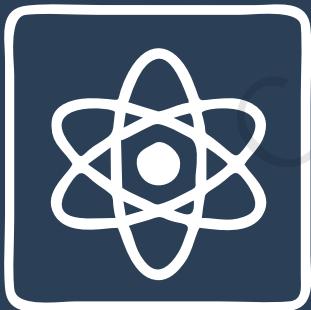


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# 10 LAST YEARS SOLVED PAPERS

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# English (Communicative) 2018

Time allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum marks : 100

- (i) The question paper is divided into three sections :
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| <i>Section A : Reading</i>             | <b>20 marks</b> |
| <i>Section B : Writing and Grammar</i> | <b>30 marks</b> |
| <i>Section C : Literature</i>          | <b>30 marks</b> |
- (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.
- (v) 5 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during the period.

## SECTION — A (READING) (Marks 20)

1. Read the passage given below : [8]

### Globalization

Globalization is the way to open businesses, improve technological growth, economy, etc. at the international level for all countries. It is the way in which manufacturers and producers of the products or goods sell their products globally without any restriction. It provides huge profits to the businessmen as they get low cost labour in poor countries easily. It provides a big opportunity to the companies to deal with the worldwide market.

Globalization helps to consider the whole world as a single market. Traders are extending their areas of business by treating the world as a global village. Earlier till the 1990s, there was a restriction on importing certain products which were already manufactured in India like agricultural products, engineering goods, food items and toiletries. However, during the 1990s there was a pressure from the rich countries on the poor and developing countries to allow them to spread their businesses by opening their markets. In India the globalization and liberalization process was started in 1991.

After many years, globalization brought about a major revolution in the Indian market when multinational brands came to India and started delivering a wide range of quality products at cheap prices. Prices of good quality products came down because of the cutthroat competition in the market.

Globalization and liberalization of the businesses in India have flooded the market with quality foreign products but has affected the local Indian industries adversely to a great extent resulting in the job loss to poor and uneducated workers. Globalization has been a bonanza for the consumers, however, a loss to the small-scale Indian producers. Globalization has had some very positive effects on the Indian consumer in all sectors of society. It has affected the Indian students and education sector to a great extent by making study books and a lot of information available over the internet. Collaboration of foreign universities with the Indian universities has brought about a huge change in the field of education.

Globalization of trade in the agricultural sector has brought varieties of quality seeds which have disease resistance property. However, it is not good for poor Indian farmers because the seeds and agricultural technologies are costly.

It has brought about a huge revolution in the employment sector by the spread of businesses like cottage, handloom, carpet, artisan carving, ceramic, jewellery, and glassware etc.

Attempt any eight of the following questions : [8]

- (a) What is globalization ?  
(b) Write any two advantages of globalization.  
(c) What was the pressure from the rich countries in the 1990's ?  
(d) What is the effect of multinational brands entering the Indian market ?  
(e) How are the prices of quality products affected due to globalization ?  
(f) How have the foreign products affected the local industry adversely ?  
(g) What has been the impact of globalization on the Indian students ?  
(h) Why has globalization had a negative effect on the poor Indian farmer ?  
(i) How has the cottage industry benefited from globalization ?

**Answer :** (a) Globalization is a way to open businesses at international level, which improves technological growth and economy at the international level. Hence through globalization, the manufacturers

and producers sell their products globally without any restriction.

(b) The two advantages of globalization are :

- (i) It provides huge profits to businesses as they get low cost labour in poor countries.
- (ii) It provides big opportunities to companies to deal with the worldwide market.
- (c) The pressure from the rich countries on poor and developing countries was to allow them to spread their businesses by opening their markets.
- (d) Multinational brands started delivering a wide range of quality products at cheap prices in the Indian markets.
- (e) Due to globalization, prices have come down and products have become cheaper.
- (f) Local industry is adversely affected by the foreign products as people have lost their jobs and small scale Indian producers are at a loss.
- (g) Due to globalization, new and latest study books and all kinds of information is available over the internet. The collaboration of foreign universities with Indian universities has brought a huge change in education.
- (h) Globalization had a negative effect on the poor Indian farmers because of the expensive seeds and agricultural technology.
- (i) Globalization has brought in a huge revolution in the cottage industries by spreading businesses and improving employment.

