

# Examination Paper 2016

## Delhi–Set I, II, III

*Time Allowed: 3 Hours]*

*[Maximum Marks: 70*

*Instructions:*

1. *The Question paper is divided into three sections:*

*Section A — Reading 20 marks*

*Section B — Writing & Grammar 25 marks*

*Section C — Literature 25 marks*

2. *All questions are compulsory.*
3. *You may attempt any section at a time.*
4. *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 and answer the questions that follow: 1×8=8**

One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.

These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be "controlled by machines". Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or "rule the world" by making decisions of their own.

Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

- (a) What is the greatest advancement in modern technology? 1
- (b) What complicated works are computers capable of doing? 1
- (c) Write one use of computers. 1
- (d) Explain automation. 1
- (e) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world? 1
- (f) How would computers as translating machines help people? 1
- (g) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in future? 1
- (h) How can computers help people going on holiday? 1

- Ans.**
- (a) The invention of computers is the greatest advancement in modern technology.
  - (b) Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated works such as they can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.
  - (c) Computers are useful in many ways, for example, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams.
  - (d) Automation is the process by which machines can be used to work for us. It will help us to enjoy more leisure in future. It also has important social consequences.
  - (e) Computers cannot lead independent lives or rule the world because they cannot “think” like humans. They need instructions from humans to operate.
  - (f) Computers can be used as translating machines to help people worldwide. They enable people to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.
  - (g) Sir Leon Bagrit predicted that in future, ordinary people would be able to use pocket computers to obtain valuable information.
  - (h) When people go on a holiday, computers help them to obtain information about weather conditions.

**2. Read the passage given below.**

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Why does a person become overconfident? The reason lies in overassessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people overassess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control. Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word ‘impossible’ was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster.

Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is a result of two factors—one’s personal planning and support from the external world. People, take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. They become unable to foresee future developments. Hence, the great risk of failure.

Then there is the question: how can one manage overconfidence? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, “I was wrong.”

Overconfidence is a flaw characterizing people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach.

Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experiences of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.

There is a saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception, with a slight change, I would like to say that the overconfident person sees the rule and the confident person sees the exception. Overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

**2.1** Answer the following questions:

2×4=8

- (a) Why does a person become overconfident?
- (b) What does overconfidence generally lead people into?
- (c) How can one manage overconfidence?
- (d) What kind of person does 'modesty' make you?

- Ans.**
- (a) A person becomes overconfident because he or she becomes egotistical and overassesses his/her confidence and jumps into situations which are beyond his/her control.
  - (b) Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures endangering their chances in life. They are unable to foresee future developments.
  - (c) Before taking any decision one should discuss the matter with other informed and knowledgeable persons with an objective mind. When it is proved that one is on the wrong path, one should accept one's fault. In this manner, one can manage overconfidence.
  - (d) Modesty is a great virtue. It makes one a realist. It also helps one to become cautious. Before taking any action one can assess the whole situation.

**2.2** Find meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow:

1×4=4

(a) Misadventure (para 3)

- (i) Mishap                      (ii) Unlucky                      (iii) Unhappy                      (iv) Unpleasant

(b) Endangering (para 3)

- (i) Reckless                      (ii) Imperil                      (iii) Risky                      (iv) Threatening

(c) Assess (para 5)

- (i) Assemble                      (ii) Acquire                      (iii) Evaluate                      (iv) Accept

(d) Objective (para 4)

- (i) Obedient                      (ii) Servile                      (iii) Honest                      (iv) Impartial

- Ans.**
- (a) (i) Mishap
  - (b) (iv) Threatening
  - (c) (iii) Evaluate
  - (d) (iv) Impartial

## Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

- 3.** (a) **Our metropolitan cities witness a large number of accidents every day. What do you think is the reason? What can be done to bring down the rate of accidents? Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your concerns and offering solutions to this problem. You are Arun/Aruna, 112 Model Town, Delhi.**

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*Or*

- (b) Many children feel tempted to break rules in school. They find pleasure in doing so. Write an article in 100-120 words discussing reasons for it. Suggest measures to make children respect rules. You are Arun/Aruna.

**Ans.** (a) 112 Model Town

Delhi 1100XX

12 April 20XX

The Editor

The Hindu

Delhi 1100XX

Sir

**Subject:** Road Accidents – reckless driving

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the metropolitan authorities to a large number of accidents occurring every day in our cities.

Majority of these accidents occur due to reckless driving. The drivers do not bother to drive slowly in the accident-prone areas. As a result, they meet with serious accidents in the metropolitan cities.

Unfortunately, authorities concerned are not serious towards the gravity of the situation.

It is hoped that instead of sitting over the matter, the authorities concerned will take immediate remedial steps to bring down the rate of accidents by enforcing the traffic rules strictly.

Yours faithfully

Arun

*Or*

- (b) **Breaking Rules in School**  
**by Aruna**

The present-day education scenario in schools has undergone a sea change. Schools today are quite indifferent to schooling children. Teacher-student relationship has been degraded as it is based on monetary considerations. Schools are hankering after high donations for enriching their infrastructure. They hardly bother to give value education to children.

A large number of students play truants, and late-coming is a regular phenomenon in the school. Many students do not pay attention to their studies and even make fun of their assigned homework.

It seems that future is bleak for such children. It is the bounden duty of the teaching community to imbibe in the students respect for rules. Authorities should create an awareness among them to be ideal citizens of the nation.

4. **Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below:** **10**  
**Uday's dream — do something brave — win recognition far and wide - be famous in the world - one fine day, he saw this opportunity when.....**

*Or*

**The parent-teacher meeting was scheduled for tomorrow - scared of informing them - had been scolded for missing school - no way out - cooked a story.....**

Ans.

### A Daredevil Boy's Dream

Uday was a daredevil since his childhood. Once he was going to his maternal uncle's house along with his parents. On the way there was a big canal they had to cross over. His parents were afraid of moving along a bamboo-built culvert to cross the canal. Uday said, "Daddy, I know swimming. So don't worry about me." His parents somehow crossed the canal but Uday could not. Unfortunately, Uday was lost in his dream while crossing the canal. He slipped and fell down in the deep canal.

Uday's sudden fall down in the deep canal ignited in him the hope of becoming a world famous sea-diver. He seemed preordained to meet this accident. It was his long-cherished dream to be a distinguished sea-diver. But it needs training and higher studies in marine ecology.

Uday got a chance to study marine ecology in the Havard School of Marine Ecology in the United States of America. After training, Uday won recognition as a sea-diver far and wide.

Or

### Parent-Teacher Meeting

Rajan is a habitual truant. So he has been scolded many a time by his teachers for missing school. All day long he likes playing games on his mobile or keeps himself busy roaming. He hardly studies nor is he interested in doing homework. He never listens to his parents. Such a recalcitrant boy as Rajan is, suddenly takes interest to attend the parent-teachers meeting along with his parents, which is going to be held tomorrow.

The meeting started. Roll-call was going on. Now Rajan's turn came. His parents were delighted to see Rajan smiling. His classteacher said, "You are good in storytelling. Your oral performance is also good. But you are a habitual absentee, so your attendance is poor. So try to improve your attendance. She offered him a toffee and said, "never forget to attend the meeting along with your parents." Rajan was inspired with these comments, and promised to be regular. He was supposed to cook a story for playing truants, but his teacher's words of encouragement awakened him to be sincere and regular. Rajan still remembers the meeting, and became a disciplined boy.

**5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of given options: 1×3=3**

There is a general belief (a) ..... students that (b) ..... who write long sentences get (c) ..... marks.

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|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| (a) (i) in   | (ii) of    | (iii) among | (iv) between |
| (b) (i) they | (ii) those | (iii) all   | (iv) them    |
| (c) (i) more | (ii) many  | (iii) most  | (iv) much    |

Ans. (a) (iii) among (b) (ii) those (c) (i) more

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. ½×8=4**

	Error	Correction
Overeating is one of the more wonderful	e.g. more	most
practices among those which think that they	(a) .....	.....
can afford it. In fact, that is said that	(b) .....	.....
near all those who can get as much	(c) .....	.....
as he desire, overeat to their	(d) .....	.....
disadvantage. This class of peoples could	(e) .....	.....
save the great deal more food than	(f) .....	.....
they can save by missing one meal	(g) .....	.....
per week and also improving their health.	(h) .....	.....

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
<b>Ans.</b>	(a) which	who
	(b) that	it
	(c) near	nearly
	(d) he	they
	(e) peoples	people
	(f) the	a
	(g) they	it
	(h) improving	improve

**7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. 3**

e.g. came / months/ me/ for eight / to teach / he

For eight months he came to teach me.

(a) algebra and / a week / me / geometry / twice / he taught

(b) very poor / subjects /I was / in these / earlier

(c) very / now / proficient / have become / in them /I

**Ans.** (a) He taught me algebra and geometry twice a week.

(b) Earlier I was very poor in these subjects.

(c) Now I have become very proficient in them.

### Section C Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text

**25 Marks**

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1×3=3**

A real message from the real Sebastian Shultz. We both knew that by reliving the accident, something wonderful had happened.

(a) Who is the narrator?

(b) What accident is he referring to?

(c) Write the antonym for the word, 'wonderful'.

*Or*

And immediately I regretted it.

I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act!

I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education.

(a) What does the poet regret?

(b) Why does the poet curse his human education?

(c) What is meant by the word, 'despised'?

**Ans.** (a) The narrator is the boy 'Michael'.

(b) The accident in which 'Sebastian Shultz' had lost his memory and had slipped into a coma.

(c) The antonym for the word 'wonderful' is 'dreadful'.

Or

- (a) The poet regrets his act of throwing a log at the snake.
- (b) The poet curses his human education because it prompts him to kill the snake.
- (c) The word 'despised' means 'hated'.

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each:

2×4=8

- (a) What were the blessings the albatross brought with it?
- (b) How does Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream?
- (c) Why does Patol Babu's wife tell him that he is counting his 'chickens before they're hatched'?
- (d) What made the writer believe that he was good at writing ghost stories?
- (e) Why did the narrator allow the snake to quench his thirst first?

- Ans.
- (a) The albatross was considered as a bird of good omen and as a spirit of Christ which had come to help them. When the albatross appeared the ship was surrounded by massive icebergs but soon the good South Wind blew, the ice cracked and they were able to move out.
  - (b) Calpurnia dreamt that Caesar's statue was spouting blood like a fountain and Romans were washing their handkerchiefs in the blood of Caesar. Brutus said the dream foretold some positive events. He said the blood from the statue indicated that Caesar's influence would increase.
  - (c) Patol Babu breaks the news about his acting debut in a movie. He tells his wife that it would be his first step to rise to fame and fortune. But his wife knows that Patol Babu gets overenthusiastic even before anything concrete happens. So she tells him not to count the chickens before they are hatched.
  - (d) The narrator thought he was good at writing ghost stories because his publisher Jenkins always wanted him to write the same. Jenkins told the narrator that his ghost stories were very well-received by the audience.
  - (e) The poet was a gentleman. He allowed the snake to quench his thirst first because the snake had come to the trough before him and moreover, he was a guest at the poet's place. The poet thought that he should wait for his turn.

10. Answer the following in 80-100 words:

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How does Helen's appearance in the party make Lavinia get rid of her superstitious belief in Ouija Boards?

Or

Bring out the irony in the words, "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings, Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair!" as inscribed on the pedestal of the statue. What lesson does this irony teach us?

- Ans.
- Helen was quite superstitious and she bought an Ouija Board from the sale and organised an Ouija Board party. The author was also forced to participate in the party. All the boards in the party screamed the author's name and called him a traitor. Everyone believed that the narrator was having an affair with a woman called Helen. Lavinia was very angry and she made up her mind to leave the author. But when Lavinia entered the author's room and saw Helen, the ghost, she forgave her husband. She then told her maid to burn the Ouija Boards in the kitchen fire.

Or

Ozymandias, a powerful king of Egypt, was proud of his glory and achievements. He got a statue built in his name to get himself immortalised. But the statue couldn't withstand the powerful influence of time and with the passage of time it was destroyed. The statue lay broken in the lonely sands

symbolising that time is all powerful. Everything in this life is ephemeral and intransient. Nothing stays forever. Everything in this world decays with time. The poem highlights the vanity of human glory and power.

**11. Answer the following in 150-200 words:**

**10**

**Helen's contact with Dr. Bell raised her perception and understanding of the world. Comment.**

*Or*

**Helen's teacher took her across the tough road of her life. What role did she play in her success?**

*Or*

**Anne Frank's growing years were not normal. Elaborate.**

*Or*

**The Annexe was almost a prison for Anne. How did it limit her life?**

**Ans.** Helen Keller held Dr. Graham Bell in high esteem. Keller sensed Bell's tender disposition. As a child, Helen felt the tenderness and sympathy of Dr. Bell. He was a wonderful person with a lot of achievements. Keller met him first when she was six years old. She was brought to him by her parents for advice on how to teach her. Dr. Bell guided them to the Perkins Institution for the blind. They followed his advice. There was a good bond of friendship between Dr. Bell and Helen Keller. He remained a friend to Anne Sullivan also. He accompanied them on a trip to the World's Trade Fair. Dr. Bell made Helen understand how it was possible to write messages. Dr. Bell loved children and he was never quite as happy as when he had a little deaf child in his arms.

*Or*

Miss Anne Sullivan played a very important role in the life of Helen. She worked very hard with her. She gave Helen slips of cardboard having printed words in raised letters. She made her learn that each printed word stood for an object, an act or a quality. Miss Sullivan was a friend, philosopher and guide to Helen. She was always worried about the well-being of Helen. She knew Helen in and out. She always stood beside her and encouraged her. She was with her when she was totally heart broken and shaken after the allegation of plagiarism against her. Miss Sullivan was very hard working and nature loving and developed the same qualities in Helen too. She opened the portals of new world of joy, amazement and surprise for her. She had a wonderful way of teaching Helen which all seemed like play to her. She broadened her faculty of learning. She taught geography by using pebbles, she made rivers and dams using them. She adopted every method to make learning interesting for Helen.

*Or*

Anne Frank's growing years were not normal. She was a young girl, full of dreams and always curious. But all her dreams and joys of the youth were crushed by the tough life at the Annexe. They had to stick to certain rules and regulations to follow. They couldn't see or enjoy anything of the outside world. Anne didn't share a very good rapport with the outside world also. Anne belonged to a liberal family of Jews and even before they had shifted to the Annexe they had to bear certain restrictions imposed by the Nazis. They could not visit the ice cream parlours. They could only go to Jewish schools. They were not even allowed to use public transport. Even the life inside the Annexe was very tough. She didn't share a very good rapport with the elders of the family.

*Or*

Annexe was almost a prison not only for Anne but also for the other residents of Annexe. They were all scared of even a little noise. Anne and other members had to follow certain rules. They had to

take turns using the hot water to take bath. Whenever there was a visit of the plumber they had to sit still. Anne's state of mind in the Annexe was not stable. She was scared all the time. Everytime the door bell rang, Anne was terrified because she thought it was the Gestapo. Anne, moreover, didn't have a pleasant relationship with the adults of the house. She wanted to live her own happy life. She was young and wanted to do so many things. All her wishes and passions died a silent death in the claustrophobic environment of the Annexe. She was desperate to get out in the open free world.

## Set II Uncommon Questions to Set I

### Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below: 10

She finally had it — the key to the treasure — the map — she trembled — excitement — anticipation

Or

Truth always pays — spoke truth — got in trouble — upset — changed mind — later realised — better in the long run...

Ans.

#### Hidden Treasure

Once upon a time an old hermit with shining grey beard used to visit Rashmi's house every day. Rashmi pestered him to tell her stories. The hermit told her wonderful stories with thrills and skills. He talked of a ruined temple in a dense forest.

Rashmi was excited to know about the temple and desperate to discover the hidden treasure. The hermit told her that it was not that easy to reach the haunted temple by alone. He gave her a magic ring and asked her to take the guide map with her. The hermit warned her, "Do not part with this magic ring. If you rub the ring thrice, I will appear before you to rescue you from the danger." Saying these words, the hermit disappeared.

On a moonlit night little Rashmi began her journey to the haunted temple in the forest.

Rashmi reached the temple with the help of magic ring and was astonished to see the hermit in temple, chanting *mantras*. The hermit said "Darling Rashmi, all the way I was accompanying you to this temple. It was my spirits that guided you." Rashmi found a lot of jewels and valuable stones in the temple. She was full of excitement on receiving the valuable jewels. The hermit disappeared. There had been an atmosphere of anticipation around her for this hidden treasure. Had not the hermit in disguise stood her in good stead, the hidden treasure would not have been discovered.

Or

Valmiki Muni was a hardcore, highway dacoit in his early years of life. His birth name was Ratnakar. His source of earning was robbing people. He never let his family know his secret of earning money in such a dishonest way. Many a time his wife asked him how he got so many jewels for her. He used to say, "My darling. I'm doing a very lucrative job. So, I'm earning a lot of money."

Thus, Ratnakar had been telling lies for years and became an invincible hero as a highway robber.

Once Narada Muni was passing by that way. Ratnakar robbed him of his clothes and tied him to a tree. Narada asked him dearly, "My son, Ratnakar, for whom you are earning by robbing. This way of earning is a sin. Can you ask your parents and wife if they agree to be part of your sin."

Ratnakar went home and asked everyone, if they would be part of his sin. Nobody supported him. He felt melancholic and came back to Narada Muni and set him free and begged pardon to him

for his sin. Narada advised him to pray to Lord Ram for years in order to do penance for his sin. So he chanted Rama! Rama! for years in a dense forest. An anthill was built around him. Ratnakar became Valmiki and realised, "Truth always pays".

**5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of given options: 1×3=3**

Authorities settled (a) ..... 32 pages in (b) ..... next answer book (c) ..... for the undergraduate courses.

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|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| (a) (i) on   | (ii) at    | (iii) up    | (iv) in      |
| (b) (i) a    | (ii) an    | (iii) the   | (iv) some    |
| (c) (i) mean | (ii) meant | (iii) means | (iv) meaning |

**Ans.** (a) (i) on (b) (iii) the (c) (ii) meant

**7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows: 1×3=3**

Doctor : I hope you can read.

Patient : You may think it is funny but I can't.

Doctor : Then why should I treat your eyes?

Patient : I believe illiterates too need eyes to see.

The doctor told the patient (a) ..... . The patient said that (b) ..... . The doctor asked (c) ..... . The patient replied that illiterates too need eyes to see.

**Ans.** (a) if he could read  
(b) he could not read  
(c) why he should treat his eyes

**Section C Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text**

**25 Marks**

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: 2×4=8**

- (a) How did the mariners enjoy the arrival of the albatross?
- (b) Describe the superstitions which scared Calpurnia?
- (c) What did Gogon Pakrashi teach Patol Babu?
- (d) Why did the ghost of Helen come to see John Hallock?
- (e) Why was Michael shocked when he read the name Sebastian Shultz in a newspaper?

**Ans.** (a) The mariners enjoyed the arrival of albatross because its arrival was marked by the beginning of good south wind which helped in the cracking of the icebergs and making a way out for them from the land of ice. It helped their ship move away to the right path.

(b) Calpurnia dreamt that Caesar's statue was spouting blood and many lusty Romans came up to his statue and bathed their hands in the blood. She cried thrice in her dream 'Help, ho! they murder Caesar'.

