

English—2009
Language and Literature
Comptt.
(Set I—Delhi)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

General Instructions:

- (i) This paper consists of **four** Sections:
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| Section A | Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B | Writing | 20 marks |
| Section C | Grammar | 15 marks |
| Section D | Textbooks | 45 marks |
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A—Reading

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Q.1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

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1. India's first individual gold medal at the Olympics 2008 has made the nation jump with joy. It has come after we have participated in 21 Olympic Games. That's not a great achievement for a nation with a population of a billion people and a growing economic power. India's solitary gold, however, brings into focus something that many including gold medalist Abhinav Bindra have asked, "Why on earth did it take so long?"
 2. The main reasons are poor facilities, government apathy and lack of sporting culture. All of these have in some measure contributed to explain India's poor showing in sports.
 3. There are broadly two models that India can look up to, if it wants to improve its performance in the future Olympics and in sports in general.
 4. One is clearly the successful Chinese model. We tend to forget that China's first Olympic gold medal came as recently as the 1984 Games. Since then China has jumped to the top of the medals tally with 32 golds in the previous Games, only four behind the U.S. It has managed this by focussing on lesser known but medal-rich sports such as weightlifting, shooting and rowing. In addition, China has strengthened its traditional sports like gymnastics, diving and table tennis. China has also focussed on women athletes who are usually funded less elsewhere. In the Athens Games, women won two-thirds of China's medals.
 5. The other model is the American one, where there is no centralised system but a highly competitive school and university sports structure which produces great athletes. There is little involvement of the state, except for the government's funding of public colleges and schools and athletic scholarships. The U.S. tends to excel in sports that are popular with the Americans such as running, swimming or basketball, rather than disciplines like shooting or archery.
 6. India could easily focus on a few sports among the 28 Olympic disciplines. It can help the country to increase its medals tally. India once had a robust club structure. It produced great hockey players including Dhyan Chand and so many footballers. There is no reason why it can't be revived. Private companies and trusts could easily help as they've started doing in a small way in the last few years.
- 1.1 (a) What gave India a great joy and why? 2
- (b) Who made India feel so proud? 1

- (c) Give two reasons for India's poor showing in the Olympics. 2
- (d) Mention the two models which India can look up to if it wants to improve its medals-tally in the Olympics. 1
- (e) What are the practical suggestions which can help India to improve the medals-tally in future Olympics? 2
- (f) How did China manage to win so many medals in the last Olympics? Give one reason. 1
- 1.2 Find the word in the passage which means the same as each of the following: 3
- (i) single/alone (Para 1)
- (ii) absence of interest (Para 2)
- (ii) brought into use again (Para 6)

- Ans.** (a) *India's first individual gold medal at the Olympics 2008 gave India a great joy because this gold medal came after we have participated in 21 Olympic Games.*
- (b) *Abhinav Bindra, who brought India, its first individual gold medal at the Olympics has made India feel very proud.*
- (c) *The two reasons for India's poor showing in the Olympics are government apathy and lack of sporting culture.*
- (d) *The Chinese model and the American model are the two models which India can look upto if it wants to improve its medals-tally in Olympics.*
- (e) *India could easily focus on a few sports among the 28 Olympic disciplines It can revive its hockey and football club structure to improve the medal-tally in future Olympics.*
- (f) *China has managed to win so many medals in the last Olympics by focussing on lesser-known but medal-rich sports like weightlifting, shooting and rowing.*
- 1.2 (i) solitary (ii) apathy (iii) revived

Q.2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 8

I was ten years old then, and my brother, Nick, was fourteen. For both of us this buying of a gift for our mother on Mother's Day was a time of excitement and great importance.

It was our first gift to her. We were very poor. It was just after the First World War and we lived in difficult times of trouble. Our father worked now sometimes as a waiter. Birthday and Christmas gifts were taken care of by him as well as he could, but such a thing as a Mother's Day gift was out-of-the-ordinary luxury. But we had been lucky, Nick and myself. A second-hand furniture store had opened on the block, and deliveries were made by means of loading the furniture on a pushcart which we carefully pushed through traffic, to the customer's home. We got a nickel each and, perhaps, a tip.

I remember how Nick's thin, dark face lighted up with the joy of the present. He had first thought of it in school; and the thought of surprise and giving grew in him, and myself, and we were highly excited.

- (a) How old is the narrator? 1
- (b) What work did the father do? Was it a regular job? Pick out the word that gives you the answer. 2
- (c) Why couldn't the family afford a Mother's Day gift? 1
- (d) Which gifts were bought by the father? 1
- (e) What made the boys feel lucky? 2
- (f) How much were they paid for their work? 1

- Ans.** (a) *The narrator is ten years old.*
- (b) *The father worked as a waiter. No, it was not a regular job. The word 'sometimes' gives us the answer.*

- (c) *The family couldn't afford a Mother's Day gift as they were very poor and it was an out-of-the ordinary luxury for them.*
- (d) *Birthday and Christmas gifts were bought by the father.*
- (e) *The boys felt lucky as a second-hand furniture store had opened on the block and deliveries were made by loading the furniture on a pushcart. The boys were able to make some money by delivering the furniture to a customer's house.*
- (f) *They were paid a nickel each for their work.*

SECTION B—Writing**20**

Q.3. The Municipal Corporation of New Delhi plans to construct 200 shops over the 2-km long stretch of the recently covered drain passing through your colony. You are Mohit/Meenakshi, a resident of A-4, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Dy. Commissioner, MCD, New Delhi, protesting against the construction of the shops. It will pose problems like traffic-jams and disturb the peace of the area. Request him to convert this stretch into a green belt or a beautiful park. **8**

Ans. *A-4, Mansarovar Garden
New Delhi*

The Deputy Commissioner

MCD

New Delhi

22nd December, 20xx

Subject: Conversion of covered drain into green belt

Sir,

I am a resident of Mansarovar Garden, living opposite the 2-km stretch of drain which was covered recently. This drain was a major health and sanitary hazard and covering it has been a great achievement of the MCD. Now the MCD plans to construct 200 shops over this 2 km long stretch. On behalf of the residents of our locality I would like to protest against the construction of these shops. These shops will not only disturb the peace and calmness of our area but these will cause traffic-jams also. Infact, we would like to request you to convert this stretch into a green belt or a beautiful park. This will not only enhance the beauty of our area but also be of great advantage to the residents of the area. We sincerely hope you will comply to our request and sanction the beautification of our locality.

Yours sincerely

Meenakshi

Or

You are Mohit/Meenakshi, living at A-4, Mansarovar Garden, New Delhi. Write a letter to your friend Pundeer/Priyanka with whom you spent a week in his/her village, and have just come back. Write about your return journey and the fantastic memories of the village life which you have brought with you.

