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CBSE EXAMINATION PAPER 2020

Time Allowed: 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- (i) Question paper comprises three sections – A, B and C.
- (ii) Section A - Reading 20 marks
Section B - Writing & Grammar 30 marks
Section C - Literature 30 marks
- (iii) There are 11 questions in the question paper. All questions are compulsory.
- (iv) Answer should be brief and to the point.
- (v) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in Section B and Section C. Make your choice correctly.
- (vi) In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- (vii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A Reading

20 Marks

1. Read the following passage carefully.

1. Caged behind thick glass, the most famous dancer in the world can easily be missed in the National Museum, Delhi. The Dancing Girl of Mohenjo-daro is that rare artefact that even school children are familiar with. Our school textbooks also communicate the wealth of our 5000 year heritage of art. You have to be alert to her existence there, amid terracotta animals to rediscover this bronze image.
2. Most of us have seen her only in photographs or sketches, therefore the impact of actually holding her is magnified a million times over. One discovers that the dancing girl has no feet. She is small, a little over 10 cm tall—the length of a human palm—but she surprises us with the power of great art—the ability to communicate across centuries.
3. A series of bangles—of shell or ivory or thin metal—clothe her left upper arm all the way down to her fingers. A necklace with three pendants bunched together and a few bangles above the elbow and wrist on the right hand display an almost modern art.
4. She speaks of the undaunted, ever hopeful human spirit. She reminds us that it is important to visit museums in our country to experience the impact that a work of art leaves on our senses, to find among all the riches one particular vision of beauty that speaks to us alone.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions.

1×8=8

- (a) The dancing girl belongs to:
 - (i) Mohenjo-daro
 - (ii) Greek culture
 - (iii) Homo sapiens
 - (iv) Tibet

- (b) In the museum she's kept among:
- (i) dancing figures
 - (ii) bronze statues
 - (iii) terracotta animals
 - (iv) books
- (c) Which information is not given in the passage?
- (i) The girl is caged behind glasses.
 - (ii) She is a rare artefact.
 - (iii) School books communicate the wealth of our heritage.
 - (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.
- (d) 'Great Art' has power because:
- (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time.
 - (ii) it is small and can be understood.
 - (iii) it's seen in pictures and sketches.
 - (iv) it's magnified a million times.
- (e) The jewellery she wears:
- (i) consists of only bangles of shell or ivory or thin metal.
 - (ii) is a necklace with two pendants.
 - (iii) both (i) and (ii) are correct.
 - (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.
- (f) She reminds us
- (i) of the never-say die attitude of humans.
 - (ii) why museums in our country are exciting.
 - (iii) why she will make us come into money.
 - (iv) of dancing figures.
- (g) The synonym of the word "among" in para 1 is _____.
- (h) The size of the dancing girl is equal to the length of human palm. (True/False)

- Ans.**
- (a) (i) Mohenjo-daro
 - (b) (iii) terracotta animals
 - (c) (iv) She cannot be rediscovered as she's bronze.
 - (d) (i) it appeals to us despite a passage of time
 - (e) (iv) neither (i) nor (ii) is correct.
 - (f) (ii) why museums in our country are exciting.
 - (g) amid
 - (h) True

2. Read the following passage carefully.

1. As the family finally sets off from home after many arguments there is a moment of lull as the car takes off. "Alright, so where are we going for dinner now?" asks the one at the driving wheel. What follows is a chaos as multiple voices make as many suggestions.
2. By the time order is restored and a decision is arrived at, tempers have risen, feelings injured and there is at least one person grumbling.
3. Twenty years ago, you would step out of home, decision of meal and venue already made with no arguments or opposition and everybody looked forward to the meal with equal enthusiasm. The decision was made by the head of the family and the others fell in line. Today every member of the family has a say in every decision which also promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding.

4. We empower our kids to take their own decisions from a very early age. We ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.
5. It's a closely connected world out there where children consult and guide each other. A parent's well-meaning advice can sound like nothing more than unnecessary preaching. How then do we reach our children through all the conflicting views and make the voice of reason be heard? Children today question choices and prefer to go with the flow.
6. What then is the best path to take? I would say the most important thing one can do is to listen. Listen to your children and their silences. Ensure that you keep some time aside for them, insist that they share their stories with you. Step into their world. It is not as complicated as it sounds; just a daily half an hour of the 'quality time' would do the trick.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions in 30–40 words each.

2 × 4 = 8

(a) Write one advantage and one disadvantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision making process.

Ans. The advantage of allowing every family member to be part of the decision-making process is that every member of the family has a say in every decision which promotes a sense of togetherness and bonding. The disadvantage of this process is that it creates chaos and some members are left grumbling.

(b) In today's world, what are parents asking their kids?

Ans. In today's world the parents are asking their kids to take decisions at a very early age. They ask them the cuisine they prefer, the movie they want to see, the holiday they wish to go on and the subjects they wish to study.

(c) Which two pieces of advice does the writer give to the parents?

Ans. The writer advises the parents to listen to their children and their silences and to ensure that they keep some time aside for them. They should spend at least half an hour of quality time with their children.

(d) The passage supports the parents. How far do you agree with the author's views? Support your view with a reason.

Ans. I agree with the views of the author that parents should empower their children to take their own decisions. It makes them self-confident and more responsible. It prepares them to face the challenges of their life.

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following:

1 × 4 = 4

(a) The synonym of 'hurt' as given in paragraph 2 is _____.

Ans. injured

(b) The word which means the same as 'a style or method of cooking' in paragraph 4 is :

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|---------------|--------------|
| (i) cuisine | (ii) gourmet |
| (iii) gastric | (iv) science |

Ans. (i) cuisine

(c) The antonym of 'agreeable' as given in paragraph 5 is _____.

Ans. conflicting

(d) The antonym of 'simple' as given in paragraph 6 is:

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| (i) difficult | (ii) complicated |
| (iii) easy | (iv) tricky |

Ans. (ii) complicated

Section B (Writing and Grammar)

30 Marks

3. You are Vaibhavi Sinha, examination incharge, Goodway Public School, Aurobindo Road, Indore. You require 4 reams of white paper, 2 packets of carbon paper, one dozen registers, blue and red ball point pens (50 each). Place an order with Sunrise Stationery Mart, 12 Mall Road, Indore mentioning terms of payment, discount asked by you and delivery date. (100-150 words) 8

Or

Water scarcity is becoming a serious problem because sources of water are getting depleted day by day. Considering the gravity of the situation, write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, "Need of the Hour: Rainwater Harvesting." You are Ram/Rama.

