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Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH LANGUAGE-II

Subject Code

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Total No. of Questions : 8

(Printed Pages : 6)

Maximum Marks : 80

- INSTRUCTIONS: (i) *The question paper is divided into 4 sections: A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.*
- (ii) *Write the number of each question and sub-question clearly.*
- (iii) *Figures to the right indicate full marks.*
- (iv) *Do not exceed the word limit while answering the questions.*

**SECTION A**  
**(Reading Skills)**

**1. Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it: 5**

Education is not an end, but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them. The purpose of education is to make them fit for life. As soon as we realize this fact, we will understand that it is very important to choose a system of education which will really prepare children for life.

In many modern countries, it has for sometime been fashionable to think that, by free education for all, whether rich or poor, clever or stupid – one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation. But we can already see that free education for all is not enough, we find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees, they refuse to do manual labour.

But we have only to think a moment to understand that the work of a completely uneducated farmer is far more important than that of a professor; we can live without education, but we die if we have no food. If no one cleaned our street and took the rubbish away from our houses, we should get terrible disease in our towns.

In fact, when we say that all of us must be fit for life, it means that we must be educated in such a way that, firstly, each of us should do whatever job is suitable for our brain, aptitude and ability and secondly, that we can realize that all jobs are necessary to the society. It is very bad to be ashamed of work, or to scorn someone else's work. Only such type of education can be called valuable to society. (298 words) (Source: I.E.L.T.S.)

- a. What, according to the writer, is the aim of education? [1]
- b. Why is a farmer's work more important than that of a professor's? [1]
- c. What does the author mean by 'fit for life'? [1]
- d. Give the meaning of the word 'scorn' as used in the passage in para. 4. [1]
- e. Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'labour-intensive' in para. 2. [1]

**2. Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it:**

Life used to be a lot simpler and easy and reading was one of the most popular forms of self development and entertainment. But these days, with the ever advancing science and technology, there is more distraction and other things for people to do. Many people have lost interest in reading, some children, even find it boring as they prefer to play video games or spend all their time on their phones. This is a crying shame, as reading offers many benefits, it also plays a vital role in children's and adults development, because it improves your ability to focus, gain information, think better and concentrate. Reading covers all the crucial areas of development. Reading is the best form of self educating yourself, and there are no limits or boundaries to what you can learn and become. Reading can offer you a form of relaxing and learning at the same time. It helps to make a better, wiser and smarter you. So, pick up a good book or find a good article, sit back and relax, turn off your electrical devices and shut yourself off from the rest of the world and all its troubles. Put your worries and problems to one side and take full advantage of all the positive and calming benefits that reading has to offer you.

**(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following statements :** 3

- i. A few years back reading was one of the most popular forms of .....
- ii. Ever advancing science and technology has offered people.....
- iii. Reading is important for children's and adults development because ...

**(B) Read the following summary of the passage and fill in each blank with one word only. Write your answers against the corresponding numbers.** 4

There was a time when .....1.....was a lot simpler and reading was very popular. But today many people have .....2..... interest in reading and some children, even find reading .....3.....which is a crying shame as reading covers all the crucial areas of development and is the best form of .....4.....yourself.

**SECTION B**  
**Writing Skills**

3. You are Jay/Jaya Mehta, General Secretary of the Students Council of Asian Higher Secondary School, Mapusa, Goa. Your school is organising a career counselling programme. Draft a notice with necessary details to be displayed on the school notice board inviting students to participate in the same. (About 50 words) 4

Or

You are Pritam/Preeti. Draft an invitation to invite your friend for the book release function of your poetry book. (About 50 words)

4. You are John/Jane Pereira, your address is Peace Nest, Borda, Margao, Goa. Write a letter to the Editor of *The Navhind Times* expressing your views on bad roads in Goa. (Use the full block format) 6

Or

You are Shiv/Shivali Khera, House No. 567, Ponda, Goa. Write a letter to your friend living in Mumbai telling him/her about the new developments in Goa. (Use the full block format)

5. Write an essay in about 250 words on any *one* of the following topics: 10
- Natural Disasters: Causes and Cures
  - Problems faced by today's students
  - India's progress since Independence
  - A visit to an orphanage
  - A day I will never forget
  - Goa's great sports stars