Ans. *A-4, Mansarovar Garden
New Delhi*

1st October, 20xx

Dearest Pundeer,

Though it's not been even a week since I returned from your village, but I am already longing to return to your simple and serene village, which offered me a unique opportunity to be close to nature.

On my return journey itself I could feel the gradual but steady transition from a clean environment to the polluted areas as I was approaching the city. Nevertheless, I have brought back with me fantastic memories of the village life, green fields, the pure food and the joys of simple living. I am sure I will cherish these memories till I plan another trip to your village. I also ensure you that I intend to take your invitation, to visit your village again, most seriously.

Once again, I would like to thank you and your family for giving me a great time at your village. Also give my due regards to all elders and love to the children.

Yours lovingly

Mohit

Q.4. Write an article in about 80 words on the 'Closing Ceremony of Beijing Olympics-'08 using the hints given below:

a job well done — athletes of the world gathered as one family — spectacular cultural show — fire-works, celebration of the theme, 'Harmony, Friendship and Joy' — competitors turned into friends — the flame extinguished — Olympic flag lowered and Great Britain's flag raised — London 2012 Meet. 8

Ans. CLOSING CEREMONY OF BEIJING OLYMPICS-2008

The closing ceremony of the Beijing Olympics-2008 was a culmination of a well-done job where all athletes of the world gathered as one big family. The closing ceremony started with a spectacular cultural show which celebrated the theme of 'Harmony, Friendship and Joy', that had successfully turned competitors into friends. After a dazzling fire-works show the Olympic flame was extinguished, the Olympic flag was lowered and Great Britain's flag was raised as the next Olympic Games will be held in London in 2012.

Or

You went to see your friend off at the railway station but the train was late and you had enough time to enjoy the scene. Write a paragraph on 'A Scene at the Railway Station', in about 80 words, using the information given below and your own ideas.

long queues at the ticket window — inside at the platform — passengers chatting — sleeping on the benches — luggage — vendors shouting — coolies here and there — book stalls — scene on the arrival of the train

Ans. A SCENE AT THE RAILWAY STATION

As I was waiting for my friend's train at the railway station, it gave me an opportunity to enjoy the scene at the railway station. Long queues at ticket windows, passengers crowding and chatting at platforms and sleeping on the benches was a common sight. Piles of luggage, coolies running from one end to the other and the shouting of vendors added to the chaos. The book stalls too were crowded with people and as the train arrived all the passengers were seen rushing towards the approaching train.

Q.5. You are Pulkit/Prerna. As a newspaper reporter, you witnessed the scene of the bomb-blast in the busiest market of Karol Bagh, New Delhi On September 13. Using the hints given below, write a brief report in about 60 words. 4

Place, date and time — bomb planted in a three-wheeler — effect — 10 dead, 30 injured — cars damaged — police cordoned off the area — no arrests so far.

Ans. BLAST AT BUSY MARKET

New Delhi, 13 September:

By : Prerna

Ten people died and thirty were injured when a high intensity bomb blasted in Karol Bagh, one of the busiest markets in Delhi. The bomb which was planted in a three wheeler blasted at about 6 pm, the busiest time of the market. Many cars were damaged. The police arrived and cordoned off the area. No arrests have been made so far.

Or

Write a paragraph on the good effects of 'Morning Walk' in about 60 words, using the hints given below:

a good exercise for body and mind — for the young and old — refreshing effect— greenery — beauty of nature — chirping of birds — fragrance of flowers — keeps active the whole day.

Ans.

MORNING WALK

Morning walk is a good exercise for both the body and the mind. It is useful for the young as well as the old. It gives a refreshing start to the day. Amidst the greenery, beauty of nature, chirping of the birds and fragrance of the flowers one feels fit and active for the whole day.

SECTION C—Grammar

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Q.6. Fill in the blanks with suitable non-finites:

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$$

After (a) _____ (part) ways with his coach, Budhia Singh stayed at a sports hostel. There he heard about his mentor's death. He said that he was shocked (b) _____ (hear) the sad news. His coach used (c) _____ (take) care of him as a father. It was because of him that Budhia got his name (d) _____ (mention) in the Limca Book of Records.

Ans. (a) *parting* (b) *to hear* (c) *to take* (d) *mentioned*

Q.7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

Teacher : Aishwarya, why are you late today?

Aishwarya : Sir, I missed my bus.

Teacher : Take care in future.

The teacher asked Aishwarya (a) _____. Aishwarya replied (b) _____. The teacher advised (c) _____.

Ans. (a) *why she was late that day.*
(b) *that she had missed her bus.*
(c) *her to take care in future.*

Q.8. Rearrange the words and phrases given below into meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Number the answers correctly. The first one has been done as an example.

$$1 \times 2 = 2$$

Example:

for/in Jerusalem/were/one year/there/no rains

There were no rains for one year in Jerusalem.

(a) Jerusalem/the king/of/Solomon/was

(b) as/treated/own children/he/his subjects/his

Ans. (a) *Solomon was the king of Jerusalem.*

(b) *He treated his subjects as his own children.*

Q.9. 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 in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$$

The sea Kanyakumari is generally calm.

e.g. sea around

Kanyakumari

Visitors find very charming.

(a) _____

A certain peace rests the place.

(b) _____

The sunset sunrise are the
best hours enjoy its beauty.
The sun rises the Bay of Bengal
in morning and sets in the
Arabian Sea in the evening.

- (c) _____
(d) _____
(e) _____
(f) _____

Ans. (a) find it very (b) rests in the (c) sunset and sunrise
(d) hours to enjoy (e) rises in the (f) in the morning

Q.10. The underlined words in the following passage have been used inappropriately. Replace them with their appropriate forms. Write your answers in your answer sheet with correct numbers. Do not copy the whole passage.

$$1/2 \times 4 = 2$$

Gale is an (a) extreme strong wind. Cyclone is a violent (b) tropic storm in which strong winds move in a circle. A very strong wind that moves very fast in a spinning (c) move is a whirlwind. When it (d) sudden takes place it causes a lot of damage.

Ans. (a) extremely (b) tropical (c) movement (d) suddenly

Q.11. Given below are instructions for making a cup of tea. Use these to complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

$$1 \times 3 = 3$$

- (a) Pour boiled water into a cup.
(b) Add a spoonful of sugar.
(c) Put some milk and stir.
(d) A cup of tea is ready.

In order to make a cup of tea, boiled water (a) _____. Then a spoonful of sugar (b) _____ to it. Some milk (c) _____. A cup of tea is ready.

Ans. (a) is poured into a cup (b) is added (c) is put in it and stirred

SECTION D—Literature

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Q.12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly.

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The house—the only one in the entire valley—sat on the crest of a low hill. From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with the flowers that always promised a good harvest. The only thing the earth needed was a downpour or at least a shower. Throughout the morning Lencho—who knew his fields intimately—had done nothing else but see the sky towards the north-east.