Ans. Good Way public School

Aurobindo Road

Indore

10 March 2020

The Sales Manager

Sunrise Stationery Mart

12 Mall Road

Indore

Dear Sir

Subject: order for stationery items

You are requested to supply the following stationery items on the address given above:

- Four reams of white paper
- Two packets of carbon paper
- One dozen registers
- Blue and Red ball point pens (50 each)

You are requested to deliver the above items in good condition within a week. Needless to say that as per our earlier terms and conditions, a 10% discount on the MRP will be given to the school. The payment shall be made through NEFT within two days after receipt of the material. Please take a note that if the material is not supplied within time, it will stand cancelled automatically.

An early response will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Vaibhavi Sinha

Examination Incharge

Or

Need of The Hour : Rainwater Harvesting

Ram/Rama

Water scarcity is becoming a serious problem because sources of water are getting depleted day by day. The current status of water resources in India is serious. To meet the demand of its growing population India will have to manage its water resources well. Rainwater harvesting is the need of the hour to preserve water.

Climate change poses tremendous threat to water resources. There is inconsistency in rain in India. There are long dry spell in some parts and floods in other parts of the country. The amount of water has remained same. With an increasing demand for water, the ground water level is decreasing day by day. There is a need to tap this available water effectively. Rainwater harvesting is a viable option as it would also provide fresh water. There is a need to ensure the quantity and quality of water through rainwater harvesting for drinking as well as agriculture purpose.

4. Write a story in 150–200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also. 10

Outline—a cricket match... boys playing in the street... Ram hit the ball... a second floor window pane broken...

Or

Ahmad went to watch Diwali Mela with his parents. He wanted to enjoy a ride in the merry-go-round. His father.....

Ans. This question is out of course for the forthcoming examination.

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1×4=4

Communication ____ (a) ____ become very effective ____ (b) ____ instant due to smart phones. People are able ____ (c) ____ convey their messages all around the globe to ____ (d) ____ loved ones ____ (e) ____ spending hefty sums of money.

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| (a) (i) is | (ii) has | (iii) have | (iv) had |
| (b) (i) but | (ii) as | (iii) or | (iv) and |
| (c) (i) for | (ii) in | (iii) to | (iv) of |
| (d) (i) his | (ii) her | (iii) their | (iv) your |
| (e) (i) with | (ii) without | (iii) and | (iv) to |

- Ans.** (a) (ii) has
 (b) (iv) and
 (c) (iii) to
 (d) (iii) their
 (e) (ii) without

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. 1×4=4

	Error	Correction
Tallam is situated in an	(a)	_____
altitude of about 550 feet on a southern	(b)	_____
arm of a deep bay of the Western Ghats.	(c)	_____
Tallam boasts of delight forest scenery.	(d)	_____

- Ans.** (a) in – at
 (b) a – the
 (c) of – in
 (d) delight – delightful

7. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. 1×4=4

- (a) easy/very/it/to open/it/was
- (b) to sleep/night/decided/every/they/a hotel/in
- (c) quickly/very/the clothes/they/and food/packed
- (d) the/problems/bags/heavy/in carrying/had/they

Ans. This question is out of course for the forthcoming examination.

Section C (Literature-Text Books)

30 Marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1×4=4

I stand and look at them long and long.

They do not sweat and whine about their condition.

- (a) The poet who has written these lines is _____
 - (i) Robert Frost
 - (ii) Carolyn Wells
 - (iii) Walt Whitman
 - (iv) Ogden Nash
- (b) Who are 'they' referred to here?
 - (i) Animals
 - (ii) Tiger
 - (iii) Amanda's friends
 - (iv) Wanda's dresses
- (c) The poet looks at them long and long because he _____ .
- (d) Which word in the extract means 'complain'?

Or

And as the light came on, Fowler had his first authentic thrill of the day. For halfway across the room, a small automatic pistol in his hand, stood a man. Ausable blinked a few times.

- (a) Who was standing in the room with a pistol in his hand?
 - (i) Ausable
 - (ii) Fowler
 - (iii) Max
 - (iv) A waiter
- (b) Ausable blinked because he:
 - (i) was getting adjusted to the light.
 - (ii) got afraid of the man with a pistol.
 - (iii) was thrilled to have reached his room.
 - (iv) started thinking of how to get rid of the man.
- (c) Fowler was thrilled because what he saw looked like a _____ .
- (d) Which word in the extract means the same as 'geniune/real'?

- Ans.
- (a) (iii) Walt Whitman
 - (b) (i) Animals
 - (c) ...realizes that they do not sweat and whine about their condition.
 - (d) The word is 'whine'.

Or

- (a) (iii) Max
- (b) (iv) Started thinking of how to get rid of the man. / (i) was getting adjusted to the light. (Both are Acceptable).
- (c) ...thrilling adventure.
- (d) The word is 'authentic'.

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words each.

2×5=10

(a) "The sight of the food maddened him," What does this suggest? (His First Flight)

Ans. It suggests that food is the most essential things for a living creature. Because of the food, young seagull took the risk and jumped. He was desperate to have food as he was hungry.

(b) Why does the poet not offer the boy money to buy another ball?

Ans. The poet wants that everyone should understand the responsibility. It is no use to waste money over nothing. The poet desires that the boy should understand the nature of loss and learn to deal with it.

(c) Why is Coorg called the land of rolling hills?

Ans. Coorg is called the land of rolling hills because it has a lot of hills and is itself a hill station. The hills seem to roll down in a panoramic view.

(d) What made Hari Singh come back to Anil?

Ans. Hari Singh came back to Anil because he was fed up with the life of a thief. He did not want to miss the chance of being educated which would make him a better man.

(e) Why was Matilda unhappy in her early married life?

Ans. Matilda was dissatisfied with her marriage to a petty clerk. She believed that she was born for all delicacies and luxuries. She thought of exquisite food served in marvellous dishes. She was filled with despair and disappointment. Therefore, she was unhappy.

(f) Describe the curious episode which took place in a clergyman's study.

Ans. After hearing the noise, the clergyman and his wife woke up. They heard the chink of money being taken from the drawer. They flung open the door but the room was empty. Nobody was there but drawer was opened and the money was missing. It was the curious episode.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.

8

What things does Mij do which tell you that he is an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animals who needs love?

Or

What do you think about Anne's talent for writing essays which she wrote convincingly, when punished by the teacher?

Ans. Mij is an intelligent, friendly and fun-loving animal who needs love. He did many things to prove it. He came to author's bed and slept in the crook of his knee. He took keen interest in his surroundings. He enjoyed plunging in and rolling in water while bathing in the bath tub. He used intelligence to open the tap. He always invented new games with the ball and marbles. He always enjoyed playing with the author. He developed a special bond with Maxwell. When Maxwell left him in a box for transportation, he became desperate and wanted to come out as soon as possible. He escaped from the box in the aeroplane and ran around the plane.

