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Full Marks : 100

Time : 3 hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

*Answer **all** questions*

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable

Questions requiring short answers must be answered serially

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1. Read the following extracts from the prescribed text and answer the questions that follow :

(a) I first went to Harrow in the summer term. The school possessed the biggest swimming-bath I had ever seen. It was more like the bend of a river than a bath, and it had two bridges across it. Thither we used to repair for hours at a time and bask between our dips eating enormous buns on the hot asphalt margin. Naturally it was a good joke to come up behind some naked friend, or even enemy, and push him in. I made quite a habit of this with boys of my own size or less. One day when I had been no more than a month in the school, I saw a boy standing in a meditative posture wrapped in a towel on the very brink. He was no bigger than I was; so I thought him fair game. Coming stealthily behind, I pushed him in,

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holding on to his towel out of humanity, so that it should not get wet. I was startled to see a furious face emerge from the foam, and a being evidently of enormous strength making his way by fierce strokes to the shore. I fled, but in vain. Swift as the wind my pursuer overtook me, seized me in a ferocious grip and hurled me into the 'deepest part of the pool.

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Questions :

2×5=10

(i) How is the swimming-bath at Harrow described?

(ii) How did the boys enjoy their leisure at the bath?

(iii) What kind of fun did the boys have at the bath?

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(iv) How did the writer make fun of the boy standing on the brink of the bath?

(v) What was the reaction of the boy?

(b) The old priest, Peter Gilligan, was weary night and day; For half his flock were in their beds, Or under green sods lay.

Once, while he nodded on a chair,
At the moth-hour of eve,
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.

"I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die";
And after cried he, "God forgive!
My body spake, not I!"

(The Ballad of Father Gilligan)

Questions :

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(i) Why was Peter Gilligan weary?

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(ii) What does 'his flock' refer to?

(iii) When was Peter Gilligan nodding on a chair?

(iv) What did the old priest complain of?

(v) Why did the old father beg God's forgiveness?

2. Read the following extract from the prescribed text and answer the questions in about 70 words each :

Today, standing over a bed, the doctor felt that he himself needed someone to tell him soothing lies. He mopped his brow with his kerchief and sat down in the chair beside the bed. On the bed lay his dearest friend in the world : Gopal. They had known each other for forty years now, starting with their kindergarten days. They could not, of

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course, meet as much as they wanted, each being wrapped in his own family and profession.

Occasionally, on a Sunday, Gopal would walk into the consulting room, and wait patiently in a corner till the doctor was free. And then they would dine together, see a picture, and talk of each other's life and activities. It was a classic friendship standing over, untouched by changing times, circumstances, and activities.

In his busy round of work, Dr. Raman had not noticed that Gopal had not called in for over three months now. He just remembered it when he saw Gopal's son sitting on a bench in the consulting hall, one crowded morning. Dr. Raman could not talk to him for over an hour. When he got up and was about to pass on to the operation room, he called up the young man and asked,

"What brings you here, sir?" The youth was nervous and shy. "Mother sent me here."

"What can I do for you?"

"Father is ill..." *(The Doctor's Word)*

Questions :

5×2=10

(a) Give an account of the friendship between Dr. Raman and Gopal.

(b) How did Dr. Raman come to know about Gopal's illness?

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

One of the greatest mysteries of bird life is travelling. Every year during autumn and early winter, birds travel from northern regions of Asia, Europe and America to the southern warmer lands. They make the return journey again during spring and

early summer. During winter, lakes and rivers are frozen in the north. The weather is such that birds cannot catch either insects or fish for food. As the nights are long, the time for collecting food is short. If they do not migrate, they will perish. Birds face a lot of dangers and hardships while travelling long distances through the air, over hills, forests, plains and large stretches of water. Sometimes sudden storms arise and drive them far out of their course. Often they are blown right into sea and are drowned in the wild waves. At night bright lights attract and confuse the birds. The migration speed is usually from 48 to 64 km an hour and rarely exceeds 80. During migration, it is usually the young birds that fly at the front and the older ones in the rear. They do not need any training in finding their direction during migration, for they are guided by instinct. The birds fly to the same places and return

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to their original breeding grounds with amazing accuracy.