(c) Gogon Pakrashi was Patol Babu's mentor. He was a wonderful actor without a trace of vanity in him. He told Patol Babu that whatever part he was offered he should never consider it beneath his dignity. He told him to squeeze the essence of every dialogue and serve it to the audience.

(d) The Ghost came to see Hallock because the people on the earth were making the lives of the ghosts a hell by calling them every now and then using Ouija Boards and forcing them to answer

their questions. The people had robbed them off all their joy and amusement and they couldn't go for haunting people.

- (e) Michael was shocked when he read the name Sebastian Shultz in the newspaper because Sebastian Shultz was a character in the virtual reality game and he had rescued him. It meant it was not a game character but a real human.

### Set III Uncommon Questions to Set I & II

#### Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

3. Write an article for the school magazine emphasizing the need for art and music to be taught in schools. Mention how the study of art and music helps in the better emotional development of students in shaping their personalities. 5

*Or*

Some of us have often been ridiculed for poor time management and lack of punctuality. You feel that it affects the image of our country. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words, mentioning the reasons for our weakness and how we can change ourselves. You are Arun/Aruna, 24 Mall Road, Agra.

**Ans.**

#### Need for Teaching Art and Music in Schools

by Aruna

Art and music express the creative as well as aesthetic aspect of imagination. In order to develop this field of creative imagination, necessary training and practice under expert hands are needed. Hence, the need for teaching this subject in schools.

Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence and teamwork. It connects people more deeply to the world and opens them to new ways of seeing. Many schools of thought put forward the argument against art and music to be introduced in school curriculum. They feel that these are altogether different disciplines. Hence, they should be taught in a different faculty.

Fine arts and music ought to be introduced in schools to imbibe emotional feelings in students and help them shape their personalities.

*Or*

24, Mall Road

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Agra

15 June 20XX

The Editor

The Indian Express

New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

**Subject:** Poor time management and lack of punctuality in our country

Through the columns of your esteemed daily I would like to draw the attention of the public and academics to the problem of poor time management and lack of punctuality in all walks of our life—schools, academic institutions, offices and daily life.

This problem arises due to several factors such as propensity to late coming, idleness, procrastination and lack of seriousness. Hence, this problem has a negative impact on our achievements. It hampers students' progress and affects the overall image of the country.

It is hoped that our respected public will give due importance to time management and punctuality towards building the image of our country.

Yours faithfully

Aruna

### Section C Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text

25 Marks

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

1×3=3

O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth,  
That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!

- (a) By whom have the above lines been spoken?
- (b) Why is the speaker meek with the butchers?
- (c) Write the antonym of the word, 'gentle.'

Or

"This is only the first step on the ladder, my dear better-half! Yes... the first step that would... God willing... mark the rise to fame and fortune of your beloved husband!"

- (a) What was "the first step on the ladder"?
- (b) What characteristic does the speaker display here?
- (c) What does the word, 'fortune' mean?

- Ans.**
- (a) These lines are spoken by Antony.
  - (b) Antony was meek because he wants to avenge Caesar's death which he knows he wouldn't be able to do without being friendly with the murderers.
  - (c) The antonym of the word 'gentle' is 'rude'.

Or

- (a) The first step was the break in the film which he had got.
- (b) The speaker's overconfidence is displayed here.
- (c) The word, 'fortune' means 'luck'.

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each:**

2×4=8

- (a) Give two examples of the use of supernatural in *The Rime of The Ancient Mariner*.
- (b) Why did the poet throw the log at the snake?
- (c) What idea did Patol Babu have while rehearsing? What was the director's reaction?
- (d) Why did the spirit in the Ouija Boards call Hallock a traitor?
- (e) Why did Calpurnia not want Caesar to go to the Senate?

- Ans.**
- (a)
    - (i) The arrival of Albatross as a bird of good omen or a Christian soul.
    - (ii) The polar spirit had all along followed the ship nine fathom deep.
    - (iii) The different colours of light emitted by the sea.
  - (b) The poet liked the snake a lot but the voices of education in his head told him to kill the snake as the snakes in Sicily are considered to be poisonous. The voice of education overpowered the voices of his conscience and he decided to kill it.

- (c) Patol Babu got an idea that he should hold a newspaper in his hands to make the scene more effective. He also suggested that he should wear a moustache in the scene. Both his suggestions were accepted by the director.
- (d) The spirit of Helen had come to Hallock with a request. She wanted him to convince all his friends and relatives to stop using Ouija Board and there he himself was using Ouija Board in the party. So, she called him a traitor.
- (e) Calpurnia did not want Caesar to go to the Senate because she had dreamt the previous night that someone had murdered Caesar and the people were washing their hands in Caesar's blood.

**10. Answer the following in 80-100 words.**

**4**

**You are one of the crew. After the mariner kills the albatross, you have to suffer and there is no hope of survival.**

**Write a diary entry of your feelings of regret and remorse.**

*Or*

**Imagine you are Michael. Write a diary entry describing your spirit of fellow feeling with which you finally rescued Sebastian.**

**Ans.** I am feeling very remorseful today. We had started the voyage on a very happy note. We all were very happy. But we suffered a lot due to the extreme weather conditions. Once our ship got caught in the land of ice. The bird of Good Omen albatross came and we were able to steer through that land of ice. Then the ancient mariner killed the bird of good omen. The bird was a Christian soul and a messenger of God. Killing the bird without any provocation led to a disaster and are now stuck in the middle of the sea. There is not a drop of water to drink. I think we are being punished for our sins. We, as a form of punishment, hung the dead albatross around the neck of the Mariner. But I think we all were equal partners in the sin which the ancient mariner committed. We will all die because we supported the mariner in this shameful act. We have no hope of survival. OH GOD SAVE US!

*Or*

I am ecstatic that I saved the life of Sebastian. I never knew that he was actually a human being. I got a message from Sebastian 'Rescue me'. I didn't know that he is a real human. I tried rescuing him from the 'Dragon Quest' game but I failed, then I played another game 'Jail Break' where I failed again and then finally I played the game of 'War Zone' and I am finally able to save Sebastian and hit a jackpot. I think Sebastian had been playing the psycho-drive game when he had met with an accident and his memory got transferred into the memory of the laptop. I had a feeling of real joy that I was able to help a boy in need. He seems to be an intelligent boy and we will be great companions.

# Examination Paper 2016

## All India–Set I, II, III

*Time Allowed: 3 Hours]*

*[Maximum Marks: 70*

*Instructions:*

1. *The Question paper is divided into three sections:*

*Section A — Reading 20 marks*

*Section B — Writing & Grammar 25 marks*

*Section C — Literature 25 marks*

2. *All questions are compulsory.*  
3. *You may attempt any section at a time.*  
4. *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 and answer the questions that follow:** **1×8=8**

One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.

These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future automation may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrit, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be "controlled by machines". Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as it were, lead independent lives or "rule the world" by making decisions of their own.

Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed which would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Ordinary people would then be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

- (a) What is the greatest advancement in modern technology? 1  
(b) What complicated works are computers capable of doing? 1

- (c) Write one use of computers. 1
- (d) Explain automation. 1
- (e) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world? 1
- (f) How would computers as translating machines help people? 1
- (g) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in future? 1
- (h) How can computers help people going on holiday? 1

- Ans.**
- (a) The invention of computers is the greatest advancement in modern technology.
  - (b) Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated works such as they can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.
  - (c) Computers are useful in many ways, for example, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams.
  - (d) Automation is the process by which machines can be used to work for us. It will help us to enjoy more leisure in future. It also has important social consequences.
  - (e) Computers cannot lead independent lives or rule the world because they cannot “think” like humans. They need instructions from humans to operate.
  - (f) Computers can be used as translating machines to help people worldwide. They enable people to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.
  - (g) Sir Leon Bagrit predicted that in future, ordinary people would be able to use pocket computers to obtain valuable information.
  - (h) When people go on a holiday, computers help them to obtain information about weather conditions.

**2. Read the passage given below.**

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1. Why does a person become overconfident? The reason lies in over assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.
2. Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word ‘impossible’ was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster.
3. Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is a result of two factors—one’s personal planning and support from the external world. People, take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. They become unable to foresee future developments. Hence, the great risk of failure.
4. Then there is the question: how can one manage overconfidence? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, “I was wrong.”
5. Overconfidence is a flaw characterizing people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach.
6. Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experiences of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.
7. There is a saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception, with a slight change, I would like to say that the overconfident person sees the rule and the confident person sees the exception. Overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

2.1 Answer the following questions:

2×4=8

- (a) Why does a person become overconfident?
- (b) What does overconfidence generally lead people into?
- (c) How can one manage overconfidence?
- (d) What kind of person does 'modesty' make you?

- Ans.**
- (a) A person becomes overconfident because he/she becomes egotistical and over assesses his/her confidence, and jumps into situations which are beyond his/her control.
  - (b) Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures endangering their chances in life. They are unable to foresee future developments.
  - (c) Before taking any decision one should discuss the matter with other informed and knowledgeable persons with an objective mind. When it is proved that one is on the wrong path, one should accept one's fault. In this manner, one can manage overconfidence.
  - (d) Modesty is a great virtue. It makes one a realist, It helps one to become cautious. Before taking any action one can assess the whole situation.

2.2 Find meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow:

1×4=4

(a) Misadventure (para 3)

- (i) Mishap                      (ii) Unlucky                      (iii) Unhappy                      (iv) Unpleasant

(b) Endangering (para 3)

- (i) Reckless                      (ii) Imperil                      (iii) Risky                      (iv) Threatening

(c) Assess (para 5)

- (i) Assemble                      (ii) Acquire                      (iii) Evaluate                      (iv) Accept

(d) Objective (para 4)

- (i) Obedient                      (ii) Servile                      (iii) Honest                      (iv) Impartial

- Ans.**
- (a) (i) Mishap
  - (b) (iv) Threatening
  - (c) (iii) Evaluate
  - (d) (iv) Impartial

## Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

3. You feel that the 'Clean India Campaign' has not been as effective as you thought it should have been. As Ankit/Ankita, write an article in 100-120 words discussing the reasons for this. Also highlight the measures that a common man and a student can take to make it a success. 5

*Or*

Influence of friends can have both positive and negative impact on the students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words discussing how we can make it more positive and productive. You are Arun/Aruna 24 Mall Road Chennai.

Ans.

### 'Clean India Campaign'

By Ankit

'Clean India Campaign' was founded on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on October 2, 2014. The basic premise of the campaign was to improve the living and bring godliness all over the country. Though it was founded with this higher ideal in view, but it has not been effective as it should have been.

'Clean India Campaign' basically involves construction of flush latrines in rural areas, cleaning roads and changing the infrastructure that is in a state of dilapidation to lead the country ahead. Despite tall promises of all kinds of help to the rural poor, it has been found that nothing worthwhile has been done so far. Students, common man and the youth need to play a more positive role to make the campaign a success.

*Or*

24 Mall Road  
Chennai  
16 December 20XX  
The Editor  
The Tribune  
Chandigarh  
Dear Sir

**Subject:** Influence of friends

There is an old saying 'a friend in need is a friend indeed'. Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to share my views with your readers on how to make the influence of friends on students more positive and productive. The problem here is most of our so called friends are just fair weather friends who are there with us in our good times and leave us the moment they find us in dire needs. The one solution I have in mind is to select as your friends those who stop you from going astray and helping in time of need selflessly. A good friend is who criticises you when you are at fault and praises you when you are right. No doubt a good friend makes you productive and a bad or selfish friend just leads you astray.

What is needed is we cultivate friendship with those who stand by us in our times of need.

Yours faithfully  
Arun

4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below: 10

**They started a trek to the peak of the mountain—supposed to be a very hard journey—a five-day long trek—when they started .....**

*Or*

**He opened the factory door—peeped inside—some light—last shift over—could be thieves .....**

Ans.

### A Trek to the Mountain

We enjoyed a fascinating as well as wonderful trek to reach Sandakphu Peak.

On a fine autumn morning we began our trek from Manebhanjan to Tonghu, which was around 14-15 Km of trek, passing through road and mud. On the way, we visited the Meghna monastery with beautiful views of the Himalayas. Stepping through Nepal on the way, we stayed at Tumling. It was a small village in Nepal where we savoured some local delicacies and met new people.

On the second day of our trek, we watched the beautiful sunrise over the Kanchanjunga ranges.

On the third day, from Kalapokhri, we started our trek to Sandakphu. We were mostly passing through roads and small dust trails. On the fourth day, we trekked through Singalia National Park. As we hike through this park, we saw a red panda.

On the last day of our trekking, we came to the side of Sandakphu. We visited Tibetan village of Lamaydhura, a Nepali village cluster around Kalapokhri and Gorkhey, the most beautiful picturesque village.

*Or*

Raju was a gatekeeper in a printing press. He had been working there for more than twenty years. He stays in the factory. Normally, there are three shifts in the factory—morning shift, evening shift and night shift. All the workers leave the office premises as soon as their duty is over. He used to keep the keys of the factory with him. One day Raju opened the factory door soon after the night shift was over at 2 a.m. He heard some mysterious whispering sound inside the factory. So he suspiciously peeped inside the factory. Suddenly he discovered some light that flashed in a corner. He was frightened and felt there must be some thieves inside. So he searched through and through but could not trace any body inside. So he cried in alarm. Some night guides who were on the vigil at that dead of night came to help Raju.

They came and checked inside the factory thoroughly but not a soul was found and they left him alone. Suddenly, a voice was heard, “Raju, don’t be afraid of us. Two years ago, we were working here but I along with my brother committed suicide here due to family reasons. So this corner of the press is our abode”. Ramu was terrified to hear the voice, and conveyed the message to all.

**5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options: 1×3=3**

Reading a novel or short story (a) ..... second language could dramatically (b) ..... physiological responses to emotions such (c) ..... smiling.

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|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| (a) (i) of     | (ii) in         | (iii) from    | (iv) at       |
| (b) (i) reduce | (ii) reduces    | (iii) reduced | (iv) reducing |
| (c) (i) like   | (ii) similar to | (iii) as      | (iv) alike    |

**Ans.** (a)(ii) in                      (b) (i) reduce                      (c)(iii) as

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. ½×8=4**

	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
One day a wonderful plate full in gold	e.g. in	of
fell from Heaven into a courtyard of	(a) .....	.....
a temple at Benaras; so on the	(b) .....	.....
plate these words were inscribe.	(c) .....	.....
“A gift from Heaven to he who	(d) .....	.....
loves better”. The priests at once	(e) .....	.....
made a announcement that every	(f) .....	.....
day at noon, all which would like	(g) .....	.....
to claimed the plate should come.	(h) .....	.....

	<u>Error</u>	<u>Correction</u>
<b>Ans.</b>	(a) <u>a</u>	<u>the</u>
	(b) <u>at</u>	<u>in</u>
	(c) <u>inscribe</u>	<u>inscribed</u>
	(d) <u>he</u>	<u>him</u>
	(e) <u>priests</u>	<u>priest</u>
	(f) <u>a</u>	<u>an</u>
	(g) <u>which</u>	<u>who</u>
	(h) <u>claimed</u>	<u>claim</u>

7. **Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.** **1×3=3**

detective / below / go / written / through the / story

Go through the detective story written below.

- (a) can be / two / blamed / persons / the murder / for  
 (b) to the / there are / culprit / many clues / real / pointing  
 (c) the / find / murderer / who / real / out / is

- Ans.** (a) Two persons can be blamed for the murder.  
 (b) There are many clues pointing to the real culprit.  
 (c) Find out who is the real murderer.

### Section C Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text

**25 Marks**

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:** **1×3=3**

“Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh ...” Patol Babu began giving the exclamation a different inflection each time he uttered it. After doing it a number of times he made an astonishing discovery.

- (a) Why did Patol Babu repeat the word, ‘oh’ over and over again?  
 (b) What ‘astonishing discovery’ did he make?  
 (c) What does the word, ‘uttered’ mean?

*Or*

“They that have done this deed are honourable:  
 What private griefs they have, alas, I know not,  
 That made them do it”: .....

- (a) Who is the speaker?  
 (b) What deed have ‘they’ done?  
 (c) What does the word, ‘griefs’ mean?

- Ans.** (a) Patol Babu repeated the word ‘oh’ over and over again to bring out different meanings of the word.  
 (b) Patol Babu discovered that the single word ‘oh’ could be spoken with different inflections and when spoken in a different manner it conveyed a different meaning.  
 (c) ‘Uttered’ means ‘spoke’.

*Or*

- (a) The speaker is Antony.
- (b) They have killed Caesar mercilessly.
- (c) 'Griefs' here means 'anger' or 'differences'.

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each:**

**2×4=8**

- (a) What does the poet compare the snake's drinking habits to? Why?
- (b) What sort of person was Michael's dad?
- (c) Why does Brutus kill Caesar?
- (d) Why is John's wife angry and what does she decide to do?
- (e) Why were the mariners angry with the Ancient Mariner?

- Ans.**
- (a) The poet compares the snake's drinking habits to that of a cattle. As cattle lift their head after drinking some water in the same way the snake lifted his head after drinking some water from the trough. He waited for some time and again drank some more water.
  - (b) Michael's Dad was nutty about computers. He was a gadget freak. He visited the computer fair and purchased virtual reality visor and glove and a handful of the latest interactive psycho-drive games.
  - (c) Brutus was a true Roman and he loved Rome more than his life. But he was not able to judge the real worth of people. He believed the conspirators when they said Caesar was ambitious. Brutus killed caesar as he was convinced by the conspirators that caesar wanted to be a dictator and treat the Romans as slaves. Under him the liberty and democracy of Rome were under threat.
  - (d) John's wife is angry when all the Ouija boards in the party call John a traitor. Another name which was called was Helen. Lavinia thought that her husband was cheating on her and was going around with a woman named Helen. She decided to leave him and said that her lawyer could talk to him.
  - (e) The Mariner's were angry with the Ancient Mariner as he had killed the bird of good omen. He had killed the bird whom the mariners hailed in the name of Christ. The bird had helped them steer clear out of the land of ice and snow.

**10. Answer the following in 80-100 words:**

**4**

**Who was Mr. Pakrashi and how did he instil the value of being true to one's work in Patol Babu?**

*Or*

**Keeping in mind the poem, 'Snake', write out a speech for the morning assembly on the topic, 'Snakes-a beautiful creation of God, an object of our love and not hatred.'**

- Ans.** Mr. Pakrashi was the mentor and guru of Patol Babu. He always told Patol Babu whatever small part you are offered never consider it below your dignity to accept it. As an artist you aim should be to make the most of the opportunity and squeeze the last drop of meaning of your lines. When Patol Babu was given only a single dialogue 'oh' to utter he thought of quitting. But when the words of wisdom of his mentor echoed in his ears, he came to terms with the small role. He did it so well that everyone was all praise for Patol Babu. He did it with commitment and perfection.

*Or*

God created human beings and the other creations. He wanted the human beings and other creatures to live in collaboration with nature. No creature should harm the other one. Nature gives every creature a space to live and exist happily without harming the others. They should not trespass the habitat of each other. Man or a child has an innate understanding of law of nature. As a child, he loves and protects nature. He is totally in sync with the nature. Man's education says that certain creatures are

to be feared and that man must kill them in order to save himself. But every creature, even snakes, is a beautiful creation of god and they don't harm humans without any provocation. The snakes are the lords of earth and a beautiful creation of God. It is a majestic creature which should be given its due.