Or

Young Anne was very intelligent, had an extraordinary talent and a flair for writing essays. By writing essays and a poem, she convinced her teacher that the talkativeness was her birthright and she had no control over it as she had inherited the art from her mother. She outwitted her teacher by writing the essays. But when the teacher punished her again and asked her to write another essay, “The Incurable Chatterbox”, she composed a poem and gave a message through it to the teacher. The teacher was so impressed by the poem that he decided not to punish her. Thus, Anne impressed Mr. Keesing and ultimately won his heart.

11. Attempt the following question in 100–150 words.

8

Give a brief character sketch of Ebright’s mother.

Or

How did the people on the earth help the Martian people? How did this effort help the people on both the planets?

Ans. Ebright was only three years old when he lost his father. His mother was his whole life companion. She was an ideal mother who was a constant source of motivation and encouragement. She played a very important and active role in making him a successful scientist. She recognized his scientific temper and provided all the support to him. She bought all the scientific equipment for him. The book “The Travel of Monarch X” opened the world of science for Ebright. She was a keen observer and a mature guide who understood the child’s psychology very well. She knew what the need of her son was, that she always provided to him. She was a good motivator and a source of inspiration for Ebright.

Or

Think Tank was an arrogant ruler. He got frightened and shifted to another galaxy. He attempted an invasion on the earth. The soldiers landed in a library and found the book, “Mother Goose”. From the book, they concluded that the people on the earth were more powerful. Noodle, the elected ruler of Mars was an intelligent and wonderful person. The earthlings resumed contact with the Martians. They became friends with them and taught them to read. They exchanged their views and values. They established a model library and taught them the difference between sandwiches and books. It helped People on both the planets. They become friends and did not consider invasion as an option.

Set-II (Uncommon questions to Set I)

3. You are Kapil/Komal, living at C-424, Sector-18, Green Park, New Delhi. You bought a washing machine from Balaji Electricals Private Limited, Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi. It started giving trouble within a few days. Write a complaint letter (100–150 words) to the Sales Manager seeking immediate repair or replacement. Invent the details of defects.

8

Or

Yoga is most important in everyone’s life as it helps in balancing the relationship between body and mind. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic “Importance of Yoga in our Life”. You are Ram/Rama.

Ans. C-424, Sector 18

Green Park

New Delhi

10 March 2020

The Sales Manager,
Balaji Electricals Private Limited,
Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi.

Dear Sir,

Subject: Complaint against defective washing machine.

I bought an automatic washing machine, Samsung, Model 2019 from your showroom vide bill number 123 dated 20.03.2019. It is under warranty of 2 years vide warranty card no-345 dated 20 March 2020 upto 20 March 2021.

I regret to inform you that it has started giving trouble right from the beginning. It has developed many technical snags. Its drain pipe is blocked. The water pump is rotating only in one direction. The drum has been leaking. The agitator is also defective. The timer of the machine is also not working properly.

Since the machine is still within the warranty period, you are therefore requested to repair or replace it at the earliest.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully

Kapil/Komal

Or

Importance of Yoga in Our Life

by Ram/Rama

Yoga is most important in everyone's life as it helps in balancing the relationship between body and mind. Over the last few decades, there has been an upsurge in the prevalence of yoga. Medical professionals and celebrities now recommend yoga due to its benefits. Yoga is not a religion; it's a way of life that aims towards a healthy mind in a healthy body. We all are physical, mental and spiritual beings. Yoga helps in developing the balance among all the three.

It improves the spiritual body. It brings us in a state where we see and experience reality. After yoga, we experience the whole universe as part of ourselves. It helps us in drawing out the best of ourselves. Yoga is very important in our life. It improves our brain function. It controls our stress level and reduces the anxiety level. It is useful for those who suffer from diabetes and have the risk of heart disease. Yoga as a practice has innumerable benefits that help an individual both physically and mentally.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.

8

Why was Nelson Mandela overwhelmed with a sense of victory? How did he succeed in ending the apartheid regime in South Africa?

Or

Describe the journey of Sidhartha Gautama becoming the Buddha.

Ans. Nelson Mandela was overwhelmed with a sense of victory. He was overwhelmed by man's struggle against oppression and exploitations. It was a fight against the inhumane government in South Africa. He fought against the policy of Apartheid. He was not the first leader to initiate this movement. He joined other leaders who started it. He recognized their contribution and paid a befitting tribute. He called himself simply the sum of all those African patriots who had laid the path towards the achievement of success. He continued the struggle against Apartheid. The oppression, exploitation and discrimination against the blacks came to an end. It was a great victory after a long fight. It was an end of inhumane government in South Africa. The elected government was a victory for democracy.

Or

Sidharth Gautam had a long and inspiring journey to become the Buddha. He was royal Prince. As a royal prince he led a luxurious life. He married a royal Princess. He always remained in his palace and was shielded from all sufferings. He never had a sight of sufferings out of his palace. Once he was outside his palace, he encountered four glooming sights. He saw a sick man, an aged man, a funeral procession and a monk begging for alms. His observation led him to a gloomy conclusion. That life was full of sorrow and sufferings. He was disillusioned. He wanted to know the cause of all sufferings. He wanted to know the truth. In search of truth, he left his palace and family. He wandered here and there for 7 years in search of truth. He left all the worldly pleasure to seek enlightenment. Finally, he sat down under a peepal tree, where he vowed to stay until enlightenment came. After seven days he was enlightened. He began to teach and share his new understanding. At that point he became known as the Budha, the Awakened or the enlightened.

11. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words.

8

How did education change Bholi's personality?

Or

How did Griffin's invisibility come to his help whenever he found himself in trouble?

Ans. Bholi was a diffident, under confident, quiet and a shy girl. She was the youngest daughter of Ramlal. She was mentally a slow child, had pock marks on the face. She stammered while speaking and everybody made fun of her. When she was taken to school for the first time, She was very much scared. But when she reached the school, all her fears went away. She was encouraged and motivated by her teacher. Education and empathetic attitude of her teacher transformed her. She became confident and asserting. She refused to marry Bishamber and saved her parents' honour. She learnt to fight against what she thought was wrong. She decided to serve her parents in their old age and help other children in the school. Education changed Bholi's personality and transformed her into a bold and confident girl.

Or

Griffin was an eccentric but brilliant scientist. He discovered a rare drug. He swallowed it and become Invisible. Whenever he was in trouble, his invisibility came to his rescue. His invisibility helped him in tis asking revenge upon his landlord. It helped him in escaping from Iping. He could move around without being seen. He eluded people and authority. He also indulged in mischief. When he was in London store, he escaped due to his invisibility. When the employers approached him he removed his clothes and escaped without being punished for his mischievous act. Thus, Griffin took advantage from his invisibility.