**2. Read the passage given below : [2]**

Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.

All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals. Success has been man's greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfilment. It means all-around development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. A proper

and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one's goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.

One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one's dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.

One needs to pursue one's goals with all one's sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise to the peak of success.

Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each : [2 × 4 = 8]**

- (a) To whom does success come certainly ?
- (b) What are the basic things in life we need to achieve success ?
- (c) What did great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success ? Give any two examples..
- (d) What is the one basic requirement of success ?
- (e) Explain : "Failures are pillars of success."

**Answer :** (a) To the people, who are sincere, hard-working, loyal and committed, success comes certainly.

- (b) To achieve success, we need a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina.
  - (c) Great men have sincerity, passion, punctuality and commitment to rise to the peak of success.
  - (d) One basic requirement of success is passion.
  - (e) Failures are stepping stones of success. It helps us to get up and start again and motivate us to achieve success with more passion.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrase : [1 × 2 = 2]

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ plays a decisive role in achieving success.
  - (b) Goals have to be pursued with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (c) Ratio of success is \_\_\_\_\_ inspiration.

2.3. Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following : (any two) [1 × 2 = 2]

- (a) endurance (para 2)
  - (b) obstruction (para 4)
  - (c) motivation (para 5)

Answer : (a) stamina (b) obstacle (c) inspiration

## **SECTION — B**

### **(WRITING)**

### **(Marks 30)**

3. Two main parks in your locality have suffered from neglect on the part of local authorities. They have virtually been taken over by undesirable elements. As a result the residents have stopped going to the parks.

Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern about the problems the neglect has created and suggest measures to reclaim the parks for children. You are Gautam/Gauri 2, Gobind Enclave, Meerut. [8]

OR

You intend to join coaching classes at International Coaching Centre situated in Raipur. The institute specializes in teaching science to classes XI-XII. Write a letter of enquiry in 100-120 words addressed to the Administrator incharge of the institute seeking clarification about the timings, duration, staff, transport and other necessary

details for joining the institute. You are Rajesh/Rajni 2, Library Road, Jabalpur.

**Answer :**

## 2, Gobind Enclave

## Meerut

12<sup>th</sup> March

## The Editor

## The Jag

## Meerut

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Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the authorities to the problems created due to the neglect of the parks in Gobind Enclave.

It is unfortunate that the parks of the area are neglected. As a result, some undesirable elements have taken over them. It is no more safe for the children to go and play there.

The parks have turned squalid that even the residents have stopped going there. The pathetic conditions of these parks has made them look like a big pit of garbage.

We hope that the concerned authorities will take immediate steps to reclaim these parks for children.

Yours faithfully  
Gautam/Gauri

OR

## LETTER OF ENQUIRY

- 2, Library Road  
Jabalpur  
12<sup>th</sup> March, 2018  
The Administrator  
International Coaching Centre  
Raipur  
Subject—Enquiry about the class of science.  
Sir,

This is with reference to the advertisement published in 'The Hindustan Times', dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018, for science coaching classes for XI and XII. I am currently appearing for my class 10<sup>th</sup> examinations and I wish to join the science stream in the senior secondary level. I am keen on joining your institute and I would like to enquire about the following details :

- (a) Procedure for admission
  - (b) Fees per semester
  - (c) Duration and timings of classes

- (d) Extra online coaching
- (e) Qualification of teachers
- (f) Availability of transport
- (g) Availability of hostel facility

I have heard about your success rate and am eager to join soon after my exam. I would be grateful if you would send me a prospectus of your institute with the necessary details. Your early response will help me to decide for the future.