**SECTION C**  
**(Grammar)**

6. Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets. 6
- Raj is too young to ride a bike. (remove too)
  - You'll improve your English if you read regularly every day.  
(Use Unless)
  - As soon as the people saw the news on TV, they were shocked.  
(Use 'No sooner ....than')
  - Ronaldo is the richest sportsman in the world.  
(Write the comparative degree)
  - The people ..... go out when the flood water..... (can, subside)  
(Use the correct form of the verbs given in brackets)
  - The teacher ..... the books after she ..... the errors. (return, correct) (Use the correct form of the verbs given in brackets)

## SECTION D

### (Textual)

7. (A) Read the following stanzas and answer the questions given below each. Answer should be brief, to the point and in complete sentences. 12

**I. Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high;**

**Where knowledge is free;**

- On whose behalf does the speaker make the prayer?
- What does he pray for?
- Explain the phrase 'head is held high'

**II. In my street there is a white house with a little grey gate**

**That is slightly off one hinge and always open.**

- Who are the two people referred in this poem ?
- Why is the gate always open?
- Explain the figure of speech in line 1

**III. Last scene of all,**

**That ends this strange eventful history,**

**Is second childishness and mere oblivion,**

**Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything**

- What is the last scene?
- Whose eventful history is described in the above lines
- Explain the figure of speech in the last line

**IV. Your fields are empty now.**

**Only your ghosts dance**

**while cranes of another kind**

**dance cities into being.**

- Who are addressed in the above lines?
- Why does the poet say that the fields are empty now?
- What does the line 'dance cities into being suggest'?

**(B) Answer ANY TWO of the following questions in 40-50 words each: 6**

- What are William Blake's views about anger as in the poem *A Poison Tree*.
- Explain the poem *To a Daughter Leaving Home* as a metaphor for what happens in life.
- Why does the poet T. S. Eliot say that the jellicle cats have a life-like personality?

8. (A) Read the following passages and answer the questions given below each.  
Answer should be brief, to the point and in complete sentences: 12

I. **She pleasantly smiled at him. Apparently, she had forgotten for the moment that he carried in his pocket a grenade that could blow their little world to pieces.**

- a. Who does 'she' refer to?
- b. Why is the index card called a grenade?
- c. Why would it blow their little world to pieces?

II. **The voices of the actors became more distinct. He caught the tail end of a line he recognized. There already! Recurrent fear gripped his stomach.**

- a. Who does 'he' refer to?
- b. Why did the voices of the actors become more distinct?
- c. Why did recurrent fear grip his stomach?

III. **Then it leant forward and with alarming accuracy, cut my stick in half with two bites from its enormous teeth.**

- a. What does 'it' refer to?
- b. Why did it cut the author's stick in half?
- c. Name the lesson.

IV. **I had counted on all this noise to reach my bench unnoticed, but as it happened, that day everything was quiet, like a Sunday morning.**

- a. Who is the narrator in the above lines?
- b. What noise is he referring to?
- c. Why was everything quiet that day?

(B) Answer *ANY TWO* of the following questions in 40-50 words each: 6

1. We can overcome any problem with strong will and determination. Explain with reference to the lesson '*The Gold Frame*'.
2. How did the King's kindness help him to make his enemy become his friend?
3. What strategy did the author adopt to make the elephants end their strike?

(C) Read the following sentences and rewrite them in the correct order as in the lesson. 6

- a) A week later, a string of bank safe burglaries in the Midwest comes to Ben Price's attention; he knows Jimmy Valentine is back in business and sets out to catch him again.
- b) The warden hands Jimmy valentine his pardon from the governor and advises him to stay out of trouble:

- c) When Jimmy arrives in Elmore he encounters a beautiful young woman and undergoes a complete transformation changing from Jimmy to “Ralph Spencer”.
- d) Soon Ben Price discovers of his whereabouts with the new name and he comes to Elmore.
- e) He saves the child and exposes his true identity at the cost of losing the entire good name he has earned but Ben Price gives him another chance.
- f) One day he finds himself in a difficult situation, when the daughter of his sister-in-law Agatha gets locked in a new safe of the bank.