



Std.: X

Date:19/11/2015

ENGLISH

Max. Marks: 20

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 Text (7Marks)
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 passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the answers from the given options. (5)

Half-Truths

Beware of those who use the truth to deceive. When someone tells you something that is true, but leaves out important information that should be included, he can create a false impression. For example, someone might say, "I just won a hundred dollars on the lottery. It was great. I took that dollar ticket back to the store and turned it in for one hundred dollars!" This guy's a winner, right? Maybe, maybe not. We then discover that he bought two hundred tickets, and only one was a winner. He didn't say anything that was false, but he deliberately omitted important information. That's called a half-truth. Half-truths are not technically lies, but they are just as dishonest.

Advertisers will sometimes use half-truths. It's against the law to make false claims so they try to mislead you with the truth. An ad might boast, "Nine out of ten doctors recommend Yucky Pills to cure nose pimples." It fails to mention that they only asked ten doctors and nine of them work for the Yucky Corporation. This kind of deception happens too often. It's a sad fact of life: Lies are lies, and sometimes the truth can lie as well.

a. Which statement is true according to the article?

- (i) Whenever people tell the truth, they are really lying (ii) You can't trust anyone
(iii) All people are liars (iv) The truth can be used in dishonest ways

b. What does 'omitted' mean?

- (i) spent money (ii) left out (iii) told about (iv) exposed

c. The author clearly wants people to _____.

- (i) think carefully about what they read and hear (ii) buy lottery tickets
(iii) never trust anyone (iv) buy Yucky Pills

d. What does 'deceive' mean?

e. Half truth means _____

SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR

(8 Marks)

2. Using the information given below and your own ideas, write an **article in about **80 words** on why students do not perform to their full potential and how it can lead to low self –esteem and depression. Also make suggestions that can help such children. You are Kirti / Karan. (4)**

**Lack of motivation/dedication *poor study habits *problems at home or with peers*
**emotional and behaviour problems *lack of discipline and persistence*

3. Complete the passage given below by choosing the correct alternatives. (2)

Light is still one of (a) _____greatest mysteries to man. We (b) _____ that light travels in waves, and that light waves are made up of electrical (c) _____ magnetic forces travelling along together. They (d)_____ a kind of electromagnetic waves.

(a) (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) about (b) (i) know (ii) realize (iii) understand (iv) forget
(c) (i) with (ii) for (iii) and (iv) or (d) (i)are (ii) were (iii) is (iv) was

4. Rearrange the following words / phrases to make meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. (2)

Example: recreational/ are not/ beaches/ purposes/ important/ just / for
Beaches are not important just for recreational purposes.

(a) functions / important/ serve/ ecological/ also / they
(b) the natural / peace/ offer/ ecosystems/ and tranquility

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

(7 Marks)

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

“But what have I got to do with this? She gave me a pitying look and rose. “You’re to exert your influence. Get all your friends and acquaintances to stop using the Ouija board, and then we’ll start helping you to write.”

(a) Who does 'she' and 'I' refer to in the above passage?
(b) "You’re to exert your influence" to: _____

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

(a) What moral is Shelley teaching through ‘Ozymandias’?
(b) Why does John wish he were dead?

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

(a) What were the after-effects of ‘The Frost King’ episode on Helen? How did Miss Sullivan help her get over them?