Yours faithfully,

Rajesh/Rajni

**4. In 200-250 words write a story based on the input given below :** [10]

**Two teams – in the playground – whistle blew – match about to begin – the two captains looked tense – suddenly there was a commotion.**

**OR**

**A long wait for the bus – people impatient – a large crowd – a lot of confusion – felt the pocket being touched – looked around – caught the hand – and .....**

**Answer : THE FOOTBALL MATCH**

Raghu was excited to witness his brother's football match. He held on to his mother's arm tightly. This was the first time he was entering a football stadium. Excitement was written all over his face. He would not have received this treat, had it not been for his elder brother, Gautam, who was the captain of the Red house team. While entering the school gate, he saw his brother standing and his heart swelled with pride.

'Mummy, look!' shouted Raghu.

'Stop! You will not scream inside the school campus, you promised that to your brother' Avni, their mother was tensed rather than happy. She was worried about her 15-year-old son standing in the playground, leading his team. Gautam had high fever until late the night before, but would not even think of stepping down from the leader's post.

The match was about to begin. Both the teams were in the field with the referee in the midst. It was the final of the inter-house football championship, and the Reds were playing against the Blues. The whistle blew, the captains looked tense, Gautam was facing his best friend Neel. The game started

and Raghu's face lit up. His brother was driveling and leading his team confidently. Raghu was sure that they would score. Gautam, too, was sure as he knew his abilities. With the help of his teammates, the Reds were ahead by three goals to nil, within a quarter of an hour of the game. Suddenly, there was a commotion, a crackling sound and then a loud bang. Someone had burst a cracker. The second bang, came from the east end of the playground, where Raghu was sitting along with his mother. Immediately, Gautam lost all concentration. His focus shifted towards his little brother and mother when the third bang of the cracker followed. People started to panic, and, they started shoving each other while trying to move out of the stadium. Gautam left the game and ran towards the stands; he picked up his little brother, held his mother's hand and escorted them out of the stadium, through a shorter route. The loud bangs of the cracker continued, and the game was called off. Gautam was unhappy about the incident that took place. The Reds went to the Principal with this complaint.

Everyone said it was a deliberate act. An enquiry into the incident led us to the coach of the blue team who thought that it was the only way of winning the trophy. They were sure that with Gautam in the lead it would be difficult for the blue team to win. They thought was a clever way of distracting everyone and were confident that it will end in a draw. When the Principal came to know of this act, he was appalled and awarded the trophy to the Red team in the next day's morning assembly.

**OR**

**THE LOST CHILD**

It was a hot summer afternoon. The bus stand was filled with a crowd eager to get on a bus and reach their respective destinations in time. But due to an accident on the highway, the buses were running late. The queue for the bus was very long and I had been standing for almost two hours now. I could not leave the queue as it would mean relinquishing my place and another long endless wait. Fights had already broken out on minor issues and the atmosphere was becoming heated and tense. In this situation, it was hard to take notice of stray people who had no reason to be there.

So it was luck that I was able to save my pocket from being picked. I felt a sudden itch on my back pocket area, I looked around and my hands rested on a tiny hand, trying to take my wallet. I was about to find my voice and shout but then I suddenly stopped. The little girl's face and her unruly hair had stopped me from yelling. I knew that face from somewhere, it had a striking resemblance to someone I used to know. The little girl had tears rolling down her face and her soft voice was begging me not to shout. I took her hand and left the queue immediately, there was another pressing matter that needed my attention. I desperately asked her about her family and her whereabouts. It suddenly struck me that, she resembled my cousin sister, who along with her child, had gone missing three years ago. My heart was beating fast and I called the little girl by her name, Are you Swati ? Is your mother's name Anju ?

The child suddenly stopped crying. She looked at me bewildered and nodded her head. She took me to her little shanty house in the slums nearby. There I saw my sister lying sick on a dirty rag on the floor. She looked at me and cried out in disbelief, 'How did you find me ?'

