

Std. : X

Marks : 20

Date: 02. 06. 2014

ENGLISH

Time : 40 Min

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- *This paper consists of three sections:*
 - Section A – Reading* (5Marks)
 - Section B – Writing & Grammar* (8Marks)
 - Section C – Literature & Long Reading* (7 Marks)
 - All sections are compulsory.*
- *Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.*

SECTION A: READING (5 Marks)**1. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5 Marks)**

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us. My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches! The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us. My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean he was really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call the 'The Law of the Garbage Truck.'

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage, full of anger, and full of disappointment. As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you. Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so "Love the people who treat you right. Forgive the ones who don't." This attitude will help you sail through life. There will be fewer jerks and bumps. Learn to take the bad with the good for life can never be perfect. Acceptance of what is, is the solution. Don't react, just accept and you will be a lot more happy.

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

1. The narrator boarded a taxi when all of a sudden_____
2. The word 'garbage' in the context of the passage means _____.
3. The word from the passage that means the same as 'to move briskly' is _____.
4. How did the taxi driver avert an accident?
5. The narrator learnt an invaluable lesson from the taxi driver. What was it?

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) (8 Marks)

2. Write an **e-mail** in about 120 words to your friend describing your plans for the **Summer Vacation**. You may use the following hints to write the e-mail. **(4 Marks)**

- * Two months of vacation
- * Visits to tourist spots
- * Learning an art/ taking up a new hobby
- * Holiday assignment if any

3. **Given below is a set of instructions for preparing bread toast on an electric toaster. Use them to complete the paragraph that follows :** **(1/2 x 4 = 2 Marks)**

HOW TO PREPARE TOAST ON AN ELECTRIC TOASTER

• Switch on the electric toaster. • Insert two slices of bread into the slots. • Leave them inside for about two minutes. • Switch off the toaster and take out the toast.

The electric toaster (a) _____. Then two slices of bread (b) _____ into the slot. They (c) _____ inside for about two minutes. The toaster (d) _____ and the toast is taken out.

- (a) (i) is switched (ii) was switched on (iii) is switched on (iv) will be switched on
(b) (i) are inserted (ii) is inserted (iii) have inserted (iv) should be inserted
(c) (i) are leaving (ii) are put (iii) can be left (iv) are left
(d) (i) is switched off (ii) switched off (iii) to be switched off (iv) has been switched off

4. **Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below by choosing the correct option from those given below :** **(1 x 2 = 2 Marks)**

Mum : Have you done your good deed for the day ?

Ronnie : Yes, I have. My friend was about to lose in a race, and I helped him win!

Mum : Wow! How did you do that ?

Ronnie : I sent our dog after him!

Ronnie's mother asked him (a) _____ for that day. Ronnie replied in the affirmative and said that his friend was about to lose in a race and he had helped him win. The mother exclaimed and wondered (b) _____. Ronnie answered that he had sent their dog after him.

SECTION C (LITERATURE & LONG READING) (7 Marks)

5. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.**

Other creatures loathed his voice,

But, alas, they had no choice,

And the crass cacophony

Blared out from the sumac tree

- a) Where did the creatures live? **(1/2 Mark)**
b) Why is his voice referred to as 'crass cacophony'? **(1/2 Mark)**
c) Whose voice blared from the sumac tree? **(1/2 Mark)**
d) How did his voice affect others? **(1/2 Mark)**

6. **Answer the following in 20 - 30 words each.** **(2 x 1 1/2 =3 Marks)**

a) What does the poet wish to convey in the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale'?

b) What is the announcement made by Mr. Abel Merryweather in the end?

7. **Answer the following in 30 - 40 words.** **(2 Marks)**

a) Why did Helen state that learning a language was a painful experience for a deaf child?