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GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- This paper consists of three sections
 - Section A Reading (20 marks)
 - Section B Writing & Grammar (30 marks)
 - Section C Literature (30 marks)
- **All questions are compulsory.**
- Separate instructions are given for each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions carefully and follow them.

SECTION – A (READING) 20 MARKS

I. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

1. Baisakhi is celebrated as a harvest festival by the large community in the states of Punjab and Haryana. Since Baisakhi falls in the middle of the month of April (April 13), Baisakhi marks the harvest time of the rabi (winter) crops. Farmers are loaded with cash at this time and are in full mood and spirit to enjoy the fruits of hard work as they celebrate Baisakhi Festival.
2. Festival of Baisakhi is celebrated as a Thanksgiving Day by the farmers. People wake up early on the day and take bath in rivers or pond water and pay a visit to the Temple or Gurudwara (Sikh worship place). Farmers thank God for the bountiful harvest and pray for prosperity in future also. Many people also perform charity on the day as a custom. As the day progresses, loud cries of “Jatta aayi Baisakhi” reverberate in the sky as men and women move towards the field to celebrate the harvest festival. As a tradition men dress up in colourful lungi, kurta and pagri while womenfolk clad themselves in salwar kameez or lehenga. They further adorn themselves with loads of jewellery.
3. Major attraction of Baisakhi celebrations in villages is the performance of energetic Bhangra and Gidda dance by men and women respectively. This very popular traditional folk dance is performed in groups on the fast beat of dhol. Dancers perform everyday farming scenes of sowing, harvesting, winnowing and gathering of crops through zestful movements of the body to the accompaniment of ballads. Later during the day, people exchange greetings with friends, neighbours and dear ones and relish best of world famous Punjabi cuisine.
4. Colourful Baisakhi Fairs are organized at several places in Punjab to mark the harvest festival of Baisakhi. Performance of Bhangra and Gidda dance besides other recreational activities makes Baisakhi ‘Melas’ a major crowd puller. People also indulge in shopping and eating spree in the numerous stalls set up in the fairs.

1.1 Given below is the summary of paragraph 3 of the passage. Complete it by writing the missing word against the correct blank number in your answer sheet: 5

The (a) _____ attraction of Baisakhi celebrations in villages is the performance of energetic bhangra and gidda dance by men followed by women. This very (b) _____ traditional folk dance is performed in groups on the fast beat of dhol. The everyday farming (c) _____ like sowing, harvesting, winnowing and gathering of crops are performed with full energy and enthusiasm accompanied with folk songs. In the second half of the day, people exchange greetings with friends, neighbours and dear ones and (d) _____ best of world famous Punjabi (e) _____.

1.2 Read the questions below and choose the most appropriate option.

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(i) Baisakhi falls in the month of:

- a) April b) March c) May d) June

(ii) The dance performed during Baisakhi is:

- a) Odissi b) Bhangra and Gidda c) Bharatanatyam d) Kuchipudi

(iii) The occasion marked to celebrate Baisakhi festival is:

- a) New Year b) Wedding ceremony c) Harvest season d) Victory over enemies

(iv) The word which mean 'fairs' is:

- a) Tradition b) culture c) crowd d) Melas

1.3 On the basis of reading the passage, answer the following questions briefly.

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i) Name the place of worship of Sikhs.

ii) What is the custom many people perform on the eve of Baisakhi?

iii) Why are the Baisakhi 'Melas' a major crowd puller?

II. Read the poem carefully.

Come along, come with me,
Take a dive in the deep blue sea,
Put on your gear, let's explore,
All the way to the ocean floor!

See that small snail wrapped in curls?
Look! An oyster wearing pearls!
Watch the octopus, oh so dark,
But don't you dare to pet the shark!

Dive on down, seaward bound,
Motion in the ocean is all around!
Dive on down, seaward bound,
Motion in the ocean is all around!

Now we're very far below,
The lantern fish are all aglow,
Is that a tiny shock you feel?
You just met an electric eel!

Giant blue whales start to stir,
Bigger than dinosaurs ever were!
Wave good - bye to the squid and sponge,
This is the end of our deep sea plunge!

2.1 Write T for true and F for false statements in the answer sheet.

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- i) The shock was due to the electric eel.
ii) The oyster was wrapped in curls.
iii) The giant blue whales are bigger than dinosaurs.

2.2 Answer the following questions briefly.

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- i) What does the poet ask the readers to do?
ii) The poet says good - bye to two creatures in the ocean. Name them.
iii) Write any two pairs of rhyming words.