I told her about the incident and enquired about her past. She told me of her long struggle. She was subjected to domestic violence, which made her flee along with her daughter. She tried to find a job but was unable to find one and had eventually landed on the streets. She had no hope of finding a better future. She hugged me tightly and cried. I sympathized with her but at the same time I was elated to be reunited with her after a long time. I called up her parents and gave them the happy news.

That became one of the happiest days in my life. I had rescued my cousin and her daughter from the clutches of ill-fate and had given them hope for a better future.

5. Fill in any four of the blanks in the sentences given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers :

[1 × 4 = 4]

(A) Concentration is (a) \_\_\_\_\_ by alertness.

- (B) Effective speaking (b) \_\_\_\_\_ on effective listening.
- (C) Economic growth (c) \_\_\_\_\_ attitudes and lifestyle.
- (D) The environment has always (d) \_\_\_\_\_ in control of our destiny.
- (E) They believe that logic (e) \_\_\_\_\_ no place in faith.
- (a) (i) help (ii) will help (iii) helps (iv) helped
- (b) (i) depends (ii) depend (iii) depended (iv) depending
- (c) (i) change (ii) will change (iii) changes (iv) changed
- (d) (i) is (ii) be (iii) been (iv) was
- (e) (i) has (ii) have (iii) had (iv) having

Answer : (a) helped (b) depends (c) changes  
(d) been (e) has

6. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words in any four lines of the given paragraph, along with the words that come before and the words that come after it in the space provided. [1 × 4 = 4]

Word	Missing Word	
before	word	after
Most the people	most	of the
are annoyed	.....	.....
passwords	(a)	.....
They have many	.....	.....
remember	(b)	.....
On any given day	.....	.....
are	(c)	.....
bound	.....	.....
forget them.	(d)	.....
This creates difficulties	.....	.....
the	(e)	.....
people	.....	.....

Answer : Omission

- (a) annoyed at/with passwords
- (b) many to remember
- (c) day they are
- (d) bound to forget
- (e) difficulties for the

7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences : [1 × 4 = 4]

- (a) very exciting/can be/new country/travelling to/a
- (b) it/a lot of/before/actually requires/the visit/preparation

- (c) option/is/light/travelling/best/the
- (d) also need/we/the local weather/in mind/to/keep
- (e) always/enriched/we/return/experience/the/with

**Answer :** **Rearrangement of words**

- (a) Travelling to a new country can be very exciting.
- (b) It actually requires a lot of preparation before the visit.
- (c) The best option is travelling light/Travelling light is the best option.
- (d) We also need to keep the local weather in mind.
- (e) We always return enriched with the experience.

**SECTION — C**  
**(LITERATURE)**  
**(Marks 30)**

**8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :** [1 × 4 = 4 ]

But speak all good you can devise of Caesar.

And say you do it by our permission;

..... .....

- (a) Identify the speaker.
- (b) Who is being granted permission ?
- (c) What is the speaker afraid of ?
- (d) What opinion do you form of the speaker ?

**OR**

“You must make your public happier.  
Give them something, sharper, snappier.  
We must aim for better billings.”

- (a) Identify the speaker of the above lines.
- (b) Who does ‘we’ refer to ?
- (c) What must be done for ‘better billings’ ?
- (d) What trait of the speaker’s character is revealed through the above lines ?

**Answer :** (a) The speaker is Brutus.

- (b) Mark Antony is being granted permission.
- (c) The speaker is afraid that Mark Antony might instigate the Roman people against the conspirators by his speech.
- (d) The speaker is fearful and cautious about the fact that Mark Antony might reveal the truth behind Ceaser’s a murder .

**OR**

- (a) The speaker is the Frog.
- (b) ‘We’ refers to both, the nightingale and the frog.
- (c) The nightingale must change her style of singing and enthrall the audience with songs which are quicker and sharper with a lot of rhythm.
- (d) The frog is greedy and would go to any extent in order to earn money by exploiting the nightingale.

