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- Note :**
- (i) This Question Paper consists of **two** Sections, viz., 'A' and 'B'.
 - (ii) **All** the questions from Section 'A' are compulsory.
 - (iii) Section 'B' has two options. Candidates are required to attempt questions from **one** option only.
 - (iv) Marks are indicated against each question.
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SECTION - A

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

In a small village lived a milkmaid who sold the milk that she got from her cows. She would carry the milk in a big mud pitcher. One day as she was walking with the big pitcher full of milk on her head, she started to imagine all the things she wished to do with the money she would earn from selling the milk.

I have such a small farm now with only a few cows! I want lots of money to buy a bigger farm! From the money I make from this milk, I will buy a hundred chickens to rear in my backyard. They will cost me less money than full-grown hens. I'll feed them well and when they are fully grown, I'll sell them at a good price. This will give me more money.



As she walked on, she continued, when I get a lot of money after selling those full-grown hens, I will buy several young lambs and feed them with the green succulent grass in the ground next to my home till they grow really fat. When they grow big and fat, I will collect wool from them and sell it at an excellent price ! The ewes will give birth to more lambs and there will be even more wool to collect !

Still dreaming, she said to herself, with this money I can buy more sheep, chickens and a few more cows. I will then get more milk and more wool to sell. Selling milk and wool in large quantities will give me more money and I can have a really big farm.....

So deeply immersed was she in her dreams for the future, that her steps wobbled. But she paid no heed to it. Lo! Suddenly she tripped and fell down. The mud pitcher broke into many pieces and all the milk was spilt. Completely traumatized the milkmaid sat on the ground and cried. All her dreams had been shattered.

- (a) What was the milkmaid carrying ? What was she thinking about as she was walking ? 2
- (b) How did she think she can get more money ? 2
- (c) What did she think she would do with the ewes ? 2
- (d) Why was the milk-maid traumatized ? 2



2 Write a paragraph of about 100 words on any **one** of the following topics : 5

(a) Reading is a Good Habit

(b) My First Day in School

(c) Festivals in Your Country

3 Answer in about 30 to 40 words any **three** of the following questions : 3×2=6

(a) Why had the intruder come to Gerrud's house ?

(If I Were You)

(b) What was the cause of delay for Aradhana to come to the stage ?

Why did he finally come ?

(I Must Know the Truth)

(c) Do you think society did not accept Bholi because she did not fit into

her norms of 'normal' ?

(Bholi)

(d) According to the writer what sort of education must one have ?

Do you agree ?

(Father, Dear Father)



4 Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow :

A species whose population is so small that it is under the threat of becoming extinct is called an endangered species. There are several animals in Asia that are under the danger of being wiped out completely from the face of the earth. Such a situation arises when human activities destroy their habitats and disrupt their food chains. Some animals are even killed for their skin, other body parts. Some such species are : the birdwing butterfly, found in the forests of Pacific; the giant panda found in bamboo forests located in the mountains of South-Western China; the Indian rhinoceros, found in India and Nepal; the orang-utan, found in the forests of Borneo, and Sumatra; the Asian elephant, found in countries of South-East Asia; and the Asian tiger, found in India, Bangladesh, Sumatra, China and the Russian Far East. Five species of Asian tigers that can still be found are (i) The Royal Bengal tiger (ii) the Indo-Chinese tiger (iii) the Siberian tiger (iv) the South China tiger and (v) the Sumatran tiger. The status of existence of these species is declared to be critically endangered. There were three more species of Asian tigers that are now extinct. They are the Caspian tiger, the Javan tiger and the Bali tiger.



Tigers are being killed for their skin, bone and other body parts. The bones of tigers are used to make traditional Asian medicine for the treatment of diseases like rheumatism, joint and back pain, paralysis and leprosy. The bones of a single tiger cost around US\$30,000 in Asia alone. The skin of a tiger is also in high demand for decoration and to make rugs.

- (a) What is an endangered species ? 2
- (b) Why are animals becoming endangered ? 2
- (c) What type of Asian tigers can still be found ? 2
- (d) Pick out words from the passage which are similar in meaning to the following words : 2
 - Risk of extinction
 - Loss of ability to move

- 5 Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with prepositions : 4
- (a) I shall stay here _____ Sunday.
 - (b) The sky is _____ our heads.
 - (c) The rain-water seeps _____ the ground.
 - (d) Saswati lives _____ an apartment like ours.



