



Std.: X

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ENGLISH

Marks: 80

Time: 3 Hrs.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

*This paper consists of three sections:*

- Section A : **Reading** (20 Marks)
- Section B : **Writing & Grammar** (30 Marks)
- Section C : **Literature Reader & Long Reading Text** (30 Marks)
- All sections are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the right order.

**SECTION A: READING****(20 Marks)****1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:****8**

1. When one thinks about predators, one thinks about power. Hyena, Great White Shark and Sea Hawk- all pack a powerful punch. Their powerful muscles are critical for hunting but before any one of them can eat, they each have to find and follow their chosen prey, which isn't always easy.

2. Hyenas have phenomenally powerful jaws and one of the strongest bites in the world. With a force of half a ton, they can crush bones like us munching popcorn. They eat the bone, the hair, even hooves, horns and teeth. Hyena's milk is a very special jam- packed with energy and four times richer than cow's milk. Hyenas can take down prey more than three times their size.

3. Great White Shark with rows of razor sharp teeth, the super heavy weight fish can deliver a bite of two tons. Sharks are powerful swimmers too, with bursts at a speed of 25 miles an hour they can ambush their prey, capture them completely unawares. Great white sharks live alone. They can go for three months without food. They are the ultimate predator when it comes to swimming. They have special scales called denticles. They have torpedo shaped body which means they are super streamlined cutting through the water with ease.

4. Osprey also known as Sea Hawk or Fish Hawk, may only weigh the same as a bag of sugar, but can still pack one heck of a punch. They're the ultimate fishermen and their incredible power lies in their flight muscles. After smashing into the water at 45 miles an hour, they have to take off from the water carrying fish that can weigh as much as they do. When there are hungry chicks to feed, dad does most of the hunting leaving mum to serve up dinner back at the nest. Plunging under water is seriously dangerous especially when one can't swim. That's why the bird needs those powerful flight muscles to haul itself back out of the water. Ospreys fly between Canada and South America every year to find the best fishing spots.

**Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read:**

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- (a) What makes the three predators powerful?
- (b) Mention two unique features of Hyenas.
- (c) How are Hyenas able to eat bones?
- (d) How does a Great White Shark hunt?
- (e) How do the Osprey take care of their little chicks?
- (f) What kind of a body do the Great White Sharks have?
- (g) What kind of a bird is the Osprey?
- (h) Ospreys cannot swim. How do they still manage?
- (i) Why is the milk of Hyena called a very special jam?

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

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1. Long, long ago, in a big forest, there were many trees. Among the cluster of trees, there was a very tall pine tree. He was so tall that he could talk to the stars in the sky. He could easily look over the heads of the other trees. One day late in the evening, the pine tree saw a ragged, skinny girl approaching him. He could see her only because of his height. The girl was in tears. The pine tree bent as much as he could and asked her, "What is the matter? Why are you crying?"

2. The little girl, still sobbing, replied, "I was gathering flowers to make a garland for Goddess Durga, who I believe, would help my parents to overcome their poverty, but I have lost my way." The pine tree said to the little girl, "It is late in the evening. It will not be possible for you to return to your house, which is at the other end of the forest. Sleep for the night at this place." The pine tree pointed to an open cave-like place under him. The little girl was frightened of wild animals. She quickly crept into the cave-like place. The pine tree was happy and pleased with himself. He stood like a soldier guarding the place.

3. The little girl woke up in the morning and was amazed to see the pine tree standing guard outside the cave. Then her gaze travelled to the heap of flowers that she had gathered the previous night. The flowers lay withering on the ground. The pine tree understood what was going on in the girl's mind. He wrapped his branches around the nearby flower trees and shook them gently. The little girl's eyes brightened and she felt very happy. A great surprise awaited her. The pine tree brought out a bag full of gold coins which had been lying for years in the hole in its trunk and gave it to the girl. With teary eyes she thanked her benefactor and went away.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each:**

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- (a) Why was the girl crying?
- (b) Where did the pine tree want the little girl to sleep for the night?
- (c) What did the girl want to make with the flowers and why was she disappointed when she looked at them?
- (d) How did the pine tree make her happy?
- (e) What did the girl believe would happen if she offered a garland to Goddess Durga?

**2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two blanks with appropriate words or phrases:**

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- (a) The girl was collecting flowers for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The girl was amazed to see \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The great surprise that awaited the girl was \_\_\_\_\_.

**2.3. Attempt any two of the following. Find out the word in the passage that means the same as the following:**

**2**

- (a) group (Para. 1)
- (b) tattered (Para. 1)
- (c) enveloped (Para. 3)

**SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR**

**(30Marks)**

**3.** You are the In-charge of the Medical Section of Dehra Public School, Nehru Nagar, Dehra. Your stock of medicines is about to finish. Write a **letter in about 100-120 words** to the Director of Jambo Medicare, Delhi, **ordering medical items** like glucose, crocin, bandages, pain-healers, ointments etc. Ask for discount on bulk order. Invent other necessary details.