**11. Answer the following question in 150-200 words: 10**

**There were many reasons for Helen Keller's embittered childhood. What were they and how were they overcome?**

*Or*

**Helen's struggle has become a source of inspiration for all less fortunate. Comment.**

*Or*

**Anne's relationship with her mother was never simple. What created the tension and discord? Why?**

*Or*

**Anne's father was close to her. What did she like about him? Why?**

**Ans.** Helen Keller fell ill when she was a young child. Because of her illness, she lost her sense of sight and hearing. It was a very difficult time for her. She was surrounded by silence and darkness. She wanted to communicate with the people around but was frustrated when she found that people were not able to understand her. She noticed that her mother and other people didn't use signs as a way to communicate. She used to stand between two people who were conversing and touched their lips. She couldn't understand and was vexed. She would move her lips and gesticulated frantically without result. She attempted to use signs to communicate with others but they didn't know how to use them and instead try to continue as speech. As a result she used to become agitated. She once set herself on fire while trying to dry her apron. She would throw tantrums out of a sense of frustration. But the arrival of Miss Sullivan brought a new light in the life of Helen.

*Or*

Helen Keller is a legend. She overcame all her limitations and hardships to achieve her goals. Despite being blind and deaf, she never stopped learning and lived a life which was an inspiration to many. Her faith, determination, and spirit helped her to accomplish far more than many people expected. Helen owed a lot to her teacher and always recognized the efforts her teacher had put in to help her achieve her goals. But at the same time Helen herself put in all her strength to fulfil her wishes. We should look beyond our shortcomings and make the best of what we have. She once herself said, "Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired, and success achieved." She showed how nature can be the best teacher and that we need to be in sync with the nature to achieve a fruitful life full of beauty. Helen taught us that our attitude towards life is very important as it decides our altitude in life. Helen's incredible life has inspired everyone as she with her grit and determination achieved what no one could imagine from a deaf and blind girl. She surpassed all the hurdles and won the admiration of one and all in her life time.

*Or*

Anne Frank shared a tumultuous relationship with her mother. She felt that her mother didn't understand her. She thought that her mother was more fond of her sister Margaret as she was a perfect girl. She felt that her mother lacked sensitiveness and she didn't know how to deal with adolescent children. Anne often felt miserable because of her mother's behaviour towards her. She always longed for her affection and she never shared her things with her mother. She even started hating her mother at one point of time. Her mother didn't even approve of her growing proximity with Peter. She at times tried to understand the reasons for her mother's behavior but still was not able to develop any liking or respect

for her. She often felt lonely and miserable and wished that her mother would understand her feeling but she never did. She felt that her mother should be more understanding and loving and friendly to her adolescent daughters. Anne thought there was nothing about her mother that was actually motherly, and often wished she could have a caring, warm mother to turn to. She wanted love, understanding and reassurance from her mother but she found that missing often.

*Or*

Anne sees her father, Otto Frank, as a loving and caring father. Like Anne, Otto was very fond of reading and learning new things. Otto Frank was very even-tempered and eager for peace in every situation. He never rebuked Anne for anything, he always talked and discussed things with her in a loving manner. He read out books to her, taught her new things and understood her feelings. Otto Frank was a very modest person and Anne has a very close relationship with him and nick named him "Pirn" Anne felt that he was one of the kindest, smartest, most gentle and thoughtful fathers imaginable. He almost always supported Anne and frequently took her side during family arguments. Anne felt a special closeness to her father as she felt she was more similar to him than to her mother or sister. Anne continually tried to impress her father, live up to his expectations, and obey his wishes. However, when she begins a close relationship with Peter, her father didn't like it and he asked her to stop visiting Peter in the upstairs part of the annex. Anne is very hurt that her father was so conservative and protective that he does not approve of her relationship. Still Anne didn't want to annoy him so she started spending less time with him. She always turned to her father for comfort. She admired her father and shared a strong bond with him.

### **Set II Uncommon Questions to Set I**

#### **Section B Writing Skills**

**25 Marks**

- 4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below: 10**

**It was a cold, foggy morning - the dog - Snoopy - reluctant to come out of its bed - just then suddenly .....**

*Or*

**Learning to swim - enjoyed - not fully trained - pushed inside - started drowning .....**

**Ans.** It was a wintry morning. There was cold and fog around. I used to get up late every day, have a pet dog named snoopy. It sleeps with us on a separate cot. Snoopy is only five years old, and also very naughty. Like me, it is also too lazy to come out of its bed in such a cosy weather. I have to take Snoopy every morning for a morning walk. So it becomes restless in the early hours of the day. One day a strange thing happened on a cold, foggy morning. A stray monkey jumped down from the tree and came directly to knock at the door of our room. Snoopy jumped from the bed at once and started barking loudly. Meanwhile, my mummy came out from the washroom and said, "My son! Don't worry. The monkey is very hungry, so it wants food. Take this bundle of bananas and throw through the window." I did it accordingly. Two-three monkeys came together. They grabbed the bananas and jumped up the tree. Our Snoopy stopped barking. I opened the door and it ran to meet its friend gleefully. Suddenly it looked at the monkeys on the tree and again started barking. "Let's go home, Snoopy! Don't worry," I consoled him. "I will give you better food. Be quiet now".

Or

There is a swimming pool near Ragini's house. She had a craze to learn swimming. So her parents said, "Ragini, go to the Holy swimming club and register your name. We'll accompany you. It's the best swimming club in our locality". Ragini's joy knew no bounds.

Ragini's parents hoped, one day Ragini would become a great swimmer like Dawn Fraser and win medals at the Olympic.

Holy swimming club is a trendsetter in the field of training swimming. Ragini's trainer was Miss John. She practised swimming thrice a week.

Once a neighbouring swimming club invited all the budding swimmers of the town to participate in a friendly competition. Ragini participated in the competition.

During practice somebody pushed her hard inside the pool. She lost her balance and started drowning. She was screaming. Miss John along with other coach rescued her. Ragini was given first aid and she became all right. Ragini promised her daddy, "Daddy, I'm sorry for my obduracy. I can assure you I'll win the next competition after being fully trained."

**5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of given options: 1×3=3**

The school decided (a) ..... withdraw the facility of (b) ..... additional answer sheets during tests to cut (c) ..... on expenses.

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|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| (a) (i) upon | (ii) to    | (iii) for  | (iv) on     |
| (b) (i) give | (ii) gives | (iii) gave | (iv) giving |
| (c) (i) on   | (ii) upon  | (iii) down | (iv) up     |

**Ans.** (a) (ii) to (b) (iv) giving (c) (iii) down

**7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows: 1×3=3**

Anup : Where can we meet tomorrow?

Atul : I may not be able to meet you tomorrow.

Anup : Are you going to be busy?

Atul : Yes, I will be travelling tomorrow.

Anup asked Atul (a) ..... . Atul replied (b) ..... . Anup asked if he was going to be busy. Atul said that he was as (c) .....

- Ans.** (a) where could they meet the next day.  
(b) that he might not be able to meet him the next day.  
(c) he would be travelling the next day.

**Section C Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text**

**25 Marks**

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: 2×4=8**

- What is the poet's dual attitude towards the snake?
- How was Shultz finally rescued by Michael?
- What did Caesar leave for the Romans in his will?
- John Hallock could never displease Jenkins. Why?
- What is ironic about the inscription on the pedestal of Ozymandias' statue?

- Ans.** (a) The poet was full of admiration for the snake. He found it to be a beautiful and majestic creature. He called it the Lord of the earth. But at the same time he was full of disgust for the voice of education had told him that the snake was a dangerous creature and it should be killed.
- (b) Michael played four games. He first played the game the 'Wild West'. Lost the first game. He then played the, second game the 'Dragon Quest'. But in that game also Sebastian was killed. He then played the 'Jail Break' but there also Michael was unable to rescue Sebastian. In the last game 'War Zone' Michael hit a jackpot and was able to rescue Sebastian.
- (c) Caesar had bequeathed a major part of the wealth to the people of Rome. He had given seventy five drachmas to every Roman. In addition, he had left his private gardens and orchards on one side of Tiber to Romans for their rest and recreation and also for the enjoyment by their future generations.
- (d) Jenkins was the only publisher who published John's books. He wanted John to write books which had supernatural elements in them. All his ghost stories were liked by the public. So, John could never annoy Jenkins.
- (e) The inscription on the pedestal of Ozymandias' statue said 'I am Ozymandias, the king of kings, look on my works, you mighty and despair.' This suggest that the king was very boastful, vain and arrogant. He thought that his kingdom would remain forever. But his kingdom was nowhere to be seen and even his own statue was in a dilapidated state. He failed to realise that life is ephemeral.

### Set III Uncommon Questions to Set I & II

#### Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

3. Due to a busy life, we get no time to admire nature and have moved away from it. How does contact with nature help us fight stress and maintain good health. Describe it in an article in 100-120 words. You are Arun/Aruna. 5

*Or*

Many complaints about unfair means being used in exams have come in. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily newspaper in 100-200 words giving reasons for this trend and suggest measures to combat this. You are Arun/Aruna 12 Fort Road Kochi.

**Ans.**

#### Nature's healing Power

by Aruna

Nature is a great healer. It can reduce our stress, which has an impact upon our body. What we see, hear and experience at any moment changes not only our mood, but also how our nerves, endocrine and immune systems work. Being in nature, or even viewing scenes of nature, reduces anger, fear and stress, and increases pleasant feelings. Even a single plant kept in a room can have a significant impact on our stress and anxiety. In fact, due to our busy life, we get no time to appreciate nature. A lack of time in natural world, largely due to hours spent in front of TV or computer screens, has been associated with stress and depression. Beside, our brain gets fatigued after working or studying for a long period of time. Even just looking at pictures of nature in a quiet room has a greater cognitive boost than walking down a busy urban road. Nature has a great impact on maintaining own general health and well being.

Or

12 Fort Road  
Kochi  
27 December 20XX  
The Editor  
The Deccan Herald  
Bengaluru  
Dear Sir,

**Subject:** Unfair means being used in exams

Through the columns of your esteemed daily I wish to raise the problem of unfair means being used by students to clear their exams.

It is unfortunate that the exam authorities turn a blind eye to the problem. It has been found that nowadays students hardly study and use unfair means to get through, copy the answers from books and openly cheat in collaboration with dishonest invigilators. This practice is rampant all over India. Very often question papers are leaked out. Complaints in this regard are ignored.

Authorities concerned need to take immediate stringent steps to stop this menace.

Yours faithfully

Aruna

### Section C Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text

25 Marks

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**1×3=3**

Answering a reporter's question as to what the family was going to do next, Mr. Shultz said that they were off to stock up on some games. "It was while we were in the hospital, someone stole the lot. I don't know what happened to them."

- (a) Why was Shultz in the hospital?
- (b) What happened to the games after they were stolen?
- (c) What does the phrase, 'stock up' mean?

Or

I sat staring at it and presently noticed something just taking shape. It was exactly like watching one of these moving picture cartoons being put together.

- (a) Who does 'it' refer to?
- (b) How was 'it' taking shape?
- (c) What is meant by the word, 'presently'?

- Ans.**
- (a) Mr. Shultz was in the hospital because his son Sebastian Shultz was in a critical stage.
  - (b) The games were sold at a fair and Michael and his father bought them.
  - (c) The phrase, 'stock up' means 'to pile up'.

Or

- (a) It refers to the ghost of Helen.
- (b) 'It' was appearing in bits and pieces.
- (c) 'Presently' means 'at that time only.'

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each:

2×4=8

- (a) How is Decius Brutus successful in taking Caesar to the senate in spite of Calpurnia's efforts to prevent him?
- (b) What does the narrator mean when he says, '*Sebastian Shultz was the game*'?
- (c) Why didn't John want to partner Laura Hinkle at the Ouija Board party?
- (d) Who does the 'shattered visage' in the poem, 'Ozymandias', belong to and why is it '*half sunk*'?
- (e) Why did the mariners hang the dead albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck?

- Ans.**
- (a) Calpurnia had a very bad dream the previous night. She saw people washing their handkerchiefs in the blood of Caesar. Decius interpreted the dream in a very positive way saying that people washing their handkerchiefs in the blood of Caesar symbolized that people would take inspiration from Caesar and there would be a renaissance.
  - (b) The phrase means that Sebastian Shultz was a wonderful player. Being a player in the virtual reality game, he played to the best of his capabilities. He was an enthusiastic player. He fought till the end and was ultimately rescued.
  - (c) John does not want to partner Laura Hinkle during the Ouija Board party because he has been asked by the ghost to not only stop playing, but also dissuade others. The ghost makes it very clear that only then will it help him write his ghost story.
  - (d) It belongs to the king Ozymandias. It is in shattered condition as it is ravaged by time. King Ozymandias had got the statue erected as a symbol of his power and mightiness but the time destroyed it. Time is all powerful and can destroy everything.
  - (e) The mariners hang the dead albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck as a symbol of his guilt. They wanted him to constantly remember the sin he had committed and repent his evil deeds.

10. Answer the following in 80-100 words:

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At the end of the day the poet, D H Lawrence writes a diary entry in 120-150 words describing his encounter with the snake and expressing his remorse for throwing a log at him. Write his diary entry.

Or

'Caesar's murder is rightly avenged by Antony'. Comment.

**Ans.** Dear Diary,

Today was an eventful day. When I went in my garden to drink water, I saw a snake drinking water from the water trough. I was enamoured by its beauty and magnificence. I waited for my turn as the snake had come to drink water first. But when I saw the snake slither back into the dark deep from where it had come, I was filled with anger. My feelings and emotions were empowered by the voices of education which said that snakes are poisonous and they should be killed. I threw a log of wood at it and the snake disappeared into the hole in the wall. I am filled with a feeling of remorse and regret for acting so mean. I hate myself and the education which had urged me to act in such a manner.

Or

Casca, Decius Brutus and other conspirators killed Caesar on the pretext of his being ambitious. All the conspirators were actually jealous of his growing popularity. Only Brutus was the one who was actually concerned about the betterment of Rome. When Antony came to the senate and saw Caesar's body lying in a pool of blood, he told Brutus to kill him also and with the same weapon with which he had killed Caesar. Brutus told him to join hands with them and agreed to be their friend but at heart he was full of anger and wanted to avenge Caesar's death. He requested Brutus to allow him to give a funeral speech to the people of Rome. Brutus allowed him to do so. Antony revealed to the mob how Caesar loved them and that he had given everything to the people of Rome in his will. His scathing and sarcastic speech drove the mob crazy. It enraged them and the masses set the houses of conspirators on fire.



- (c) Write one use of computers. 1
- (d) Explain automation. 1
- (e) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world? 1
- (f) How would computers as translating machines help people? 1
- (g) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in future? 1
- (h) How can computers help people going on holiday? 1

- Ans.**
- (a) The invention of computers is the greatest advancement in modern technology.
  - (b) Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated works such as they can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.
  - (c) Computers are useful in many ways, for example, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams.
  - (d) Automation is the process by which machines can be used to work for us. It will help us to enjoy more leisure in future. It also has important social consequences.
  - (e) Computers cannot lead independent lives or rule the world because, they cannot “think” like humans. They need instructions from humans to operate.
  - (f) Computers can be used as translating machines to help people worldwide. They enable people to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.
  - (g) Sir Leon Bagrit predicted that in future, ordinary people would be able to use pocket computers to obtain valuable information.
  - (h) When people go on a holiday, computers help them to obtain information about weather conditions.

**2. Read the passage given below.**

**12**

Why does a person become overconfident? The reason lies in over assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.

Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word ‘impossible’ was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster.

Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is a result of two factors—one’s personal planning and support from the external world. People, take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. They become unable to foresee future developments. Hence, the great risk of failure.

Then there is the question : how can one manage overconfidence? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, “I was wrong.”

Overconfidence is a flaw characterizing people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach.

Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experiences of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.

There is a saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception, with a slight change, I would like to say that the overconfident person sees the rule and the confident person sees the exception. Overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

2.1 Answer the following questions:

2×4=8

- (a) Why does a person become overconfident?
- (b) What does overconfidence generally lead people into?
- (c) How can one manage overconfidence?
- (d) What kind of person does 'modesty' make you?

- Ans.**
- (a) A person becomes overconfident because he or she becomes egotistical and over assesses his/her confidence and jumps into situations which are beyond his/her control.
  - (b) Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures endangering their chances in life. They are unable to foresee future developments.
  - (c) Before taking any decision one should discuss the matter with other informed and knowledgeable persons with an objective mind. When it is proved that one is on the wrong path, one should accept one's fault. In this manner, one can manage overconfidence.
  - (d) Modesty is a great virtue. It makes one a realist, It helps one to become cautious. Before taking any action one can assess the whole situation.

2.2 Find meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow:

1×4=4

(a) Misadventure (para 3)

- (i) Mishap                      (ii) Unlucky                      (iii) Unhappy                      (iv) Unpleasant

(b) Endangering (para 3)

- (i) Reckless                      (ii) Imperil                      (iii) Risky                      (iv) Threatening

(c) Assess (para 5)

- (i) Assemble                      (ii) Acquire                      (iii) Evaluate                      (iv) Accept

(d) Objective (para 4)

- (i) Obedient                      (ii) Servile                      (iii) Honest                      (iv) Impartial

2.2 Find meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow:

1×4=4

- Ans.**
- (a) (i) Mishap
  - (b) (iv) Threatening
  - (c) (iii) Evaluate
  - (d) (iv) Impartial

## Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

3. There is an increasing dependence of students on coaching institutes and tuition centres. Write a letter to the Editor of The Hindu giving reasons for this over dependence. Also, suggest a few measures that can be taken to check this trend. You are Arun/Aruna F-114, Mall Road, Agra. 5

Or

Many students have lost the habit of writing due to frequent use of computer. This has resulted in the slow death of writing as a skill. Write an article in 100-120 words suggesting measures to give importance to writing by hand. You are Arun/Aruna.

**Ans.** F-114, Mall Road

Agra

17 May 20XX

The Editor

The Hindu

Delhi 1100XX

Sir,

**Subject:** Students' increasing dependence on coaching institutes and tuition centres

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to raise the issue of increasing overdependence of the student community on the coaching institutes and tuition centres to clear their exams with flying colours.

These students neglect their textbooks and hardly take down notes. The other reasons could be: (i) the parents of the students are not well-educated (ii) the students cannot take individual coaching due to financial reasons, (iii) students are not willing to put in hard work. One solution to this problem can be that the teacher in schools put in extra effort to make the teaching interesting so that the students take interest in their classes and learn to achieve success in the normal course.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Arun

*Or*

### **Importance of Writing by Hand**

**by Aruna**

Writing by hand is a creative skill. An old adage says 'Writing makes a man perfect'. Another one goes: 'The pen is mightier than the sword'. There is no gainsaying that it is handwriting that counts. We can make an impression of anybody if we put across our views in calligraphic handwriting. It helps to get rid of one's stress and insomnia (sleeplessness). From time immemorial writing by hand is in vogue – starting writing by hand on palm leaves.

Writing by hand has a great impact on creativity. Writing by hand on the paper is being practised from our childhood in order to improve handwriting.

