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|--------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| (a) (i) a    | (ii) the | (iii) an   | (iv) some |
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Neil Armstrong was the commander for Apollo 11.	e.g. <u>for</u>	<u>of</u>
He was the first to walk over	(a) _____	_____
the moon. What many people do not knew	(b) _____	_____
is that unlike most of their fellow	(c) _____	_____
astronauts, he was the civilian	(d) _____	_____
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poverty / the village people / from / most / suffer / of  
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(b) come to cities / in / people / so / of work / search /  
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9. Answer any **four** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

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**OR**

I was driving fast. As I hit the main road I saw an upturned motorbike and a man lying beside it. I decided to help but the thought of my grumpy boss and a prefixed business meeting .....

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

Gavri was only eight years old, but (a) \_\_\_\_\_ mountain of family responsibilities had already (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_ her head.

- (a) (i) a (ii) the (iii) an (iv) some  
 (b) (i) descend (ii) descending (iii) descended (iv) descends  
 (c) (i) over (ii) on (iii) above (iv) in

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	Error	Correction
Walt Disney was our hero. He	e.g. <u>was</u>	<u>is</u>
left me a legacy that can	(a) _____	_____
be enjoy time and again. He	(b) _____	_____
knew who to entertain us so well.	(c) _____	_____
He developed a process in	(d) _____	_____
creating animated films.		

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences.  $1 \times 3 = 3$   
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is / Devprayag / town / beautiful / a  
 Devprayag is a beautiful town.

- (a) it / sparsely populated / a / is / in Uttarakhand / town /  
 (b) an average / has / literacy rate / it / 77% / of /  
 (c) Devprayag / pandas / Badrinath Dham / the / is / seat of /

**SECTION C – (Literature : Textbook and Long Reading Text) 25 marks**

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

It all started a month ago. Dad and I had spent the entire Saturday afternoon at the Computer Fair.

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) Why had the speaker and his father gone to the Computer Fair ?
- (c) What does the word, 'entire' mean ?

**OR**

Ah ! Well-a-day ! What evil looks  
Had I from old and young !  
Instead of the cross, the Albatross  
About my neck was hung.

- (a) Why did the speaker have evil looks from the mariners ?
- (b) Why did they hang the albatross around the speaker's neck ?
- (c) What does the word 'evil' mean ?

9. Answer any **four** of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

- (a) How did Patol Babu initially react to the role allotted to him ?
- (b) What kind of woman is Lavinia ?
- (c) What was the aim of the game Dragonquest ?
- (d) How does Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream ?
- (e) What do the expressions on Ozymandias' face reveal about him ?

10. Answer the following question in 80 – 100 words :

4

Whenever we act against the voice of our conscience, the result is suffering. Explain with reference to the poet's action against the snake and its consequences.

**OR**

Dedication and hard work are essential for success. Explain how these qualities enable Patol Babu to perform his small role to perfection.

11. Answer the following question in 150 – 200 words :

10

What does Anne's diary reveal about the steadily worsening economic and social conditions during the war ?

**OR**

What is your impression of Peter ?

**OR**

Helen did not confine herself to acquiring knowledge, but also enjoyed herself by taking part in outdoor activities. Elaborate.

**OR**

Which traits of Helen's character appeal to you most ? Give a reasoned answer.



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**SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT-II**  
**ENGLISH**  
**(Communicative)**

*Time allowed : 3 hours ]*

*[ Maximum marks : 70*

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**Section A : Reading** **20 marks**

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[P.T.O.]

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**SECTION – A**

**(Reading)**

**20 marks**

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Answer the following questions :

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- (a) What does the author tell us about the financial condition of her parents ?
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2. Read the passage given below.

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While the panther sticks to cover and hugs the edge of the forest, the game animals, on the other hand, like to assemble right out in open vast grazing grounds. Open spaces which the panther carefully avoids, are what the game animals deliberately seek.

