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Instructions:

- This paper is divided into three sections:
 Section A: Reading
 Section B: Writing Skills & Grammar
 Section C: Literature & Long Reading Text
- All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Strictly adhere to the prescribed word limit.

SECTION A: READING**(20 Marks)****I. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (12)**

1. While technology is often described as the most important influence upon society, it remains a subject which deserves further study. This situation is generally accepted that technology lies at the very heart of society. The critical role that technology plays in the development of society, stimulating not only the economy but society's socio-cultural values, rather than being merely a tool of society, however, is referred to as 'technological determinism'. Social progress has come to be equated with technical progress, particularly since the Industrial Revolution. Critics such as Henry David Thoreau suggested that improvements in society's technical means are no guarantee of improved ends, and that they may instead lead to a mechanistic and fatalistic outlook, positing that 'we do not ride upon the railroad; it rides upon us'. Thus, technology itself becomes an overriding preoccupation, for it never stops still, bringing forth both benefits and detriments.
2. Technology made it very easy to get access to relevant information at any time anywhere because of modern technologies like internet. Lots of data is being published and indexed online through sites like Wikipedia. Technology encourages innovation and creativity. Since technology is challenging, it sparks the brain to work to its full potential. In the past, it used to be very difficult to start a business, one had to have lots of capital and they even had limited access to business information. Modern technology has blessed us with advanced communication technology tools which have simplified the way humans and businesses communicate.
3. Modern transportation technology makes it very easy to travel long distances. Nowadays, we can cover long distances within a few minutes or hours using electric trains or airplanes. Improved housing and lifestyle is another great way how modern technology has simplified our lives. Modern technology has played a big role in changing the entertainment industry. It has also helped businesses increase production. So many businesses have integrated modern technology in their production line, most of the hard work has become so simple with machines and the results are better than those of humans.
4. Learning is a process and it is part of our daily lives. Modern technology has made it simple for students to learn from anywhere through online education and mobile education. Also, students now use modern technology in classrooms to learn better. In the same way, it has made it simple to discover our old friends and also discover new people to network with. This is a benefit to both individuals and

businesses. Many businesses have embraced the social networking technology to interact with their customers. Now-a-days most hospitals have implemented modern technology in surgical rooms, this has reduced the mistakes made by doctors.

5. However, modern technology not only brings advantages but some disadvantages as well. The similarity of lifestyles, whereby communication channels homogeneity, can have deleterious effects. Before the rise of film, television, and the internet, people had different cultures and traditions that were reflected in the way they wear clothes or design buildings. But today, the scenario is different.
6. With the growth of technologies as the internet and computers, teenagers and young people are becoming more detached from society. The Japanese phenomenon of hikikomori, whereby young people sequester themselves, using only technology to keep in touch with society, is believed to affect almost two million people worldwide, which at a later stage leads to loneliness. Nevertheless, this change to 'life online' inevitably manifests many real world problems, and then has a further real world consequence. This can be seen in the phenomenon of cyber bullying. Victims do not know what to do or where to turn. Increased dependency on modern tools like calculators has reduced on our creativity. This affects the way one uses his brains and reduces the level of creativity. Modern technology has been the main aid in the increasing and endless wars.
7. Technology is one of a number of mediating factors in human behaviour and social change, which both acts on and is acted upon by other phenomena. Being critical of technological determinism is not to discount the importance of the fact that technologies facilitate different kinds of use. Every generation expresses concern for the pace and nature of change, and questions whether change is driving society or society desires the changes wrought. The human willingness to use change meaningfully with self-reflection will protect society from it.

1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options: (3)

- i. This is a process cum part of our life.
 - a. technology
 - b. education
 - c. society
 - d. business
- ii. Technology is a mediating factor in -----.
 - a. social change
 - b. education
 - c. human behaviour
 - d. both a & c
- iii. The word from the passage which is the antonym of impede is -----.
 - a. manifest
 - b. integrate
 - c. dependency
 - d. facilitate

2. Answer the following questions briefly: (6)

- a. "Technology itself becomes an overriding preoccupation". How?
- b. How has technology enhanced business?
- c. How can homogeneity have deleterious effects on society?
- d. How can society protect itself from being ridden by technology?
- e. What is 'technological determinism'?
- f. Has technology aided education? Why or Why not?

3. Find out words from the passage which mean the same as the following: (3)

- a. suggesting (para 1)
- b. incorporated (para 3)
- c. to serve as a medium for (para 5)

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

(8 marks)

Most parents at some stage are driven to distraction by one or more of their children's annoying habits or behaviours, whether it's a toddler who continually whines, a school-aged child who leaves clothes lying around or a teenager who uses a less than perfect vocabulary.

How to affect change is a challenge for many parents. Do you ignore a child's annoying behaviour or do you pick up on it? A useful rule of thumb is to pick up on behaviours that are dangerous to the child himself or significantly infringe on the rights and comforts of others. Also ask yourself: Is this behaviour reasonable for the child's age? For instance, it is reasonable to expect an eight-year-old not to disturb you while you are on the phone for twenty minutes but it is not reasonable to expect the same of a two-year-old. It is also useful to take into account the child's current state of mind and what is going in their lives that may be related to some unusual behaviour to occur at home.

The following four principles for changing your child's behaviour will be effective if you are both patient and persistent. Change your initial response first. This is important because children's behaviour generally requires a pay-off, which may be your attention or an attempt to defeat you. The most important principle about changing children's behaviour is to change your own behaviour first. So, if your child whines to get his own way refrain from answering back or giving in.

Practice with your child the behaviour that you want. The notion of behaviour rehearsal is fundamental to learning a new behaviour. Don't just tell kids what to expect, get them to practice the behaviour you want. In the example of a young whiner – get him to practice asking for help or a treat in a normal voice. Minimize the behaviour you don't want. That means when children continue their old behaviour despite your brilliant suggestions ignore it, sidestep it or implement a consequence but don't nag or harp on it.