Set-III (Uncommon questions to Set I & II)

3. You are Akshay/Akshita, 23, Rampur Road, Delhi, a responsible citizen of your country. When you go on the road, you see that the people are becoming more and more intolerant of others, and driving their vehicles recklessly which some times leads to road rage. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper advising people to follow rules while driving vehicles. (100-150 words). 8

Or

You go to your school travelling in a government bus. You notice the benefits of travelling by bus which is helpful in reducing pollution. Write an article in 100-150 words on the topic, "Use Public Conveyance; Control Pollution". You are Akshay/Akshita.

Ans. 23, Rampur Road
Delhi
22 March 2020
The Editor
The Times of India
Kasturba Gandhi Road
New Delhi
Sir

Subject: Appeal to follow traffic rules to avoid the incidences of Road Rage

I am writing to your good self, expressing my deep concern over the alarming increase in the cases of road rages in our city. When we go on the road, we see that the people are becoming more and more intolerant of others. They drive their vehicles recklessly leading to road rages. It has been observed that when someone violates the traffic rules, it results in minor or major damage to the vehicle, the owner lose temper leading to road rage. In many cases the road rage causes fatal injury and sometimes lead to death also.

To ensure safety and security of its citizen, the constitution of India has a set of traffic rules. We all should follow them religiously. This will not only save precious lives on the roads but make the driving a joyful experience also.

I sincerely hope that my concern will reach the people by getting an appropriate space in your esteemed newspaper.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
Akshya/Akshita

Or

Use Public Conveyance – Control Pollution

Akshita/Akshay

Public conveyance is not only a great way to get to work or to school, it's also an environment-friendly mode of traveling. Public transport has many advantages. It is cheaper and safe. It can reduce the number of vehicles. It reduces the level of traffic noise. It helps in reducing smog and in meeting air quality standard. It decreases health risks of poor air quality. Use of public transport saves fuel too. It has its economic benefits also. Because public transport carries many passenger on a single vehicle, it reduces the number of vehicles on road saving fuel, reducing smog, smooth traffic flow, lesser roads rages and road accidents. While using public transport, one makes more friends. It allows us to relax, take a nap and reduce the stress level. It also saves parking fee, traffic challan, etc.

10. Attempt the following question in 100-150 words. 8

Describe the scene in which Wanda's dress drawings are displayed. Who won the drawing contest for the girls?

Or

What message does Adrienne Rich want to convey through the poem, 'The Trees'?

Ans. Wanda was a poor polish girl. She was studying in an American School. Maddy and Peggy used to tease her by asking her about the dresses she had. She told them that she had one hundred dresses. Wanda decided to leave the school. But before leaving the school she wanted to prove her talent. She participated in a drawing competition organized in her school. It was an exciting day in the school. Wanda's

dress drawings were displayed in a classroom. There were drawings all over the room, on every ledge and windowsill, dazzling colours and brilliant, lavish designs, all drawn on great sheets of wrapping paper. There were one hundred of them, all lined up. All the students stopped and whistled admiringly. When the class assembled, Miss Masson announced the winners. It was none other than Miss Wanda Patronski who won the contest for girls. She had made one hundred dresses and astonished every one.

Or

The poem 'The Trees' by Adrienne Rich shows the conflict between man and nature. Trees are important to maintain ecological balance. These are important to all living beings. The society is growing and developing day by day. Human beings have been using nature for their own benefit and causing a lot of harm to them. In order to use natural resources like forests we have forgotten the importance of trees. The message of the poem is that the presence of a few trees inside our homes does not become equal to nature. Real nature is outside, in the forests that we have destroyed. The trees in the poet's house want to break the walls of the house and move to the forest so that the birds can sit again on their branches, the insects can hide there and the sun rays can disappear under the shadow of the trees. The poem tells us how the trees want to break free from the walls that humans have put around them, and go out in the forest. The trees should be allowed to thrive and not be imprisoned inside houses.

11. Attempt the following question in 100–150 words.

8

Mrs. Pumphrey, the overindulgent and caring mistress of Tricki, pampers her pet dog like a spoiled child. Comment.

Or

What were Horace Danby's plans for his latest robbery?

Ans. Mrs. Pamphrey was a fabulously rich lady having a large number of servants and maids. She was passionately attached to her dog named, Tricki. She was much worried about Tricki's miserable, deteriorating health condition. She overfed and pampered him in all kinds of ways. She even ignored all the medical advice. Tricki gained excessive weight and became restless. She thought he was suffering from malnutrition. So she started giving Tricki malt, cod liver oil and a bowl of Horlicks at night. The doctor advised her to keep him on a strict diet but she ignored it and continued over feeding him. It was difficult for Mrs. Pamphrey to strict his diet. She continued pampering him as a spoilt child. This only compounded his misery. It was Ms Pamphrey who was responsible for Tricki's condition. Ultimately he was admitted in Surgery where he was kept on strict diet under the observation of Doctor Harriot. It improved his condition and he became healthy and smart.

Or

Horace Danby had a good reputation in the society. He was about fifty and unmarried. He made locks and had two helpers. He loved rare and expensive books. Horace used to rob a safe every year with a meticulous planning. He was now out on committing a robbery in a house at Shotover Grange. For two weeks Horace had studied the house of Shotover Grange. He studied its rooms, electric wiring and movements of the servants very carefully. He was a meticulous planner. When the servants had gone to movies, he entered the house with his tool bag to break open the safe. He robbed fifteen thousand pounds worth of jewels. It was enough money to buy three very interesting books for the sale. But in the end, he was cheated by a lady thief who had claimed herself to be the owner of the house. Finally, he ends up in prison to repent at the way he was deceived by a person from his own profession.

Examination Papers 2019

[Delhi (Set I, II, III)]

Time Allowed: 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections
Section A — Reading 20 marks
Section B — Writing and Grammar 30 marks
Section C — Literature 30 marks
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SET-I

Section – A Reading

20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below:

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1. Few guessed that this quiet, parentless girl growing up in New York City would one day become the First Lady of the United States. Even fewer thought she would become an author and lecturer and a woman much admired and loved by people throughout the world.
2. Born Anna Eleanor Roosevelt in 1884 to wealthy, but troubled parents who both died while she was young, Roosevelt was cared for by her grandmother and sent to school in England. In 1905, she married her distant cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She and her husband had six children. Although they were wealthy, her life was not easy and she suffered several personal tragedies. Her second son died when he was a baby. In 1921, her strong athletic husband was stricken with polio, which left him physically disabled for life.
3. Eleanor Roosevelt was a remarkable woman who had great intelligence and tremendous strength of character. She never let things get her down. She nursed her husband back to good health and encouraged him to remain in politics. She then helped him to become Governor of New York, and in 1933, President of the United States.
4. While her husband was President, she took a great interest in all the affairs of the country. She became her husband's legs and eyes; she visited prisons and hospitals; she went down into mines, up scaffoldings and into factories. Roosevelt was tireless and daring. During the depression she travelled all over the country bringing goodwill, reassurance and help to people without food and jobs. During World War II she visited American soldiers in camps all over the world. The United States had never known a First Lady like her.
5. Roosevelt also kept in touch with the American people through a daily newspaper column called 'My Day'. She broadcast on the radio and delivered lectures, all first for a First Lady.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the following questions: (any eight)