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  - (iii) intentionally
  - (iv) naughtily
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  - (i) disapproval
  - (ii) dismissal
  - (iii) revenge
  - (iv) annoyance

(d) associates (Para 4)

(i) rivals

(ii) neighbours

(iii) superiors

(iv) partners

### **SECTION – B**

**(Writing and Grammar)**

**25 marks**

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**Or**

Visiting new places and meeting new people enhance our understanding and knowledge besides being a source of great pleasure. Write an article in 100-120 words on 'Travel, a Source of Knowledge and Pleasure.' You are Gopal/Govindi.

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of hints given below : 10

While strolling in the park near my house, I spotted a cobra. I panicked but stood there like a statue. Frightening thoughts were arising in my mind and then .....

**Or**

Develop a story with the help of the clues given below :

When I reached home I found I had lost my wallet. The thought of loss of my driving licence and credit cards made me extremely worried. A little later a car pulled up in front of my house, and .....

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options : 1×3=3

The naughty children walked (a) \_\_\_\_\_ flower beds, climbed the fruit trees (b) \_\_\_\_\_ plucked unripe fruits and they (c) \_\_\_\_\_ pits on the garden path.

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|-----|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| (a) | (i) over | (ii) in      | (iii) on        | (iv) across |
| (b) | (i) but  | (ii) and     | (iii) therefore | (iv) since  |
| (c) | (i) dig  | (ii) digging | (iii) digs      | (iv) dug    |



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	Error	Correction
Her duties for the day were over.	e.g. for	of
She had scrub the floor of the kitchen,	(a) .....	.....
washed the vessels and put them on a	(b) .....	.....
shining row on an wooden shelf, returned	(c) .....	.....
the short scrubbing broom to it's corner	(d) .....	.....
and closed the kitchen window.		

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. 1×3=3

part / Kilimanjaro National Park / of / is / the / Mount Kilimanjaro

Mount Kilimanjaro is part of the Kilimanjaro National Park.

- (a) dormant volcano / a / in / Mount Kilimanjaro / Tanzania / is
- (b) highest / Africa / it is / mountain / in / the
- (c) has been / many / it / the subject of / studies / scientific

**SECTION – C**  
**(Literature : Textbook and Long Reading Text)      25 marks**

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  - (iii) intentionally
  - (iv) naughtily
- (c) option (Para 3)
  - (i) freedom
  - (ii) rejoice
  - (iii) choice
  - (iv) source

(d) contrary (Para 5)

(i) clear

(ii) opposite

(iii) against

(iv) rivalry

### **SECTION – B**

**(Writing and Grammar)**

**25 marks**

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**Or**

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I was about to sleep when I heard shouts of, 'Fire, fire.' I rushed out and saw old Mrs. Gupta's bedroom on fire spewing out thick smoke .....

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

They ordered the poor man about, (a) \_\_\_\_\_ him on errands, made him wash (b) \_\_\_\_\_ cow and lectured to him (c) \_\_\_\_\_ how to grow a garden.

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| (a) | (i) send | (ii) sent | (iii) sending | (iv) sender |
| (b) | (i) a    | (ii) an   | (iii) some    | (iv) the    |
| (c) | (i) over | (ii) from | (iii) on      | (iv) in     |

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After all a sculptor's labours had come	e.g. a	the
to a end. He sat back, wiped	(a)	.....
the perspiration of his face and surveyed	(b)	.....
his handiwork in great satisfaction. As he	(c)	.....
looking on, he was overwhelmed by the	(d)	.....
image.		

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take place / on / accidents / daily / almost / Indian roads

Accidents take place almost daily on Indian roads.

- (a) Indian roads / 16 / daily / children / on / die
- (b) of traffic rules / is / the chief cause / violation / accidents / of
- (c) lack of / the saddest thing / public concern / is / for / the road victims.

**SECTION – C**  
**(Literature : Textbook and Long Reading Text)      25 marks**

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**ENGLISH**  
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### **SECTION – B**

**(Writing and Grammar)**

**25 marks**

3. Accidents in big cities is a common phenomenon. Unfortunately, hardly anyone comes to the rescue of road victims because of fear of harassment by the police. Now that the Supreme Court has issued guidelines that people who take road victims to a hospital will not be questioned or detained, there is no reason why bystanders / passersby should hesitate to help road victims and thus discharge their duty as responsible citizens. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily requesting him to make people aware of Supreme Court guidelines and urge them to help people in distress. You are Shom / Shobha, 24, Raj Nagar, Kanpur.