2×5=10

Questions :

- (a) When do birds fly from the north to the south and when do they return?
- (b) Why do birds migrate from the north to the south?
- (c) What dangers and hardships do birds face during their flight?
- (d) What are the writer's observations on the migratory behaviour of young birds?
- (e) What, according to the writer, is the migration speed of birds?

4. (a) Find the words/expressions in the passage in Q. No. 3, which have the following meanings : 1×3=3

- (i) to die or be destroyed
- (ii) route or path taken
- (iii) surpass

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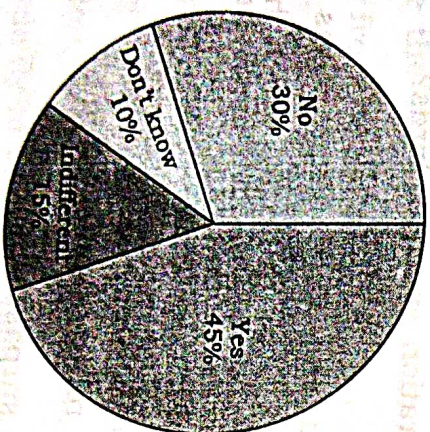
(b) Use the following expressions in sentences of your own : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) a lot of

(ii) with amazing accuracy

5. The pie-chart given below shows the result of an opinion poll among 100 residents of the capital city of Odisha on the issue of eviction of roadside vendors. Write a paragraph, in about 70 words, interpreting the information in the chart :

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6. Given below are five meanings of the word 'beam'. The meanings are followed by five sentences in which the word has been used. Match each meaning with its corresponding sentence given below : $1 \times 5 = 5$

Meanings :

(a) A ray or shaft of light

(b) A wide and happy smile

(c) A long piece of wood or metal used to support weight

(d) To send radio or television signal

(e) To smile happily

Sentences :

(i) Abhihipsa is beaming with pleasure.

(ii) There are very strong beams in the oldest part of the house.

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(iii) A beam of light flashed in front of her.

(iv) A beam of satisfaction appeared on her face.

(v) Live pictures of the function were beamed around the world.

7. A Road Safety Week has been organized by the NSS wing of your school. Write a report, in about 200 words, on the activities of the programme to be submitted to the Principal.

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Or

As a news correspondent, you have visited a village where five members of a family were killed by lightning. Draft a report, in about 200 words, on the sad incident for publication in the English daily you represent.

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8. Make notes, in outlines, on the main ideas in the passage given below :

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Health is wealth. Proper food is the basic necessity of health. Good health does not only mean the absence of diseases. It rather means enjoyment of full strength and vigour as well as freedom from signs of disease. Most of the food we eat daily does not contain essential nutrients needed for the preservation of health and prevention of diseases. There are various kinds of foods. Protective foods are essential for prevention of diseases and are needed both by the healthy and the sick. They are rich in proteins, vitamins and minerals. Energy giving foods are rich in carbohydrates and are needed by those who are engaged in hard physical labour. Body building foods are rich in proteins. Diet of growing children, adolescents and nursing mothers should contain sufficient quantity of protein for growth and for repair and

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maintenance of body tissues. Maintaining good health is not so easy. Good health depends on eating a balanced diet, exercise, plenty of rest and avoiding the use of tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

9. Summarize the passage in Q.No.8, developing the notes you have made.

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10. Write an essay, in about 250 words, on any one of the following, keeping the outlines given :

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- (a) Internet : A Wonderful Gift of Science
[What it is—its usefulness for education, entertainment and information—advantages—disadvantages—why it is important]

- (b) Your Favourite Book

[Name of the book and the writer—its plot—narrative style—why you liked it—its value as art]

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11. Rewrite the following passage correcting all the ten grammatical errors in it :

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Happiness like the sun is often cover with the clouds of worries. If these clouds will not fade, we may not experience happiness. Happiness does not depend with objects or events. Not only our anxieties but also our restlessness affect our happiness. Happiness is bury under these emotions. Our mind is constantly changes from one desire to another. Therefore, our worries multiplies. That we should keep ourselves free from worries and anxieties are necessary. We have nothing to do but kept our mind calm for happiness. Experts suggest that a calm mind is the key to success.

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