“Now we’re going to get some water, woman.”

The woman who was preparing supper, replied, “Yes, God willing.”

- (a) Where was the house situated? 1
(b) Which two things could one see from this height? 2
(c) Why did he see towards the north-east? 1
(d) Which word in the passage means the same as “heavy fall of rain”? 1

Ans. (a) The house was situated in a valley, on the crest of a low hill.
(b) From this height one could see the river and the field of ripe corn dotted with flowers.
(c) Lencho saw towards the north-east sky, in the hope of a downpour.
(d) The word ‘downpour’ in the passage means the same as ‘heavy fall of rain’.

Q.13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly.

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Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. I thought and thought, and suddenly I had an idea. I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did if not more, and that there's not much you can do about inherited traits.

- (a) What had Mr. Keesing assigned to Anne? 1
- (b) What, according to her, is a student's trait? 1
- (c) Why would she never be able to cure herself? 2
- (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'a particular quality'? 1

- Ans.** (a) Mr. Keesing had assigned to Anne the task of writing an essay on the subject, 'A chatter box'.
 (b) According to her, talking is a student's trait.
 (c) She would never be able to cure herself of this habit since her mother talked as much as she did and there was not much she could do about this inherited trait.
 (d) The word '**trait**' in the passage means the same as '**a particular quality**'.

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 80 words: 6

What did freedom mean to Mandela at different stages of his life?

Or

Baking was considered an essential and a profitable profession in a traditional Goan village. What reasons does the writer give to support his point?

- Ans.** During his boyhood freedom to Mandela meant to be free to be able to run in the fields, free to swim in the clear stream, free to roast mealies under the stars and ride the broad backs of bulls. Then as a student he yearned for transitory freedoms of being able to stay out at night, read what he pleased and go where he chose. Later, as a young man he craved for the basic and honourable freedoms of achieving his potential, of earning his keep, of marrying and having a family. But when he realized his people were not free his hunger for his own freedom became the greater hunger for the freedom of his people.

Or

Baking was considered an essential profession because marriage gifts were meaningless without a sweet known as the **bol**. The lady of the house had to prepare sandwiches on her daughter's engagement. Cakes and **bolinhas** were a must for Christmas and other festivals. Baking was also a profitable profession in the traditional Goan village. The baker and his family never starved. He, his family, his servants always looked happy and prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this.

Q.15. Answer any two of the following questions in 30–40 words each: 4

- (a) What does Chubukov suspect Lomov of when he comes to his house? Why?
- (b) What did the pilot of the Dakota experience inside the black clouds?
- (c) Where in the classroom did Wanda sit and why?

- Ans.** (a) Chubukov, is in fact surprised to see Lomov in his house, especially because he (Lomov) comes in formally dressed with evening dress and gloves. He suspects that Lomov might have come to borrow money from him.
 (b) Inside the clouds, everything was black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. The compass, radio and other instruments were dead and the pilot was lost in the storm.
 (c) See Q. 15 (b), 2009 (I Outside Delhi).

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Q.16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Remember to number the answers correctly. 4

The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
 And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,
 He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,
 And Custard gobbled him, every bit.

- (a) How did the pirate react when he saw the dragon? 1
- (b) How did he prepare himself for the fight? 1
- (c) How did he attack the dragon? 1
- (d) What did the dragon do to him? 1

Ans. (a) *The pirate gaped at the dragon when he saw him.*
 (b) *He gulped some grog (mixed liquor) from his pocket flagon (bottle) to prepare himself for the fight.*
 (c) *He attacked the dragon by firing two bullets at him.*
 (d) *Custard, the dragon gobbled every bit of him.*

Or

He should be lurking in shadow,
 Sliding through long grass
 Near the water hole
 Where plump deer pass.

- (a) Who is 'He'? 1
- (b) Mention two words which describe movement? 1
- (c) Why is the animal hiding? 1
- (d) Why does he go near the water hole?

Ans. (a) *'He' is the tiger.*
 (b) *The words 'lurking' and 'sliding' describe movement.*
 (c) *The tiger is hiding because he doesn't want to be seen by the deer whom he intends to hunt.*
 (d) *He goes near the water hole because that is where the healthy deer whom he intends to prey on come.*

Q.17. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each: 6

- (a) "If there is nothing on the tree,
 'Tis the chameleon you see."
 How does the poet create humour in these lines? Write the words that rhyme.
- (b) Who, according to the poet Walt Whitman are better—animals or human beings? How?
- (c) "And no one buys a ball back. Money is external."
 What does the poet imply by this expression?

Ans. (a) *The poet creates humour in these lines through the way he uses language to convey the idea of a chameleon sitting on the tree. The words 'tree' and 'see' rhyme in the above lines.*
 (b) *According to the poet, Walt Whitman, animals are better as they are placid and self-contained. They do not complain about their condition. They are never unhappy and unlike humans they are not possessed with the mania of owning things.*
 (c) *Through this expression the poet implies that a lost ball cannot be bought back even with money. Money can only be used to buy valuable things but not to restore or compensate for a thing that is lost.*

Q.18. Answer the following question in about 100 words: 8

Describe the narrator's visit to the farm of Lutkins' mother. Why couldn't they find Lutkins there?

Or

What was the problem with Tricki? How did Mr. Herriot cure it?

Ans. *Alongwith the hack driver Bill, the narrator drove into Lutkins' mother's poor farmhouse where they were met by an enormous and cheerful old woman who said neither did she know anything about*

Lutkins and nor did she want to know anything about him. When Bill insisted on searching the house for Lutkins the lady seized an iron from the old-fashioned store in her kitchen and marched towards them shouting that if they would search her house she would burn them with the hot iron. The narrator and Bill ran out of the house. They could not find Lutkins there because in his search for Lutkins the narrator was actually being accompanied by Lutkins himself who was posing as Bill, the hack-driver.

Or

Tricki's problem was that he was thoroughly over-pampered by his rich mistress, Mrs. Pumphrey. He was never refused food and over-fed by her to such an extent that he became greedy and could tackle a meal at any hour of the day and night. Hence he became hugely fat, like a bloated sausage. Dr. Herriot knew the only way to cure Tricki was to get him out of Mrs. Pumphrey's house. Under his care Dr. Herriot gave Tricki plenty of exercise and restricted his diet and was thus able to transform him into a lithe, hard-muscled animal.

Q.19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words:

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How did Hari Singh justify to himself his intention of stealing Anil's money?

Or

Who was Henry? What role did he play in Ausable's plans?

Ans. *Hari Singh justified to himself his intention of stealing Anil's money by thinking that if he didn't take his money, Anil would only waste it on his friends and the fact that Anil did not even pay him, provided yet another incentive for him to rob Anil.*

Or

See Q.18, 2003 (I Outside Delhi).