1×8=8

- (a) How was Eleanor Roosevelt's personality in contrast to what she became?
- (b) Apart from being the First Lady what else did she have to her credit?
- (c) What challenges did she face in her personal life but remained unfazed?
- (d) Eleanor was a strong woman who helped her husband become the President of America. How?
- (e) What does the statement: 'she became her husband's legs and eyes' mean?
- (f) What was her special contribution during the depression?
- (g) How did she motivate soldiers during World War II?
- (h) What did she do for the first time for a First Lady?
- (i) What side of her personality is reflected in this passage?

- Ans. 1.1**
- (a) Eleanor Roosevelt's personality was in contrast to what she became. She was a quiet and parentless girl who grew up in New York city. She became the First Lady of the United States. She visited many prisons, hospitals, mines, factories and soldiers at war.
 - (b) Apart from being the first lady, Eleanor visited many hospitals, prisons, mines, factories and soldiers at war. She wrote in a daily newspaper column called 'My Day'. She also broadcast on the radio and delivered lectures.
 - (c) She faced various challenges in her personal life and remained unfazed. Her parents died when she was young. Her second son died when he was a baby. In 1921, her husband was stricken with polio which left him physically disabled for life.
 - (d) Eleanor was a strong woman who helped her husband become the President of America. She nursed him back to good health and encouraged him to remain in politics. She helped him become the Governor of New York and then the President of the United States.
 - (e) While her husband was President, Eleanor took great interest in all the affairs of the country. She became her husband's legs and eyes. She visited prisons, hospitals, etc. and interacted with people and brought feedback to her husband about the state of affairs. She used to share his responsibilities of looking after people.
 - (f) During World War II, she motivated the American soldiers by visiting them in camps all over the world and empathised with them.
 - (h) As a First Lady, Eleanor did many works for the first time. She kept in touch with the American people through a daily newspaper column called 'My Day'. She broadcast on the radio and delivered lectures.
 - (i) Eleanor was a remarkable woman with great intelligence and tremendous strength of character.

2. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow.

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1. Overpowering prey is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs. Some species like Russell's viper inject poison. Some others opt for an alternative non-chemical method—rat snakes, for instance, catch and push their prey against the ground, while pythons use their muscle power to crush their prey—to death. But snakes can't be neatly divided into poisonous and non-poisonous categories.
2. Even species listed as non-poisonous aren't completely free of poison. The common Sand Boa, for instance, produces secretions particularly poisonous to birds. So the species. doesn't take any chance — it crushes its prey and injects poison as an extra step.
3. Do vipers need poison powerful enough to kill hundreds of rats with just one drop? After all, they eat only one or two at a time.

4. While hunting animals try their worst to kill most efficiently, their prey use any trick to avoid becoming a meal, such as developing immunity to poison. For instance, Californian ground squirrels are resistant to Northern Pacific rattlesnake poison.
5. Competition with prey is not the only thing driving snakes to evolve more and more deadly poison. Snakes also struggle to avoid becoming prey themselves.
6. Some snake killers have partial immunity to poison. Famously, mongooses are highly resistant to cobra poison, and with their speed and agility, kill snakes fearlessly. It would be the death of cobras as a species if they didn't evolve a more deadly poison to stop mongooses.
7. Poison has another important role. It's an extreme meat softener; specific enzymes break up the insides of the prey. Normally, a reptile depends on the sun's warm rays to aid digestion.
8. But I wonder if we cannot use venom in our favour. In remote parts of India, local hospitality often involves leather tough meat. I chew and chew until my jaws ache. If I spit it out or refuse, our hosts would be offended, I swallow like a python stuffing a deer down its throat and hope I don't choke. If only I had poison.

2.1 Read the questions given below and answer any four in 30–40 words each. 2×4=8

- (a) Russell viper and rat snake have different methods to attack prey. How?
- (b) How does Sand Boa kill its prey?
- (c) There is a constant tussle between the hunting animal and its prey. Why?
- (d) What makes mongoose a snake predator?
- (e) What difficulty does the writer face when he is entertained in the remote parts of India?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the above passage fill in any two of the following blanks. 1×2=2

- (i) Overpowering _____ is a challenge for creatures that do not have limbs.
 - (a) a killer
 - (b) humans
 - (c) a python
 - (d) prey
- (ii) Poison _____ meat.
 - (a) enhances taste of
 - (b) hardens
 - (c) softens
 - (d) breaks down
- (iii) Californian squirrels are _____ rattlesnake poison.
 - (a) afraid of
 - (b) helpless against
 - (c) resistant to
 - (d) indifferent to

2.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as: (any two) 1×2=2

- (a) Another (para 1)
- (b) Liquid substances released from glands (para 2)
- (c) Particular (para 7)

- Ans. 2.1**
- (a) Russell viper injects poison whereas rat snakes grab and push their prey against the ground.
 - (b) Sand Boa produces secretions particularly toxic to birds, crushes its prey and then injects poison as an extra step.
 - (c) There is a constant tussle between the hunting animal and its prey, while hunting animals try their worst to kill most efficiently; their prey use any trick to avoid becoming a meal. Hunters and prey keep evolving themselves.

- (d) Mongooses are highly resistant to cobra poison, and with their speed and agility, kill snakes fearlessly.
- (e) When the writer is entertained in the remote parts of India, he is served with leather tough meat that is difficult to chew.

- 2.2 (i) (d) prey (ii) (c) softens (iii) (c) resistant to
- 2.3 (a) alternative (b) secretions (c) specific

Section – B Writing and Grammar

30 Marks

3. You are Tanvi/Shirish of Safdarjung Development Area, New Delhi. You are extremely disturbed about the attacks on old people living alone. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor, 'The New Indian News' making people sensitive to the problem. Make suggestions to the people living alone and the authorities to ensure that such attacks do not take place. 8

OR

You are Ravi / Raveena, Sports Secretary of your school. Write an article in 100–120 words on the topic, 'Importance of Outdoor Games in the life of a teenager.'

