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ENGLISH

[Maximum Marks : 80]

Time : 3 Hours]

Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

The other day we heard someone smilingly refer to poets as dreamers.

No, it is accurate to refer to poets as dreamers but it is not discerning to infer as this person did, that the dreams of poets are just as practical as people who build bridges, or look into microscopes are

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just as close to reality and truth. Where they differ from the logician and the scientist is in the temporal sense alone; they are ahead of their time, whereas logicians and scientists are abreast of their time. We must not be superficial that we fail to discern the practicableness of dreams. Dreams are the sun rise streamers heralding a new day of scientific progress another forward surge. Every forward step man takes in any field of life is first taken along the dreaming paths of imaginations. Robert Foulton did not discover his steam boat with full steam up, straining at a hawser at some Hudson river dock, first he dreamed the steam boat and then scientific wisdom converted a picture in the mind into a reality of steel and wood. It is how most of the inventions and discoveries first cropped-up as a dream in the mind and then shaped into reality.

The automobile was not dug out of the ground like a nugget of gold; first men dreamed the automobile and afterwards, the practical minded engineers caught up with what had been created by winging fantasy. He who looks deeply with a seeing eye into the poetry of yesterday finds there all-the cold scientific magic of today and much we shall not enjoy until some tomorrow. If the poet does not dream so clearly that blue print of this vision can immediately be drawn and the practical conversions immediately effected, he must not for that reason be smiled upon as merely the mental host for a sort of harmless madness. For the poet, like the engineer, is a specialist. His being turned to the life to tomorrow, cannot be turned simultaneously to the life of today. To the scientist he says, "Here, I give you a flash of the future." The wise scientist thanks him and takes that flash of the future and makes it over into the fibre of today. So in a way poets

and researchers and scientists are complementary to each other. One weaves dreams with threads of gold and silver fascinating people to carve for it and the scientists pick up the dreamy vision and brings out the stuff in reality to the utmost fun, joy and satisfaction of many.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

Although, tigers are in the news, many of them are still webbed into man-animal conflicts. There is only one way to stop poaching and that is to ensure that the poor tribals, who hunt the tigers, are able to make living by other means. Once poaching stops, illegal trade in tiger skin, bones and other parts will become impossible for the rich mafia that runs the racket in the world's smuggling capitals. Also, tigers are losing their habitat because people are destroying their forests—from

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felling trees for firewood or timber to large-scale destruction for mining, industries, roads or buildings. There should be strict policies that forbid giving away lush tiger forests in the name of development.

But, what about villagers who depend upon forests ? Today, most of us may live in big cities, but even these big cities were once built by cutting down forests. To protect our forests, we must help these villagers earn a decent livelihood. India's tiger tourism should help most of them get jobs around the forests.

In India, forests are the source of 300 rivers and perennial streams. Forest cover is essential for attracting rainfall and preventing soil erosion. If forests are destroyed, it will affect the food we grow and the water we drink. Therefore, protecting forests must be a priority. Finally, we have to accept that wild animals do not understand the

boundaries, we set for them. Cats are territorial and as they grow up, need their own unique space. So if there are tigers in a forest, they will move out every now and then to create their own territories. We have to build and connect our forests for the such wandering tigers. Otherwise, tigers straying into villages will continue to be killed out of fear.

All of this is not as difficult as it may sound. Compared to the west, India's population density has always been very high. We have traditionally shared space with many species of wild carnivores in India, and only one of them—the Cheetah—is so far extinct mainly for this reason. In the west almost all big carnivores species are lost. Tigers survived in India because of our traditional tolerance. Tigers still have a great chance if we live up to that tradition.

Questions :

(i) Why are wild animals like tigers losing their habitat ?

(ii) To protect our forests, we must help the villagers

(Complete it)

(iii) Which word in the passage means—to kill animals illegally.

(iv) Which animal in India is almost extinct now ?

(A) Deer

(B) Tigers

(C) Cheetah

(D) Hippopotamus

(v) Most animals like Tiger straying into villages are killed out of

- (A) Revenge
- (B) Sympathy
- (C) Fear
- (D) Fun

(vi) What does it mean we say, "Tigers are territorial" ?