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Q.20. Answer the following question in 20-30 words :

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How often did Horace Danby commit a robbery every year? What did he do with the stolen material?

Or

What made Mme Loisel's day at the ball a great success?

Ans. *Horace Danby robbed only one safe every year. He stole enough to last him for twelve months and with the rest of the money he bought rare and expensive books, that he loved, through an agent.*

Or

Mme Loisel's day at the ball was a great success as she was the prettiest of all ladies—elegant, gracious, smiling and full of joy. All the men noticed her, asked her name, and wanted to be presented.

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(Set II—Delhi)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in Set I.

SECTION C—Grammar

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Q.6. Fill in the blanks with suitable non-finites:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

(a) _____ (cause) by uncontrolled growth of cells, cancer is a deadly disease. Our modern style of life is responsible for it. An important thing (b) _____ (remember) is that cancer cannot attack a healthy body. No single food is sufficient (c) _____

(provide) protection against cancer. We should be careful in (d) _____ (take) a right combination of food.

Ans. (a) *Caused* (b) *to remember* (c) *to provide* (d) *taking*

Q.7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. $1 \times 3 = 3$

Tarun : Divya, do you see the way the old lady is looking at us?

Divya : She seems to be working her magic on us. We should run away from here.

Tarun asked his friend Divya (a) _____ the old lady was looking at them. To this Divya replied that (b) _____ and suggested that (c) _____.

Ans. (a) *if she could see the way*
 (b) *she seemed to be working her magic on them*
 (c) *they should run away from there.*

Q.8. Rearrange the words and phrases given below into meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Number the answers correctly. The first one has been done as an example. $1 \times 2 = 2$

Example:

a great/Bansi/miser/was/wicked/and

Bansi was wicked and a great miser.

(a) his/about/the king/miserliness/to know/came

(b) him/decided/to/he/a lesson/teach

Ans. (a) *The king came to know about his miserliness.*
 (b) *He decided to teach him a lesson.*

SECTION D—Literature

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Q.13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. 5

"Listen, child" said the voice, "you shouldn't stand like that. Sit down."

Sitting down, she looked to see who had spoken. It was an elderly man who had honestly been concerned for her, but she was annoyed by his attention.

"There's nobody here who's a child," she said haughtily. "I've paid my thirty paise like everyone else."

The conductor chimed in. "Oh, sir, but this is a very grown-up madam. Do you think a mere girl could pay her own fare and travel to the city all alone?"

- (a) Who is the child mentioned in the passage? 1
- (b) What was the elderly man's advice to the child? 1
- (c) How did the girl prove to the elderly man that she was not a child? 1
- (d) The conductor was a jolly fellow. Give an example from the passage to support your point. 1
- (e) Which word in the passage means the same as 'became angry'? 1

Ans. (a) *Valli is the child mentioned in the passage.*
 (b) *The elderly man's advice to the child was that she should not stand but sit down.*
 (c) *The girl remarked haughtily that she too had paid thirty paise for her ticket like everyone else, so she was not a child.*

(d) *The conductor was indeed a jolly fellow. He referred to Valli as 'a very grown-up madam'.*

(e) *The word 'annoyed' in the passage means the same as 'became angry'.*

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 80 words:

6

Which twin obligations does Mandela mention? Why was he not able to fulfil those obligations?

Or

Rodrigues describes his childhood and the bakers of Goa. What does he remember so fondly about those bakers?

Ans. See Q.12, 2005 (III Delhi).

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Mandela was unable to fulfil these obligations because in attempting to serve his people he found that he was prevented from fulfilling his obligations as a son, a brother, a father and a husband.

Or

During Rodrigues' childhood in Goa, the baker used to be their friend, companion and guide. He used to come at least twice a day. Once, when he set out in the morning on his selling round, and then again, when he returned after emptying his huge basket. The jingling thud of the baker's bamboo woke the children up from their sleep and they ran to meet and greet him, longing for those bread bangles which they chose carefully and ate without caring to brush their teeth or wash their mouths properly.

Q.18. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

8

Describe the scene when Jaffers tries to arrest a man without a head.

Or

Describe how the lady in red was a more professional thief than Horace Danby.

Ans. See Q.16, 2002 (I Delhi).

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Or

See Q.16, 2004 (I Out Delhi).

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Q.19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words:

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What does Hari Singh say about the different reactions of people when they are robbed?

Or

How is Ausable different from other secret agents?

Ans. *Hari Singh says that he had made a study of men's faces when they had been robbed. The greedy man showed fear, the rich man showed anger and the poor man showed acceptance.*

Or

Ausable did not fit the description of any secret agent that Fowler had ever read about. Ausable was very fat who did not have messages slipped into his hands by beautiful ladies but got an ordinary phone call making an appointment in his room. He also had a rather peculiar accent, unlike a secret agent.

English—2009
Language and Literature
Comptt.
(Set III—Delhi)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

*Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions
have been asked in Set I & Set II.*

Q.6. Fill in the blanks with suitable non-finites:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

Two members of a gang were arrested on Monday for (a) _____ (kill) the former coach of Budhia Singh. Having (b) _____ (fire) five bullets at him, the killers ran away from the spot. The dead body was taken to Puri since it was decided (c) _____ (cremate) it there. The police tried hard (d) _____ (find) the motive behind the killing, but did not succeed.

Ans. (a) killing (b) fired (c) to cremate (d) to find

Q.7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

$1 \times 3 = 3$

Raman : Sukanya, why is this old lady shouting at you?

Sukanya : I don't know. I haven't done anything to her, yet I am afraid.

Raman asked Sukanya (a) _____. Sukanya replied (b) _____ and she thought (c) _____ yet she was afraid.

Ans. (a) why that old lady was shouting at her.

(b) that she didn't know

(c) she hadn't done anything to her

Q.8. Rearrange the words and phrases given below into meaningful sentences. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Number the answers correctly. The first one has been done as an example.

$1 \times 2 = 2$

Example:

over/king/ruled/a headstrong/Vaishali/long ago

Long ago a headstrong king ruled over Vaishali.

(a) minister/helped/was/very wise/the king/by a

(b) cut/the king/own finger/one day/his

Ans. (a) The king was helped by a very wise minister.

(b) One day the king cut his own finger.

SECTION D—Literature

45

Q.13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly.

5

Early in the New Year of 1956 I travelled to Southern Iraq. By then it had crossed my mind that I should like to keep an otter instead of a dog, and that Camusfearna, ringed by water a stone's throw from its door, would be an eminently suitable spot for this experiment. When I casually mentioned this to a friend, he as casually replied that I had better get one in the Tigris marshes, for there they were as common as mosquitoes, and were often tamed by the Arabs.

