



Std.: X

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ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hrs.

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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**SECTION A: READING (20 Marks)**

**1. Read the passage carefully:****8**

1. Few guessed that this quiet, parentless girl growing up in New York City would one day become the First Lady of the United States. Even fewer thought she would become an author and lecturer and a woman much admired and loved by people throughout the world.
2. Born Anna Eleanor Roosevelt in 1884 to wealthy, but troubled parents who both died while she was young, Roosevelt was cared for by her grandmother and sent to school in England. In 1905, she married her distant cousin, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. She and her husband had six children. Although they were wealthy, her life was not easy and she suffered several personal tragedies. Her second son died when he was a baby. In 1921, her strong athletic husband was stricken with polio, which left him physically disabled for life.
3. Eleanor Roosevelt was a remarkable woman who had great intelligence and tremendous strength of character. She never let things get her down. She nursed her husband back to good health and encouraged him to remain in politics. She then helped him to become Governor of New York, and in 1933, President of the United States.
4. While her husband was President, she took a great interest in all the affairs of the country. She became her husband's legs and eyes; she visited prisons and hospitals; she went down into mines, up scaffolding and into factories. Roosevelt was tireless and daring. During the depression she travelled all over the country bringing goodwill, reassurance and help to people without food and jobs. During World War II she visited American soldiers in camps all over the world. The United States had never known a First Lady like her.
5. Roosevelt also kept in touch with the American people through a daily newspaper column called 'My Day'. She broadcasted on the radio and delivered lectures, all first for a First Lady.

**On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions:**

- a. Eleanor Roosevelt was the First Lady because:
 

i. She was very intelligent	iii. She worked during World War II
ii. Her parents were wealthy	iv. Her husband was the President
- b. What is the correct order of the information given below?
  - I. Eleanor Roosevelt was sent to England.
  - II. Her husband was stricken with polio.

III. She was born to wealthy parents.

IV. Her husband became Governor.

i. I, III, IV, II

iii. IV, I, III, II

ii. III, I, II, IV

iv. II, IV, I, III

c. 'She became her husband's legs and eyes' means that \_\_\_\_\_.

i. She did not allow her husband to remain in politics

iii. She never cared her husband

ii. She had not liking for politics

iv. She shared her husband's responsibilities

d. 'My Day' was:

i. a famous newspaper

iii. published from New York

ii. published by Eleanor Roosevelt

iv. a daily newspaper column

e. What special contribution did she make during World War II?

i. She never cared the soldiers

iii. She wrote several articles

ii. She visited hospitals

iv. She met soldiers in the camps

f. The side of her personality reflected in the passage:

i. a weak woman with timid heart

iii. a careless mother having no

ii. a remarkable woman with great intelligence and tremendous strength of character

responsibility for family

iv. a strong woman with selfish attitude

g. She took a great interest in \_\_\_\_\_.

h. Nobody helped Franklin Roosevelt become the President (True/False).

## 2. Read the passage carefully:

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1. Deserts are usually hot and barren places; yet, they are also beautiful. A few plants, rocks and dusty red-brown soil make up the ingredients of most North American deserts where there is sufficient food and water for certain animals to survive.
2. One famous dry and hot place in the world with no visible rock or plant barely any water is the Sahara Desert. It is the largest desert in the world and is located in Northern Africa. It gives the impression of an ocean of pure white sand. Surprisingly, the Sahara is home to many strange animals.
3. These animals have survived over many generations because they were able to adapt to their particular conditions. However, a certain number of species were unable to adapt fast enough to their environment and so died out. One of the most interesting animals in the Sahara is the sand stink which in French means 'fish of the desert'. The sand stink behaves just like a fish except that instead of in water, it 'swims' through the sand. Its legs act as fins and the hard scales on its skin act as armor helping it moves through the sand. A piece of transparent skin protects its eyes as it swims through the sand. Its eggs are covered with skin to prevent dehydration.
4. Another desert animal that hides from the sun is the desert shrimp. The lifespan of these tiny animals is only about two weeks because that is about when puddles of water from desert rainstorms dry up. They are able to survive in the hot conditions, but without their main source of survival, they dehydrate and are virtually roasted to death.

5. One of the rare animals able to bask in the desert sun is the camel. For many hundreds of years, the camel has been the 'horse of the desert', helping travellers across the desert. This 'horse' is slow-moving, yet it is big and strong enough to carry extremely heavy loads. The camel has larger feet almost like snowshoes. This characteristic prevents it from sinking into the sand.
6. A camel is able to drink up to one hundred and eighteen liters of water in a day. Once it is full, it can move for five to seven days without water, carrying its own portable 'water tank'. Its humps help to store fats which serve as a storage of strength, removing the need for food, sometimes for a week. In fact, the humps become smaller as the camel consumes the fats stored. They also help to regulate the camel's temperature.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each:** **8**

- a. How much water is a camel able to drink up in a day? What is the use of its hump?
- b. Name and describe one of the interesting animals in the Sahara.
- c. What prevents camel from sinking into the sand?
- d. Why can only certain animals survive in the North American deserts?