However, the habit of writing by hand has become infrequent with the advent of the computer in this age of information technology. We should give importance to the habit of writing by hand, while it is imperative to give equal importance to the other media of writing.

- 4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below : 10**

**The stadium looked festive — match going on — all excited — suddenly ...**

*Or*

**He was hungry and tired — could do anything for food — but didn't know how to get food, so....**

**Ans.**

### **Visit to a Stadium**

Rani, my sister, has been pestering me to accompany her to the Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata. Pele, the world famous Brazilian footballer, was to witness the exhibition match between India and Brazil.

It was a Sunday. So I did not have any problem to take her to the stadium. The stadium wore a festive look. People in large number had come to enjoy the tournament.

The Brazilians scored an early goal. Their supporters clapped and shouted, "Hip, Hip, Hurray".

Sunday, It started raining in torrents. There was non-stop heavy hailstorm. The players found it very difficult to continue. As a result, the game was abandoned.

We returned home disappointed.

**Chaitanya**

Chaitanya was the son of a weaver in a village. He had no interest in studies. He failed in his several attempts to clear X<sup>th</sup> class exams. He also did not learn his father's trade. He was very disobedient to his parents and used to roam aimlessly.

One day he left his village home for a nearby town. For days together he tried to find a job, but could not succeed. He was very hungry and tired but could not find any food.

Suddenly, he remembered of a temple near the place where he was living. He almost fainted because of starvation. He fell at the priest's feet, almost unconscious. The priest took pity on him. He fed Ramu with milk and fruits. The priest made him his disciple and asked him to look after the temple. Now Chaitanya Mohan was very happy and became a devoted disciple of the priest.

**5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options: 1×3=3**

When we read (a) ..... a happy person we smile, (b) ..... if the character (c) ..... angry, we frown.

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|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|
| (a) (i) off | (ii) about   | (iii) from    | (iv) on   |
| (b) (i) as  | (ii) because | (iii) whereas | (iv) when |
| (c) (i) is  | (ii) became  | (iii) are     | (iv) am   |

**Ans.** (a) (ii) about (b) (iii) whereas (c) (i) is

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$**

	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
There is some truth in a common	e.g. a	the
saying that dogs became attached to	(a) .....	.....
persons, cats are general attached to	(b) .....	.....
places. A dog will follow their	(c) .....	.....
master anywhere, so a cat keeps	(d) .....	.....
to the house it was used to. Even	(e) .....	.....
then the house changes hands, the	(f) .....	.....
cat will remain here, as long as	(g) .....	.....
that is kindly treated by the new owners.	(h) .....	.....

<b>Ans.</b>	<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
	(a) became	become
	(b) general	generally
	(c) their	its
	(d) so	but
	(e) was	is
	(f) then	when
	(g) here	there
	(h) that	it

7. **Rearrange the words and phrases given below into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example.** 3

e.g. a real princess / a prince / marry / wanted to / but only / once

Once a prince wanted to marry, but only a real princess.

- (a) to find / it was / princess / very difficult / a real
- (b) all over / of one / he / in search / travelled / the world
- (c) but no / real / many / one seemed / he saw / to be

- Ans.**
- (a) It was very difficult to find a real princess.
  - (b) He travelled all over the world in search of one.
  - (c) He saw many but one seemed to be real.

### Section C Literature: Textbook and Long Reading Text

25 Marks

8. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:** 1×3=3

So I went home and sat down before my desk and ... waited, but nothing happened. Pretty soon my mind began to wander off on to other things.

- (a) Who is 'I'?
- (b) What did 'I' wait for?
- (c) What does the phrase, 'wander off' mean?

*Or*

**Calpurnia:** Do not go forth today: call it my fear

That keeps you in the house, and not your own.

Let me, upon my knee prevail in this.

- (a) What is Calpurnia's fear?
- (b) What is the cause of her fear?
- (c) What does the phrase, 'go forth' mean?

- Ans.**
- (a) 'I' is the protagonist, John Hallock, of the story 'A Shady Plot'.
  - (b) 'I' was waiting for an idea for a ghost story to strike his mind.
  - (c) 'Wander off' means 'roam around aimlessly'.

*Or*

- (a) Calpurnia's fear was that someone would murder Caesar.
- (b) She had bad dreams throughout the night and saw Caesar being murdered and people washing their hands in the blood of Caesar.
- (c) The phrase 'go forth' means 'move forward'. Here it means go out from the house.

9. **Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each :** 2×4=8

- (a) Why does the poet experience conflicting emotions for the snake?
- (b) How was Shultz rescued from 'War Zone'?
- (c) What is 'The Writer's Inspirational Bureau' and what was its protest?
- (d) Why does Ozymandias refer to himself as 'king of kings'?
- (e) What attention did Patol Babu pay to the minor role he played in the movie?

- Ans.** (a) The poet liked the snake a lot. He was full of appreciation for the creature. His heart was full of admiration for the majestic creature but his education had taught him the snakes in Sicily were poisonous and they should be killed immediately.
- (b) 'War Zone' was the last game which Michael was playing to rescue Sebastian. The War Zone was a city with tall windowless buildings riddled with holes. Machine gun fire raked the sky. Michael and Sebastian had to make it to sniper fire when a helicopter was waiting for them. They started to run but the tank fires sent them scuttling back to the wall. All of a sudden Sebastian jumped into a jeep, started the ignition key and they both went. Suddenly the jeep skidded and Sebastian was thrown into the air but Michael somehow pulled him up and rescued him. Michael had cracked the game by hitting a jackpot.
- (c) It was a bureau which was started by all the ghost writers to help the aspiring authors. The main task of this organisation was to scout around until a writer without ideas was found. They would then plant an idea into his inspirational mind.
- (d) Ozymandias was a mighty king who had defeated many of the kings around his kingdom and had acquired those kingdoms. He was proud of his glory and power. He felt that he was the mightiest of all.
- (e) Patol Babu was given only a minor role in the film, that of a pedestrian, who was to collide with the main actor Chanchal Kumar and utter a monosyllabic sound "oh". But his passion for the job drove him hard and he rehearsed for that single word many a time. He discovered that each time he pronounced the word it came out differently and conveyed a different meaning. He suggested to the director that he should hold a newspaper in his hand and also that he should wear a moustache to look more authentic. He ultimately delivered the role to his utmost satisfaction.

**10. Answer the following in 80-100 words:**

**4**

**You are one of the crew on the ship. After the mariner kills the Albatross, you have to suffer and there is no hope of survival. Write a diary entry describing your feelings at this point of time.**

*Or*

**Imagine you are Sebastian's parents. Write a diary entry describing your feelings when you come to know what has happened to him.**

**Ans.** Dear Diary,

I am fed up with being stuck into the slimy waters of the sea for days. I don't know what came into the mariner's mind that he killed the albatross. I believe that the albatross was a holy spirit sent to help us. If we defy the orders of God it leads to disastrous results. I don't think I will ever be able to see the land again. I will die of hunger and thirst or the evil spirits in the form of these slimy creatures would kill me. I think we all are partners in Mariner's crime as we also lauded him for killing the albatross. I wish God forgives me for my sins and I am able to reach my home back to family.

*Or*

I am feeling very sad today. I was very fond of video games and even my son was fond of video games. I didn't realize that these virtual games can do so much harm to anyone. My son Sebastian was going to school in his car. He was playing psycho-drive games on his way to school. Suddenly, the car screeched to a halt and he banged his head against the computer. His memory was transferred into the computer's and he went into a deep coma. The doctors didn't have any hope of his revival but he was somehow rescued from the game by a boy named Michael. I now realize how much damage these computer games can cause to us. These games can lead to cyber addiction and they can lead to desensitization. They can make us violent and also cut us off from the real world. I will now take care that Sebastian doesn't play these games.

**What did Helen's visit to Niagara make her feel? What enabled her to understand the glory of nature?**

*Or*

**The charges of plagiarism had shaken Helen's confidence and demoralized her. How did she regain her confidence in life?**

*Or*

**Anne had a tough relationship with her sister. Why did she find it difficult to get along with her and other fellow residents of the annexe?**

*Or*

**Why is Anne's diary regarded as a valuable and authentic account of those times?**

**Ans.** Helen went to Niagara Falls in March 1893. She found it difficult to describe her emotions when she stood on the point which overhangs the American Falls and felt the air and the earth tremble. People found it strange that she was impressed by the wonders and beauties of Niagara and they asked her what that beauty or music meant to her. She said that a person with all the senses often overlooks the effect of touch or smell which Helen had learnt to rely upon and in this case she could feel the strong vibrations which made Helen realise its magnanimity, beauty and magnificence.

*Or*

Helen was totally heart broken by the charges of plagiarism against her. Whenever she wrote something she was afraid that it was not her own. Helen was a sensitive girl and she was shocked and grilled by all this. Mr. Anagnos believed that she had deliberately stolen the thoughts of another author to win his admiration. After this Helen had a feeling in her mind that whatever she wrote was copied from somewhere else. She would always ask herself suppose it should be found that all this was written by someone long ago and then she would become restless. An unknown fear would grip her and she would not be able to write anything. It was Miss Sullivan who pushed her to write. With the support of her teacher, she began writing, though often unsure that what she had written was her own. Gradually, she came out from the dark shadows of the horrifying incident and emerged as a successful writer.

*Or*

Margot Frank was three years older than Anne. She was a pretty girl who was very studious too. She was very obedient and compromising, so she was a natural favourite with the elders. Margot was quiet while Anne was talkative and bold so the elders disliked her. The two sisters initially were not very close and they only started to be more open and bonding with each other towards the end. They were initially very loving and kind to each other but gradually grew apart. A few letters exchanged by them in the Annexe that Anne recorded in her diary show there was some tension between the two sisters. Margot wrote to Anne, "So, there's no need for you to reproach yourself because you think, you're taking something I was entitled to; nothing could be further from the truth. You and Peter have everything to gain from your friendship." Anne replied, "Your letter was extremely kind but I still don't feel completely happy about the situation and I don't think, I ever will". There was some tension between the two sisters because of Peter. But it is said that in the camps, they both were always seen together, Anne had started sharing a good rapport with her during the last days and was sad and hopeless after Margot's death.

*Or*

Anne called her diary 'Kitty' and considered it as a close friend. She began writing her diary as a thirteen years old girl. She recorded her events in the diary during her stay in the Annexe. There is a great deal of reliable information available about Anne Frank and her inmates of Annexe in the diary. The diary of

Anne Frank describes in a penetrating way the daily lives of the eight Jewish people hiding in the Secret Annexe. She at times even reorganised and rewrote her diary entries. She reordered texts, sometimes combining entries from various dates under one date. The last entries date from March 29, 1944. She meticulously wrote her diary and it was her only friend in the Annexe. She described the entries very truly and faithfully as the diary was her secret possession and she could cry her heart out in the diary.

## Set II Uncommon Questions to Set I

### Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

3. Including sports in the syllabus and giving marks for it has not made it an attractive career option. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily discussing what can be done to encourage students to take up sports. You are Arun / Aruna 24, Mall Road, Agra. 5

*Or*

The pledge taken by school children of a cracker free Diwali did not meet with much success. Write an article in 100-120 words giving reasons for this. Suggest measures to curb the use of crackers to make it a cracker-free and green Diwali. You are Arun / Aruna.

**Ans.** 24, Mall Road  
Agra

24 March 20XX

The Editor

The Statesman

Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

**Subject:** Sports as a career option

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper I would like to raise the problem of students not taking keen interest in sports as an attractive career option although it has been prescribed as an optional subject in the school syllabus.

It is been noticed that many students are opting for five subjects including sports for the sake of just clearing the board exams. Their main interest lies in, for example, mathematics, physics or computer sciences. These subjects are more attractive to them than sports.

Hence, the teachers ought to encourage students to take up sports and imbibe the value of sports in life. The authorities concerned would do well to motivate teachers and parents in this regard.

Yours faithfully

Arun

*Or*

**Cracker-free Green Diwali**

**by Arun/Aruna**

Diwali is a festival of lights. It is marked by fireworks and burning of crackers which causes a lot of pollution. Children go on a buying spree even before the arrival of the holy festival, whatever may be the price. Sometimes the firecrackers endanger the lives of the children due to explosions. As a result,

school children have taken a pledge not to burst crackers during diwali and make it a cracker-free green diwali.

This novel idea is fast catching up with many children and parents. Diwali means lighting candles and clay lamps, with fire crackers. It is customary to celebrate this Hindu festival with lighting candles and bursting firecrackers. And along with it comes Laxmi, the goddess of riches and prosperity. However excess of everything is bad.

Excessive use of firecrackers should be checked. A cracker-free and green diwali is possible only by the economic use of crackers. Hence, let the pledge of the children be redeemed, welcome green diwali!

**4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below : 10**

**The train gathered speed - all settled - a group of youngsters pushed in - looked threatening - sudden silence....**

*Or*

**At the start of the journey - eight people - in the boat - number now reduced to six - the storm...**

**Ans.**

**Threatened youngsters**

Howrah-New Delhi Poorva Express started from Howrah at 8.30 a.m. Mohan and Rohan—two brothers had their reservation in coach number ten. All the passengers got settled on their seats and the train started on time. The railway police and ticket checkers were on the vigil so that no miscreants could break in the compartment.

The train gathered speed and reached Dhanbad station without any problem. At the Dhanbad station, a group of youngsters pushed in the train. Since it was Dhanbad junction, nobody protested.

In fact, these youngsters were going to appear for an interview. They had missed Duroto train as it did not stop at Dhanbad. So they had no other option but to push in the train. They were looking threatening. There was a sudden silence in the compartment. But when these youngsters explained the situation, all the passengers were calmed down.

*Or*

**A Risky Boat Journey**

Our school booked a boat to visit the Sunderbans sanctuary. There were only eight people in the boat. We started our journey on 21st June. It was a sunny morning and the weather was fine. Our English teacher was our guide. There was a helmsman and two helpers. We carried sufficient food with us. It was a five days boat journey.

All of a sudden, the sky became overcast with threatening clouds. A storm started blowing. It was nearly evening. We could not reach the destination. The boys got frightened and two of them caught a rescue boat and left us.

Our boat was going to sink but our helmsman changed the route and soon reached the Sundarban sanctuary. The storm stopped. The weather became cool. We enjoyed the journey through bad weather. The sanctuary was full of rare species. Royal Bengal Tiger was the main attraction.

**Section C Literature: Textbook and Long Reading Text**

**25 Marks**

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each: 2×4=8**

- (a) What did the voice of education teach the poet?
- (b) How did Michael and his father indulge in their taste for new gadgets?
- (c) Why were Helen and other ghosts unhappy with the use of Ouija Boards?

- (d) What is ironic about the fate of Ozymandias?
- (e) How did Brutus justify Caesar's assassination?

- Ans.**
- (a) The voices of education taught the poet to kill the snake, for golden brown snakes in Sicily are considered to be poisonous. The poet in an unmindful way did what the voices of education told him to do. His rational mind and social belief ultimately overpowered his conscience.
  - (b) Michael's father was nutty about computers. He visited the computer fair along with Michael and bought computer of Pentium 150 MHz, 4 processor with 256 of RAM, a 1.2 GB hard disk drive and 16 speed CDROM, complete speakers, printers, modems and scanner. He was very fond of gadgets and gizmos. He bought some interactive psycho-drive games for his son.
  - (c) Helen and other ghosts were unhappy with the use of Ouija Boards because they had to be always on their toes for the Ouija Board fanatics called them too often to answer their questions. This did not leave them with any time to amuse themselves by haunting others.
  - (d) Ozymandias the king had got written at the pedestal of the statue, 'I am the king of kings'. But the irony is that the king's statue was lying in the dust. He got a statue built to immortalise his name but he forgot that nothing could stand against the time and powerful elements of nature.
  - (e) Brutus was a patriotic man and he was very well respected in Rome. People of Rome loved him dearly. He said that he loved Caesar dearly but he loved Rome more than he loved Caesar. He said that he honoured him for his bravery but he was ambitious so he was killed.

### Set III Uncommon Questions to Set I & II

#### Section B Writing Skills

25 Marks

3. Many students are hooked to television and neglect outdoor activities. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this trend? How can television help or harm the interests of our students? Write an article in 100-120 words on this topic for the school magazine. You are Arun/Aruna. 5

*Or*

Many of our historical monuments are in ruins due to neglect and apathy. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily suggesting how we can generate pride in them and the role students can play in this regard. You are Arun/Aruna 42, Mall Road, Jammu.

- Ans.** **Television—Its uses and abuses**  
**by Arun/Aruna**

Television (TV) is a modern miracle made possible by modern science and technology. Among the mass media it occupies a very important role. Its sweep and range and effectiveness are constantly increasing. Even in the villages, there is a TV in every house. It is therefore time to think about the uses and abuses of such a powerful medium as TV.

It is observed that many students are hooked to TV and neglect outdoor activities. They are very much interested in entertainment channels. Movies are telecast in different channels and they like to view the latest movies. Some students are sports lovers. When they view cricket or football matches, they forget their outdoor activities and even their homework. There are some instruction channels, where musicians, teachers, social workers and sports persons directly communicate with the listeners. There are also news channels that bring the latest news with interesting coverage of events.

The question is therefore whether we should have a television or not. Yes, we should have a TV, but we will have to see will it entertain more or harm more? Whether a TV can harm or help students depends

practically on its uses. Students should view only good programmes. Parents should instruct them not to see obscene, highly romantic scenes and cheap films. Leaving aside all work students should not sit before TV for long hours.

Arun

*Or*

42, Mall Road

Jammu

27 April 20XX

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

**Subject:** Historical monuments in a state of ruins

Through the columns of your esteemed daily I would like to bring to your notice the fact that many of our historical monuments are in a state of ruins due to neglect and apathy towards their proper maintenance. It is unfortunate that Golconda fort in Andhra Pradesh is in a state of ruins due to neglect and apathy towards it. This monument speaks of its grandeur and history of the many benevolent rulers who contributed to making the fort as it stands today. So proper maintenance is needed to save it from decay.

In today's competitive world, we have to preserve the monuments and showcase them to the next generation as the achievement of our ancestors.

It is hoped that authorities concerned will take immediate steps to improve the condition of the ruined historical monuments of India.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Arun

### Section C Literature: Textbook and Long Reading Text

25 Marks

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**1×3=3**

“Well, you needn't be, because I just came to tell you to stop bothering us for assistance; you ain't going to get it. We're going on strike!”

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) How is 'you' bothering 'us'?
- (c) What does the word, 'assistance' mean?

*Or*

Mark'd ye his words? He would not take the crown;

Therefore 'tis certain he was not ambitious.

- (a) Who is 'He'?
- (b) What does his not taking the crown show?
- (c) What does the word 'certain' mean?

- Ans.** (a) The ghost of Helen speaks these lines.  
(b) 'You' refers to the aspiring writers who needed help from the ghosts to write their entireties.  
(c) The word 'assistance' means 'help'.

*Or*

- (a) 'He' is 'Caesar' here.  
(b) This shows that he was not hungry for power.  
(c) 'Certain' means 'sure'.

**9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each:**

**2×4=8**

- (a) What good news did Patol Babu receive at the start of the day?  
(b) In the poem, 'Ozymandias', the poet says, 'the hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed'. How does the hand 'mock them'?  
(c) Cassius knows Antony well and does not want Brutus to let him speak. Why?  
(d) In the poem, 'Snake', why does the poet think of the albatross?  
(e) How did Shultz get trapped in the video games?