Ans. C-4, Safdarjung Development Area

New Delhi

5 May 20XX

The Editor

The New Indian News

New Delhi

Dear Sir

Subject: Attacks on Old People Living Alone

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I wish to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the danger which old people living alone are facing. Most of the senior citizens are the people who are living alone with just a domestic help. The children are adults and have moved out. The domestic helps hired by these aged people often take advantage of their helplessness. They are burgled, poisoned or beaten to death. It is indeed a sad plight for our senior citizens.

It is my humble request to the authorities concerned to make verification of domestic servants mandatory. There should be neighbourhood watch areas too. The local police should be in constant touch with the senior citizens who live alone. You are requested to give an appropriate space to my letter in your esteemed newspaper.

Yours faithfully

Tanvi/Shirish

OR

Importance of Outdoor Games in the Life of a Teenager

Ravi/Ravina

(Sports Secretary)

All work and no play is said to make Jack a dull boy. Both outdoor and indoor games play a vital role in the life of a teenager. Apart from being a source of recreation; they also help them keep physically fit. Medical researchers say that many muscles, which are not normally used by the body, become active when indulged in games like tennis, badminton, squash and cricket, etc. It is a growing phase of life when

a teenager needs to focus on his physical growth. Outdoor games like badminton, basketball, football, etc. help them in physical development. Games are not simply restricted to outdoor games. There are plenty of indoor activities like chess, Sudoku, crosswords, puzzles, etc. which help in developing one's mental faculties.

4. Write a story in 150–200 words with the help of the following outline. Give it a suitable title also. 10

Bunya was a foolish boy, who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice, “There’s a tiger, tiger, there’s a tiger

OR

On Sunday I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside.

Ans.

Tiger! Tiger!

Bunya was a foolish boy, who was an attention seeker. He was a woodcutter and would go deep into the jungle to cut trees. One day he wanted to do an act of mischief. He shouted at the top of his voice “There is a tiger, tiger, there’s a tiger”. Many villagers came rushing to his aid. But on reaching they found Bunya laughing at how easily they got duped. It amused Bunya very much and he repeated his act. The villagers once again turned up to his aid but found out that Bunya was joking again. The villagers got irritated and vowed never to be made fun of by Bunya again. After a few days Bunya was cutting woods when he saw a tiger. He screamed for help but no one turned up for his help. Everybody thought that he was trying to fool them again. The tiger killed Bunya. Next day the villagers set out in search of Bunya. They found Bunya’s bones only.

OR

The Chaos

On Sunday, I was watching TV. Suddenly I heard people shouting outside. The police were cordoning off the street and carrying out a house to house search. They were asking the residents if they had guests staying with them, or whether they had some tenants. The search was over. There was no clue about the suspicious people. The police asked some children playing in the garden if they had seen some suspicious people roaming around. The children told the police that they had seen three people carrying a sack with them on a terrace. The police reached the spot and found the three men with the sack. When the police challenged them one of them took out a pistol and fired at the police. Two of them jumped down the terrace. The police chased and overpowered them. There was a lot of chaos all around. People came out of their houses and were so excited that they started shouting at the criminals. This noise brought me out of my room. I also joined them.

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1×4=4

Delhi (a) the capital of India. People from all parts (b) the country and world come to visit Delhi. There (c) many historical buildings here. Last year I, (d) Delhi. I also watched (e) Commonwealth Games 2010.

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| (a) (i) was | (ii) is | (iii) are | (iv) being |
| (b) (i) of | (ii) from | (iii) for | (iv) at |
| (c) (i) being | (ii) are | (iii) been | (iv) were |
| (d) (i) visit | (ii) visiting | (iii) visited | (iv) will visit |
| (e) (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) some |

Ans. (a) (ii) is (b) (i) of (c) (ii) are (d) (iii) visited
(e) (iii) the

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. Do any four. 1×4=4

	Error	Correction
Sachin Tendulkar is a best	e.g. a	the
cricketer in India. He has play for	(a) .....	.....
more than 20 years on the country.	(b) .....	.....
He retired from the games	(c) .....	.....
last year. He is know for	(d) .....	.....
his skill in batting or fielding.	(e) .....	.....

- Ans.** (a) play — played
 (b) on — for
 (c) games — game
 (d) know — known
 (e) or — and

7. Rearrange any four of the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 1×4=4

1. that life began / centuries ago / scientists think / twenty million / on earth / about
2. endless process / the plants and animals / of evolution / are the products / of an
3. are / their / animals / products of / all the / environment
4. lose / habitat / human / due to / their / the animals / encroachment
5. the / habitat / regrowth / rate of / is / very slow / of

- Ans.** 1. Scientists think that life began on earth about twenty million centuries ago.
 2. The plants and animals are the products of an endless process of evolution.
 3. All the animals are products of their environment.
 4. The animals lose their habitat due to human encroachment.
 5. **Sentence cannot be formed according to the word cluster given.**

Section – C Literature

30 Marks

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: 1×4=4

When I casually mentioned this to a friend, he casually replied that I had better get one in the Tigris marshes, for there they were as common as mosquitoes, and were often tamed by the Arabs. We were going to Basra to the Consulate-General to collect and answer our mail from Europe. At the Consulate-General we found that my friend's mail had arrived but that mine had not.

- (a) What was 'they'?
- (b) Where could the author get 'one'?
- (c) Find the exact word from the extract which means 'domesticated.'
- (d) What did the author find at the Consulate-General?

OR

(There is a languid, emerald sea,
where the sole inhabitant is me —
a mermaid drifting blissfully.)

Questions :

- (a) Who does 'me' stand for?
- (b) How does 'me' feel?
- (c) Who is 'me' compared to?
- (d) Which word in the extract means opposite of 'sorrowfully'?

Ans.

- (a) Otters
- (b) The narrator get one from the Tigris marshes.
- (c) 'tamed'
- (d) The author found that his mail had not arrived while his friend's mail had arrived.

OR

- (a) Amanda
- (b) She feels lonely.
- (c) 'Me' is compared to a mermaid.
- (d) 'blissfully'

9. Answer any four of the following in 120–150 words :

2×4=8

- (i) How did Kisa Gotami realise that life and death is a normal process?
- (ii) Why did Maddie write a note to Peggy and then tore it?
- (iii) How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?
- (iv) What difficulty do the crew of the space probe face on the Earth?
- (v) What was the most fascinating thing that Valli saw on the street?

Ans.

- (i) Kisa Gotami realized that life and death is a normal process. She found no house where some beloved had not died.
- (ii) Maddie wrote a note to Peggy to stop making fun of Wanda. But later she tore it because she thought it could annoy Peggy.
- (iii) Horace Denby was a good and respectable person. He had a flourishing business of locks. He lived a happy life and earned well. But he used to rob a safe every year for sustenance. It proves that he was not a completely honest person.
- (iv) The crew of the space probe landed in a public library. They were shocked because the place looked very strange as they had no idea of books. They thought the library to be some kind of storage barn.
- (v) The sight of bus filled each time with new set of passengers was a source of unending joy for Valli.