**2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following:** **4**

- a. In para 2, the word which means 'opinion' is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) impression (ii) barely (iii) located (iv) sufficient
- b. The synonym of 'small pool' as given in para 4 is \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. The antonym of 'unknown' as given in para 2 is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) famous (ii) hot (iii) barely (iv) visible
- d. The antonym of 'common' as given in para 5 is \_\_\_\_\_.

### **SECTION B: WRITING & GRAMMAR (30Marks)**

- 3.** You read in the newspaper about a baby girl found abandoned at a railway station. You are touched by the fact that people consider the girl child as a burden and not as an asset. Write an **article** for a magazine on '**Saving the Girl Child**'. Take help from the hints provided. You are Neera Bhardwaj/ Neeraj Bhardwaj. (100-150 words) **8**

**Hints:**

- Value and worth of girl child
- Female foeticide
- Boy-girl ratio getting imbalanced
- Girls will simply vanish from the face of the Earth
- Create awareness in society to put an end to this social evil.

**OR**

You intend to join coaching classes at International Coaching Center situated in Raipur. The institute specializes in teaching science to classes X - XII. Write a **letter of inquiry** in 100-150 words addressed to the Administrator in charge of the institute seeking clarification about the timings, duration, staff, transport and other necessary details for joining the institute. You are Rajesh/ Rajni, Library Road, Jabalpur.

**4. Develop a story on the basis of the given cues in about 150 – 200 words: 10**

Satish was standing on the balcony watching the last rays of the Sun. Loud and angry voices in the street below distracted his attention. He ran down the stairs to see what had happened.....

**OR**

It was Mohini’s first day at the new school. She was feeling very nervous. She stood in a corner and watched the students who were laughing and talking excitedly. When she saw four senior students advancing towards her, she.....

**5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow: 4**

The modern student (a) \_\_\_\_\_ the importance (b) \_\_\_\_\_ physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in open air (c) \_\_\_\_\_ he takes part in different sports. However, care should (d) \_\_\_\_\_ not to overstrain the body.

- a. (i) understood      (ii) understand      (iii) have understood      (iv) understands
- b. (i) of                (ii) by                    (iii) from                    (iv) with
- c. (i) how              (ii) which                (iii) where                 (iv) why
- d. (i) be taken        (ii) took                 (iii) takes                 (iv) has taken

**6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. The first one has been done as an example for you. 4**

	<b>Before</b>	<b><u>Word</u></b>	<b>After</b>
I was aboard the train Allahabad	e.g., train	to	Allahabad
and after dull hours I reached	a. _____	_____	_____
the conference. A plethora activities	b. _____	_____	_____
mesmerized audience. The blaring	c. _____	_____	_____
speakers resonated devotional songs.	d. _____	_____	_____

**7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows: 4**

Deepti : I am planning to buy a new car.  
Priyanka : Which car do you want to buy?  
Deepti : I want to buy the latest model of any popular company.  
Priyanka : It is a good decision.

Deepti told Priyanka that (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Then Priyanka asked her (b) \_\_\_\_\_  
Deepti replied that (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Priyanka (d) \_\_\_\_\_ a good decision.

**SECTION C: LITERATURE (30 MARKS)**

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

*Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,  
And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,  
Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,  
And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.*

- a. The above lines tell us about \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) kitten (ii) mouse (iii) dog (iv) Custard
- b. It is a description of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) appearance of the dragon (ii) courage of the dragon  
(iii) heroism of the dragon (iv) cowardice of the dragon
- c. Custard's mouth is compared to a \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Although Custard was little, he had \_\_\_\_\_ teeth.

**OR**

Midway between Mysore and the coastal town of Mangalore sits a piece of heaven that must have drifted from the kingdom of God. During the monsoons, it pours enough to keep many visitors away. The season of joy commences from September and continues till March.

- a. Coorg is located in between \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) Mysore and Mangalore (ii) Chennai and Mysore  
(iii) Mangalore and Bangalore (iv) Mangalore and Chennai
- b. The best time to visit Coorg is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) Monsoon (ii) Winter  
(iii) September to March (iv) March to September
- c. Because of its natural beauty, Coorg is compared to \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. It pours enough in Coorg to keep visitors away, during the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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- a. What was the most fascinating pastime of Valli?
- b. Why did Prince Siddhartha Gautama leave the palace?
- c. How did Anne regard her diary and what name did she give to it?
- d. How does the tiger feel behind the bars of the cage?
- e. Which book did Ebright's mother get for him? How did it change his life?
- f. Why was Dr. Herriot tempted to keep Tricky as a permanent guest?

**10. Answer either one of the following questions in 100 – 150 words:**

**8**

Fear and lack of confidence stop one from learning new things. Do you agree? How did these two traits of the young seagull make him coward? How did he overcome these shortcomings?

**OR**

The poet in the poem 'For Anne Gregory' conveys that we should give importance to the inner beauty and not the physical appearance. Elaborate with reference to the poem.

**11. Answer either one of the following questions in 100 – 150 words:**

**8**

Griffin was not a true scientist as he misused his scientific discovery. Illustrate this point by giving two incidents from the story.

**OR**

Bholi chose a dignified life of service rather than surrendering herself to a greedy old man for the rest of her life. Education provides the required stimulus to overcome one's personal barriers. Explain the role of education in shaping the life of a child with respect to the lesson 'Bholi'.

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