared to find out. 1
- (a) Nobody can tell
 - (b) where he lives
 - (c) because he has not told anybody
 - (d) and nobody has cared to find out.

- (ii) Fill in the blank with the suitable form of verb of the following sentence: 1
 Mangoes _____ ripe in summer.
 (a) will (b) will get
 (c) get (d) got
- (iii) Complete the sentence choosing the appropriate option: 1
 The Lady's English is excellent, she speaks _____.
 (a) perfectly English (b) English perfectly
 (c) English perfect (d) perfect English
- (iv) Choose the correct answer of the following: 1
 Because of the bad weather we had to stay _____ home.
 (a) for (b) in
 (c) within (d) at
- (v) Complete the following statement with appropriate question tag: 1
 Your sister can dance well, _____.
 (a) can she (b) does she
 (c) can't she (d) doesn't she

7. Make a precis of the following passage in about one-third of its length. Give a suitable title. 4

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8. *Answer the following question in about 150 words :*
- (a) Write an article on your experience during your school days to be published in your school Magazine. 8
- Or
- (b) Write a debate in about 150 words either 'for' or 'against' the following motion. 8
- Attending in Tuition Centre should be encouraged
- Or
- (c) Write an essay on the following topic 8
- The Value of Time.

SECTION - C
(PROSE)

9. *Answer the following question in about 120 words:*
- (a) What law of the sea was enforced in the Titanic when it was going to sink ? How did the passengers in the ship react to the situation ? 6
- Or
- (b) What was the cause of the quarrel between Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Jordan? How did their father discover the truth and teach them a lesson ? 6
10. *Answer the following question in about 60 words:*
- (a) Why did the younger generation look at Mahmood with the same indifference as they looked at the banyan tree ? 4
- Or
- (b) "I don't know I would have to pay such a heavy price"
Why did Rajen say so ? 4
11. What does Hazlitt mean when he says to his son that true equality is the only true morality or true wisdom ? 3
12. *Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:*
- (a) Why did the whole world "shocked and bewildered" on the starlit night of 15 April, 1912 ? 2
- (b) Why did Mrs. Slater decide to shift the bureau from the grandfather's room before the arrival of Jordans? 2
13. Choose the correct answer from the options that follow:
- (i) In his old age Mahmood's heart gladdened 1
- (a) when he fell asleep
- (b) as no one in the neighbourhood visited him
- (c) to watch Ali at play in the winter sunshine
- (d) thinking to make a new kite for Ali

- (ii) "All artistic things are second hand".
Who made the above statement ?

- (a) Henry (b) Mrs. Slater
(c) Mrs. Jordan (d) Ben

SECTION - D (POETRY)

14. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(a) My captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still,
My father does not feel my arm, he had no pulse nor will,
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done,
From fearful trip the victor ship comes in with object won.

- (i) Who is the captain referred to here ?
(ii) Why does the captain not respond to the poet's call ?
(iii) What does the ship symbolize ?
(iv) What is the 'object' referred to here ?

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(b) Someone was before me at my water-trough,
And I, like a second comer, waiting.
He lifted his head from his drinking, as cattle do,
And looked at me vaguely, as drinking cattle do.

- (i) Who is the 'someone' referred to here ?
(ii) What does the poet feel himself of ?
(iii) What did the snake do from his drinking ?
(iv) What does the word 'vaguely' suggest ?

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15. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each:

- (a) Why should the skylark leave the shady wood to the nightingale ?
(b) 'That Youth and I are housemates still' Explain.
(c) Why did the traveller look 'perplexed' after knocking at the door repeatedly ?
(d) 'For we go seeking a city that they shall never find ?
Why do the seekers seek a city that they shall never find ?

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(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)

16. Answer the following question in about 125 words:

(a) How does the spark of love impel Najab, a shy and diffident boy venture to cross the dangerous salt desert alone ?

Or

(b) How are fundamental rights mandatory for the protection of the basic human rights of every citizen of India today ?

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17. *Answer the following question in about 60 words:*
(a) Why did Della feel helpless and miserable on the eve of Christmas ? 4
Or
(b) Why was Suzanne's final decision to marry to the better actor a problem to both Robichon and Quinquart ? 4
18. *Answer the following question in about 40 words:*
Why was there no applause when Robinchon as a public executioner finished his speech? 2
19. In the following questions each key line given is followed by four options as answers. Choose the correct one as your answer from the alternatives that follow:
- (i) Jim and Della sold their precious possessions 1
(a) but they can restore them someday
(b) and they lost their valuable possessions
(c) and they bought useless Christmas gifts
(d) but they gained love for each other
- (ii) The Preamble to the Constitution of India is 1
(a) inspired by the Spanish and Irish constitutional practice
(b) characterised by Gandhian and liberal ideas
(c) a brief introductory statement
(d) one of the fundamental rights