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

- (a) In the story “Shady Plot”, why did Helen appear in bits and pieces ?
- (b) What will Shakespeare’s friend realize when he rises on the Day of Judgment ?
- (c) Why does the author say that Louisa Mebbin had a “protective elder sister” attitude towards money?
- (d) How do we know that Michael’s father was fascinated by computers ?
- (e) In the poem “Snake”, why does the poet say “I have something to expiate” ?

**Answer :** (a) In the story ‘Shady Plot’, Helen appeared in bits and pieces because she was a ghost and it was her way of appearance. Also, she was tired of answering the questions of the confused writers, who wanted to write a ghost fiction.

- (b) When Shakespeare’s friend rises on the Day of Judgment, he will find that he has been immortalised through the verse. Nothing could destroy the written verse. The world may die a thousand times but the memory of the young friend will always be alive.
- (c) Louisa Mebbin had a ‘protective elder sister’ attitude towards money as she was very money-minded and a miser person. She would look over all the spending like a protective elder sister and save as much money as she could.
- (d) Michael’s father was fascinated by computers. He had the latest computer with accessories and had created a play zone at home. He could not resist any new gadget or gizmos.
- (e) In the poem ‘Snake’ the poet says, ‘I have something to expiate’ because he regrets his action of hitting the beautiful snake which came to drink water in his garden. He wants to make amends.

## 10. Answer the following in 100-200 words : [8]

"Patol Babu, Film Star," by Satyajit Ray emphasizes the valuable contribution of a mentor in changing a negative mind-set into a positive one. Describe how Mr. Pakrashi's advice helps Patol Babu in performing his role.

OR

Time humbles even the greatest of the great. One should cultivate the quality of humility. Describe how time has reduced the mighty Ozymandias to nothing.

**Answer :** In the story 'Patol Babu, the Film Star' the writer Satyajit Ray, takes the readers through an eventful day in the life of an ordinary man, Patol Babu. He was a middle aged, unemployed, pompous, day dreamer, who lived in the past. In his younger days, he was an acclaimed actor in a small theatrical unit in his neighbourhood. For Patol Babu, the walk-on role offered by his nephew in a Baren Mullick film became a nightmare because he could not come to terms with the fact that all he had to do was collide into the hero, Chanchal Kumar and say 'Oh'. He was about to give up after this insult, but the words of his mentor, Gegen Prakrashi stopped him. Mr. Parkrashi said that no matter how small the role is, it is the moral duty of an actor to give his best and make the play successful. These words motivated him to give his heart and soul into a two-minute role. Our role models and mentors are often our guide to success, they build our characters and give us values to live better lives. It is our duty to remember them in our moments of crisis. Patol Babu had done the right thing by following his mentor's path and living up to his ideals.

OR

Time is the ultimate conqueror. Be it poor or rich, a king or a pauper, time will conquer with its claws of death and rule over the mortal body. The materialistic world takes longer to perish but it is also not spared by the dust that accumulates over a period of time and ultimately buries it. Man is foolish to think that he can surpass time by building huge statues like that of Ozymandias. Ozymandias was a powerful king who believed that he would remain immortal by building palaces and huge statues. The statue of Ozymandias is gone, all that remains is 'colossal wreck' bypassed by travellers. On the lifeless stone is etched his cruel expression depicting his pride over his conquest, which have

now vanished. 'Look upon ye mighty and despair', these words on the pedestal are ironical, as the entire empire is now erased by time and all that remains is 'lone and level sand'. So one must not be proud of their worldly, materialistic possessions as one day they would also disappear like the very man who accumulated them.

## 11. Answer the following question in 200-250 words : [10]

(a) Describe the relationship between Anne and Margot ?

OR

Give a pen sketch of Anne's father as a parent ?

**Answer :** Anne and Margot

(a) Anne and Margot shared a normal relationship of sisters with slight ups and downs. Margot was a stark contrast to Anne. She did not speak much while Anne was very outspoken.

Margot was reserved in nature. She was smarter, quieter, prettier and more mature than Anne. She was attached to her mother whereas Anne had bitter feelings for her mother. Anne found her mother quite irritating and felt jealous of Margot as she felt that her mother loved Margot more than her.

