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**2022**  
**ENGLISH**

Full marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions :**

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
  - ii) *The question paper consists of 14 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
  - iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*
  - iv) *Internal & general choice have been provided in some questions.*
- N.B:** *Check to ensure that all pages of the question paper is complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**SECTION – A (Literature)**

1. Answer **any five** of the following questions: **5×2=10**
  - (a) Whom does the soldier remember fondly from his childhood days and why ?
  - (b) What are the wants and desires of the youth in Liberia as expressed by Sirleaf ?
  - (c) “Sunshine girl”, everybody said and Susan smiled for she had understood where her shine came from. Where did Susan’s shine come from ?
  - (d) What did Red Chief do when he learn that the two kidnappers were planning to leave him behind ?
  - (e) What was the excuse Bill and Sam made up to convince the boy to go home ?
  - (f) What are the promises of EQ development ?
  
2. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 150 words : **.5**
  - (a) What kind of person was Jean- Victor ? What does his act of volunteering in place of the Duke tell you about him?
  - (b) What challenges did Susan face to follow her dreams and how did she learn to believe in herself?
  - (c) Define Emotional Intelligence. Explain the four factors of Emotional Intelligence.
  
3. Read the lines from the poem and answer **any two** questions that follow, i.e., any two from I, II, III, IV:

1. *If this be error, and upon me prov'd,  
I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd.*

- (a) What is the error the poet is referring to? 1
- (b) What would be the consequence if the poet is proved wrong? 1
- (c) Find one pair of rhyming words in the above extract. 1

II. *I am not yet born, rehearse me  
In the parts I must play and the cues I must take when  
Old men lecture me, bureaucrats hector me, mountains  
Frown at me, lovers laugh at me, the white  
Waves call me to folly and the desert calls  
Me to doom and the beggar refuses  
My gift and my children curse me.*

- (a) Who is the speaker here? 1
- (b) What does the speaker want to be rehearse on? 1
- (c) What does the line 'the white waves call me to folly and the desert calls me to doom' mean? 1

III. *Nor mouth had, no nor mind, expressed  
What heart heard of, ghost guessed:  
It is the blight man was born for,  
It is Margaret you mourn for.*

- (a) What has the heart heard that neither the mouth nor the mind can express? 1
- (b) What 'blight' was man born for? 1
- (c) Who, in reality, Margaret is mourning for? 1

IV. *Cannon to the right of them,  
Cannon to the left of them,  
Cannon behind them  
Volley'd and thunder'd.*

- (a) Describe the scene as evident in these lines. 1
- (b) What did the soldiers do despite being attacked by cannon from all sides? 1
- (c) What according to the poet, did the world do? 1

4. Elucidate the central theme of the poem, 'Spring and Fall'.

Or

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Even after realizing that their commander had 'blundered', the soldiers kept charging forward. Write a note on the soldiers as portrayed in the poem, 'The Charge of the Light Brigade'.

5. *Moreover he hath left you all his walks,  
His private arbours and new-planted orchards,  
On this side Tiber, he hath left them you,  
And to your heirs forever, Common pleasures,  
To walk abroad, and recreate yourselves. Here  
was a Caesar! When comes such another?*

*(Answer)*

- (a) Who is reading the will and to whom? 1
- (b) What does Caesar's will say? 2
- (c) Explain the line, 'Here was a Caesar! When comes such another?' 2

**Or**

Write the character sketch of Mark Antony. 5

6. Answer any two of the following questions in about 150 words : 5×2=10

- (a) Give a detailed character sketch of Mr. Hiram Otis.
- (b) How did the Otis family react when the ghost first appeared?
- (c) The Canterville Ghost is a simple ghost story. Would you agree with this statement or do you think that the story has different aspects to it. Substantiate your answer with reasons.