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**Or**

Visiting new places and meeting new people enhance our understanding and knowledge besides being a source of great pleasure. Write an article in 100-120 words on 'Travel, a Source of Knowledge and Pleasure.' You are Gopal/Govindi.

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of hints given below : 10

Ramesh and Gita reached home. They found their house locked. Mrs Meena, their next door neighbour told them that their father had met with an accident ... ..

**Or**

a crow — thirsty — flew here and there — pot of water — low level — threw stones in the pot — level rose — drank water — happy

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options : 1×3=3

Medicinally, the bark of (a) \_\_\_\_\_ Kadam tree is used as an antiseptic and (b) \_\_\_\_\_ fevers. The juice of this tree (c) \_\_\_\_\_ used to kill germs in the sores.

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|-----|--------|-----------|------------|------------|
| (a) | (i) a  | (ii) an   | (iii) the  | (iv) some  |
| (b) | (i) on | (ii) over | (iii) for  | (iv) to    |
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The entire household was in the	e.g. in	under
control for my mother-in-law. She	(a) .....	.....
was the majestic figure, very fair and	(b) .....	.....
very serious. She was rigid on	(c) .....	.....
her orthodoxy. No one dare to	(d) .....	.....
argue with her.		

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reward / its / is / honesty / own

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- (a) teaches us / our dealings / honest / religion / in / to be
- (b) everywhere / and / is respected / honest man / an / admired.
- (c) leads / he / a / and / happy / prospers / life

**SECTION – C**  
**(Literature : Textbook and Long Reading Text)      25 marks**

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 1×3=3

“Going on strike. Don’t you know what a strike is ? Not another plot do you get from us !”

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) Why is she going on strike ?
- (c) What does the word ‘plot’ mean ?

**Or**

The Bridegroom’s doors are opened wide,  
And I am next of kin;  
The guests are met, the feast is set :  
Mays’t hear the merry din.

- (a) Who speaks the above lines ?
- (b) What occasion is being described ?
- (c) What does the word, ‘merry’ mean ?

9. Answer **any four** of the following in 30-40 words each : 2×4=8

- (a) How does the author of 'A Shady Plot' earn his living ?
- (b) What was Gogon Pakrashi's advice to Patol Babu on how to become a successful actor ?
- (c) Why was Michael surprised to see Sebastian Shultz' photograph in the newspaper ?
- (d) What is the setting of the poem, 'Ozymandias' ?
- (e) Why did the poet wait for the snake to quench its thirst first ?

10. Answer the following in 80-100 words: 4

Loyalty is inherent in friendship. A friend is expected to avenge the hurt caused to his friend.

Describe how Antony proves his loyalty to Julius Caesar by bringing the conspirators to justice.

**Or**

No sinful action can ever go without its consequences. What consequences does the Ancient Mariner have to face as a result of his sinful action ?

11. Answer the following question in 150-200 words.

10

Describe Helen Keller's experiences at Radcliffe. What difficulties did she face there ?

**Or**

Helen would not have been able to achieve her aim had she not had a dedicated friend like Anne Sullivan. Comment.

**Or**

What is Anne's parents' attitude to the growing friendship between Anne and Peter ?

**Or**

Write a brief character sketch of Mrs van Daan.

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- (a) (i) creates      (ii) create      (iii) created      (iv) creating  
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*Error      Correction*

Birsa Munda was born at 18 <sup>th</sup> July,	e.g.	<u>at</u>	<u>on</u>
1872 in Bamba village in Ranchi district	(a)	_____	_____
of Jharkhand. He lead an armed struggle	(b)	_____	_____
against the British. Besides, he launched the	(c)	_____	_____
spirited campaign about priesthood, alcoholism, etc.	(d)	_____	_____

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(b) in / high / rural India / mortality rate / is / very /  
(c) mainly / is / inadequate / this / due to / health care facilities /

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**OR**

I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act !