Margot was Anne's well wisher. She saw Anne as a friend to talk to and confide in. She was docile and not assertive like Anne. She even trusted and encouraged Anne's relationship with Peter. Both the sisters had a very good relationship with their father. They were also kind loving to each other as sisters. Margot and Anne exchanged a series of letters that Anne recorded in her diary. The topic of discussion was their shared affection for Peter. There was a very real possibility that feelings of jealousy could spring up between the sisters. Even worse, they could end up in a rivalry for Peter's attention. Under normal circumstances, they would probably have talked things out, but in the close quarters of the annex, it would not have been possible to do so with the necessary privacy.

OR

Anne's father, Otto Frank, was a kind, smart, gentle and practical man. He was a loving and caring father whom everyone respected. He worked in a Dutch company until the family was

forced into hiding in 1942. Like any other father, he loved his daughters very much. He wanted to give them a good education. He sent Margot to a public school and Anne to a Montessori school. He was the only person who understood the nature and needs of Anne very well. He always favoured Anne during arguments with other members of the secret Annexe. He saved the best food for his daughters and took small portions for himself. Anne idolized him. He was a bit conservative when it came to Anne's love for Peter and asked her to control her emotions. According to Anne, he was protective and possessive. Inspite of all the tortures and problems, he was able to save the diary of Anne. He admired her creativity.

Otto was a smart, resourceful and caring father, as well as a talented businessman. He had a strong character and was clearly the head of the Frank household. The only resident of the annex to survive the war, Otto remained in Auschwitz until it was liberated by Russian troops in 1945. He returned to Holland, where he receives Anne's diary. He remained in Holland until 1953, when he moved to Basel, Switzerland to join his sister's family. He married another Auschwitz survivor and devoted the rest of his life in promoting Anne's diary.

**(b)** Describe Ms. Sullivan's teaching methods.

**OR**

What are Helen's opinions about examinations ?

**(b)** Ms. Sullivan was as exemplary teacher, guide and mentor. She understood Helen's fears, loneliness and frustration that she felt in her tiny, isolated world of silence.

She was always very supportive and encouraging to Helen. This transformed Helen and helped her to deal with the problems she had. She taught Helen manual alphabets which helped her to communicate with people. She opened a world of nature and beauty for her. She taught every minute thing to Helen and made her think deep. She chose means and methods to teach Helen by taking her needs into consideration. She also made Helen experience and admire nature and taught her abstract ideas using innovative teaching methods.

She was hardworking and an embodiment of

patience. She had strength of character and a positive approach. Helen never felt that she was being taught. Infact Ms. Sullivan's teaching methods unfolded possibilities. Her nurturing and care transformed a lost and lovely child into a mature, selfless and compassionate adult who later worked for the blind, deaf and unfortunate people.

First of all, Anne read every bit of published material available to her about the education of handicapped students. Knowledge of pedagogy was the first step to effective practice. In addition to this, Anne had the "advantage" of personal experience, as she herself had wrestled with severe vision impairment as a result of trachoma. She knew the challenges faced by a child in a similar situation.

**OR**

Helen always felt that knowledge gives power and happiness. But exams are no criteria to judge anybody's worth. They are the real bugbears. She despised exams and felt that handling work is easier than handling exams.

Exams demanded a lot of cramming of complicated formulas and facts. Though she used to be well prepared, she could not recall answers. All her efforts would go in vain.

It irritated her so much that she felt that all the books should be buried in the depth of the sea. She did not find it meaningful to cram all the data. She found exams very stressful and torturous. They deprived the students of the joy of learning. She very strongly felt that the system should be changed and before framing questions, students should be consulted. Exams should be student-friendly. These should be to enhance their abilities, not to terrify them. These should add value to their learning, not rob them of the sense of enjoyment.

She called it the 'dreaded hour.' Her numerous handicaps made it virtually impossible for her to complete at the same level as the other students. It left her frustrated and she repeatedly failed in her examinations. The examination system did not do justice to her.

