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Time : 3 Hrs.]

[Max. Marks : 100

- Note :** (i) This paper is divided into three Sections – A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.
(ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
(iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section – A (Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (A) Tandem felt a little nervous as he entered the school gates. He was going back to his old school after twenty years and it was a very strange experience!

He crossed the school yard and walked towards the main entrance. He paused for a moment to examine the building. He could see his old classroom on the first floor. It had a broken window. "It always had broken windows!" he thought.

- (B) Tandem pushed open the door and went in. It was exactly as he remembered it. The headmaster's study was on the left; the main staffroom was on the right. While he was standing there, the door of the staffroom opened and two teachers came out. He caught a glimpse of the room inside. There were teachers standing near the fire, talking. Others were reading or correcting homework. Then the door closed again.

- (C) Tandem decided to have a quick look round the school before calling on the headmaster. He passed classroom after classroom. When he came to his old classroom on the first floor, he paused for a moment. There was a lot of noise inside. "There was always a lot of noise!" he said to himself.

- (D) Next he came to the laboratories – physics, chemistry and biology. These were new. He could see the boys inside, busy with experiments. And finally he came to the library, where a few of the older boys were working quietly. It all seemed so peaceful!

- (E) Then a bell rang and within seconds the corridor was full of noisy boys, all shouting and laughing. They were like a great flood, almost carrying Tandem along with them. He was glad when he finally reached the door of the headmaster's study.

He knocked at the door and waited. "Come in!" a voice called out. The headmaster stood up to greet him as he went in. He was an old man now and Tandem hardly recognised him.

"Good afternoon, Tandem," the headmaster said. "So you're an inspector now! Well, quite a few boys come back to visit their old school, but no one has ever come back to inspect it before!"

- (a) Why was Tandem nervous ? 2
(b) Were all the teachers in the staffroom talking ? 2
(c) Were the boys in the library making any noise ? 2
(d) Why was it difficult for Tandem to recognize the headmaster ? 2

(e) Find one word from the paragraph that means the same as:

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- (i) quick look (Para B)
- (ii) trying to find something out (Para D)
- (iii) a lot of moving water (Para E)
- (iv) welcome (Para E)

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

Vegetarianism promotes a natural way of life. But despite its implicit message of universal love and non-violence, it has not spread, as it should have. This may be because it usually is an inward-looking habit and is best cultivated in the mind.

Leading a vegetarian way of life helps the animal kingdom to coexist with man. The animals supply milk, manure and energy. This has been central to the Indian culture for thousands of years. A vegetarian lifestyle is natural, multifaceted, and helps self-preservation in a healthy way. Food and health are closely related.

In India, a vegetarian is usually a lacto-vegetarian. In the Western world, vegetarians are subdivided as 'vegans' (pure vegetarians who do not take any food coming from the animal kingdom), 'lacto-vegetarians', who use dairy products of the vegetable kingdom and 'lacto-ovo-vegetarians'. The last category includes eggs, in addition to dairy products.

The western science of food considers food as something to sustain only the human body, whereas the Indian science considers food as something which sustains not only the body, but also maintains the purity of heart, mind and the soul. Thus an item of food which is injurious to the mind is not considered to be fit for consumption even if it is otherwise beneficial to the body or satisfies the taste. Indian food science does not give so much importance to protein or even to the balanced diet but it gives importance to food that increases the strength of the body.

Vegetarian foods provide an infinite variety of flavours, whereas non-vegetarian foods have hardly any taste of their own. In fact, non-vegetarian foods have to be seasoned with ingredients from the vegetable kingdom to make them palatable.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using heading and sub-heading. 5
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words using the notes made by you and also suggest a suitable title. 3

Section - B (Advanced Writing Skills)

3. You are Mohit/Manju. Your neighbour aged 74 is missing since yesterday. Write a notice to be published in a local daily newspaper under the 'Missing' section in about 50 words. 5

OR

Your school has decided to stage a play by Shakespeare for the annual day. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for the school notice board inviting students to assemble in the auditorium for auditions.

4. A number of stray animals keep on roaming on roads, causing injury to people and blocking traffic. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school newsletter on this menace. You are Shiv/Shivani of Modern School, Haldwani. 10

OR

You participated in a rally organised by an NGO to create awareness on the importance of planting trees. Write a report in 100-125 words to be published in the newspaper.

5. Write an application for the post of English Teacher advertised by Uttarakhand Public school, Dehradun. 10

OR

Write a letter of enquiry to the Chairman, Bus Transport Corporation, asking for details regarding availability of buses for school transport.

6. Write an article in about 150-200 words on the television programme you enjoyed most. 10

OR

You are Sohan/Soha. Write an article on the 'Joys of playing outdoor games' for the school magazine. Your article should contain 150-200 words.

Section - C (Literature)

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

I can't help owning the great relief it would be
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.
And then next day as I come back into the sane,
I wonder how I should like you to come to me
And offer to put me gently out of my pain.

- (a) Who are 'these people' ? 1
(b) What is their pain ? 1
(c) Is the poet expressing sympathy or anger in these lines ? 2

OR

Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor:
The tall girl with her weighed-down head. The paper seeming boy, with rat's eyes.

- (a) Why does the poet compare the children's faces to 'rootless weeds' ? 1
(b) Name the poet and the poem. 1
(c) Explain the first line of this extract. 2

8. Answer any **three** of the following questions in 30-40 words each : 3×2=6

- (a) What is the theme of the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ?
(b) List the things of beauty mentioned in the poem 'A thing of beauty'.
(c) Why has the mother been compared to the 'late winter's moon' ?
(d) What will counting upto twelve and keeping still help us achieve ?

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : 5×2=10

- (a) What caused the lack of communication between the Englishman and the people of Gemini studios ?
(b) Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of 25 percent refund to the farmers ?
(c) What are some of the positive views on interviews ?
(d) Where did the peddler get the idea of the world being a rattrap from ?
(e) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water ?

10. Answer the following question in 125-150 words : 10

"Sophie's dreams and disappointments are all in her mind". Discuss.

OR

How is Mukesh's attitude to his situation different from that of his family ?

11. Answer the following question in 125-150 words : 7
What kind of discrimination does Zitkala-Sa's experience depict ? How does she respond to her situation ?

OR

Why is Antarctica the place to go to, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?

12. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each : 4×2=8
- (a) What steps did Dr. Sadao take to get rid of the old man ?
 - (b) What is a first-day cover ?
 - (c) How did Mr. Lamb try to overcome feelings of loneliness and disappointment ?
 - (d) Did the Maharaja kill the hundredth tiger ? If not, who did ?