- Ans.** (a) Patol Babu received the news that one of Nishikanto Babu's brother-in-law who was involved into film-making was looking for a bald, middle-aged man for a role in the film. Nishikanto Babu, being Patol Babu's neighbour and friend, had suggested his name to them.  
(b) The 'hand' here is the hand of the sculptor. The sculptor was really good at his job as he was able to read not only the face but also the heart of the king and portrayed the feelings of the king on the statue so clearly that even though the statue was destroyed, the feelings could be well-read.  
(c) Cassius knew that Antony was a skilful orator and a true friend of Caesar. He knew that Antony could see through their plans and would expose them in front of the people of Rome. He knew that Antony's speech could do a good deal of harm to them.  
(d) The poet in the poem 'Snake' threw a log of wood at the snake; without any provocation. He then repented his action and wished that he could see that 'Lord' of the earth once again. Similarly, in 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' the Mariner killed the Albatross without any fault of its. The Mariner also repented his evil doings.  
(e) Shultz was playing one of the virtual video games in the car. Suddenly, his car met with an accident and his head banged against the computer and his memory was transferred into the computer's memory and he went deep into a coma. His memory was stored in the memory of the computer.

**10. Answer the following in 80-100 words:**

**4**

**When the albatross arrived, the mariners experienced a sense of joy and were infused with new hope. It was hailed as a Christian spirit which brought hope to the ship. Comment.**

*Or*

**Naresh Dutt was surprised to see that Patol Babu was so much satisfied with his performance that he did not wait to get his payment. Comment.**

- Ans.** When the ship moved southward, the weather deteriorated and they encountered mist, snow and cold. Visibility was reduced and movement slowed down. They were in dangerous waters because there were icebergs all around and steering the ship through such tricky waters in poor visibility was a nightmare. At this crucial juncture in their journey, a lone albatross was spotted above the mist and was hailed

as a Christian spirit because this bird heralded a turn in their fortunes. The sailors fed it and the bird encircled the waters even as icebergs kept crackling all around. The bird thus helped the steering team course through the waters, thereby strengthening the belief among the sailors that the bird was a lucky omen guiding their ship to safety.

Also, a strong south wind blew after its appearance and helped to take the ship forward, with the albatross following above. The bird was thus an anchor hold of hope for the crew who were able to successfully sail through dangerous waters in such an inclement weather under the guidance of the albatross.

*Or*

Patol Babu was a meticulous man for whom acting was a passion and not a job. He had got only a monosyllabic dialogue 'oh' to utter in his movie. He practised hard for his role and executed it to the perfection. He was happy with his performance and even the director and the leading actor praised his performance. Patol Babu thought that film people would not realise the importance of the hard work done by him. He felt that taking money for the small part he performed will be trivialising his performance. He was a passionate actor to whom creative satisfaction mattered more than money.

# Examination Papers, 2015

## Delhi-I, II, III

Time Allowed: 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks: 70

Section A (20 Marks), Section B (25 Marks), Section C (25 Marks)

### General Instructions —

- All questions are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- 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:

(8 Marks)

- The hopping kangaroo is a familiar sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. Members of the kangaroo family can be as small as a rat or as big as a man. Kangaroos are found mainly in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea. Kangaroos, which are big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia use their short front legs like arms. The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are capable of speeding up to 88 km/hr for short distances, their means of locomotion being their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time.
- Weighing around 70 kg they have an average lifespan of around six to eight years and a maximum lifetime of 20 years. When bothered by predators, kangaroos often head for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him under water. Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their adversary with their clawed hind feet, sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. Normally shy animals, they alert other kangaroos to danger by beating on the ground with their hind feet. This loud alarm signal carries over a long distance.
- The tail is important for kangaroos. It holds them in balance and supports them when they sit or fight against other kangaroos. The kangaroo uses its short legs as arms. With them it scratches itself, cleans its fur and holds branches when it eats leaves. Kangaroos are marsupials and the females carry newborns in a pouch in front of their abdomens. The babies are born small and climb up into the safety of the pouch. There for the next 225 days or so, they eat, sleep and grow. Once they reach full development they leave the pouch. A young kangaroo that leaves the pouch is called a 'joey'. To keep from getting too hot, the kangaroos take naps in the afternoon and do most of their grazing at night. But the best stay-cool secret of these creatures is the spit bath! Kangaroos drool and lick saliva all over their faces and bodies to cool down.

#### 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences with appropriate words/phrases. (1×8=8 marks)

- When followed by predators, kangaroos submerge ..... and .....
- The powerful hind legs help kangaroos to .....
- Kangaroos are mainly found in Australia and are .....
- They use their front legs to .....
- Kangaroos warn others of danger by .....
- The secret of kangaroos to stay cool is .....

- (g) They use their tails to .....  
(h) Before becoming 'joeys', the young ones stay in the ..... and .....

- Ans.** (a) ...in water to their chest and attempt to drown the attacker by holding it under water.  
(b) ...carry themselves over the ground in jumps of nine or more at a time.  
(c) ...big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia only.  
(d) ...scratch themselves, clean their fur and hold branches when they eat leaves.  
(e) ...beating on the ground with their hind feet.  
(f) ...drooling and licking saliva all over their faces and bodies.  
(g) ...balance and support themselves while they sit or fight against other kangaroos.  
(h) ...pouch of their mother and eat, sleep and grow in it for the next 225 days.

**2. Read the passage given below:**

**(12 Marks)**

- 1 It is rare to find someone with a good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits – in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.
- 2 Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed e-mails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.
- 3 Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say." Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

**2.1 Answer the following questions briefly.**

**(2×4=8 marks)**

- (a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
- (b) How can communication skills be developed?
- (c) What according to the writer should be avoided while communicating?
- (d) Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous?

**2.2 Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given words from the options provided.**

**(1×4=4 marks)**

- (a) evaluate (para 1)
- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| (i) estimate | (ii) assume |
| (iii) punish | (iv) evolve |

(b) trait (para 1)

(i) treaty

(iii) quality

(c) utter (para 2)

(i) flatter

(iii) rot

(d) haunt (para 2)

(i) hunt

(iii) trouble

(ii) trail

(iv) liberty

(ii) speak

(iv) unique

(ii) chant

(iv) avoid

- Ans. 2.1** (a) It is necessary to have good communication skills to get ahead in one's career.  
(b) Communication skills can be developed by listening and learning from each interaction and by observing great communicators.  
(c) One should avoid any communication when in an emotional state.  
(d) We should realize that all jokes are not funny and we should observe certain boundaries.

**2.2** (a) (i) estimate (b) (iii) quality (c) (ii) speak (d) (iii) trouble

**SECTION – B [WRITING AND GRAMMAR]**

**25 Marks**

- 3.** The tourism industry can bring valuable income to the country. Using your ideas along with ideas from the MCB unit, Travel and Tourism, write a letter to the editor of a popular daily on how the government and the public can boost the development of this industry. Write the letter in 100-120 words. You are Rama/Ram, 4 Rani Road, Ranchi. **(5 Marks)**

Or

The youth of different states should be given a chance to meet one another through national meets and other programmes. Taking ideas from the MCB unit, National Integration and your own ideas write an article in 100-120 words on the topic, Youth and National Integration. You are Ram/Rama.

**Ans.** 4 Rani Road

Ranchi

31 July 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Delhi

Sir

**Subject:** Emerging needs to promote travel and tourism in our country

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I want to draw the attention of the authorities concerned towards the emerging needs to promote travel and tourism in the country. India is a country with a rich culture. It is the fifth most attractive destination in the world. But, there are certain inadequacies in the infrastructure which are hampering the tourism industry in India. The public services are antiquated or non-existent in India. Mounds of garbage along the sides of the road are common. Public restroom facilities, even if available, are poorly maintained. Another issue is transportation system, which also needs a serious overhaul. For a tourist visiting India, the experience of travelling along India's lawless roadways can induce a cardiac arrest. We also need to highlight the unique sights and offerings that are unavailable everywhere else. We need to provide the tourists with decent and clean accommodations at a reasonable price. By paying attention to these problems, we can do wonders to increase the tourist services of our country and also create great job opportunities in the country.

I hope that you will provide some space for this letter in your columns.

Yours faithfully

Rama/Ram

Or

### Youth and National Integration

By Ram

India is a country of different cultures, languages, religions and races. Youth of a country is the nation builder and an asset to the country. Young people should be allowed to meet and interact through national meets so that they are active participants in the global efforts for peace and sustainable development.

These meets should aim to strengthen educational opportunities and to promote human rights knowledge among youth as well as dialogue for mutual understanding. Through these meets, the young men and women of different states should be educated that India is one and the differences on the basis of caste and creed are only superficial.

These exchange programmes can help the youth tap their potential, guide them to understand that they can channelize the abundant energy to unite their country. These programmes should emphasise the unity of the people and also strive to be a platform where the youth can talk and discuss their problems, find solutions and rise above all differences to create a great India.

4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided. (10 Marks)

Ratan was in Goa on a school trip. The teacher asked everyone to play and remain on the seashore.....

Or

Hari drove fast. He was already late for office. He had got up late and it was his first day of work .....

- Ans. But Ratan was so engrossed in his thoughts that he never knew when he went deep into the waves. By the time he could realize he was engulfed by the waves. He cried for help but no one could hear his cries. All his friends were busy talking and didn't hear his cries. At last, a small boy selling roasted corns heard his cries. He immediately jumped into the sea and reached Ratan. He dragged him out forcefully as he was too heavy for a young boy like him. By that time, his friends had started looking for him. They were shocked to see him lying unconscious. They immediately took him to a doctor and he was treated and he was brought back to the hotel. He was in a state of shock so the tour teachers thought of shortening the trip and going back. It was a horrifying experience for Ratan and his friends.

Or

Hari woke up at 9 on a hazy summer morning. Realising that he was already late for his first day at office, he rushed. His office was quite near to the place where he lived, so he was hopeful of reaching in time. He was caught in a traffic jam and was sure of having a bad day in the office. He noticed that the traffic had come to a halt because of some accident on the road. People were standing there as spectators and the injured were lying bleeding. He quickly stopped a taxi and carried the injured boy and his mother, who were lying in a pool of blood, to the hospital. The doctors immediately decided to operate upon the two. Hari stood there in a state of shock as he was sure that he would lose his job which he needed so badly. Lost in thoughts, he was moving to and fro restlessly when somebody put his hands on his shoulders and hugged him. His eyes were full of tears. He thanked Hari again and again for saving the life of his wife and son. Hari looked carefully and realized that the man was his new boss. Hari said nothing but he knew God had silently rewarded him for his good deeds.

5. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. (3 Marks)

There are four trees in the garden. (a) ..... branches sway in the breeze. The children play (b) ..... the trees. Some of the girls (c) ..... sleeping in the shade of the trees.

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|-----|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|
| (a) | (i) There | (ii) Their | (iii) Every | (iv) An   |
| (b) | (i) under | (ii) over  | (iii) above | (iv) in   |
| (c) | (i) is    | (ii) was   | (iii) are   | (iv) have |

- Ans. (a) (ii) (b) (i) (c) (iii)

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. (1×4=4 Marks)

		<b>Error</b>	<b>Correction</b>
I went to the pool then no one	e.g.	then	when
was there. The place being quiet.	(a)	.....	.....
A water was still, and the tiled	(b)	.....	.....
bottom was so white and clean	(c)	.....	.....
as a bathtub. I was timid for going in alone.	(d)	.....	.....

**Ans. Error                      Correction**  
 (a) being                      was  
 (b) A                              The  
 (c) so                             as  
 (d) for                            about/of

7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. (3 Marks)

Doctor : Have you got the tests done?

Karna : No, I have not.

Doctor : Get them done today itself.

The doctor asked Karna (a) ..... . He replied that (b) ..... . The doctor asked .....

**Ans.** (a) ...if he had the tests done.  
 (b) ...he had not.  
 (c) ...him to get the tests done the same day itself.

**SECTION – C [LITERATURE TEXTBOOK & LONG READING TEXT]**

**25 Marks**

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×3=3 Marks)

'Were these people pulling his leg? Was the whole thing a gigantic hoax? A meek harmless man like him and they had to drag him into the middle of the city to make a laughing stock out of him.'

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) Why does he think that he is being made a 'laughing stock'?
- (c) What does the word 'hoax' mean?

Or

Caesar shall forth; the things that threaten'd me  
 Ne'er look'd on my back; when they shall see  
 The face of Caesar, they are vanished.

- (a) Where is Caesar planning to go?
- (b) What are the 'things' that threaten him?
- (c) What does the word 'vanished' mean?

**Ans.** (a) The speaker is Patol Babu.  
 (b) Patol Babu thought that he was being made a laughing stock as the role that had been assigned to him was a very small part in the film. He just had one dialogue to deliver, 'Oh'.  
 (c) 'Hoax' is a deliberate falsehood or a fraud performed by deceiving or cheating someone.

Or

- (a) Caesar is planning to go to the Senate at the Capitol.
- (b) The 'things' that threaten him refers to his enemies.
- (c) The word 'vanished' means 'the act of disappearing'.

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

**(2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) Why did the poet have to wait near the water trough? (Snake)
- (b) What did Sebastian write in the final e-mail he sent to Michael?
- (c) Why did the wedding guest beat his breast?
- (d) What quality of King Ozymandias does the poem reflect?
- (e) Why did Cassius tell Brutus not to allow Antony to speak on Caesar's funeral?

- Ans.**
- (a) The poet had to wait near the water trough because he was a second comer. The snake had been the first one there, where the water dripped from the tap in a small clearness and the poet had to wait for his turn because of the snake.
  - (b) In the final document, Sebastian thanked Michael for saving his life even though he was not sure how it had happened. He wrote that they should meet soon. Also, he asked Michael to keep the games because he had earned them.
  - (c) The wedding guest beat his breast because he had been held up by the Mariner while he could hear the loud bassoon, which was an indicator that the bride had reached the hall. He wanted to be a part of the wedding procession but he couldn't be.
  - (d) The poem reflects upon the king's grand delusions of his own power and might, which he thought could be immortalised in stone. However, he didn't realize that time destroys everything and nothing is immortal.
  - (e) Cassius did not want Antony to speak at Caesar's funeral because he felt that the people would be moved by his speech. Antony was a powerful speaker and also a much respected man in Rome.

- 10.** How does the lesson 'A Shady Plot' remind us that man has no right to invoke supernatural powers through Ouija boards, Tarot cards, etc. to solve his problems and that one should face life boldly and overcome difficulties using wit and intelligence? Write in 80-100 words. **(4 Marks)**

Or

Respect for all forms of life is an essential value. Unmindful destruction of nature and its creatures deserves just punishment. Write in 80-100 words this essential value as brought out in the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.

- Ans.** Ouija boards are used by people who do not have faith in their own capabilities. These are appendages used by those who do not know how to face life's adversities and depend on such supernatural paraphernalia to understand life. Such things don't help us out but make us shy away from the problems of life. 'A Shady Plot' shows us how such things can backfire and one should exercise caution in invoking powers over which one does not have any control. We should rely on our own powers to achieve our goal.

Or

Every religion is based on the principle of sin and renunciation. We have to repent the sins we commit and gain pardon from the heavenly powers sitting above. However, in the poem, there is no such eventual pardon in sight as the Mariner is doomed to recount the story of his wrong deed for eternity to come. The old man is overpowered by the guilt and he narrates his woeful story to all so that he is able to get rid of his constant guilt feeling. It teaches us to respect all forms of life otherwise no matter how much one repents, pardon cannot be expected as no higher spiritual authority will ever condone a wanton act of cruelty. We have to respect the creation of God and we should not kill any living being just for the sake of fun.

**11. Attempt the following in 150-200 words.**

**(10 Marks)**

Bring out the importance of the diary in Anne's life.

Or

Why does Anne call herself 'a bundle of contradictions'?

Or

What was the incident of the Frost King? How did it affect Helen?

Or

Write a character sketch of Bishop Brooks as he appears in Helen Keller's — The Story of My Life.

**Ans.** Anne's diary played a very important role in her life. During her confinement in the Annex, it helped her in redirecting her strong feelings instead of expressing them outright and causing damage to the fragile relationships within the Annex. When everyone around her was feeling anxious and tense, Anne turned to her diary for comfort because she never wanted to burden the already overtaxed adults with her own concerns. In this way her diary made her very independent at a young age. It also helped her in discovering her inner voice and her voice as a writer. It gave her a private place to explore and develop her thoughts and ideas.

Or

Anne believed that her personality was split into two. One side contained her exuberant cheerfulness, her flippancy, the joy in her life and, above all, her ability to appreciate the lighter side of things. This side would lead her to appreciate flirtations, a kiss, an embrace and even off-colour jokes. The other side of her was purer, deeper and finer, subsumed under the lighter side of her. She could be an amusing clown for an afternoon and a profound thinker but the former was always a diversion, a comic interlude, soon to be forgotten, which most people hardly knew. Her lighter and more superficial side always stole a march on the deeper side.

Or

Helen had written a little story called 'The Frost King' which she had sent to Mr. Anagnos of the Perkins Institution for the Blind. The latter was delighted with it and published the story in one of the institutional reports. However, it was discovered that a story similar to her 'The Frost King' called 'The Frost Fairies' by Miss. Margaret T. Canby had appeared before Helen was born, in a book called 'Birdie and His Friends'. The two stories were so much alike in thought and language that it was evident Miss Canby's story had been read to Helen and that her story was a case of plagiarism. A court of investigation was constituted comprising Mr. Anagnos, who had supported Helen initially. Their friendship was ruined for ever, when Mr Anagnos had doubts about the authenticity of the work. The incident scarred Helen in such a way that for a very long time, she could not produce any creative work. She became excessively scrupulous about everything that she wrote and the thought that whatever she wrote was not her original work tormented her. Miss Sullivan had to console her and allay her fears in every way possible in order to restore the confidence that Helen had lost.

Or

Bishop Brooks was one of the 'many men of genius' Keller knew. He knew Keller since her childhood. He spoke beautifully to her about religion, God, and spiritual matters. He was just like a spiritual teacher. In other words, he was Keller's spiritual guru. As a child, she loved to sit on his knee and clasp his great hand with one of hers. Once when she was puzzled to know why there were so many religions, he explained that there was one universal religion, the religion of love. 'Love your Heavenly father with your whole heart and soul, love every child of God as much as ever you can and remember that the possibilities of good are greater than the possibilities of evil, and you have the key to Heaven.' Bishop Brooks taught her no special creed or dogma. He was a person who respected all the creeds. He impressed upon her mind two great ideas — the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He believed that these are the universal truths.

## Set-II — UNCOMMON QUESTIONS TO SET-I

4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided. (10 Marks)

Raghav walked fast. It was getting dark. He then realised that he had lost his way.....

Or

It was late night. Anjali was about to switch off the light and go to bed when she saw a light outside the window. On close observation she realised that it was a fire.....