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Lack of trust shakes the very foundation of human relationships. How does Lavinia's suspicious nature threaten to wreck their marriage ?

**OR**

Time brings the greatest of the great to their knees. How is this true of King Ozymandias ?

11. Answer the following question in 150 – 200 words :

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Describe Helen Keller's visit to the World's Fair. How did the visit affect her ?

**OR**

What is your impression of Mr. Gilman ?

**OR**

Lack of basic necessities, cramped space and the general atmosphere of fear make the residents' life extremely difficult in the Secret Annexe. Comment.

**OR**

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  - (ii) compassion
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I was not the mischievous or troublesome	(a) _____	_____
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up all the chairs on the house and play	(c) _____	_____
on being teacher tutoring all the invisible	(d) _____	_____
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like / greed / anger / a / is / negative emotion /  
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## SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – II

# ENGLISH (Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

### General Instructions :

(i) The Question paper is divided into three sections :

Section A — Reading

20 marks

Section B — Writing and Grammar

25 marks

Section C — Literature : Textbook and Long Reading Text

25 marks

(ii) **All** questions are compulsory.

(iii) You may attempt any section at a time.

(iv) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

1. Read the passage carefully :

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I was born in the small but beautiful mountain village of Nakuri near Uttarkashi in Garhwal, with the gurgling, playful Bhagirathi river flowing nearby. My parents were a hard-working and extremely self-contained couple. Even though our family was poor, barely managing the essentials, my father taught us how to live and maintain dignity and self-respect — the most treasured family value till today. At the same time my parents also practised the creed, “Kindness is the essence of all religion.” They were large-hearted, inviting village folk passing by to have tea at our home, and gave grain to the sadhus and pandits who came to the house. This characteristic has been ingrained in me so deeply that I am able to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives — whether it is in my home, in society or at the workplace.

I was the third child in the family — girl, boy, girl, girl and boy in that order — and quite a rebel. I developed a tendency to ask questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life for a girl-child. When I found my elder brother, Bachchan, encouraging our youngest brother, Raju, to take up mountaineering I thought, why not me ? I found that my brothers were always getting preferential treatment and all opportunities and options were open to them. This made me even more determined to not only do what the boys were doing, but to do it better.

The general thinking of mountain people was that mountaineering as a sport was not for them. They considered themselves to be born mountaineers as they had to go up and down mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for routine work. On the other hand, as a student, I would look curiously at foreign backpackers passing by my village and wonder where they were going. I would even invite them to my house and talk to them to learn more about their travels. The full significance of this came to me later when I started working. The foreigners took the trouble to come all the way to the Himalayas in order to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering, as well as to seek peace in nature’s gigantic scheme of things.

1.1 Answer the following questions :

1×8=8

- (a) What does the author tell us about the financial condition of her parents ?
- (b) What is the most treasured value of the author's family ?
- (c) Give an example to show that the author's parents were very hospitable.
- (d) What kind of girl was the author ?
- (e) How do you know that the author's parents discriminated between sons and daughters ?
- (f) Why do the mountain people consider themselves to be born mountaineers ?
- (g) Why would the author invite foreign mountaineers to her house ?
- (h) Why were foreigners drawn to the Himalayas ?

2. Read the passage carefully :

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- 1 One would imagine that at the very sight of the panther, deer, antelopes, and its other preys would just run for their lives. Nothing of the sort. They all stand their ground and make such a loud noise that the panther is left with no other choice except to leave quietly. I have seen a tiny *chital* baby standing in the middle of an opening in the forest, stamping its feet on the ground and shooing away a tiger. With the white of its erect tail showing, it kept up its shrill call until the tiger made itself scarce. No tiger in its senses would attempt to catch such an impertinent brat, just as you would not dream of catching an offending crow cawing away in your verandah.
- 2 While the panther sticks to cover and hugs the edge of the forest, the game animals, on the other hand, like to assemble right out in open vast grazing grounds. Open spaces which the panther carefully avoids, are what the game animals deliberately seek.
- 3 It is difficult to describe the pandemonium kicked up by various animals when they spot or suspect a panther around. The *chital* strikes a shrill note, the *kakar* emits a deafening bark and the sambar rings a bell. The peacock on its perch, the jungle fowl on the ground, and the monkey on treetops, all join in the chorus of

condemnation of the panther. They curse the panther in their own inimitable language. The resulting confusion of sounds is so irritating to the sharp ears of the panther that it is left with no other option except to go away.