(a) Where was Maxwell living when he thought of keeping a pet?

1

(b) What pet did he think of keeping?

1

(c) Where could Maxwell easily get his pet and why?

2

(d) Which phrase in the passage means the same as 'at a short distance'?

1

Ans. (a) Maxwell was living in Southern Iraq when he thought of keeping a pet.

(b) He thought of keeping an otter as a pet.

(c) Maxwell could easily get his pet in the Tigris marshes as they were commonly available there, often tamed by the Arabs.

(d) The phrase '*a stone's throw*' means the same as '*at a short distance*'.

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 80 words:

6

Describe what you know about the people of Coorg and their descent.

Or

What did Buddha say about death and suffering? Explain by giving examples from the text.

Ans. See Q.12, 2008 (III Delhi).

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Or

Buddha says the life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain. Like in the case of Kisa Gotami who is grieved when she loses her only son. There is no means by which those who are born can avoid dying; after reaching old age there is death; of such a nature are living things. As ripe fruits are always in danger of falling, similarly mortals when born are always in danger of death. As all earthen vessels made by the potter end up being broken, so is the life of mortals who all fall into the power of death.

Q.18. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

8

How had Horace Danby planned to rob the Shotover Grange?

Or

Describe Griffin's activities in the village of Iping.

Ans. See Q.16 (Or), 2000 (I Outside Delhi).

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Or

Griffin dissuaded all efforts of his landlady, Mrs. Hall to be friendly. He told her he wished to be alone and did not wish to be disturbed. He stole the housekeeping money from the clergyman's desk as he had already spent all the earlier stolen money. He terrorised the landlord and his wife by hurling and charging the household furniture at them. Mrs. Hall was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits and the neighbours believed all the trouble was caused by witchcraft. Finally, when Mrs. Hall confronted him, Griffin became a headless man and knocked Jaffers, the constable unconscious.

Q.19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words:

4

Why was Fowler disappointed when he saw Ausable for the first time?

Or

What did Hari Singh do with the money he stole from Anil?

Ans. *Fowler was disappointed when he saw Ausable for the first time because Ausable did not fit the description of any secret agent Fowler had ever read about. He had expected to meet a mysterious looking man but instead he met a very fat man with a rather strange accent.*

Or

After stealing Anil's money Hari Singh ran to the station to escape, but did not board the train. Realising his mistake he came back to Anil's house with the stolen money and slipped the notes under Anil's mattress.

English—2009
Language and Literature
Comptt.
(Set I—Outside Delhi)

General Instructions:

- (i) This paper consists of **four** Sections:
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|-----------|------------|----------|
| Section A | Reading | 20 marks |
| Section B | Writing | 20 marks |
| Section C | Grammar | 15 marks |
| Section D | Text Books | 45 marks |
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION A—Reading**20****Q.1.** See Q.1, 2009 (Comptt. I Delhi).

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Q.2. See Q.2, 2009 (Comptt. I Delhi).

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SECTION B—Writing**20**

Q.3. The approach road to a popular shopping complex in your area has been in a bad shape, all dug out for the last one year, causing a lot of inconvenience to the visitors. You are Abhimanyu/Aishwariya living at B-104, Maya Enclave, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Dy. Commissioner, MCD, New Delhi, highlighting the need for an urgent repair of the road.

8

Ans. B-104, Maya Enclave
New Delhi

17th January, 20xx

To

The Deputy Commissioner
MCD, New Delhi

Subject: Urgent repair of Grand Mall's approach road

Sir,

Through this letter I would like to bring to your notice the need for the urgent repair of the approach road of Grand Mall, in Maya Enclave. This road has been in a rather bad shape. The road was all dug up last year to lay down new sewage pipes but it has not been repaired till now. This is causing a lot of inconvenience to the visitors who are stuck in hour long traffic jams as the traffic moves at a very slow-pace due to the highly uneven road. It is my request to you to look into this matter personally and urgently and get this road repaired so that visitors are spared undue inconvenience. Awaiting your early response.

Yours sincerely

Abhimanyu

Or

You are Shobhit/Shabnam, residing in the hostel of Doon Public School, Dehradun. Your room partner, Shivam/Shobhna met with an accident, got his/her leg fractured, was hospitalised and advised rest. Write a letter to his/her father informing him about the accident and asking him not to worry about him/her.

Ans. Room No. 2051

Doon Public School
Dehradun

1st October, 20xx

Respected Uncle,

I am sure you will be quite surprised to receive a letter from me. But before I begin this letter I would like to assure you that there is no cause for concern or worry.

Three days ago Shobhna had met with an accident when she fell off a galloping horse during our horse-riding class. She was immediately rushed to the local hospital by the school authorities, where she was hospitalised for two days as her leg had got fractured. She has now returned back to the hostel and has been advised two-weeks rest. She is feeling fine at the moment and insists that I write to you to give this information. I assure you that she is fine and I will make sure that she takes proper rest as I am personally taking care of her.

Shobhna sends her love to you and Auntie and please also accept my due regards to both of you.

Yours truly

Shabnam

- Q.4. The flood in the Kosi river uprooted millions of people in Bihar. Write an article on 'River in Flood' in about 80 words describing the cause of the flood, loss of life, crops, property etc. and the relief measures taken.** **8**

Ans.

RIVER IN FLOOD

Incessant and continuous rains have resulted in the flooding of the Kosi river and consequently uprooting millions of people in Bihar. More than 150 people have lost their lives in the 25 worst affected villages. Property has been damaged and crops too have been adversely affected by the on going rains. The Central as well as the State Governments have taken up various relief measures for the displaced persons. Relief camps have been set-up, helicopters have been deployed for dropping food packets in the worst affected areas. Political leaders have made aerial surveys to assess the flood situation.

Or

Sushil gave India his best show in the Beijing Olympics 2008, and won a bronze medal for his country in 66 kg freestyle wrestling. Write a paragraph in about 80 words using the hints given below.

A village boy of Najafgarh — love for sports — years of practice in village dusty akharas— still a single — determination to win gold in the 2012 Olympics—in Beijing defeated several world class wrestlers — got recognition, glory and cash awards — became a role model.

- Ans.** *Sushil, a village boy from Najafgarh, gave his best show in the Beijing Olympics, 2008 and won a bronze medal for our country in the 66 kg freestyle wrestling. His love for sports made him undertake years of practice in the dusty village akharas. Sushil who is still single is determined to win the gold medal in the 2012 Olympics. In Beijing, he defeated several world class wrestlers. This got him recognition, glory and even cash awards thus making him a role model for aspiring young wrestlers.*

- Q.5. Using the hints given below and your own ideas, write a short paragraph in about 60 words on 'The Value of Politeness in Daily Life'.** **4**

meaning—politeness in family and social relationships—uses—sweetens relationship—spreads joy, love, cooperation—eases tension and anxiety—oils the machine of life.