- Ans.** Raghav was late that day. He walked fast as it was getting dark. He always came back from his tuition on time but today he was discussing something with his friends and got late. Raghav was a very introvert boy. He talked very less and had very few friends. But his few friends admired him a lot. On his way, he was revising the formulae of maths but suddenly he was stopped by some goons. They asked him to hand over to them whatever money he had. When he said he didn't have any money, they thrashed him badly. He was lying in pain when two boys passed by. They took him to a nearby hospital immediately and informed his family. His parents came running to the hospital but heaved a sigh of relief when they saw him fine. They thanked the two boys. Raghav now had two new friends in his group.

Or

Anjali was reading an interesting novel when she realised it was quite late. She put down her book and reached out to switch off the light. She saw a light outside the window. She was a bit afraid and peeped out of the window. She couldn't see anyone. So, she again got engrossed in the novel but after sometime she again noticed bright shiny light outside. She was very afraid but gathered all her courage and opened the door. She saw two small hungry children lying asleep on the floor and they had a small torch in their hands which was flashing the light. Anjali woke them up and asked why were they there. They said that they came in search of food and were so tired that they slept there only. Anjali gave them some food and water and took them inside and gave them a blanket. Their eyes were wide-opened when they saw the beautiful house. They told Anjali that they slept hungry most of the times as their parents were poor. Anjali made up her mind to be their Godmother and pay for every expense of theirs. She even decided to send them to school. The kids slept in peace not even realising that a beautiful dawn was waiting for them.

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×3=3 Marks)

Patol Babu suddenly felt that he could write a whole thesis on that monosyllabic exclamation. Why had he felt so disheartened when this single word contained a gold-mine of meaning?

- Why was Patol Babu disheartened?
- Which was the word that contained a 'gold-mine'?
- What does the word 'monosyllabic' mean?

Or

How foolish do your fears seem now, Calpurnia

I am ashamed. I did yield to them.

Give me my robe, for I will go.

- Why was Calpurnia afraid?
- Where did Caesar decide to go?
- What does the word 'yield' mean?

- Ans.** (a) Patol Babu had been initially disheartened because the part he had to play was much smaller than he had been led on to believe. He had thought he would have a full-fledged role in his hand.
- (b) The word that contained a 'gold-mine' was 'oh'.
- (c) The word 'monosyllabic' refers to words that consist of only one syllable, such as the word 'oh'. We can speak it at one go.

Or

- (a) Calpurnia was afraid because she had seen a nightmare wherein she saw Caesar being murdered and the people of Rome washing their hands in his blood.
- (b) Caesar decided to go to the senate at the Capitol.
- (c) The word 'yield' means 'to give away'.

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

**(2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) Why did the poet try to harm the snake?
- (b) How did Michael in the last game save Sebastian?
- (c) How did the mariners reach the land of ice and snow?
- (d) "The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed". Whose hand and heart are referred to in this line? Why?
- (e) Why did Caesar's will infuriate the Romans?

- Ans.**
- (a) The poet tried to harm the snake because his education told him that in Sicily, golden snakes were venomous and should be killed immediately. The poet though, admired the snake and had a special love for him.
  - (b) Sebastian had landed with a thud just below the helicopter hatch and Michael had immediately pulled him up. As he sat down beside Michael, the helicopter soared into the sky and Michael managed to rescue Sebastian in the final game.
  - (c) The mariners reached the land of ice and snow by taking the ship southward in their course.
  - (d) The 'hand' refers to the sculptor's hand and the 'heart' refers to that of King Ozymandias. The statue made by the sculptor seemed to be mocking at the king's self obsession and passion.
  - (e) Caesar's will infuriated the Romans because the man who had been branded by the conspirators as a tyrant and ambitious was actually the one who loved his people and had left all his legacy to the people of Rome.

**Set-III — UNCOMMON QUESTIONS TO SET-I & SET-II**

**4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided.**

**(10 Marks)**

It was Saturday. Veena got up late. Her parents had gone to office. Veena remembered that she had planned.....

Or

On reaching back home the old lady opened the door and realised that her house had been burgled. She immediately called the police.....

- Ans.** ...to visit her best friend Neha's house. She was unwell for many days. She quickly finished her breakfast, did a bit of cleaning and got ready to go her house. She locked the house and in quick steps moved towards Neha's house. She glanced back at her house. She felt as if she had seen a shadow in the house. She went numb, totally scared as she was alone. She turned back to her house and with shivering hands opened the lock of the door. As soon as she opened the door, a cat pounced upon her. She gave a shrilling cry. The gardener working in the next house came to her rescue. He made her feel relaxed by giving her a glass of water. She drank the water and then gathered herself again to move to her friend's house. Her friend was happy to see her. She stayed there for some time and went back home happy and relaxed.

Or

The police searched every nook and corner of the house to look for some clues. It took them a long time to gather the evidence. The old lady stayed alone in her house. Her husband had died a few years ago and her children were based in the US. She went to her sister's house to share the bad news. She was received warmly and her sister was aghast to hear the news. She then went in a room to rest for some time. She couldn't sleep as her mind kept on thinking about them who had burgled her house. She then saw her sister

talking to her son and asking him to keep all the things in the secret locker. She just peeped quietly and was shocked to see that all the things burgled from her house were being put in a bag. She quietly moved out of her room after some time. She told her sister that she wanted to go back to her home. Her sister's false concern and soothing words made her ponder on the hollowness of relationships.

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×3=3 Marks)**

It is true that he needed money very badly, but what was twenty rupees when measured against the intense satisfaction of a small job done with perfection and dedication?

- (a) Why was Patol Babu badly in need of money?
- (b) What was the small job which gave him intense satisfaction?
- (c) What does the word 'measured' mean in the above context?

Or

This was the most unkindest cut of all;  
For when the noble Caesar saw him stab,  
Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms,  
Quite vanquish'd him : then burst his mighty heart;

- (a) Who speaks these words?
- (b) Whose ingratitude was he referring to?
- (c) Why did it break Caesar's heart?

- Ans.**
- (a) Patol Babu badly needed the money because his household finances were in a shambles and twenty rupees would have helped him to tide over the crisis.
  - (b) The small job was to play the part of an extra, who utters just one dialogue 'oh' upon a collision with the male lead on the street.
  - (c) The word 'measured' in this context means 'as compared to'.

Or

- (a) These words are spoken by Antony.
- (b) He was referring to the ingratitude of Brutus.
- (c) Caesar thought Brutus was his close friend and confidant. Hence, Brutus's cut was the unkindest of them all.

**9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) What were the conflicting thoughts in the poet's mind on seeing the snake?
- (b) Why did Michael and his father go to the computer fair?
- (c) How were the mariners saved from the land of ice and snow?
- (d) What did the traveller see in the desert?
- (e) How did Antony prove that Caesar was not ambitious?

- Ans.**
- (a) The poet's mind was fraught with the thought of killing the snake and at the same time, letting it have its fill of water as he would allow any other person to do.
  - (b) Michael and his father went to the computer fair because his father was obsessed with computers.
  - (c) The mariners were saved from the land of ice and snow by an albatross, which guided them away from the scary landscape.
  - (d) The traveller saw two vast and trunkless legs, which were made of stone, standing in the desert. A half sunk shattered visage, whose frown and wrinkled lip had been captured deftly by the sculptor, lay close by in the sand.
  - (e) Antony reminded the crowd that Caesar had refused the crown thrice when offered in public and had left all his property and estate to the people of Rome in his will.

Time Allowed: 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks: 70

Section A (20 Marks), Section B (25 Marks), Section C (25 Marks)

### General Instructions —

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iii) 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:

(8 Marks)

- 1 The hopping kangaroo is a familiar sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. Members of the kangaroo family can be as small as a rat or as big as a man. Kangaroos are found mainly in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea. Kangaroos, which are big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia use their short front legs like arms. The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are capable of speeding up to 88 km/hr for short distances, their means of locomotion being their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time.
- 2 Weighing around 70 kg they have an average lifespan of around six to eight years and a maximum lifetime of 20 years. When bothered by predators, kangaroos often head for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him under water. Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their adversary with their clawed hind feet, sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. Normally shy animals, they alert other kangaroos to danger by beating on the ground with their hind feet. This loud alarm signal carries over a long distance.
- 3 The tail is important for kangaroos. It holds them in balance and supports them when they sit or fight against other kangaroos. The kangaroo uses its short legs as arms. With them it scratches itself, cleans its fur and holds branches when it eats leaves. Kangaroos are marsupials and the females carry newborns in a pouch in front of their abdomens. The babies are born small and climb up into the safety of the pouch. There for the next 225 days or so, they eat, sleep and grow. Once they reach full development they leave the pouch. A young kangaroo that leaves the pouch is called a 'joey'. To keep from getting too hot, the kangaroos take naps in the afternoon and do most of their grazing at night. But the best stay-cool secret of these creatures is the spit bath! Kangaroos drool and lick saliva all over their faces and bodies to cool down.

#### 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences with appropriate words/phrases. (1×8=8 marks)

- (a) When followed by predators, kangaroos submerge ..... and .....
- (b) The powerful hind legs help kangaroos to .....
- (c) Kangaroos are mainly found in Australia and are .....
- (d) They use their front legs to .....
- (e) Kangaroos warn others of danger by .....
- (f) The secret of kangaroos to stay cool is .....

- (g) They use their tails to .....
- (h) Before becoming 'joeys', the young ones stay in the ..... and .....

- Ans.**
- (a) ...in water to their chest and attempt to drown the attacker by holding it under water.
- (b) ...carry themselves over the ground in jumps of nine or more at a time.
- (c) ...big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia only.
- (d) ...scratch themselves, clean their fur and hold branches when they eat leaves.
- (e) ...beating on the ground with their hind feet.
- (f) ...drooling and licking saliva all over their faces and bodies.
- (g) ...balance and support themselves while they sit or fight against other kangaroos.
- (h) ...pouch of their mother and eat, sleep and grow in it for the next 225 days.

**2. Read the passage given below:**

**(12 Marks)**

- 1 It is rare to find someone with a good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits – in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.
- 2 Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed e-mails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.
- 3 Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say." Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

**2.1 Answer the following questions briefly.**

**(2×4=8 marks)**

- (a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
- (b) How can communication skills be developed?
- (c) What according to the writer should be avoided while communicating?
- (d) Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous?

**2.2 Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given words from the options provided.**

**(1×4=4 marks)**

- (a) evaluate (para 1)
- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| (i) estimate | (ii) assume |
| (iii) punish | (iv) evolve |

(b) trait (para 1)

(i) treaty

(iii) quality

(c) utter (para 2)

(i) flatter

(iii) rot

(d) haunt (para 2)

(i) hunt

(iii) trouble

(ii) trail

(iv) liberty

(ii) speak

(iv) unique

(ii) chant

(iv) avoid

- Ans. 2.1** (a) It is necessary to have good communication skills to get ahead in one's career.  
(b) Communication skills can be developed by listening and learning from each interaction and by observing great communicators.  
(c) One should avoid any communication when in an emotional state.  
(d) We should realize that all jokes are not funny and we should observe certain boundaries.
- 2.2** (a) (i) estimate      (b) (iii) quality      (c) (ii) speak      (d) (iii) trouble

### SECTION – B [WRITING AND GRAMMAR]

25 Marks

3. You had visited Antarctica and had an opportunity to see the polar ice caps melting and realised that the threat of global warming is very real. Taking ideas from the MCB unit on Environment along with your own ideas, write an article in 100–120 words on what a student can do to preserve the environment. You are Rama/Ram. **(5 Marks)**

Or

You were one among a group of students who represented your state in a national youth exchange programme. It was an eye-opener which made you realise the spirit of unity in diversity. Taking ideas from the MCB unit on National Integration along with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in 100–120 words on the importance of National Integration. You are Maya/Mohan, 4 Rampur Road, Bareilly.

**Ans.**

#### Threat of Global Warming

by Ram

Students are young, creative, energetic and outspoken; that is why they have the perfect qualities to help save mother earth. They can be great eco-warriors who can prevent the Earth from further damage. If only they are aware of how huge their contributions can be in minimizing global warming, pollution and other threats against the environment, the world would probably be a healthier place to live in. Actually, with simple things, students can create huge ripples of changes.

Technology today is becoming aware of its impact on the environment. That is why, it has started to releasing eco-friendly products for their consumers. Students should check out on the gadgets and products, which reduce energy waste and minimize climate-warming pollution.

To pro-actively help, students have to fully understand their roles in making a sustainable world. They have to read news, watch documentaries and learn of breakthroughs. They have to keep themselves updated so that they can make long term action plans to help. Joining an environmental group is a step that proves how serious one is to help. This needs one to sacrifice a lot of time, but with the classes and writing projects, it would be difficult. One can opt to join college environmental groups, which are less demanding but equally helpful in promoting environmental awareness.

As students, one can do so many things to help protect the environment. Even with little things such as these, one can create huge ripples of changes to save Mother Earth.

Or

4 Rampur Road  
Bareilly  
The Editor  
The Times of India.  
Sir

**Subject:** Importance of National Integration

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I want to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the immense importance of national integration in India.

Unity in diversity is the essence of Indian life and culture. Though the people from different states of India are different in their manners and ways of living, they are aware of the importance of National Integration.

At present our National unity is threatened by various divisive forces of communalism, racism, provincialism and religious fanaticism, etc. As a result there is tension and ill feeling, murder and arson, riots and disturbances are the order of the day. Hindu-Muslim riots, Hindu-Sikh riots and fights within the same religious community have blackened the face of India. It is a bad sign that regional sentiments and provincialism have gained roots in the political arena. The light of education should be spread wide to remove the evils of illiteracy, ignorance, superstition and selfishness. The student community should take a lead to defend our democracy and to stop the madding cry of the opportunists. Students can play an important role in keeping up the spirit of national integration. Removal of poverty and casteism, restoration of moral and political sanity are what we essentially need today.

Yours faithfully  
Mohan

**4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided: (10 Marks)**

*The doorbell rang. Sunil opened the door. At first he could not recognise the tall and well-dressed man who stood before him. Then the man spoke and all of a sudden .....*

Or

*Aravind was distracted. He couldn't concentrate in the class. The incident which had happened that morning had shattered him .....*

**Ans.** He finds that the man was his childhood friend Ramesh. He was really glad to see him. He took him inside, gave him a warm welcome. Sunil was a young boy staying in Delhi for his job. His parents were staying in Assam. He was really ecstatic to see his childhood friend. Ramesh had come to Delhi to find a job. He was well-educated still he couldn't find a good job. The two friends talked of the good old days and they were lost in their childhood days when everything was so pure. Ramesh told Sunil that he was looking for a job in Delhi. Sunil was excited like a child to hear this. He promised to help him out. The very next day, Sunil talked to his boss about Ramesh and he was called for an interview. He soon got the job. Ramesh told Sunil that evening the good old days were still there when he had a friend like Sunil. The two smiled at each other.

Or

His best friend had stolen his new game. At least that seemed so. The game was very special as it was brought to him by his sister. He saw that Rohan, his best friend, was playing with his game. When Aravind said 'This is my game.' Rohan got angry and said that the game was a gift from his father. The day before only he had lost the game and now Rohan had it. He was sad but couldn't do anything. He couldn't concentrate on his studies and went back home with a heavy heart. His mother had cooked his favourite food but he couldn't eat much. He went to his room and found that his game was there on his bed. He called his mother and asked who had kept the game there. His mother told him that his cousin had taken the game and he had returned back in the morning. Now, Aravind was so ashamed of his behaviour that he didn't even have the courage to say sorry to Rohan. Suddenly, he heard a voice and he looked up to see Rohan standing in front of him. He was so happy and asked for forgiveness. Without asking as to what really had happened, Rohan hugged him tight.

**5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow: (1×3=3 Marks)**

Alaska's size and climate make transportation (a) ..... challenge. Long ago sledges pulled (b) ..... dog teams were the best way to travel (c) ..... native people.

- (a) (i) an                      (ii) the                      (iii) a                      (iv) for  
 (b) (i) by                      (ii) with                      (iii) of                      (iv) beside  
 (c) (i) by                      (ii) to                      (iii) for                      (iv) with

**Ans.** (a) (iii)                      (b) (i)                      (c) (i)

**6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (½×8=4 Marks)**

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
	<b>no</b>	<b><u>not</u></b>
The road to success is <u>no</u> a bed of roses.		
(a) Only those who wade on hazards and hurdles	.....	.....
(b) can achieve successful. Set yourself clear goals	.....	.....
(c) and define precisely what you wants to do.	.....	.....
(d) Goals provide direction for your behaviour	.....	.....
(e) and guide your actions or thoughts. Specific goals	.....	.....
(f) are better than general ones. Let every parts	.....	.....
(g) of your body is full of that idea. Winners do not	.....	.....
(h) do different things, they does things differently.	.....	.....

**Ans.      Incorrect      Correction**

- (a) on                      through  
 (b) successful                      success  
 (c) wants                      want  
 (d) for                      to  
 (e) or                      and  
 (f) parts                      part  
 (g) is                      be  
 (h) does                      do

**7. Read the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (1×3=3 Marks)**

- (a) coloured bus/children/we saw/full of/a yellow/excited/  
 (b) they were/we guessed/on the/planetarium/way/to the/  
 (c) part/this/study tour/of their/was/

**Ans.** (a) We saw a yellow coloured bus full of excited children.  
 (b) We guessed they were on the way to the planetarium.  
 (c) This was part of their study tour.

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:****(1×3=3 Marks)**

*And immediately I regretted it.*

*I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act!*

*I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education.*

- What was the mean act?
- Why did the poet despise himself?
- What does the word 'accursed' mean in the above context?

Or

*"Well, you needn't be, because I just came to tell you to stop bothering us for assistance; you ain't going to get it. We're going on strike!"*

- Who speaks these words and to whom?
- What was the 'assistance' that was denied?
- What does the word 'bothering' mean?

- Ans.** (a) The mean act was the act of hitting the snake with a log.  
 (b) The poet despised himself for hitting the snake without any provocation.  
 (c) The word 'accursed' means 'detestable'.

Or

- The ghost of Helen said this to Hallock.
- Hallock was denied the 'assistance' in getting some fresh ideas for a story by the ghosts of 'The Writer's Inspiration Bureau'.
- The word 'bothering' means 'disturbing'.

**9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.****(2×4=8 Marks)**

- Why was the Albatross considered as a 'Christian Soul'?
- Why couldn't Michael help Sebastian the first time?
- How did Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream?
- How did Patol Babu lose his job in Calcutta?
- What message does the poem, 'Ozymandias' convey?

- Ans.** (a) The Albatross was considered as a Christian soul as it helped the sailors get out of the land of mist and snow. The arrival of the bird had coincided with the blowing of the South wind which helped them steer away from the land of ice and snow.
- (b) Michael couldn't realise what was happening in the first game. He blindly followed Sebastian and jumped on his horse but black-eyed Jed was very fast. He shot directly at Sebastian and seriously wounded him.
- (c) Decius Brutus said that the people of Rome were happy and celebrating Caesar's victory. They were washing their handkerchiefs in his blood to keep them well as a token for the generations to come.
- (d) Patol Babu lost his job in Calcutta because of a sudden retrenchment in his office. He was doing good at his job and his bosses were also happy. It came out as a shock for him.
- (e) The poem 'Ozymandias' conveys that time is all powerful. Time can destroy everything. Time is a leveller and brings everything to nothing. Both the rich and the poor are tarnished by time.

