



Std.: X

Date: 12/08/2015

ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 20

Time: 40 Min.

General Instructions:

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

**SECTION A: READING**

**(5 Marks)**

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

Conversation is indeed the most easily teachable of all arts. All you need to do in order to become a good conversationalist is to find a subject that interests you and your listener. There are, for example, numberless hobbies to talk about. But the important thing is that you must talk about the other fellow's hobby rather than your own. Therein lies the secret of your popularity. Talk to your friends about the things that interest them and you will get a reputation for good fellowship, charming wit and brilliant mind. There is nothing that pleases people so much as your interest in their interests. A good conversationalist can be effective only if he/ she is able to blend humour, wit, topics of good interest, presence of mind, knowledge of various things, logical thinking etc., in fine proportion.

Praise and appreciate people, for nothing pleases a man as mere appreciation and flattery. It is just as important to know what subjects to avoid as what subject to select for good conversation. If you don't want to set down a wet blanket of bore, be careful to avoid certain unpleasant topics. Avoid talking about yourself unless you are asked to do so. Use simple words and let the conversation be lucid. Avoid flowery use of language, jargons etc. Do not beat about the bush or talk boastfully about your own self. Let the talk be exuberant, lively and interesting. People are interested in their own problems, not yours; sickness or death bores everybody. Similarly age-old tales, happenings of the past even though they may be real, will never interest the listeners. The only one who willingly listens to such talk is the doctor, may be sometimes even to nonstop nonsense, because he gets paid for it.

**(i) Complete the following:**

**(3)**

- (a) The essential thing to be avoided in good conversation is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) If the conversation has to be effective, the speaker should blend \_\_\_\_\_ in fine proportion.
- (c) One of the things which will never interest the listener is \_\_\_\_\_.

**(ii) Fill in the blanks with ONE word only in each blank:**

**(1)**

The talk has to be, exuberant, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ and interesting. People are not interested in other's (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

**iii) Find words in the passage that mean the following:**

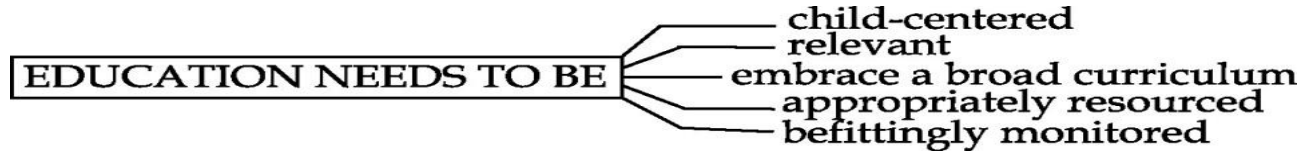
**(1)**

- (a) Ratio (para 1)
- (b) voluntarily (para 2)

**SECTION B: WRITING&GRAMMAR**

**(8Marks)**

2. You are Mukesh, living in Church Lane, Hyderabad. You feel happy that with the onset of new system of education, teaching – learning process would get a new direction. Write a **letter to the Editor** of The Hindu, Hyderabad describing **what education needs to be**. You can take the help of verbal notes given below and write the letter in about **80 words**. **(4)**



3. In the following passage one word has been omitted from each line. Write the omitted word and the word that comes before and the one that comes after it against the correct blank number. **(2)**

	<i>before</i>	<i>word</i>	<i>after</i>
India’s population now reached	(a)_____	_____	_____
a total 1380 millions. The	(b)_____	_____	_____
census is not complete areas	(c)_____	_____	_____
like Manipur and Nagaland. Bhutan not	(d)_____	_____	_____
included as a part of India.			

4. Complete the news items by choosing the correct answers from the options given below: **(2)**

**(i) Nation pays tribute to Mahatma.**

During the remembrance function held at Rajghat rich tributes \_\_\_\_\_ to Mahatma Gandhi on his death anniversary.

- (a) are paid
- (b) were paid
- (c) is being paid
- (d) was being paid

**(ii) PM to visit Canada**

The PM \_\_\_\_\_ visit Canada.

- (a) will be going
- (b) is being
- (c) had gone to
- (d) is going to

**SECTION C: LITERATURE& LONG READING TEXT**

**(7Marks)**

5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. **(2)**

*“Then she turns to those liars, the candles or the moon.  
I see her back, and reflect it faithfully”*

- (a) Name the poetic device used in the second line.
- (b) What does ‘I’ refer to?
- (c) Why are the candles and the moon called liars?
- (d) How is the mirror different from them?

6. Answer the following questions in about 20- 30 words each. **(3)**

- a. “That’s professional etiquette.” Who says this and why?
- b. What according to Sylvia Plath are the qualities of a mirror?

7. Answer the following question in 30 – 40. (Long Reading Text) **(2)**

- a. What transformation took place in Helen after her visit to the well-house? What did she do on entering the house?

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