Ans.

THE VALUE OF POLITENESS IN DAILY LIFE

Politeness refers to one's ability to be courteous and respectful to the people with whom one deals. Politeness is most useful in family and social relationships as it sweetens relationships and spreads joy, love and co-operation. It is also useful in easing tension and anxiety. It keeps the machine of our life oiled and running smoothly.

Or

Your school organised an exhibition on the theme, 'Science and Technology and the Planet Earth'. Mentioning the number of schools that participated, the models displayed, welcome to the chief guest, award of prizes etc., write a report in about 60 words. You are Sachin/Sanchita, the Head boy/Head girl of your school, Vidya Niketan, Agra.

Ans.

SCIENCE EXHIBITION

By : Sanchita, Head girl

Vidya Niketan, Agra

Our school organised an exhibition on the theme 'Science and Technology and the Planet Earth' in which ten schools of our city participated. Various models relating to consequences of global warming and pollution, were displayed. After welcoming our honourable chief guest, the Minister of State for Education, the students explained the working of their models. Prizes were awarded to the best three models.

SECTION C—Grammar

15

Q.6. Fill in the following blanks with suitable non-finites:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

In order (a) _____ (succeed) we should have confidence in (b) _____ (win). With this ideal in mind the American swimmer, Phelps created history by (c) _____ (break) the record of the highest number of gold medals ever (d) _____ (win) by an athlete in the Olympic history.

Ans. (a) to succeed (b) winning (c) breaking (d) won

Q.7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

$1 \times 3 = 3$

Mrs. Bhalla : I can't believe it! I've lost ten pounds.

Mr. Bhalla : That's great! Your diet seems to be working.

Mrs. Bhalla : I hope you have not disturbed the scales.

Mrs. Bhalla expressing surprise told her husband (a) _____ that she had lost ten pounds. Mr. Bhalla exclaimed that was great and added (b) _____ working. Mrs. Bhalla commented that she hoped (c) _____ .

Ans. (a) she could not believe

(b) that her diet seemed to be

(c) he had not disturbed the scales.

Q.8. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly.

$1 \times 2 = 2$

Example:

places/because I/I travel/visit/like to

I travel because I like to visit places.

(a) me/a sense/it/of freedom/gives

(b) there/people/I/different/meet/kinds of

Ans. (a) It gives me a sense of freedom.

(b) I meet different kinds of people there.

Q.9. 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 in your answer sheet. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

It is peculiar human trait.

e.g. is a peculiar

We careful about our personal hygiene.

(a) _____

We take great pride in keeping homes

(b) _____

neat clean. But we have no

(c) _____

regret when we throw garbage out the

(d) _____

windows. We believe once our rubbish

(e) _____

is out of our doors, is no longer our concern.

(f) _____

Ans. (a) *we are careful*

(b) *keeping our homes*

(c) *neat and clean*

(d) *out of the*

(e) *believe that once*

(f) *doors, it is*

Q.10. Read the following sentences and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

1 × 3 = 3

(a) The Delhi police have issued the description of a man.

(b) People last saw him at the Radish Hotel.

(c) He was wearing a dark suit.

The description of a man (a) _____. He (b) _____ at the Radish Hotel. At that time it is said that a dark suit (c) _____.

Ans. (a) *has been issued by the Delhi police.*

(b) *was last seen by people*

(c) *was worn by him.*

Q.11. The underlined words in the following passage have been used inappropriately. Replace them with their appropriate forms. Write your answers in your answer sheet with correct numbers. Do not copy the whole passage.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

Food is necessary for children to grow and be (a) health. Their needs for food differ (b) wide from those of adults. Proper nutrition at the (c) rightly time is responsible for good mental, physical and emotional health. A child needs a (d) balance diet to prevent problems like obesity.

Ans. (a) *healthy*

(b) *widely*

(c) *right*

(d) *balanced*

SECTION D—Literature

45

Q.12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly.

5

One of the employees, who was a postman and also helped at the post office, went to his boss laughing heartily and showed him the letter to God. Never in his career as a postman had he known that address. The postmaster—a fat, amiable fellow—also broke out laughing, but almost immediately he turned serious and, tapping the letter on his desk, commented, “What faith! I wish I had the faith of the man who wrote this letter. Starting up a correspondence with God!”

(a) Why did the postman laugh heartily?

1

(b) Which address had the postman never known?

1

(c) What type of man was the postmaster?

1

(d) Why did the postmaster become serious all of a sudden?

1

(e) Which word in the passage means the same as ‘letter-writing’?

1

Ans. (a) *The postman laughed heartily on seeing a letter addressed to ‘God’.*

(b) *The postman had never known God’s address.*

(c) *The postmaster was a fat and amiable fellow.*

(d) *On reflecting upon the writer's immense faith in God the postmaster, all of a sudden became serious.*

(e) *The word 'correspondence' in the passage means the same as 'letter-writing'.*

Q.13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. 5

The first period was a study period. Maddie tried to prepare her lessons, but she could not put her mind on her work. She had a very sick feeling in the bottom of her stomach. True, she had not enjoyed listening to Peggy ask Wanda how many dresses she had in her closet, but she had said nothing. She had stood by silently, and that was just as bad as what Peggy had done. Worse. She was a coward. At least Peggy hadn't considered they were being mean but she, Maddie, had thought they were doing wrong. She could put herself in Wanda's shoes.

(a) Why could Maddie not prepare her lessons? 1

(b) What had Peggy asked Wanda. 1

(c) What was her cowardly act? 1

(d) How was Maddie's attitude towards Wanda different from that of Peggy? 1

(e) Which word or phrase in the passage means the same as 'pay attention to'? 1

Ans. (a) *Maddie could not prepare her lessons because she could not put her mind on her work as she was thinking about what Peggy had said to Wanda.*

(b) *Peggy had asked Wanda how many dresses she had in her closet.*

(c) *Her cowardly act was to stand by silently.*

(d) *Maddie had thought they were doing wrong with Wanda and Peggy had not considered that they were being mean.*

(e) *The phrase 'put her mind' means the same as 'pay attention to'.*

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 80 words: 6

What does Mandela mean by the boyhood freedom and the freedom he enjoyed as a young man?

Or

For what reasons was a baker in the Goan village considered very essential? What was the peculiar dress of the baker in the Portuguese days?

Ans. See Q.14, 2009 (Comptt. I Delhi). [Page 31]

Or

See Q.14 (Or), 2009 (Comptt. I Delhi). [Page 31]

Also Add: *In the Portuguese days bakers had a peculiar dress known as the kabai. It was a single piece long frock reaching down to the knees.*

Q.15. Answer any two of the following questions in 30–40 words each: 4

(a) Chubukov says about Natalya—'as if she won't consent! She's in love; egad, she's like a lovesick cat, ...'