10. Patience and hard work go a long way in achieving your goals. How does Patol Babu win the admiration of the director through a very small role ? Write in 80–100 words. **(4 Marks)**

Or

Mark Antony, with the help of his oratory, succeeded in winning the mob over to his side. This led to the downfall of the conspirators. Write in 80–100 words, how with the power of words he could effect a change in his listeners.

- Ans.** Patol Babu was an aspiring actor. When he got the offer of acting in a film, he thought that he would get a good role and would be paid a good amount for his role, but when the producer gave him only the word 'Oh' to say he was shocked. But then he remembered the words of his mentor Gogon Pakrashi, who once had said, "No matter how small a role you are offered, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it and as an artist make the most of your opportunity and squeeze the last drop of meaning out of your lines." He exactly did that. He rehearsed the word 'Oh!' so well that he delivered his part with much applause. But he went back without collecting his wages of twenty rupees for he knew that the money could never measure against the intense satisfaction of a small job done with dedication and perfection. He had a lot of pride and confidence in him.

Or

Mark Antony instigates the mob with his skilful oratory skills. He exposes the plot to kill Caesar and tells the public that Caesar had always worked for the betterment of Rome. He never wanted to be the emperor and had bequeathed his legacy to the people of Rome. He reads out Caesar's will in public to let people know the goodness of Caesar and to show that Brutus and Cassius had killed Caesar because of jealousy.

11. **Answer the following in 150-200 words.** **(10 Marks)**

How does Anne criticise the attitude of the grown-ups in her diary?

Or

Write a character sketch of Mrs. van Daan.

Or

What were Helen's memories of Radcliffe?

Or

How important was the presence of Miss Anne Sullivan in Helen's life?

- Ans.** The views expressed in Anne's diary are all based on her experiences. According to these Anne was not happy with the attitude of the grown-ups. She calls them idiotic and stupid. Whenever she used to approach them to know anything about a matter or to be a part of a discussion they simply used to put her off in one way or the other by saying to keep herself out of the conversation. She never got a satisfactory response from them. Her feelings were suppressed. She was not on good terms with her mother. Anne felt that her mother was lacking motherly feelings and was not capable enough to understand her children at all. Sometimes she found Mrs van Daan better than her mother. She developed the feeling that the grown-ups didn't allow their children to form any opinion. She wanted that when the children were young, they shouldn't be prevented from saying what they thought. The grown-ups should give due value and respect to the opinions of their younger ones. In the Annex, Elli, Margot, Peter and Anne needed great love and devotion but no one could understand them.

Or

Mrs van Daan is an important character in the Annexe as mentioned in 'The Diary of a Young Girl'. She is Mr van Daan's wife. Her actual name is Auguste van Pels, but Anne calls her Petronella van Daan in her diary. Initially, Anne tells that Mrs van Daan is a friendly, teasing woman, but later calls her an instigator. She is a fatalist and can be petty, egoistical, flirtatious, stingy and disagreeable. Mrs van Daan frequently complains about the family's situation. She always criticises the members and events in the Annexe. Anne does not admire her nature. She does not survive the war.

Or

Helen had a dream right from her childhood. She had a strong desire to go to college. She struggled a lot for this dream. Her struggle for admission to college soon ended. She qualified to be eligible for admission to a college. She could now enter Radcliffe whenever she pleased. It was decided that she should study another year under Mr Keith. Therefore, she entered the college in the fall of 1900. She had looked towards it for years. Her first day was full of interest. She was determined to compete with those who could see and hear. She had a wonderful feeling on that day. Helen felt that many of the dreams that had delighted her when young in experience became beautifully less and 'faded into the light of common day'. Gradually she began to find that there were disadvantages in going to college. She realized that there was lack of time in college. Earlier she had time to think and to reflect. But in college, there was no time to commune with one's thoughts. One goes to college to learn and not to think. When one enters the portals of learning, one leaves the dearest pleasures of solitude, books and imagination outside with the whispering pines. She found that college was not quite the romantic Lyceum.

Or

Anne Mansfield Sullivan is the most important person in the life of Helen Keller. Without her support, Helen could never have achieved what she did in her life. She was a dedicated teacher who brought light in the life of a troubled child. It was her constant motivation and a well planned strategy that enlightened the life of Helen. When Anne Sullivan went to teach Keller, she was only twenty years old and recent graduate of the Perkins Institution for the Blind. She herself had impaired vision and could understand the need of such a child as Helen. She was a disciplined teacher. She knew the importance of discipline in learning. That is why she became an effective and successful teacher. She was a patient teacher for Helen. She was an effective teacher because she opted for structured and spontaneous lessons. She understood the interest and environment of her student and taught her accordingly. Sullivan dedicated her life to support Helen.

## **Set-II — UNCOMMON QUESTIONS TO SET-I**

**4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided: (10 Marks)**

*There was a lot of excitement in the air. The sound of crackers could be heard all around. Manu rushed out .....*

Or

*Before starting the journey, he made sure that he hadn't forgotten anything. He got into the train, settled in his seat and looked around .....*

**Ans.** Manu rushed out to see the wonderful show of crackers. He saw that his neighbour's children were burning crackers which lit up the sky beautifully. His eyes were fixed on the sky. He wanted to burn those crackers but the neighbourhood boy would not let him touch his crackers. His father who was not a rich man brought some crackers for him but he couldn't buy those expensive crackers for him. Manu tried to console himself

thinking that his teacher had told him not to burn crackers. So, he quietly moved inside the house. Suddenly he heard some foot steps on the floor. He looked back and saw the neighbourhood uncle standing. He said, 'Why don't you come and burn some crackers with my son Rohan? I think there is a lot of pollution these days. So, we can burn some crackers together and enjoy, so that there is less pollution. Manu was ecstatic to hear these words.

Or

He saw a handsome young man standing in front of him. He wished him and sat in the front seat. Soon, the conversation started. The boy said that he was going to Lucknow for his first job assignment. He said that he had got a good job in an MNC. He said that his parents were in a small village in Bihar. His eyes reflected how much he loved them. He shared that his parents had worked hard day and night to make him what he was today. He said that he wanted to do a lot for his parents. I looked back and my mind went into the good old days when I went for my first job assignment. I remembered how my parents had sacrificed their joys for me. All the moments flashed back in front of my eyes. I remembered how much I loved my parents and what all I wanted to do for them. I cursed myself for sending them to an old age home because I couldn't take care of them. I got down from the slowly moving train without saying anything to him. I had to bring back my parents home. Now, I had all the time for them.

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**(1×3=3 Marks)**

*For he seemed to me again like a king,  
Like a king in exile, uncrowned in the underworld,  
Now due to be crowned again.  
And so, I missed my chance with one of the lords  
Of life.  
And I have something to expiate:  
A pettiness.*

- (a) Why is the snake called a king in exile?
- (b) What is the pettiness referred to in these lines?
- (c) What does the word 'underworld' mean?

Or

*I only waved denial and gurgled in my throat. She went on, "It's bad enough to have you flirt over the Ouija board with that hussy—"*

- (a) What was John denying?
- (b) What does the word 'hussy' mean?
- (c) Why did Lavinia think that John was flirting?

- Ans.**
- (a) The snake is called a king in exile because his movements were very regal and the way he looked at the poet was majestic. But he was not allowed to stay in cities but jungles only.
  - (b) The pettiness referred to in these lines is the poet's act of throwing a log of wood at the snake.
  - (c) The word 'underworld' means 'the deep inside of the earth'.

Or

- (a) John denied having hid anyone in his room.
- (b) The word 'hussy' means 'rustic woman'.
- (c) Lavinia thought John was flirting because the Ouija board game announced that the day before and he was not bothered when Lavinia was ready to leave.

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

**(2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) What was the crime committed by the mariner?
- (b) Why did the news about Sebastian Shultz shock Michael?
- (c) How did Brutus justify Caesar's assassination?
- (d) Why did the dialogue given to him disappoint Patol Babu?
- (e) What feelings does the partially destroyed statue of Ozymandias convey?

- Ans.**
- (a) The Mariner had killed a bird which had helped them steer away from the land of snow and ice. It was a bird of good omen and the Mariner killed it without any reason.
  - (b) Michael was shocked to know that Sebastian Shultz was a real boy, a living boy as he had seen in the newspaper. He had met with an accident and didn't regain his consciousness till the time he was rescued by Michael.
  - (c) Brutus said that he had killed Caesar because he was very ambitious. He said that Caesar was assassinated because Brutus loved Rome more than Caesar. He wanted to make the people of Rome his slaves but then they had got liberty and freedom.
  - (d) Patol Babu thought that he would be given a substantial role in the movie because he was an accomplished theatre actor but he was given merely a monosyllabic 'Oh' as his dialogue. He was really shocked to know about his role and dialogue.
  - (e) The partially destroyed statue of Ozymandias conveys that time is very brutal. It doesn't differentiate between the rich and the poor. It is a great leveller and doesn't spare anyone. Everything fades into oblivion with time.

**Set-III — UNCOMMON QUESTIONS TO SET-I & SET-II**

**4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided:**

**(10 Marks)**

*During the interval all the students got out of class. Manisha remained inside. That morning her mother had told her that .....*

Or

*On hearing the news, Ravi ran to the spot. A big crowd had gathered and a few policemen could also be seen in the vicinity .....*

- Ans.** She would be soon sent to Delhi to stay with her aunt. Her mother was a poor lady who could barely make her both ends meet. She worked at people's houses as a maid to earn money. She wanted to send Manisha to her aunt because her aunt had promised that she would not only sponsor her education but also find some part-time work for her so that she could support her family. But Manisha knew at heart that her aunt was a cruel lady who would not let her study further and make her work hard day and night. Manisha's best friend Manu asked her the reason for her being sad. Manisha burst up in tears and told her everything. Manu told her not to get worried and that she could teach a group of five students at her home and earn money. That evening Manu sent all the students of her neighbourhood at Manisha's home for tuition. Now, Manisha was happy because she could stay with her mother.

Or

Ravi saw that his house had been ransacked and all the money and valuables were missing. The robbers had gagged his old parents and run away with everything. The old parents alerted the neighbours after the robbers left but by the time they could reach, the robbers had fled on their bikes. Ravi first thanked God because the robbers had spared his parents. Police looked for clues and seeing one of clues, a gold locket, Ravi realised that it belonged to one of his best friends, Rajesh. The police searched for Rajesh and found him at a Mall buying expensive things. He was caught. He confessed that he had robbed the house to maintain a lavish lifestyle.

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**(1×3=3 Marks)**

*...Was it humility, to feel so honoured?*

*I felt so honoured.*

*And yet those voices:*

- (a) Why did the poet feel honoured?
- (b) Which 'voices' are referred to in these lines?
- (c) What does 'humility' in the first line mean?

Or

*And I had never found it healthy to contradict Jenkins. Jenkins always seemed to have an uncanny knowledge as to when the landlord or the grocer was pestering me, and he dunned me for a ghost. And somehow I'd always been able to dig one up for him, so I'd begun to get a bit cocky as to my ability.*

- (a) Why couldn't John contradict Jenkins?
- (b) What did John 'dig up' Jenkins?
- (c) What does the word 'cocky' mean?

- Ans.** (a) The poet felt honoured for a majestic snake had come to his house to seek his hospitality.  
(b) 'Voices' of education which taught him that the snake should be killed for it is a poisonous creature are referred to in these lines.  
(c) The word 'humility' means 'humbleness'.

Or

- (a) John couldn't contradict Jenkins because he was his publisher and his publisher wanted John to write what sold the best.
- (b) John dug up some mysterious ghost stories which appealed to the readers.
- (c) The word 'cocky' means 'overconfident'.

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

**(2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) Why did the mariners blame the Ancient Mariner for their plight?
- (b) How did Sebastian Shultz request Michael to help him?
- (c) Why did Julius Caesar deny the repeal of banishment of Publius Cimber?
- (d) What was the role offered to Patol Babu?
- (e) What words were written on the pedestal of the broken statue? What did they show?

- Ans.** (a) The Albatross was considered to be a bird of good omen. It had helped the mariners steer away from the land of ice and snow. The Mariner had killed the innocent Albatross without any reason.  
(b) Sebastian wanted Michael to help him by cracking the Jack-pot. Michael was playing a game when this message, "I am stuck. Please help" flashed on the screen. Sebastian was the second Sheriff in the game and he told Michael not to leave the saloon.  
(c) Caesar denies any repeal of banishment of Publius Cimber because according to him the laws were made for the betterment of the people and law was not the game of children that it could be altered for anyone or everyone.  
(d) Patol Babu was given the role of an unmindful pedestrian who would bump into Chanchal Kumar, a rising young executive. He had to say one single word 'Oh'.  
(e) The words written on the pedestal of the broken statue were, "My name is Ozymandias, King of Kings, Look on my works, ye Mighty and despair." These words show that the king was very proud of his accomplishments but he never knew that with time everything fades.

# Examination Paper, 2015

## Foreign–I, II, III

Time Allowed: 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks: 70

Section A (20 Marks), Section B (25 Marks), Section C (25 Marks)

### General Instructions —

- (i) All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iii) 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:

(8 Marks)

- 1 The hopping kangaroo is a familiar sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. Members of the kangaroo family can be as small as a rat or as big as a man. Kangaroos are found mainly in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea. Kangaroos, which are big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia use their short front legs like arms. The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are capable of speeding up to 88 km/hr for short distances, their means of locomotion being their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time.
- 2 Weighing around 70 kg they have an average lifespan of around six to eight years and a maximum lifetime of 20 years. When bothered by predators, kangaroos often head for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him under water. Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their adversary with their clawed hind feet, sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. Normally shy animals, they alert other kangaroos to danger by beating on the ground with their hind feet. This loud alarm signal carries over a long distance.
- 3 The tail is important for kangaroos. It holds them in balance and supports them when they sit or fight against other kangaroos. The kangaroo uses its short legs as arms. With them it scratches itself, cleans its fur and holds branches when it eats leaves. Kangaroos are marsupials and the females carry newborns in a pouch in front of their abdomens. The babies are born small and climb up into the safety of the pouch. There for the next 225 days or so, they eat, sleep and grow. Once they reach full development they leave the pouch. A young kangaroo that leaves the pouch is called a 'joey'. To keep from getting too hot, the kangaroos take naps in the afternoon and do most of their grazing at night. But the best stay-cool secret of these creatures is the spit bath! Kangaroos drool and lick saliva all over their faces and bodies to cool down.

#### 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences with appropriate words/phrases. (1×8=8 marks)

- (a) When followed by predators, kangaroos submerge ..... and .....
- (b) The powerful hind legs help kangaroos to .....
- (c) Kangaroos are mainly found in Australia and are .....
- (d) They use their front legs to .....
- (e) Kangaroos warn others of danger by .....
- (f) The secret of kangaroos to stay cool is .....

- (g) They use their tails to .....
- (h) Before becoming 'joeys', the young ones stay in the ..... and .....

- Ans.**
- (a) ...in water to their chest and attempt to drown the attacker by holding it under water.
- (b) ...carry themselves over the ground in jumps of nine or more at a time.
- (c) ...big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia only.
- (d) ...scratch themselves, clean their fur and hold branches when they eat leaves.
- (e) ...beating on the ground with their hind feet.
- (f) ...drooling and licking saliva all over their faces and bodies.
- (g) ...balance and support themselves while they sit or fight against other kangaroos.
- (h) ...pouch of their mother and eat, sleep and grow in it for the next 225 days.

**2. Read the passage given below:**

**(12 Marks)**

- 1 It is rare to find someone with a good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits – in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.
- 2 Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed e-mails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.
- 3 Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-thirds of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say." Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

**2.1 Answer the following questions briefly.**

**(2×4=8 marks)**

- (a) Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
- (b) How can communication skills be developed?
- (c) What according to the writer should be avoided while communicating?
- (d) Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous?

**2.2 Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given words from the options provided.**

**(1×4=4 marks)**

(a) evaluate (para 1)

(i) estimate

(iii) punish

(ii) assume

(iv) evolve

(b) trait (para 1)

(i) treaty

(iii) quality

(c) utter (para 2)

(i) flatter

(iii) rot

(d) haunt (para 2)

(i) hunt

(iii) trouble

(ii) trail

(iv) liberty

(ii) speak

(iv) unique

(ii) chant

(iv) avoid

- Ans. 2.1** (a) It is necessary to have good communication skills to get ahead in one's career.  
(b) Communication skills can be developed by listening and learning from each interaction and by observing great communicators.  
(c) One should avoid any communication when in an emotional state.  
(d) We should realize that all jokes are not funny and we should observe certain boundaries.
- 2.2** (a) (i) estimate      (b) (iii) quality      (c) (ii) speak      (d) (iii) trouble

**SECTION – B [WRITING AND GRAMMAR]**

**25 Marks**

- 3.** You had been to a tourist spot and were disappointed at the way the place was being maintained. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper on how places of tourist interest should be made tourist friendly. You are Maya/Mohan, 48 Court Road, Trichur. **(5 Marks)**

Or

Man has gained control over nature and animals. This has led to ecological imbalance. Write an article in 100-120 words on how this imbalance has affected the life of man. You are Maya/Mohan.

**Ans.** 48 Court Road

Trichur

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Dear Sir

**Subject:** Places of tourist interest should be made tourist-friendly

Through the columns of your esteemed daily, I want to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the pathetic condition of the tourist places. The tourist places are neglected by the local authorities. Piles of garbage lie here and there in such tourist places. The walls of some of the tourist places are in a dilapidated state. People engrave their names on the walls and don't shy in spitting the betel on the walls. I think a hefty fine should be imposed on such people. Our city has a vast potential to attract tourists. If the state Government and civic authorities pay attention to improve existing conditions and provide more facilities, it can attract tourists from within the country and also from abroad. The Government can install 3D, LED screens on the tourist spots highlighting its main features, history and culture. A handbook can also be issued to the visitors, specifying the historical background of the place. Hygienic food stalls should be installed near the spot at nominal rates. There should be more 3-4 star hotels for the ease of the people. If the authorities concerned wake up and take some tangible steps our country can earn the reputation of a great enviable tourist place.

Yours faithfully

Maya/Mohan

Or

### **Ecological Imbalance has affected Human Life**

by Maya

Man wants to be a master of everything. His lust for more and quest for power have resulted in the destruction of our planet earth. The ecological balance which is necessary for the sustenance of life has been totally shaking because of the unmindful activities of man. Industrialisation, urbanisation, deforestation and overexploitation of natural resources have destroyed our earth. Due to increasing environmental pollution there is global warming which is leading to the melting of the polar ice-caps. We are taking too much from our mother earth but in return, we are giving nothing. This has led to a total imbalance. There is scarcity of water, scarcity of resources and excessive pollution. It's time that man woke up and stop this destruction. We should plant more and more trees. We must check environmental pollution. We should try to make earth a beautiful place for everyone to stay on.

**4. Write a short story in 150–200 words on the basis of the hints provided: (10 Marks)**

Summer holidays had begun. Mohit was excited. His father had made arrangements for a trip to .....

Or

The trek was tiring. Karan and his friends climbed on till noon. On reaching the camp they realised that .....