## SECTION — A (READING) (Marks 20)

### 1. Read the passage carefully :

[8]

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 grains 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 work place.

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?

### Answer :

- (a) They were poor, and barely managed the essentials.
- (b) The most treasured value of the family is : how to live and maintain dignity and self-respect.
- (c) The author's parents invited village folk passing by to have tea at their home and gave grains to sadhus and pandits who came to the house.
- (d) The author was a rebel. She asked questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life.
- (e) The author's brothers were always getting preferential treatment. All opportunities and options were open to them.
- (f) The mountain people consider themselves to be born mountaineers as they have to go up and down the mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for routine work.
- (g) The author would invite foreign mountaineers to her house to talk to them and to learn more about their travels.
- (h) Foreigners were drawn to the Himalayas to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering as well as to seek peace in nature's gigantic scheme of things.

### 2. Read the passage carefully :

[12]

- 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 impudent, 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 :**

- (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)**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| (i) disapproval                | (ii) dismissal  |
| (iii) revenge                  | (iv) annoyance  |
| <b>(d) associates (Para 4)</b> |                 |
| (i) rivals                     | (ii) neighbours |
| (iii) superiors                | (iv) partners   |

**Answer :**

**2.1.**

- (a) They all stand their ground and make a loud noise to force the panther to go away.
- (b) The panther carefully avoids open spaces, sticks to the cover and hugs the edge of the forest.
- (c) The loud noise is so irritating to the sharp ears of the panther that it is left with no other option except to go away.
- (d) The panther stalks as close to its victim as it can manage, and then makes the final dash by rushing at it, at a lightning speed.

**Answer :**

**2.2.**

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| (a) (ii) high       | (b) (iii) intentionally |
| (c) (i) disapproval | (d) (i) partners        |

**SECTION — B**  
**(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**  
**(Marks 25)**

3. Many students from different parts of the country come to Delhi to study. Finding affordable accommodation is the main problem faced by them. Landlords charge exorbitant rents and in some cases refuse to rent rooms to them because of their different food habits and culture. The hostel facility provided by educational institutions is too inadequate to meet the demand. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a local daily drawing attention of the authorities and requesting them to take appropriate action. You are Raman/Raveena, 12, Station Road, Delhi. [5]

**OR**

Accidents happen when people violate traffic rules. Careless drivers cause suffering to themselves and to others. Write an article in 100-120 words on "Safe Driving".

**Answer : Letter**

12, Station Road

Delhi

20 April, 20XX

The Editor  
 The Times of India  
 Kasturba Gandhi Marg  
 New Delhi  
 Subject : Students' smooth stay in the city.  
 Sir,

I shall be obliged if you allow me a little space in the column of your esteemed newspaper to express my concern about the inadequate facilities for students coming to Delhi from different cities.

Education is the need of the hour. In small cities, students do not get as many avenues for studies as in Delhi. Hence, students from different parts of the country, come to Delhi to study. But here, getting a reasonable accommodation becomes a challenge for them. Rents are soaring high. Landlords demand exorbitant rents. There is no check on them.

To add to their woes, condition of hostels in educational institutions is pathetic. They too do not have adequate facilities. Negligence and carelessness of authorities have left them useless. The unswept floors and unhygienic conditions are other problems. This issue needs to be addressed immediately.

So I request the authorities to take immediate steps to solve the issue so that students' safe and comfortable stay in the city can be ensured.

Thank you,  
 Yours Truly  
 Raman/Raveena

**OR**  
**"Safe Driving"**  
 By —Anita/Anoop

Accidents in big cities is a common phenomenon. They are a menace on Delhi Roads. They happen when people violate traffic rules. These accidents are the result of rash driving. Many accidents happen due to fierce competition among bus-drivers. Many careless drivers drive without any regard for traffic rules, or for the life and safety of others. They stop whenever they wish to pick up/drop passengers. Moreover, the drivers are unqualified and ill-trained.