2.3 Find out the word from the poem above that means the same for the following. **2**

- i) Glowing with light or colour. (stanza 4)
- ii) Jump or dive into water (stanza 5)

SECTION B (WRITING & GRAMMAR) 30 MARKS

III. You are Arun Irani / Aruna Irani, the Sports Captain of the school. Your school is organising an Inter House Cricket Championship for under 14 boys and girls. Write a notice in about 50 words for the school notice board inviting team lists from the respective four houses. Include the following information. **4**

Number of team members in each house 15 ----- each respective team to bring full kit ----- last date for submission ----- for more details contact the Sports captain.

IV. Use the information given below on Jawaharlal Nehru, a famous personality and write a short bio sketch about him in 80 words. **6**

Full name: Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Date and place of birth: 14 November, 1889, Allahabad.

Parents: Swaruparani, Motilal Nehru

Education: Barrister - at- law, England.

Occupation: set up practice as a lawyer in India.

Politics: active part in Non – cooperation movement, Salt satyagraha, Quit India movement etc.

Positions held: President of Indian National Congress, the first Prime Minister of independent India.

Writings: Discovery of India, Glimpses of World History.

Good qualities: loved peace, friendship, children, a great statesman.

Death: 27th May 1964.

V. Write a story in 100 words based on the following hints. Remember to give your story a suitable title and mention the moral of the story. **8**

Once a gentleman travelling in a train --- felt thirsty --- got down in search of water --- missed the train --- enquired about next train --- no train for that day --- available only on next day --- getting darker --- not able to get a room in the lodges ---reached a small hut --- asked the owner --- the villager agreed to provide shelter ---served food --- did not ask nor expected anything in return --- at night 7 in the clock --- a rich man knocked the door of the villager --- demanded to pay back the debts --- the gentleman came to know the need of the villager --- the next day morning he put some amount of money and a note in a packet --- left it in the drawer --- the villager saw the packet and read the note --- “ you helped me and did not expect anything --- I thought you were in need that’s why --- the villager was happy. Moral ---

VI. Do as directed.

6.1 Rewrite the following sentences by placing the adjectives in proper order: **2**

- i) It is a leather laptop black bag.
- ii) The coffee made a brown small stain on the shirt.

6.2 Write negative adjectives for the underlined words in the sentences: **3**

- i) You have to drink pure water. I think that water is _____.
- ii) Suneha did you complete your homework? I think it is _____.
- iii) We should be regular to school. Last month you were _____.

6.3 Insert a Colon in each sentence: **2**

- i) We will meet at 4 30 pm in the gym.
- ii) I love reading all types of books mystery, horror, suspense and biographies.

6.4 Complete the sentences using ‘because’: **2**

- i) Aftab couldn’t attend the party _____.
- ii) She didn’t go to picnic _____.

6.5 Fill in the blanks using Present Perfect Tense form of the verb given in brackets. **3**

- i) Doctors _____ (cure) many deadly diseases.
- ii) She _____ (give) me her books.
- iii) Naveen _____ (finish) his homework.

SECTION C (LITERATURE) 30 MARKS

VII. Answer any ONE of the following. **4**

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

‘Do you want to eat only one small bowl, then?’ asked the vendor astonished.

‘It is not for me’, the old man answered.

- i) For whom is the bowl taken?
- ii) Why did the old man take only one bowl?
- iii) One of the good characteristic feature of the old man is _____.
- iv) The meaning of ‘astonished’ is _____.

(Or)

Say this city has ten million souls,

Some are living in mansions, some are living in holes:

Yet there’s no place for us, my dear, yet there’s no place for us.

- i) Why there is no place for the couple to stay?
- ii) Name the poem and the poet.
- iii) Who lives in mansions and who lives in holes?
- iv) Explain ‘ten million souls’.

VIII. Give the meaning of the following words and use them to frame meaning sentences. **3**

- i) horde ii) thrive

IX. Bring out the importance of a balanced lifestyle with reference to the lesson **3**

‘Triumph of surgery’.

X. Answer the following questions in about 20 – 30 words. **12**

- i) What reasons did the Happy Prince give for weeping?
- ii) Why does Prospero call Caliban ‘a treacherous wretch?’
- iii) ‘The other dogs decided that Tricky was an uninteresting object and ignored him’.
Why did the other dogs consider Tricky as an uninteresting object at first?
- iv) Why do you think the refugees were walking as in a dream?
- v) ‘And never now, may he learn the song that my bird sings’. Which bird do you think is happy? What is the difference between the two birds?
- vi) In the poem ‘Refugee Blues’, the man envies the freedom that fish and birds enjoy. What kind of freedom does the man want?

XI. Answer the following questions in about 60 --- 80 words. **8**

- i) Why there were tears in Mrs. Pumphrey’s eyes? What does the phrase ‘a triumph of surgery’ refer to? Explain with reference to the lesson.
- ii) Explain the connection between the Yew tree and passports with reference to the poem, “Refugee Blues”.