**SECTION – B (Reading)**

7. Air pollution is an issue which concerns us all alike. One can willingly choose or reject a food, a drink or a life comfort, but unfortunately there is little choice for the air we breathe. All, what is there in the air is inhaled by one and all living in those surroundings. (Air pollutant is defined as a substance which is present while normally it is not there or present in an amount exceeding the normal concentrations.) It could either be gaseous or a particulate matter. The important and harmful polluting gases are carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ozone and oxides of sulphur and nitrogen. The common particulate pollutants are the dusts of various inorganic or organic origins. Although we often talk of the outdoor air pollution caused by industrial and vehicular exhausts, the indoor pollution may prove to be as or a more important cause of health problems.

Recognition of air pollution is relatively recent. It is not uncommon to experience a feeling of 'suffocation' in a closed environment. It is often ascribed to the lack of oxygen. Fortunately, however, the composition of air is remarkably constant all over the world. There is about 79 percent nitrogen and 21 percent oxygen in the air, the other gases forming a very small fraction. It is true that carbon dioxide exhaled out of lungs may accumulate in a closed and overcrowded place. But such an increase is usually small and temporary unless the room is really airtight. Exposure to poisonous gases such as carbon monoxide may occur in a closed room, heated by burning coal inside. This may also prove to be fatal.

What is more common in a poor ventilated home is a vague constellation of symptoms described as the sick building syndrome. It is characterized by a general feeling of malaise, headache, dizziness and irritation of mucous membranes. It may also be accompanied by nausea, itching, aches, pains and depression. Sick building syndrome is getting commoner in big cities with small houses, which are generally over furnished. Some of the important pollutants whose indoor concentrations exceed those of the outdoors include gases such as carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, oxides of nitrogen and organic substances like spores, formaldehydes, hydrocarbon aerosols and allergens. The sources are attributed to a variety of construction materials, insulations, furnishings, adhesives, cosmetics, house dusts, fungi and other indoor products.

By-products of fuel combustion are important in houses with indoor kitchens. It is not only the burning of dried dung and fuel wood which is responsible, but also kerosene and liquid petroleum gas. Oxides of both nitrogen and sulphur are released from their combustion. Smoking of tobacco in the closed environment is an important source of indoor pollution. It may not be high quantitatively, but significantly hazardous for health. It is because of the fact that there are over 3,000 chemical constituents in tobacco smoke, which have been identified. These are harmful for human health.

Micro-organisms and allergens are of special significance in the causation and spread of diseases. Most of the infective illness may involve more persons of a family living in common indoor environment. These include viral and bacterial diseases like tuberculosis. Besides infections, allergic and hypersensitivity disorders are spreading fast. Although asthma is the most common form of respiratory allergic disorders, pneumonia are not uncommon, but more persistent and serious. These are attributed to exposures to allergens from various fungi, moulds and other organic materials. Indoor air ventilation systems, coolers, air conditioners, dampness, decay, pet animals, production and handling of the causative items are responsible for these hyper-sensitivity diseases.

Obviously, the spectrum of pollution is very wide and our options are limited. Indoor pollution may be handled relatively easily by an individual. Moreover, the good work must start from one's own house.

- I. (a) What are air pollutants ? 1
  - (b) How is indoor smoking very hazardous ? 1
  - (c) What is sick building syndrome ? How is it increasing ? 2
  - (d) In what form are the air pollutants present ? 2
- II. Give the synonyms of the words from the passage : 2×1=2
- (a) gather
  - (b) humidity

8. Read the following passage and prepare notes on the contents of the passage and summarize in about 80 words using the notes that you have made : 4+3=7

Happy is the man who acquires the habit of reading when he is young. He has secured a life long source of pleasure, instruction and inspiration. So long as he has his beloved books, he need never feel lonely. He always has a pleasant occupation of leisure moment, so that he need never feel bored. He is the possessor of wealth more precious than gold. Ruskin calls books, 'Kings' Treasures'-treasures filled not with gold and silver and precious stones, but with riches more valuable than these-knowledge, noble thoughts and high ideals. Poor indeed is the man who does not read, and empty is his life.