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The following passage has seven mistakes of spellings and other grammatical inaccuracies. Spot the errors and provide correct forms as shown below, one is done for you to serve as an example.

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The monsons bring torents of rainfall and the dry tracts of soil bloom into green fields. The government is trying to harnes the rain-water to irrigate more area. But the flood contol measures have not so far paid dividinds to the extant we expected.

S.NO.	ERROR	CORRECT FORM
1	monsons	monsoons
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4		
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Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

(a) Some have voiced concern over the noise produced by rotor blades, aesthetic impact, and the plight of birds that fly into the rotors. Most of these problems do not exist in India as wind farms are located in remote areas or the problems have already been resolved through technological development.

(i) Why are some people concerned ?

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(ii) Why do these problems do not exist in India ?

1



(iii) What is the fastest growing source of electricity in the world ? 1

(iv) Pick out the words which are similar in meaning $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

to the following :

- perturb
- settled

OR

At last he heard of Dr. R.M. Halder, Principal of Dadar School for the Blind in Bombay. My father wrote to him asking for advice. Dr. Halder showed unusual interest in my case, and promised to take special care and personal responsibility for me if I were sent to his school.

(i) Who was Dr. R.M. Halder ? 1

(ii) What did he say ? 1

(iii) What was his mother's reaction when she heard about the father's decision ? 1

(iv) Pick out words from the extract which are similar in meaning to the following expressions : $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$

- Recommendations offered
- Accountable for something



(b) Intruder : Now listen here. I've got this all planned. I did a job in town. Things went wrong and I killed a cop. Since then I've done nothing but dodge.

- (i) What was the Intruder's plan ? 1
- (ii) Why was the Intruder a hunted rat ? 1
- (iii) What did the Intruder do after killing the cop ? 1
- (iv) Pick out the words which are similar in meaning to the following :
 - (a) To arrange something before hand 1/2
 - (b) to elude a pursuer 1/2

OR

It was a long ride to the Sorley farm and the sight of a man walking alone the country road, as seen just ahead by the lights of the car, was a welcome relief to the doctor. He slowed down and looked at the man walking along with difficulty against the wind, a little package under his arm.

- (i) Who is riding to the Sorley farm ? 1
- (ii) Why was it a relief for him to see another man ? 1
- (iii) Why was the man feeling difficulty in walking ? 1
- (iv) Pick out words from the extract which are similar in meaning to the following expressions : $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1$
 - A feeling of reassurance
 - An object packed in paper



8 Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

And both that morning equally lay

In leaves no step had trodden black.

Oh, I kept the first for another day!

Yet knowing how way leads on to way

I doubted if I should ever come back

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|---|---|
| (a) What did he keep for another day ? Why ? | 2 |
| (b) What lay equally 'that morning' ? | 1 |
| (c) Why did he have doubts whether he will come back ever ? | 2 |

OR

How often I think of going

There, to peer through blind eyes of windows or

Just listen to the frozen air,

Or wild despair, pick an armful of

Darkness.....

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|--|---|
| (a) Where does the poet want to go ? Name the poet. | 2 |
| (b) Why does the poet want to go there ? | 1 |
| (c) What does the poet mean by 'an armful of darkness' ? | 2 |



9 Read the passage below and make a summary in about **100** words.

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For many reading has many benefits that continues to enhance their lives. Their lives have remarkably improved in some of the following ways : mentally, spiritually. Also, if you develop a habit of reading you will become more confident and self assured in abilities to comprehend and understand all types of information. Let's further examine more benefits of reading.

One of the other main benefits of reading is that it exercises your mind. Your mind begins to bend and flex mentally, it says loose so that you can flow easily through the course of the day. Such regular routine ensures that the reading muscle stays in good shape as well as the mind. Just like physical exercise, there has to be a determination to make reading a part of your life. If you understand the many benefits of reading, you will have no trouble adopting a regular habit of reading.

Reading has other benefits for the regular reader which is the ability to focus. When the mind is trained and channelled, it begins to pay attention more thoroughly. For example, when you are faced with some of life's difficult and challenging assignments, you will have the ability to stay calm and objectively look at the problem, circumstances or at the required task. If you continue to read, you continue to stay focussed.