(vii) What measures should be taken to stop poaching ?

(viii) What will happen if forests are destroyed ?

(ix) In 'decent livelihood' the word 'decent' is a :

- (A) Noun
- (B) Verb
- (C) Adjective
- (D) Adverb

(x) Forest cover is essential for rainfalls and preventing soil erosion.

(True/False)

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Section-B**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. As a Student Cultural Secretary, write a notice, to be pasted on school Notice Board, inviting names of the participants in inter-school debate contest next week. Mention the topic also. **(30–50 words)**

Or

As the Principal of a public school, draft an advertisement for the post of a music teacher on adhoc basis. Mention the age, qualification and experience, etc. for it. **(30–50 words)**

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4. The road leading to your school is very congested and full of potholes. Students and parents are after caught in traffic jams as a part of the road is also narrowed by the Rehri Cart Vendors etc. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper calling the attention of the Chief Engineer, traffic police and municipality for the redressal of the problem. **(120–150 words)**

Or

As a responsible habitant of the locality you live in, write a letter to the Superintendent Engineer of power and electricity department requesting him to save the student community, preparing for the exams, from the problem of abrupt, unscheduled and long power cuts in the locality which is telling upon their physical as well as mental health. (120–150 words)

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5. Write an e-Mail to your cousin congratulating him on securing M.B.B.S. seat by clearing the Entrance Examination. (50–80 words)

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6. As the Student Editor of your school magazine, write an article on "Hazards and Evils of eating too much junk food by the modern youth, especially the students".

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Or

On the eve of Annual Day Celebration, your school held a 'Blood Donation Camp' in collaboration with the medical college. Write a report of the event for the local newspaper.

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Read the following passage and edit it, picking errors and mistakes etc. :

As soon as I reached home, it ~~start~~ rains heavily. I was pleased for ~~reach~~ home safe and unwet. My mother asked me if I ~~will~~ like a cup of hot tea. "Why not", I said quickly and sat ^{on} ~~to~~ a near by chair. "What would you ~~liked~~ with tea ?" she asked me. I ~~only~~ smiled and said, "Anything ~~would~~ do. Better, if you will serve me ~~with~~ cakes and rusks, father brought yesterday." She smiled and nodded ~~his~~ head in positive. You see a hot cup of tea with some ~~snacs~~ is a wonderful idea.

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(Literature)

8. (a) Read the following extract from a poem and answer the question

given at the end :

All three stood still to smile through their hair

At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,

My mother's, that was before I was born

And the sea, which appears to have changed less

Washed their terribly transient feet.

Questions :

- (i) Who are 'All three' mentioned by the poet ?
- (ii) Where was poet's mother standing and why ?
- (iii) Why are girl's feet called, 'terribly transient' ?
- (iv) How did poet's mother look at that time ?

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(b) Answer any two of the following questions in **40–50** words each :

(i) What does the phrase 'strange to tell' mean ?

(The Voice of the Rain)

(ii) What is the bird's movement compared to and what is the basis for this comparison ?

(The Laburnum Top)

(iii) Pick out a few instances of humour and irony in the poem

'The Tale of Melon City'. <https://www.jkboseonline.com> **3×2=6**

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions in **40–50** words each :

(i) How do we come to know that the author's grandmother was a religious person ?

(The Portrait of a Lady)

(ii) What do you understand by the terms (a) outsider art (b) art brut

(c) raw art ?

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(iii) How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted?
(The Ailing Planet)

Explain briefly

(iv) Why was the author disappointed with Darchen ?

(The Silk Road)

(v) Why do you think Professor Gaitonde decided never to preside
over meeting again ?

(The Adventure)

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10. Answer the following question in 150–200 words :

'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war.

Comment.

Or

There lies a great difference between text-book medicine and the world of a practicing physician. Discuss in the light of A.J. Cronin's 'Birth'.

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11. Answer the following question in **120-150** words :

Write the brief character sketch of 'Mrs. Annie Pearson'.

Or

Justify the title of the play "Mother's Day".

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