Remember it takes time often to change behaviour, particularly if it has been happening for a long time. Spotlight the appropriate behaviour. When your children behave in a desired way, show your sincere appreciation. We often take children for granted or rather we are trained to give children no attention when they are good, but plenty when they are less than perfect. The behaviours we focus on expand so we need to focus our attention on desirable behaviors more than on the negative behaviours.

Like any process it will only work if you stick to it and follow it through. And don't be afraid to adapt it to suit your circumstances. Remember, it is the fact that you have a plan rather than the nature of the plan that is most powerful in achieving a change in your children's behaviour.

- a. On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. (Minimum 4) **(5)**
- b. Write a summary of the passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. **(3)**

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

(30 Marks)

- III.** You have recently constructed a house with all the facilities in a posh area. You have decided to give it on rent. Draft a suitable advertisement for the 'To-Let' column of a local daily. Invent all the necessary details, including a contact address. (50 words) **(4)**

OR

Design a poster to launch 'Tree Plantation Campaign' in the area surrounding your school. **(4)**

- IV.** You are Anand Kumar Bhosle, Purchase Manager of Apple Telesystem, 6th Street, Mahim, Mumbai. Write to Ganapati Stationary Mart, Church Gate, Mumbai asking for rates and terms of supply of stationary items such as pencils, papers, ribbons, carbon papers etc. **(6)**

OR

You are Suresh/Smita. You come across the following advertisement in a national daily. You consider yourself suitable and eligible for the post. Write an application in response to the advertisement. **(6)**

SITUATION VACANT

Applications are invited for the post of a Nursery teacher in a reputed school of Delhi. The candidate must have at least 5 years' experience of teaching tiny-tots. The applicant must have a pleasant personality. He/she should be creative and innovative. Attractive salary. Interested candidates should apply to The Principal, AKS International, Indirapuram, New Delhi within 10 days with detailed resume.

- V.** Ministry of Surface Transport and Delhi Police are together organising a speech competition on the topic "Need for Road Safety" as part of their 'Road Safety Week Celebration'. Write a **speech** for the competition. **(10)**

OR

You have witnessed a clash between a group of college students and State Transport bus crew, which finally ended up in stoning the buses and the bus crew calling for a flash strike. You are Santosh/Seerna, a reporter for 'The Hindustan Times'. Write a **report** in about 100 - 125 words about the incident. **(10)**

- VI.** The following passage is **not edited**. There is one error in each line. Find the error in the line. Write the error and the correct word in front of the right number in your answer sheet. **(4)**

The exhaust earth groaned and quivered under a glare of the sun. Spirals of heat rose from the ground on if from molten lava. The panting lizard crawled painfully over the hot rocks on search of a shade crevice. Cattle or dogs cringed under the shade. Every is still and quiet.

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- VII. Re-arrange the following words to make meaningful sentences:** (2)
- Mother Teresa/ Calcutta/ a foreigner, / and/ home/ settled/ though/ in/made/it/ her
 - knowledge/ we/ books/ the knowledge/ get/ theoretical/ from/ is/ mere

- VIII. Rewrite the following sentences after making necessary changes as directed:** (4)
- She said, "I decided to work hard as hard work is the key to success." (Change into **indirect speech**)
 - We all make mistakes. It is quite human. (Join the sentences using a **gerund**)
 - They not challenge the authority of their boss. (Fill in the blanks using a **modal** expressing prediction)
 - She was offended with what I said. (Change the **voice**)

SECTION C: LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT

(30 Marks)

- IX. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:** (3)

*"The cardboard shows me how it was
When the two girl cousins went paddling,
Each one holding one of my mother's hands,
And she the big girl – some twelve years or so."*

- What does the 'cardboard' show the poet?
- Why did the two girl cousins hold the hands of the poet's mother?
- How did the girls go to the sea beach?

OR

*"When did my childhood go?
Was it when I found my mind was really mine,
To use whichever way, I choose,
Producing thoughts that were not those of other people
But my own, and mine alone
Was that the day!"*

- What do the words 'My own' and 'mine' stand for?
- Which phase of life does this stanza show?
- Why did he choose his way?

- X. Answer any three of the following questions in 30-40 words each:** (9)

- Why was the ugly island, Ile Amsterdam, the most beautiful island for the passengers of the Wave walker?
- What is the remarkable shift in our attitude towards the earth brought on by the Green Movement?
- What are the issues that the play, 'Mother's Day' highlights?
- Sometimes stressing too much on rules and regulations is also difficult and may lead to chaos and anarchy. Explain in wake of the theme of the poem 'Tale of Melon City'.

- XI. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 words: (6)**
- a. *“A doctor must work eighteen hours a day and seven days a week. If you cannot console yourself to this, get out of the profession,”* said Martin H. Fischer. A physician is judged by the three A’s, Ability, Availability and Affability. Dr. Andrew prove these. Explain in the context of *Birth*.

OR

- b. *As a teacher, I possess a tremendous power to make a child’s life miserable or joyous. I can be a tool of torture or an instrument of inspiration.”* Haim G. Ginott.
Mr. Crocker-Harris is the subject of the conversation between Taplow and Frank in the play, *The Browning Version*. What kind of a picture emerges of Mr. Harris as a teacher and as a person and comment about his influence on students?

- XII. Answer the following questions in 125-150 words: (12)**
- a. Why did the Canterville Ghost decide to terrify Virginia’s lover? Which attire did he plan to use? Why could he not execute the plan?
- b. "The Canterville Ghost" is an inverted ghost story. Discuss.