- 4 The panther has thus to deal with its ever alert and watchful associates who show no mercy and expect none. It is a fight between finesse and flight, between clever attack and skilful defence.
- 5 Contrary to the common belief, the panther never springs upon its prey. It stalks as close to its victim as it can manage, and then makes the final dash by rushing at it at a lightning speed.

2.1 Answer the following questions : 2×4=8

- (a) What strategy do animals like deer, antelopes, etc. adopt to drive away the panther ?
- (b) How do the panther and the game animals (deer, antelopes, etc.) react to open spaces ?
- (c) What effect does the loud noise made by birds and animals have on the panther ?
- (d) How does the panther kill its prey ?

2.2 Find the meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow : 1×4=4

- (a) shrill (Para 1)
  - (i) rude
  - (ii) high
  - (iii) offensive
  - (iv) terrible
- (b) deliberately (Para 2)
  - (i) immediately
  - (ii) cleverly
  - (iii) intentionally
  - (iv) naughtily



(c) condemnation (Para 3)

(i) disapproval

(ii) dismissal

(iii) revenge

(iv) annoyance

(d) associates (Para 4)

(i) rivals

(ii) neighbours

(iii) superiors

(iv) partners

### SECTION B – (Writing and Grammar)

**25 marks**

3. Shantikunj is a thickly populated locality inhabited mainly by the working class people. Unfortunately, there is no Mother Dairy milk booth in the locality. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor of a local daily drawing the attention of the authorities to the problem faced by the people, requesting them to open a milk booth. You are Ram / Roma, 4, Shantikunj, Delhi.

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**OR**

There is a vast pool of women talent in our country. Given encouragement and opportunities, women can excel in every field. They are contributing to the nation's progress as scientists, doctors, entrepreneurs, sportspersons, etc. There is no limit to what they can achieve. Write an article in 100 – 120 words on "Women Power". You are Ram / Roma.

4. Write a story in 150 – 200 words based on the input given below :

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A football match in progress — excitement — wild cheering — goals scored — dispute over referee's decision — angry arguments — scuffle — supporters on field .....

**OR**

Mrs. Gupta — a public transport bus — big rush — purse in her hand — felt — a young man pushing her — afraid — pickpocket — raised a hue and cry — man caught.

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options :  $1 \times 3 = 3$

Dr. Diesel was (a) \_\_\_\_\_ gifted engineer. He (b) \_\_\_\_\_ highly practical and persevering in giving shape (c) \_\_\_\_\_ his ideas.

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| (a) (i) an   | (ii) the     | (iii) a    | (iv) some |
| (b) (i) is   | (ii) was     | (iii) been | (iv) were |
| (c) (i) over | (ii) towards | (iii) on   | (iv) to   |

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.  $1 \times 4 = 4$

	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
The driver of the jeep were treated	e.g. <u>were</u>	<u>was</u>
in respect due to any other member	(a) _____	_____
of my father office. As small children	(b) _____	_____
we were teach not to call him	(c) _____	_____
by his name. We had to use a suffix 'dada'.	(d) _____	_____

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences.  $1 \times 3 = 3$   
The first one has been done as an example.

evergreen tree / a / Ashoka / is / tree / tall /  
Ashoka tree is a tall, evergreen tree.

- (a) a height of / even more / reaches / and / it / 15 m /  
(b) prized / it / beautiful foliage / is / its / for /  
(c) Indian subcontinent / sacred / it / throughout / is considered / the /

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