10 Fill in the blanks with correct forms of the verbs :

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A three-storey building (i) _____ (fall) down in the centre of the town last night (ii) _____ (kill) six of a family on the spot. About sixteen persons (iii) _____ (sleep) when the tragedy (iv) _____ (take) place.



- 11 Read the passage below and complete the statements that follow :

Television is a wonderful gift of science and it is a powerful source of entertainment and education. With its help we can bring about a great revolution in education and social and economic fields. Through it we are educating the masses in favour of literacy, family planning, health and hygiene. But if television is not properly used it can be harmful instead of motivating the children.

- (a) Television is a _____ (i) _____ and it is a powerful _____ (ii) _____. 1
- (b) With its help _____ (i) _____ a great revolution in education and _____ (ii) _____. 1
- (c) Through it we are _____ (i) _____ in favour of _____ (ii) _____. 1
- (d) But if television _____ (i) _____ it can be _____ (ii) _____. 1

- 12 Write a letter to the Post-Master stating that you have not received a money-order sent to you by your father about a month back. 5

- 13 Combine the following pairs of sentences to make one proper sentence : 3

- (a) She keeps her money in the bank. This is her bank.
- (b) Honesty is the best policy. Have you heard of it ?
- (c) I wrote a letter. It contained the truth.

- 14 Report the following conversation in indirect speech : 4

Teacher : Do you know the boiling point of water ?

Rimi : No sir, please tell me.

Teacher : Water boils at 100°C.

Rimi : Thank you sir for the information.



- 15** Read the following passage carefully. Make notes in points only, using appropriate headings and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations :

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Books are by far the most lasting products of human efforts. Temples crumble into ruin, pictures and statues decay, but books survive. Time is of no account with great thoughts which are as fresh today as when they first passed through their authors' minds ages ago. What was then thought and said still speaks to us as ever from the printed page. The only effect of time has been to sift and winnow out the bad product; for nothing in literature can long survive but what is really good. Books introduce us into the best society; they bring us into the presence of the greatest minds that have lived. We hear what they said; we see them as if they were really alive, we sympathize with them, enjoy with them, grieve with them; their experience becomes ours; and we feel as if we were actors with them in the scenes which they describe. Books are known to be a man's best friend. They are a powerhouse of knowledge and wisdom. It is rightly said, "There is no friend as loyal as a book." Books have so much to give us and do not ask anything in return. A good book can uplift our mood instantly and leave a deep impact on us. It is thus highly recommended to read different kinds of books to grow wiser.

- 16** Answer the following in about 60 words :

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Write two incidents to show the quality of responsibility in Baldeo and Tembu.
(The Tiger in the Tunnel)

OR

Write six sentences which reveal Nehru's vision for future India.
(India Her Past and Future)



SECTION - B

- Note :** (i) Attempt any one of the two options.
(ii) Attempt all the questions from the same option.

OPTION - I (E.S.P. FOR RECEPTIONISTS)

- 17 What should a receptionist do while giving directions ? 4
- 18 What is the 'Register of Callers' ? 2
- 19 Write a message you would like to leave for Dr. Bose after the following telephone conversation. 6
- Receptionist : Taj Bengal, Good morning.
Caller : May I speak to Dr. Bose
Receptionist : I am sorry, he has just gone out.
Caller : Could you give him a message, please ?
Receptionist : Yes, of course.
Caller : Please ask him to ring Kundu Books before 6 pm today.
Receptionist : (notes down)....Kundu Books....before 6 pm.
You name please ?
Caller : I am Nikhilesh Ghosh, his friend..... Thank you.
Receptionist : Thank you, bye

To _____

Date _____ Time _____

While you were out

M _____

Of _____

Phone No. _____

Telephoned please call

Message _____

- 20 Sometimes why are messages not clear ? 2
- 21 What helps a receptionist in her job ? 1



OPTION - II
(E.S.P. FOR OFFICE USE)

- 17** What will the interviewer do to indicate the close of the interview ? **4**
What should the interviewee do then ?
- 18** In face to face conversation why is your body language as important as **4**
your speech ?
- 19** What is a Memo used for ? **1**
- 20** State whether the statements are true or false : **2**
(i) E-mail is not different from older forms of communication.
(ii) With e-mail, a clarification can be sought for.
- 21** Write a letter to the Secretary of ABC Sports Company seeking a meeting **4**
with him as you have certain proposals for the enhancement of the company.
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