Give two examples to show that she's like a lovesick cat.

(b) What did the pilot of the Dakota experience?

(c) What is the Indian legend about the discovery of tea?

Ans. (a) *Natalya is like a lovesick cat because she insists that her father, Chubukov, fetch Lomov back or she will be ill and she will also die. Moreover she quickly agrees later that the Oxen Meadows do actually belong to Lomov and his family.*

(b) See Q.15 (b), 2009 (Comptt. I Delhi). [Page 32]

(c) See Q.13 (b), Sample Question Paper I. [Page xii]

Q.16. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

4

They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
 They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,
 They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God,
 Not one is dissatisfied, not one is demented with the mania of owning things.

- (a) Who are 'they'? 1
 (b) Mention two things which 'they' don't do. 2
 (c) Who, do you think, have the mania of owning things? 1

Ans. (a) *'They' are the animals.*

(b) *They do not whine about their condition and they do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins.*

(c) *Humans have the mania of owning things.*

Or

The trees inside are moving out into the forest,
 the forest that was empty all these days
 where no bird could sit
 no insect hide
 no sun bury its feet in shadow.
 the forest that was empty all these nights
 will be full of trees by morning.

- (a) Why was the forest empty all these days? 1
 (b) Which two things can't happen in a treeless forest? 2
 (c) What will happen in the morning? 1

Ans. (a) *The forest was empty all these days because it was devoid of trees.*

(b) *Birds cannot sit and insects cannot hide in a treeless forest.*

(c) *The forest will be full of trees in the morning.*

Q.17. Answer any two of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

6

(a) 'Money is external.' What does the poet mean by this expression taken from 'The Ball Poem'?

(b) What message does the poet want to convey through the poem, 'Amanda'?

(c) 'Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice!'

What is the underlying idea which the poet wants to convey?

Ans. (a) *By this expression the poet intends to make us realize the mere material value of money which in no way helps us to understand the essential worth of a commodity. In this world of possessions, the value of money is only to buy things and not to understand the true value of things.*

(b) *Through the poem 'Amanda' the poet wishes to convey a young girl's longing for freedom. He wants us to know that children should not be controlled and instructed in everything they do. Too much of instructions force them to create their own world of illusions.*

(c) *The poet wants to convey that today's world is filled either with 'fire' which stands for hatred, lust, cruelty, fury and avarice or 'ice' which stands for insensitivity, coldness, indifference and intolerance.*

Q.18. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

8

'Instead of being delighted, as her husband had hoped, Mme Loisel threw the invitation card spitefully.' What was the new problem that disturbed her mind and how was that solved?

Or

What was Anil's job? In what way did his treatment influence Hari Singh's life?

Ans. Her husband had hoped that Mme Loisel would be delighted on seeing the invitation card but she, instead, threw the invitation card spitefully because she did not have any suitable dress to wear for such a grand occasion, so she felt she could not go to that party. She even suggested that her husband give their card to some colleague whose wife was in a position to wear a decent dress unlike her own pathetic, hopeless position.

Or

See Q.16 (Or), 2005 (I Outside Delhi).

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Q.19. Answer the following question in 30-40 words:

4

In what way did Think Tank misinterpret the following innocent nursery rhyme as a threat to the martians?

'Humpty Dumpty sat on the wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall...'

Or

How did Ausable manage to make Max believe that there was a balcony attached to his room?

Ans. See Q.16 (Or), 2008 (I Outside Delhi).

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Or

Ausable at first makes a casual remark to Max about the existence of a balcony attached to his room and then very naturally goes on to give a detailed and realistic account about how this balcony had become a nuisance for him, easily managing to make Max believe that there was a balcony attached to his room.

Q.20. Answer the following question in 20-30 words :

3

Why was it not difficult for Horace to open the safe?

Or

Why was the narrator sent back to New Mullion? Who went with him?

Ans. See Q.20, 2009 (I Delhi).

Or

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The narrator had been unable to trace Lutkins and so he had returned without serving summons on him. So he was sent back to New Mullion again for the same job now with a man who had worked with Lutkins and recognised him.

English—2009

Language and Literature

Comptt.

(Set II—Outside Delhi)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in Set I.

SECTION C—Grammar

15

Q.6. Fill in the following blanks with suitable non-finites:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

Kiran and Sita were students in class X. Everyday they used (a) _____ (walk) two kilometres to their school. One day they got late. So they started (b) _____ (run). They wanted (c) _____ (reach) the school in time. (d) _____ (See) them running a teacher who was going in her car gave them a lift. Thus they reached the school in time.

Ans. (a) to walk (b) running (c) to reach (d) Seeing

Q.7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

$1 \times 3 = 3$

Gaitri : How did you climb this tall tree?

Pranav : I used a ladder. But someone went off with it while I was cutting this branch.

Gaitri asked *Pranav* (a) _____. *Pranav* replied (b) _____ but that (c) _____ while he had been cutting that branch.

- Ans.** (a) *how he had climbed that tall tree* (b) *that he had used a ladder*
(c) *someone had gone off with it*

Q.8. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. **1 × 2 = 2**

Example:

sports/building/physical strength/necessary/are/for

Sports are necessary for building physical strength.

(a) teach/and/sportsmanship/they/cooperation

(b) bring/sports/man/definitely/man/closer to

- Ans.** (a) *They teach cooperation and sportsmanship.*
(b) *Sports definitely bring man closer to man.*

SECTION D—Literature

45

Q.13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **5**

At last the cow moved off the road. And soon the bus came to a railroad crossing. A speck of a train could be seen in the distance, growing bigger and bigger as it drew near. Then it rushed past the crossing gate with a tremendous roar and rattle, shaking the bus. Then the bus went on and passed the train station. From there it traversed a busy, well-laid-out shopping street and, turning, entered a wider thoroughfare. Such big, bright-looking shops! What glittering displays of clothes and other merchandise! Such big crowds! Struck dumb with wonder, Valli gaped at everything. Then the bus stopped and everyone got off except Valli.

- (a) Where was the cow and what did it do? 2
(b) What did the train look like in the distance? 1
(c) Why did Valli not get off the bus? 1
(d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'show'/'exhibition'? 1

- Ans.** (a) *The cow was right in the middle of the road and right in the front of the bus. Frightened of the bus's horn, it galloped faster always remaining right in front of the bus.*
(b) *The train looked like a speck in the distance.*
(c) *Valli did not get off the bus because she was going back home on that same bus.*
(d) *The word 'displays' means the same as 'show'/'exhibition'.*

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 80 words: **6**

Describe Wanda's letter to Miss Mason. What was the reaction of Peggy and Maddie to the special gifts from Wanda for them?

Or

Describe what the Portuguese have left behind which the elders in Goa so fondly remember even today.