10. Answer the following question in 100–120 words :

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Bholi is a child different from others. This difference makes her an object of neglect and laughter. Elaborate.

OR

The poet in the poem, 'For Anne Gregory' conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance. Elaborate with reference to the poem.

Ans. Bholi is a child different from others. This difference makes her an object of neglect and laughter. She was the youngest daughter of Ramlal. Her mental growth was slow because of a fall from the cot on her head. She had pock marks on her face because of smallpox. She was not treated nicely at home. She was an ignored child and was always given old dresses of her elder sisters to wear. Nobody cared to mend or wash her clothes. She used to stammer while speaking. Everybody used to make fun of her. Bholi was unable to speak till the age of five. When she learnt to speak, she used to stammer. All the children of her age made fun of her. She was different from all the children not only in her house but in society also. This made her an object of neglect and laughter.

OR

The poet in the poem, For *Anne Gregory* conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance. In the third stanza of the poem, the speaker replies to Anne's statement about love for internal and not external beauty. He gives a reference of an old religious man, who announced that he had found a text in which it is written that only God is capable of looking beyond external beauty. Here the speaker means that humans do not have depth and understanding to look inside the soul of a person. Humans are always carried away by the shine and glitter of outer beauty and they never care to know the person behind the beautiful appearance. Therefore, the poet in the poem conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not to the physical appearance.

***11. Answer the following question in 200–250 words:**

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How did Kitty help Anne overcome her loneliness?

OR

What is the main theme of 'The Diary of a Young Girl'?

OR

"The best and most beautiful things in the world can't be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." Justify the famous quote of Helen Keller.

OR

Helen had a great love for animals and birds. Write about this aspect of her character.

**These Questions are out of syllabus for the forthcoming examinations*

Section – B Writing and Grammar**30 Marks**

3. You have lost your original certificates of class X and XII. You want to get their duplicates issued but you do not know the procedure. Write a letter to the Chairman, CBSE, Preet Vihar, enquiring about the fee to be deposited, mode of payment, time taken by the board for issuing duplicate certificates and any other formalities. You are Tarun/Taruna, 7/9, Kunj Apartments, Shimla (100–120 words). **8**

OR

More and more people are used to carrying mobile phones to their workplace. However, the use of mobile phones can be dangerous at certain times and places. Write an article on the topic, 'Mobile Phone Manners.' Take hints from the information that follows:

- The Government on Thursday banned the use of cellular phones at petrol pumps as they could ignite the flammable vapours present in the air.
- Don't use mobiles
 - While driving
 - Inside an aircraft
 - When in an ICU
 - If you are near a heart patient or someone who has pacemaker

Ans. 7/9, Kunj Apartments

Shimla

3 March 20XX

The Chairman

CBSE

Preet Vihar

Delhi

Dear Sir,

Subject: Enquiry about the procedure for getting duplicate certificates.

It is submitted that I have lost my original certificates of class X and XII. As I am appearing for an interview and I have to produce them at the time of Interview, so, I want to get their duplicates issued. Please provide me the following information so that I can get the same.

- (a) Fee to be deposited
- (b) Mode of payment
- (c) Time taken by the board for issuing the duplicates.
- (d) Any other formalities

I shall be highly grateful if the above information is posted at my above given address at your earliest.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Tarun/Taruna

OR

Mobile Phone Manners

More and more people are used to carrying mobile phones to their workplaces. Though mobiles have made communication easier yet they have become a cause for concern in the society. Excess of anything is bad and needs to be checked. There is an urgency to follow certain mobile manners. The Government has taken an initiative to curb the mobile manace. It has banned the use of cellular phones at petrol pumps as they could ignite the flammable vapours present in the air. As a responsible citizen we should not use mobile phone at petrol pumps. Use of mobile while driving is also not advisable as it may cause fatal accidents. While in the aircraft, in an ICU and in the presence of a heart patient mobile phone should not be used. Mobile when used in limits is a boon to the society.

4. Develop a short story in 150-200 words which begins as of the following: 10

Last Sunday I along with my friends decided to go to the riverside for a picnic. We planned to spend the whole day there, but.....

Give it a suitable title also.

OR

With the help of the following cues, develop a short story along with a title in 150–200 words:

A cap seller carrying a bundle of caps...sleeps under a tree...puts the bundle beside him...some monkeys take away the caps...wakes up...finds monkeys wearing caps...angry...throws his own cap...monkeys throw their caps...collects...happy.

Ans.

Picnic

Picnic is a very good source of recreation. Last Sunday, I, along with my friends decided to go to the riverside for a picnic. We had been looking forward for this day for a month. We had planned for it meticulously. We had a plan to spend the whole day the riverside. On the fixed day, I with all my friends left early in the morning for the riverside. We took with us a number of mats, a stove, a kerosene can, some wheat flour, a pastry board, a pastry roller, a big can of purified water and a number of necessary articles. We left for the venue on a tempo. On reaching the venue, we pitched our camp and prepared for the day. The cook was ready to prepare the snacks and tea. He served us hot tea and some delicious snacks. We all were enjoying and expecting a beautiful joyous day ahead. But man proposes and God disposes. All of a sudden the weather changed. There were huge clouds all around and strong winds began to blow. It was pitch dark. The strong winds blew up our camp and all our plans crashed. The entire picnic plan was spoiled.

OR

The Wise Cap Seller

Once there was a capseller in a town. One fine day, he was selling caps.

“Caps, Caps, Caps fifty rupees caps, seventy rupees caps—, Red caps, Blue caps”.

After he had sold some caps, he became tired and decided to sit under a big tree to rest for a while. Soon he fell asleep. There were many monkeys on the big tree. They saw the cap seller sleeping under the tree. The monkeys came down one by one and took the caps from his bag and wore them. After some time the cap seller woke up and found his bag empty. He was shocked. He searched for his caps here and there. To his surprise, he saw the monkeys wearing them. He shouted at the monkeys. They shouted back. The capseller understood that the monkeys were imitating him. So he threw his cap down and the monkeys also did so. The capseller collected all the caps, put them back in his bag and went away happily.

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below each. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. $1 \times 4 = 4$

Birds and animals live in the lap (a) nature and can predict the likely changes accurately. Swallows usually fly high (b) the sky. But during a storm, they come down (c) fly close to the ground. If they fly low you (d) be sure of strong winds. Even a toad can be (e) reliable weatherman.