The blessings which the reading habit confers on its possessor are many. Provided we choose the right kind of books, reading gives the highest kind of pleasure. Some books we read simply for pleasure and amusement-for example, good novels as novels and books of imagination must have their place in everybody's reading. When we are tired or the brain is weary with serious study, it is a healthy recreation to lose ourselves in some absorbing story written by a master hand. However, to read nothing but (books of fiction is like eating nothing but cakes and sweetmeats) As we need plain, wholesome food for the body, so we must have serious reading for the mind. (We can choose the reading according to our taste. There are many noble books on history, biography, philosophy, religion, travel and science which we ought to read and which will give us not only pleasure but education) We can also develop the taste for serious reading so that in the end it will give us more solid pleasure than even novels and books of fiction.

Poetry should not be neglected either for the best poetry gives us noble thoughts and beautiful imaginings clothed in lovely and musical language. Books are the most faithful of friends. Our friends may change or die; but our books are always patiently waiting to talk to us. They are never cross, peevish or unwilling to converse as our friends sometimes are. No wonder a reader becomes a "book-lover".

### SECTION – C (Writing)

9. You are Michael Konyak. You have passed your HSSLC examination and you are looking for an admission in St. Peter's College Dimapur. Given below is the aforementioned college form. Fill in all the necessary details.

#### Section – I

Applicant's Details

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address \_\_\_\_\_

Nation of citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Contact no \_\_\_\_\_

**Section- II**

HSSLC Details  
 School last attended \_\_\_\_\_  
 Stream \_\_\_\_\_  
 Pass Percentage \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subjects \_\_\_\_\_

**Or**

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Read the conversation between Jayden and Mrs. Martha. Jayden had to go out for a football match and so, he left a message for his mom. Write the message in about 50 words.

Mrs Martha: This is Mrs Martha. Could I speak to Mrs Roseline ?

Jayden: Sorry! Mom is not at home.

Mrs Martha: Are you her son Jayden ?

Jayden: Ye aunty, can I take a message for mom ?

Mrs Martha: Please tell your mom that she is invited to a tea party at 4 pm tomorrow at Heritage Café. Some other friends will also be there. At the party, there will be a talk by the noted writer Arundhati Roy.

Jayden: Ok aunty, anything else ?

Mrs .Martha: Yes, please tell your mom that I will come and pick her up.

Jayden: Yes aunty. I will convey your message.

- 10. You are Aron / Angel, the school captain of Spring Valley School, Phek. Your school is observing the 32<sup>nd</sup> National Road Safety Week and you are asked to deliver a speech in the morning assembly to create awareness about road safety and the danger of rash and reckless driving. Write the speech in about 200 words.

**Or**

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Write an article in about 150- 200 words on the topic, 'The Importance of Career Guidance'.

- 11. You saw an advertisement in the local daily newspaper and wish to apply for the post advertised. Write a job application with a covering letter. Give your essential details in a CV. Sign your name as Justin/Emily.

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**SALES MANAGER WANTED**

Candidate should be 25-30 years of age, should be a graduate with at least 2 years of experience as assistant or sales manager, must be fluent in English, with good communication skills and have sound computer knowledge.  
 Apply to the CEO Puma Showroom, Kohima-797001

**SECTION – D (Grammar)**

12. Rewrite the following as directed : 3×1=3

- a. I was sleeping on the couch. The telephone rang. (Combine the sentence using Past Perfect Continuous Tense)
- b. He \_\_\_\_\_ (spend) most of his time playing game. ( Present Perfect Tense)
- c. I \_\_\_\_\_ (work) on my assignment for a while. ( Future Continuous Tense)

13. Write the meaning of the following idioms and phrases and make sentences of your own: 3×1=3

- a. Be in high spirits
- b. Cross the bridge when you come to it
- c. Stick to one's guns

14. Fill in the blanks with correct modals: 4×1=4

- a. He \_\_\_ speak five languages, including French.
- b. I looked everywhere for my glasses but I \_\_\_ find them anywhere.
- c. I \_\_\_ like to see the owner .
- d. This is impossible, it \_\_\_\_\_ be a mistake.

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