- Ans.** *In her letter to Miss Mason, Wanda requested her teacher to tell the girls that they could keep the hundred dresses because in her new house she had a hundred new ones in her closet. She gifted Peggy the drawing of the green dress and for Maddie the blue one. She ended her letter by wishing everyone a*

Merry Christmas. After receiving their gifts Peggy and Maddie realized that Wanda really liked them. They now knew she had got their letter and this was her way of saying that everything was all right.

Or

The elders of Goa fondly remember the Portuguese and their famous loaves of bread. The Portuguese have gone but the loaf-makers are still there. The Goans still have among them the mixers, the moulders and those who bake the loaves. The fire in the furnaces has not yet been extinguished. The thud and jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo, heralding his arrival can still be heard in some places in the morning. The father is not alive but the son still carries on the family profession.

Q.18. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

8

Describe Bholi's first day experience at school. In what way did she find her teacher different from the people at home?

Or

Every one at Mr. Herriot's Surgery was tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest. Why? Give a reasoned answer.

Ans. See Q.16, 2001 (I Delhi).

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Also Add:

Unlike the people at home her teacher was extremely kind to her and encouraged her. No one at home really cared for her and for her needs. She was totally disregarded because of her ugly face and lack of sense and considered an unnecessary burden on the family.

Or

When Tricki was at Dr. Herriot's surgery those were days of deep content for Dr. Herriot and his partners. Their day started well with an extra egg in the morning, improved and sustained by the midday wine and finishing luxuriously around the fire with brandy. Mrs. Pumphrey used to get two dozen fresh eggs to build Tricki's strength, the wine was sent by her to enrich Tricki's blood and the brandy came to put a final edge on Tricki's constitution. So everyone at Dr. Herriot's surgery was tempted to keep Tricki as a permanent guest.

Q.20. Answer the following question in 20-30 words:

3

Why did Horace rob a safe only once a year?

Or

In the story, 'The Hack Driver', what did the lawyer think about his job?

Ans. See Q.20, 2009 (Comptt. I Delhi).

Or

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When the lawyer was sent to serve summons he felt like a cheap private detective. He hated his unpleasant work when he had to go to dirty and shadowy corners of the city to seek out his victims. He even considered fleeing to his hometown.

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Maximum marks : 100

*Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions
have been asked in Set I & Set II.*

SECTION C—Grammar

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Q.6. Fill in the blanks with suitable non-finites:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

A park in our colony was in a poor shape for want of attention. A few years ago, some senior citizens (a) _____ (live) next to the park decided (b) _____ (do) something

about it. They took voluntary contribution from the residents. Having (c) _____ (collect) fifty thousand rupees they started the work of (d) _____ (beautify) the park.

Ans. (a) *living* (b) *to do* (c) *collected* (d) *beautifying*

Q.7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences. **1 × 3 = 3**

Grandmother : What has happened, Rahul?

Rahul : Grandma, I lost my tooth.

Grandmother : Don't worry. I'll take you to the dentist.

Grandmother asked her grandson, Rahul (a) _____. Rahul replied (b) _____. His grandmother advised him (c) _____ and added that she would take him to the dentist.

Ans. (a) *what had happened*
(b) *that he had lost his tooth*
(c) *not to worry.*

Q.8. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. **1 × 2 = 2**

Example:

can result/or fire/electrical faults/in a shock.

Electrical faults can result in a shock or fire.

(a) can/sometimes/electric shock/kill/an

(b) due/every year/people/to this/many/die

Ans. (a) *Sometimes an electric shock can kill.*
(b) *Every year many people die due to this.*

SECTION D—Literature

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Q.13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **5**

Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year-old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem. Maybe it's my fault that we don't confide in each other. In any case, that's just how things are, and unfortunately they are not liable to change. This is why I've started the diary.

- (a) Anne has thirty people around, yet she feels alone. Why? 1
- (b) What does Anne think about when she is with friends? 1
- (c) What reasons does she give for writing the diary? 2
- (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'to trust someone'/'to share a secret'? 1

Ans. (a) *Despite having thirty people around Anne feels lonely because she does not have a true friend.*
(b) *When she is with friends Anne can only think of having a good time.*

(c) *Anne's reasons for writing a diary are that when she is with her friends she is not able to talk to them about anything but ordinary everyday things and they don't seem to be getting any closer so they are unable to confide in each other. So she started writing a diary.*

(d) *The word 'confide' means the same as 'to trust someone'/'to share a secret'.*

Q.14. Answer the following question in about 80 words:

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How did Mandela's 'hunger for freedom' change his life?

Or

What did the pilot of the Dakota encounter 150 kilometres away from Paris? Narrate his experience as he flew into the storm.

Ans. *As a young man Mandela realized that his boyhood freedom was an illusion and his freedom had already been taken from him. Then he began to hunger for it and this led him to join the African National Congress. It transformed a frightened young man into a bold one, it drove a law-abiding attorney to become a criminal, it turned a family-loving husband into a man without a home and forced a life-loving man to live like a monk. He understood that he needed to liberate his people.*

Or

The pilot of the Dakota encountered huge storm clouds looking like black mountains 150 kilometres away from Paris.

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Q.18. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

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How did the invisible scientist first become visible? What compelled him to become invisible again in the chilly air of January?

Or

What are the subtle ways in which the lady in red manages to deceive Horace Danby and goes away with the jewels?

Ans. *The invisible scientist first became visible when he slipped into a big London store for warmth from the bitterly cold weather. There he broke open boxes and wrappers and fitted himself into warm clothes. Fully dressed he was now also a fully visible person. Finally he settled down to sleep but he did not manage to get up on time, before the shop assistants arrived. Seeing them approach Griffin panicked and began to run. The shop assistants began chasing him and he could only escape by quickly taking off his newly found clothes. So once more he became invisible in the chilly January air.*

Or

The lady in red uses her subtle but clever and confident ways to deceive Horace Danby and goes away with the jewels. Posing as the lady of the house, she makes up a false but realistic assuring story of having forgotten the numbers to open the safe. Overwhelmed by the lady's kindness and in an effort to genuinely help a lady in distress Horace goes out of his way to ensure that the lady faces no further inconvenience and in the process lands himself into trouble and eventually ends up in prison. The lady proves to be much cleverer than Horace and is able to dupe him without much effort.

Q.20. Answer the following question in 20-30 words:

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Why did Horace feel sure that that year's robbery at Shotover Grange would be as successful as all the others?

Or

On meeting the hack driver, what did the lawyer learn from him about Oliver Lutkins?

Ans. *See Q.17, 2008 (Comptt. I Outside Delhi).*

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Or

The hack driver told the lawyer that Oliver Lutkins was a hard fellow to catch, always upto something or the other. He never paid anybody a cent and it was hard to make him part with his money.