- (a) (i) in (ii) of (iii) on (iv) for
 (b) (i) in (ii) of (iii) on (iv) to
 (c) (i) nor (ii) or (iii) but (iv) and
 (d) (i) would (ii) should (iii) might (iv) could
 (e) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) some

Ans. (a) (ii) of (b) (i) in (c) (iv) and (d) (iii) might
 (e) (i) a

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. Do any four. $1 \times 4 = 4$

	Error	Correction
The pleasure in being outdoors	e.g. in	of
is fundamental for human	(i) .....	.....
happiness. There are so much	(ii) .....	.....
to learn and it is an constant	(iii) .....	.....
source of delight to know more on the	(iv) .....	.....
flora and fauna around. One discover	(v) .....	.....
how exciting the world is.		

Ans. (i) for — to
 (ii) are — is
 (iii) an — a
 (iv) on — about
 (v) discover — discovers

7. Rearrange any four of the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) ignore/ instinct / my first / the snake / was to
 (b) I didn't want / killed one / I had / it / as / never / to kill.
 (c) only dangerous / duly / to / was / kill / my / ones
 (d) back / and returned / farm / I went / to the / stick / with a
 (e) hesitated / it / I / but still / attack / to

Ans. (a) My first instinct was to ignore the snake.
 (b) I didn't want to kill it as I had never killed one.
 (c) My duty was to kill only dangerous ones.
 (d) I went with a stick and returned back to the farm.
 (e) But still I hesitated to attack it.

Section – B Writing and Grammar**30 Marks**

3. You are Ambica/Mohit, Librarian, High Scope Public School, Hauz Khas, Delhi. Write a letter to Jindal Publishers, Pratap Vihar, Delhi to place an order for English to Hindi dictionaries, illustrated children's encyclopedia, fiction books etc for your school library. Request them for a catalogue, discount offered, mode of payment and time taken for delivery. (100–120 words). **8**

OR

Good health plays an important role in the life of a student. Students should not neglect their health. Good health is essential for a good performance in studies as well.

Write an article on the topic, 'How can students keep fit and healthy?' You are Arun/Anita, 1489, Hem Kunt Apartments, Delhi. (100–120 words).

Ans. High Scope Public School

Hauz Khas

New Delhi

3 March 20XX

The Sales Manager

Jindal Publishers

Pratap Vihar

Delhi

Dear Sir

Subject: Order for books

We are in a process of purchasing books for our library and need the following books:

(a) English to Hindi Dictionaries

(b) Illustrated Children's encyclopedia

(c) Fiction books

You are, therefore, requested to send the above books for our school library.

You are also requested to send us a detailed catalogue, discount offered, mode of payment and time taken for delivery.

We assume that the school will be given the discount on books as per your policy.

You are requested to send the above order to the school on the given address at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Ambica/Mohit

(Librarian)

OR

How can students keep fit and healthy?

By Arun/Anita

Good health plays an important role in the life of a student. A healthy mind remains in a healthy body. Students should not neglect their health. It is essential for a good performance in studies as well. A student can keep his body healthy by paying attention to his routine. Early to bed and early to rise is the first requirement. A student should get up early and take regular exercise. He should participate in sports activities of the school. A healthy and timely eating habit supports health. One should avoid junk food and be away from too much indulgence in indoor video games, etc. as it makes life inactive and leads to diseases like diabetes, etc. A student must lead an active life. He should plan his day in such a way that both health and studies are given equal importance. This is how a student can keep himself fit and healthy.

4. **Develop a short story in 150–200 words with the help of the given beginning. Suggest a suitable title also.** **10**

It was a lovely rainy day. I was enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in the balcony of my 1st floor flat. Suddenly I felt dizzy and the cup fell from my hand. I

OR

Reena, a 10 year old brave girl lived in a slum with her relatives. One day when she was alone at home.....

Ans.

An Scary Experience

It was a lovely rainy day. I was enjoying a cup of tea while sitting in the balcony of my first floor flat. Suddenly I felt dizzy and the cup fell from my hand. I was unconscious. I felt as if someone had caught me and dragged down the balcony. I was shouting and crying for help. I felt so helpless that I could not speak properly. I could hear only the terrible sound around me. I was on the floor of my balcony. Now I could hear the voice of my sister. She sprinkled some water on my face. She was worried and called the doctor. The doctor injected some medicine and I regained my senses and felt better. The doctor advised me to lie down on my bed for sometime. He diagnosed that my sugar level had gone extremely down which made me unconscious. He advised me to visit the hospital next day for a regular check up. It was really a scary experience for me.

OR

A Brave Girl

Reena was a 10-year-old brave girl. She lived in a slum with her relatives. One day when she was alone at home she noticed some smoke coming out from a nearby hut. She sensed something was wrong. When nobody was at home, who would be in the kitchen! She became alert and decided to go inside that hut. She saw that the occupant of the hut had left the lights on. There were some sparks that caused the fire in the hut.

It was really alarming and dangerous for the entire slum. She knew what to do now. She took a bucket full of sand and threw it on the fire. But it was not enough. There was no one to help her. She did not even have a phone to inform the fire brigade. She was a brave girl. She took more sand to extinguish the fire. After some time she was able to control the fire. Meanwhile some more occupants came and joined her. A major tragedy was averted. Everyone appreciated Reena for her presence of mind and bravery.

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1×4=4

He will fly (a) Madras (b) 7th December. The plane (c) reach Madras (d) 11.00 am. He (e) stay at Hotel Plaza.

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| (a) (i) in | (ii) on | (iii) to | (iv) after |
| (b) (i) on | (ii) in | (iii) for | (iv) from |
| (c) (i) may | (ii) can | (iii) will | (iv) could |
| (d) (i) for | (ii) at | (iii) on | (iv) by |
| (e) (i) could | (ii) will | (iii) shall | (iv) must |

Ans. (a) (iii) to (b) (i) on (c) (iii) will (d) (ii) at
(e) (ii) will

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error along with its correction in the space provided. Do any four. 1×4=4

	Error	Correction
More than two-thirds in the world's	e.g. in	of
large cities are on areas sensitive	(i) .....	.....
over global warming and rising sea level.	(ii) .....	.....
Millions of people face a risk	(iii) .....	.....
of being swamp by floods	(iv) .....	.....
and storms according by a study.	(v) .....	.....

Ans. (i) on – in
(ii) over – to
(iii) a – the
(iv) swamp – swamped
(v) by – to

7. Rearrange any four of the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. 1×4=4

- (a) democracy / is very / important / of press / in a / freedom
(b) abused / times / is / many / but / it
(c) biased / sometimes / presents / is / opinion / media / a
(d) to have / necessary / press / therefore / a responsible / it is
(e) can be / society / a / only than / fearless / imagined

Ans. (a) Freedom of press is very important in a democracy.
(b) But it is abused many times.
(c) Sentence cannot be formed according to the word cluster given.
(d) It is therefore necessary to have a responsible press.
(e) Only then a fearless society can be imagined.