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**OR**

You are Rita/Sonu living at 24, Vasant Nagar, New Delhi. Write a **letter to the Editor** of a newspaper in about **100-120 words** about the burden of the heavy bags that young children carry to school.

4. Write a **short story**, in about **200-250 words**, with **any one** set of the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. **10**

It was an old leather suitcase strapped and buckled securely. I recalled asking granny about it. She simply said.....

**OR**

You meet a man - talks of a ruined temple in a jungle- shows you a magnificent jewel-talks about inscriptions on temple wall- you are an expert in interpreting ancient languages and scriptures- interpret it in a logical way- help government to unearth the treasure-greatly rewarded in the mission of treasure hunt.

5. Read the following passage. Fill **any four** blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Do not copy the whole passage: **4**

A strong desire to travel beyond the blue, to fly (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the heavens and touch the stars was what Kalpana dreamt (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Determined to the core, she finally (c) \_\_\_\_\_ towards making her vision (d) \_\_\_\_\_ reality. For this first India-born astronaut, (e) \_\_\_\_\_ castles in the air had their foundation firmly embedded in reality.

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|-----|-------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) | (i) in      | (ii) into     | (iii) on        | (iv) above      |
| (b) | (i) about   | (ii) in       | (iii) for       | (iv) of         |
| (c) | (i) succeed | (ii) succeeds | (iii) succeeded | (iv) succeeding |
| (d) | (i) a       | (ii) the      | (iii) that      | (iv) an         |
| (e) | (i) their   | (ii) her      | (iii) his       | (iv) your       |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a number is given. Write **any four** of the incorrect words and the correction against the correct number. **4**

Deepak Parekh has widely known as a senior statesmen of Indian business. He is respecting not just for his financial acumen but also for her integrity and unflinching moral courage. He has spoke out against corruption and communalism at a time that many other leading business persons chose to steer clear of such subjects.

- |      | <b><u>Incorrect</u></b> | <b><u>Correct</u></b> |
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| e.g. | <i>has</i>              | <i>is</i>             |
| (a)  | _____                   | _____                 |
| (b)  | _____                   | _____                 |
| (c)  | _____                   | _____                 |
| (d)  | _____                   | _____                 |
| (e)  | _____                   | _____                 |

7. Read the conversation given below and complete **and four** of the blanks given in the paragraph. **4**

**Mother : What are you doing in the kitchen?**

**Reena : I am busy helping Ramya.**

**Mother : What work is she having there?**

**Reena : She is eating the jalebis that you made for the guests.**

Mother was waiting for the guests. Suddenly she heard a noise in the kitchen. She called out to her daughter Reena and asked her (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Reena put her head out of the door and said that (b) \_\_\_\_\_ Ramya. Mother asked with wonder (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Reena then replied that (d) \_\_\_\_\_ that she (e) \_\_\_\_\_ guests.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE READER & LONG READING TEXT (30 MARKS)**

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 4**

*"..... I just came to tell you to stop bothering us for assistance; You ain't going to get it. We are going on strike!"*

- (a) Who is the speaker of these lines?
- (b) Who does 'you' refer to?
- (c) What does the speaker threaten to do?
- (d) What was the reason for the speaker to go on a strike?

**OR**

*"Being earth-brown, earth-golden  
From the burning bowels of the earth  
On the day of Sicilian July, with  
Etna smoking"*

- (a) Describe 'Burning bowels'.
- (b) Describe the snake.
- (c) The poetic device used in 'burning bowels' is.....
- (d) Which season is talked about in the above lines?

**9. Answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: 8**

- (a) Why did Nicola grow pale when the narrator asked them about their expenses?
- (b) Why does Patol Babu walk away before he can be paid for his role? What does this reveal about his character?
- (c) "When the albatross arrived on the ship, the mariners experienced a sense of joy and were infused with new hope." Comment
- (d) What did Calpurnia dream about Caesar? How did Decius Brutus interpret the dream?
- (e) 'Gainst death and all oblivious enmity, shall you pace forth.' On the basis of the lines comment how the poet honours his friend. (Not Marble Nor The Gilded Monuments)

**10. Answer either one of the following questions in 100 – 120 words: 8**

What does the poet wish to convey through the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale'?

**OR**

Willpower and determination bring success against all odds. Comment with reference to 'Virtually True'.

**11. Answer either one of the following questions in 200 – 250 words: 10**

Where was 'Fern Quarry'? What was Helen's experience of spending the summer there?

**OR**

What was Dr. Graham Bell's contribution in Helen Keller's life? How did he prove to be a life-long friend to her?

**\*\*\*\*THE END\*\*\*\***