**Ans.** Mohit's father had made arrangements for a trip to Kanatal. Kanatal is a small, not much explored, destination near Nainital. He googled on the internet to find more about the place. He was excited to know that it snowed there during winter months. Though he had been to many places but he had never seen a snowfall. He was thinking it would be too much fun when his father called him up. He seemed to be very upset. His father told him that they would have to cancel the trip because an issue had cropped up in the office and it needed his immediate attention. Mohit became very sad. He had made all his plans about the activities he would do at Kanatal and the worst was he had told all his friends about the trip. He was sure they all would make fun of him. But he couldn't say anything. He quietly went inside his room and tried reading a book. But he couldn't concentrate. His winter break had started so he didn't have to go to school all these days. He was upset but he decided to do something great in these holidays. He thought of joining some painting classes. Within ten days he could paint really well. He was happy that he was able to pursue his passion and was able to create wonderful pieces of art. Soon, Mohit had his exams and after that he had his holidays again. This time they were able to materialise their plan of going to Kanatal. Mohit painted wonderful pictures of the place.

Or

On reaching the camp they realised that two of their group members were missing. They looked down but couldn't see anyone. They tried to contact them on their cellphones but couldn't connect. The weather was rough and it seemed it would snow soon. A cold and ferocious wind was blowing. Karan and his friends were worried about their friends. They called for them. At last Karan decided that they couldn't let their friends get into trouble. So, he decided to go back to the place where he had last seen them. His friends didn't support his idea because a spine chilling wind was blowing. But Karan had made up his mind. He took a few essential things and starting descending down. He went down a few feet when it started to snow. Karan found a foothold on a large rock and kept his foot firmly there. It snowed for fifteen minutes and after that the sky was clear. He got down and saw his friends stuck up at the lower base. They couldn't move further because they were tired and lack of oxygen on the higher level had made them feel sick. Karan helped them by giving them some energy drinks. They then resumed their journey and by evening they reached the camp. All the friends praised Karan for his help and they had real fun at the camp that night.

5. Fill in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1×3=3 Marks)

Marita read the newspaper sitting (a) ..... the library. She read about a woman (b) ..... had climbed Mt. Everest. Marita said, "May be, one day I (c) ..... climb it too."

- (a) (i) the (ii) in (iii) along (iv) on  
 (b) (i) which (ii) whose (iii) who (iv) she  
 (c) (i) is (ii) was (iii) are (iv) shall

Ans. (a) (ii) (b) (iii) (c) (iv)

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

(½×8=4 Marks)

	Error	Correction
	of	<u>in</u>
If there is a perfect mountain valley of the world,	.....	.....
(a) It is certainly the magnificence valley of Kashmir.	.....	.....
(b) It is surrounded by a snow-capped, lofty	.....	.....
(c) mountains which make it a land for springs	.....	.....
(d) and beautiful lakes. For the past hundred	.....	.....
(e) of years the beauty of Kashmir have held the	.....	.....
(f) visitors spellbound. Srinagar, the chief cities	.....	.....
(g) of the valley or the summer capital of	.....	.....
(h) Jammu and Kashmir lying on the banks of the river Jhelum.	.....	.....

Ans. Incorrect Correction

- (a) magnificence magnificent  
 (b) a the  
 (c) for of  
 (d) hundred hundreds  
 (e) have has  
 (f) cities city  
 (g) or and  
 (h) lying lies

7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (1×3=3 Marks)

Nathen : I could not call my English tutor.

Mother : Have you cancelled today's class?

Nathen : His phone is dead and there is no other way to contact him.

Nathen told his mother that (a) ..... . Mother asked him whether (b) ..... . Nathen replied that (c) ..... way to contact him.

- Ans. (a) he couldn't call his English tutor.  
 (b) he had cancelled that day's class.  
 (c) his phone was dead and there was no other way to contact him.

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:****(1×3=3 Marks)**

*He holds him with his glittering eye—  
The Wedding—Guest stood still,  
And listens like a three years' child:  
The Mariner hath his will.*

- Why did the mariner hold back the wedding guest?
- Why was the wedding guest unable to move?
- What does the word, 'glittering' mean?

Or

*On the roof, Sebastian looked round, and glanced at his watch nervously. 'It should be here by now.'*

- Which game was Michael playing?
- Why was Sebastian nervous?
- What does the word, 'nervously' mean?

- Ans.** (a) The Mariner held back the wedding guest because he wanted to share his woeful tale with him.  
(b) The wedding guest was unable to move because the Mariner had hypnotised him with his shiny black eyes.  
(c) The word 'glittering' means 'shining'.

Or

- Michael was playing the 'JAILBREAK' video game.
- Sebastian was nervous because if Michael wouldn't win the game he would get stuck in the world of video games forever.
- The word 'nervously' means 'anxiously'.

**9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each.****(2×4=8 Marks)**

- On what conditions was Antony allowed to speak on Caesar's funeral?
- What contradictory thoughts did the poet have on seeing the snake?
- What advice had Mr Pakrashi given to Patol Babu?
- How had Sebastian entered the games Michael later on bought?
- How did 'The Writer's Inspiration Bureau' function?

- Ans.** (a) Antony was given permission to speak at Caesar's funeral on some conditions—The first condition was, Brutus would speak first and would explain the reason of Caesar's death. The second one, Antony will only speak about Caesar and the third, he would not say any single word against the conspirators.  
(b) The poet felt honoured to have a snake come to his house and seek his hospitality. He admired the majestic beauty of the snake, but the voices of education and social conventions made the poet think that the golden brown poisonous snake must be killed and that, as a brave man, he must undertake the task of killing the snake.  
(c) Mr Pakrashi said once, "Patol, however small a part you're offered, never consider it beneath your dignity to accept it. As an artist your aim should be to make the most of your opportunity and squeeze the last drop of meaning out of your lines."  
(d) Sebastian, at the time of accident, was using his laptop to play one of the same psycho-games that Michael possessed. Sebastian had been plugged into the computer when he banged his head in the accident and the computer had saved his memory in its own and through all the games that Michael played he had been unwillingly drawn into retrieving that memory.  
(e) The members of the 'Writer's Inspiration Bureau' would scout around any writer who was without ideas and with a mind soft enough to accept an impression. They would refer the case to their head-office and one of the ghosts would be assigned the case. A study report was then filed when the case was satisfactorily attended to.

**10. Answer the following in 80-100 words.**

**(4 Marks)**

Describe how Shelley brings out the futility of power and riches in the poem, 'Ozymandias'.

Or

The poem, 'Snake' reminds us of the fact that animals too have a right to life which we have no right to deny them. Describe how man should co-exist with nature and its creatures for ecological balance.

**Ans.** By describing the broken statue, expressions of Ozymandias and vastness of sands, the poet brings out man's destiny and time's power. Ozymandias was a cruel king and wanted to be immortal through a statue. But time, a great leveller and destroyer, taught him a bitter lesson. The poem leads one to the conclusion that human endeavour is permanent and fame and power are as fleeting as the human body. Nothing remains except for a great work of art.

Or

The poem 'Snake' is a narrative and has a very interesting message. He is fascinated by the beauty of the snake which came to his garden to drink water. The poet likes its majesty but his inner voices tell him to kill the snake and he threw a log of wood at the snake. He later repents his cowardly act. So, all the creations of nature are beautiful. They have every right to live on the earth. It is not the animals which are a threat to humans but it's the human beings who are a threat to animals. Killing them for fun or for luxury is a crime. We should admire the beauty of the animal and conserve them also.

**11. Attempt the following in 150-200 words.**

**(10 Marks)**

How did the residents of the annexe react to the good news of the invasion by the Allies?

Or

Describe Albert Dussel as he appears in Anne Frank's diary.

Or

What does Helen say about her association with Alexander Graham Bell ?

Or

Describe Merton S. Keith as he appears in Helen Keller's, 'The Story of My Life.'

**Ans.** On 6 June 1944, the BBC announced that the Allied Invasion of France had begun. The residents of the Annexe were very excited. Anne, who had turned fifteen by then, wrote that the liberation was going splendidly. Her mood improved and she had started thinking positively. There was a great commotion in the Annexe. Everyone talked about the war but they were not able to know anything. They said, 'Where there is hope, there's life.' It made them brave and strong again. Margot said that they might go to school in September or October. They realised that it was then a matter of remaining calm and steadfast, gritting their teeth and keeping a stiff upper lip about it as the British do.

Or

Albert Dussel is a dentist and an acquaintance of the Franks. He is also one of the inmates in the Annexe. His real name is Fritz Pfeffer, but Anne calls him Mr Dussel in her diary. Anne is not on good terms with him. She finds Mr Dussel difficult to deal with because he shares a room with her. Anne does not like his odd personal hygiene habits, pedantic lectures and controlling tendencies. Mr Dussel is separated from his wife who was a Christian. Being a Christian she does not go into hiding.

Or

Helen Keller held Dr Alexander Graham Bell in high esteem for his tender disposition. As a child, Helen felt the tenderness and sympathy for Dr Bell. He was a wonderful person with wonderful achievements. He has been admired by all. 'The Story of My Life' is dedicated to him. Keller met him first when she was six years old. She was brought to him by her parents for advice on how to teach her. Dr Bell guided them to contact the Perkins Institution

for the Blind. They followed his advice. There was a good bond of friendship between Dr Bell and Helen Keller. He remained a friend to Anne Sullivan also. He accompanied them on a trip to the World's Fair. Dr Bell made Helen understand how it was possible to send a message on wires that mock space and outrun time. Along with being a great inventor, Dr Bell had a humorous and poetic side too. His dominating passion was his love for children. He was never quite as happy as when he had a little deaf child in his arms.

Or

Mr Keith was Keller's mathematics instructor at the Cambridge school for Young Ladies. He was the best mathematics instructor at the school. He made Keller understand the subject. She truly understood the subject. When Keller withdrew from the Cambridge School for Young Ladies, Keith continued to teach her mathematics as a private teacher. Keller describes him as 'always gentle and forbearing, no matter how dull I might be, and believe me, my stupidity would often have exhausted the patience of job.' Mr Keith succeeded in whittling problems small enough to get through her brain. He kept her mind alert and eager. He trained her to reason clearly. Keller could conclude logically with his help. He was always gentle and forbearing.

## **Set-II — UNCOMMON QUESTIONS TO SET-I**

### **4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided: (10 Marks)**

*It was raining heavily. Karthik was all alone at home. The sound of thunder frightened him .....*

Or

*We were playing football on the lawn. The ball hit a neighbour's window and broke the glass pane .....*

**Ans.** He switched on the TV to entertain himself and divert his mind but the sound of thunder still disturbed him. He didn't know what to do to keep himself busy. He was hungry too. So, he went to the refrigerator to find something to eat. He found some bread in the fridge. He thought of making a sandwich. He took out some vegetables, some butter and some cheese. He mixed the ingredients and made a grilled sandwich. He knew how to make coffee so he made a cup of coffee for himself and started eating. He had barely eaten half of the sandwich when he heard a knock at the door. He was scared to death. "Who would knock the door in such a heavy rain?" Who could be there?" He peeped through the peep hole. He could see two boys standing but couldn't recognize them. He opened the door and found his best friends Rahul and Rohan outside. Actually their parents were going out together for some work so they requested their parents to drop them at Karthik's house. What else could Karthik ask for that day! He was very happy to see them. He took them inside and they had a lot of fun. They made sandwiches and coffee and enjoyed them while watching TV. They then played games and chatted for long. Then they heard a door bell. It was Karthik's parents. What a wonderful day it was for Karthik!

Or

We all ran to hide ourselves but in vain. The neighbour stayed all alone. He never interacted with anyone and remained to himself. He always wore a stern look on his face. The boys were terrified when he called them inside the house. No one had ever seen his house before because he never let anyone in. Somehow, the boys gathered their courage and went inside. They all said sorry and promised never to play football again. The man said nothing but gestured them to sit. They all sat on the sofa giving worried looks to each other. The man brought some chocolates for them. They were all surprised. He said that he loved seeing them play so they should keep playing. We learnt that he lost the lone member left of his family, his younger brother, last month only. He was suffering from cancer and he loved playing football. Tears welled up in his eyes and we realized how lonely he was. So, we decided to make him our best buddy. We were all friends from that day. He started playing with us and often treated with our favourite things. It was a blissful feeling to have him around.

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**(1×3=3 Marks)**

*"Ah! well a-day! what evil looks  
Had I from old and young!  
Instead of the cross, the Albatross  
About my neck was hung."*

- (a) Who is the speaker in these lines?
- (b) Why did others give him evil looks?
- (c) What does the word 'evil' mean?

Or

*When we got them, I remember some of them were not new. Anyway, back at home, I launched myself off into the first of the games.*

- (a) Who is the speaker?
- (b) What did the speaker get?
- (c) What does the word 'launched' mean?

- Ans.** (a) The speaker is the Ancient Mariner.  
(b) The other mariners gave him evil looks because he had killed the innocent Albatross.  
(c) The word 'evil' means 'wicked'.

Or

- (a) The speaker is Michael.
- (b) He got some psychodrive video games.
- (c) The word 'launched' here means 'got involved'.

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

**(2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) Which was 'the most unkindest cut' of all? Why was it called so?
- (b) How does the poet describe the snake while he was drinking water?
- (c) Why does Sosanko say that Patol Babu was a lucky actor?
- (d) Why was the first game complicated for Michael?
- (e) Why had John forgotten about Lavinia's message?

- Ans.** (a) The most unkindest of the cut was the cut given by Brutus. Caesar loved Brutus a lot. He could never think that Brutus could also be one of the conspirators.  
(b) The snake rested his throat on the stone bottom and sipped water from his long slack body. After drinking water, he raised his head just like the cattle do and flashed his forked tongue, thought for a moment and then bent down to drink some more water.  
(c) Sosanko said that Patol Babu was a lucky actor because he was the only actor that particular day who had got a speaking part. Even the lead actor Chanchal Kumar had not got any lines to speak. Patol Babu had also got a chance to work with Barren Mullick who was the famous director of the times.  
(d) The first game was complicated for Michael. Michael played the role of Sherrif Dawson who was challenged by Black eyed JED. The game became more complicated with the entry of the second Sherrif. The second Sherrif asked Michael to help him get out of the scene.  
(e) John forgot about Lavinia's message because he was looking for some lost receipts at office which preoccupied his mind. The message sent by Lavinia was given to him by one of the clerks but it filtered through the back of his brain because of his busy day at the office.

**4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided:**

**(10 Marks)**

*Mr Sharma left office early. He had promised to take his family out. When he reached home .....*

Or

*Sruthi heard a mewing sound outside the door. On opening the door she saw a small cat drenched in the rain .....*

**Ans.** Mr. Sharma reached home at 6:00 pm in the evening. He was happy that at last he would be able to spare sometime for his family members who actually deserved all his love and attention but unluckily he was unable to provide all that love to them. But destiny has its own plans. When he reached home he got to know that his younger son had hurt himself while playing. He was taken to the doctor and the doctor said that he had a fracture in his legs and needed to rest for a month. The boy, who was always very enthusiastic and restless, had to restrict himself to the bed. What else could be more tormenting for the boy. Mr. Sharma was really broken to see the little boy shattered and raddled but he didn't want to show him his sadness. But, he was sure of one thing that he would not let the boy get discouraged. He requested his boss to allow him to work from home for some days. Understanding how much the child needed his father, the boss agreed. Mr. Sharma started getting up early to finish off his major chunk of work before his son would get up. He spent most of the time watching TV with the boy, reading stories to him and telling silly jokes to make him laugh. The month passed away quickly and it was time for the boy to get his plaster removed, but the boy was rather sad as he knew he would not get enough time to spend with his father as they both will be back to their jobs. But Mr Sharma assured him that he would spend some quality time with him daily. The boy was happy and cheerful. Mr Sharma realized how much his loved ones needed him and loved him.

Or

The little creature mewed softly and looked at Sruthi as if requesting her to let her in. Sruthi disliked cats but somehow the eyes of the cat were so compelling that she took it in her arms and let her in. Sruthi gave her some milk and then put an old blanket on her. The cat felt cozy and soon slept. Sruthi got busy in the household work soon. Her children came back and were excited to find a little cat sleeping in the house. They wanted it to get up so that they could play with it. Their wish was answered as the little cat soon got up and the kids were all excited to play with it. Sruthi kept telling them to have their lunch first and then play but who would listen. After sometime both the cat and her kids were exhausted. They had their lunch and the cat also got her share of food. Sruthi wanted the cat to be out of the house soon as she wasn't very fond of the pets but the kids wouldn't let it go. Even Sruthi was feeling a special love for it as it had lovely eyes and beautiful soft fur. She opened the door to let the cat out but it kept on looking at Sruthi. The kids insisted that they should have it as their pet and at last Sruthi agreed and they had a new member added to their house.

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**

**(1×3=3 Marks)**

*"In mist or cloud, on mast or shroud,  
It perched for vespers nine;  
Whiles all the night, through fog-smoke white,  
Glimmered the white moonshine."*

- Where were the mariners?
- Who is the 'It' referred to in these lines?
- What does 'vespers nine' mean?

Or

*Stupid question. With the help of a skeleton swipe-card, we were soon out of the cell and racing down corridors.*

- (a) What was the *stupid question*?
- (b) What is a *'skeleton swipe-card'*?
- (c) Which game was Michael playing?

- Ans.** (a) The mariners were in the land of mist and snow.  
(b) 'It' refers to the Albatross in these lines.  
(c) 'Vespers nine' means a time for the evening prayers.

Or

- (a) The stupid question asked by Sebastian was if Michael would help him.
- (b) 'A skeleton swipe-card' is a plastic card on which data are stored magnetically and that can be read by an electronic reading device.
- (c) Michael was playing the JAILBREAK game.

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

**(2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) How did the Roman mob react to Antony's speech?
- (b) Why does the poet feel that he had done a petty act? (Snake)
- (c) Why had Nishikanto Ghosh come to Patol Babu's house?
- (d) What was the aim of the game, 'Dragon Quest'?
- (e) What does the ghost mean when it says, "It's all your fault"?

- Ans.** (a) When Antony revealed the contents of Caesar's will, which divided his wealth among the people of Rome, they resolved to kill Brutus and the other conspirators. Antony whipped the mob into a frenzy. Mark Antony turned the mob against Caesar's assassins with his marvellous speech.
- (b) The poet felt that he had done a petty act because he had thrown a log of wood at the snake without any provocation. There was a battle between the mind and the heart and his mind told him to kill the snake. Though immediately after the act, he was filled with self-loathe because of his mean act.
- (c) Nishikanto Ghosh came to tell Patol Babu that he had met his youngest brother-in-law in Netaji Pharmacy the previous day. He was in the film business and worked in the production department. He was looking for an actor for a scene in a film they were shooting. Nishikanto said that he had given his brother-in-law Patol Babu's address. He thought that Patol Babu was fit for the character they needed for their film.
- (d) The second game that Michael played was 'Dragon Quest'. In this game, Michael was a knight who had to rescue a princess from a dragon. When Michael reached the tower where the princess had been imprisoned, he saw another knight there. Michael at once knew that he was Sebastian Shultz of the previous game. During the game, the two talked to each other and helped each other in fighting the dragon. Thus, the second game seemed very real.
- (e) The ghost said so because she had told the author to ask his friends and relatives not to use Ouija boards but the author's wife had an Ouija board party at her home and the author also had to participate in the party. This annoyed the ghost and as a revenge she reflected the word traitor and the name of the author. This all led to a fight between the author and his wife and the ghost said that it was all his fault.