There is an urgent need to control this tendency with a firm hand. The traffic police must initiate and enforce a drive against them to instill a sense of safe-driving and to ensure strict implementation of traffic rules. Heavy and extreme penalties should be imposed against those violating traffic rules.

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

[10]

Travelling in metro — tunnel — lights went out — general panic — pushing and shoving — screams — phone flashlights switched on — an old man.....

**OR**

Mrs. Madhu alone in house — had lunch — watching favourite serial —doorbell rang— opened door — a sadhu.....

**Answer :** Yesterday was the most crucial day of my life. I went to my friend's place because I had an interview with HCL in Noida. I went shopping with her as I was free after the interview. We were travelling in the metro and were passing through a tunnel. Suddenly, due to some technical fault, lights went out and it was dark. Everybody was feeling frightened. People started pushing each other. Women and children were screaming because it was dark all over. Some of the people who had phones with flash light, switched on their lights and tried to relieve the public. After few minutes people were relieved, but suddenly I came across an old man who was covered with a blanket. Somehow, he did not seem to be a right person. I was really not comfortable seeing him, he was standing in front of me. Within seconds I realized he was a pickpocket. I caught him red-handed and when the next station came, we handed him to the police officer who was present there. Everybody appreciated my presence of mind but I was very tired because I had to go to the police station and had to wait there for almost two hours for the inquiry.

**OR**

Mrs. Madhu was alone in her house. After she had done all the household chores, it was 1 p.m. It was the time of her favourite serial. So she took her lunch and sat glued to the TV watching and enjoying the serial. Only 10 minutes had passed when the doorbell rang. It irritated her to go out at that time of noon, when she was engrossed in her favourite programme. Anyhow, she went and opened the door. She found that there was a sadhu. He wanted some food. But Madhu was in a foul mood. She said that she had nothing to give him and slammed the door. She turned to the comfort of her couch to watch her programme, but she was restless now. Her interest in the programme had gone. The pain and misery written upon the face of the sadhu troubled her soul. Her conscience was pricking her. When she could not regain her calm, she went out to see if he was still there. She found that he was sitting outside the main gate of the house in the shade of a tree. She took some food for him and went out to give it to him. Joy and sparkle in his eyes overwhelmed her. She noticed blisters



**Answer :**

- (a) Patol Babu was quite happy and excited to get a role of a pedestrian in a film. But when he got his dialogue 'Oh' written on a piece of paper, he felt a sudden throbbing in his heart. He had expected a longer scene with some more dialogues.
- (b) Lavinia was a smart woman who was crazy for taking up any new fact that came in the market. She bought an ouija board as she found it to be the luckiest and most daring thing. She was very strong and did not pay heed to her husband's request to not to use the ouija board. Her husband thought that she was very timid. Hence, he feared that she might faint on seeing the ghost. But she proved him wrong by simply smiling when she came face to face with the ghost.
- (c) The aim of the game Dragon quest was that Michael had to rescue the fair princess Aurora from the wicked dragon and collect the wicked creature's treasure along the way.
- (d) Decius Brutus interpreted Calpurnia's dream by saying that it was a fortunate vision. Romans will derive inspiration from Caeser. Rome will be rejuvenated. The stains of his blood would be preserved as a relic.
- (e) Ozymandias' face bears expressions of frown and sneer. They made him look powerful and like an absolute ruler. His facial expression conveyed that he was very arrogant and looked down upon his subjects with contempt.

**10. Answer the following question in 80-100 words :**

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. [4]

**OR**

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

**Answer :**

Whenever we act against the voice of our conscience, the result is suffering. Poet's inner voice wanted him to treat the snake as a guest. He longed for mutual co-existence with other species. But ignoring the voice of his conscience, without considering the consequences of the act, he hit the snake. Soon after this thoughtless act, he regretted it. His conscience pricked him for unnecessarily killing the snake though, it had not harmed him in any way. The feeling of sin and guilt overpowered him. He wanted to make amends and ask for forgiveness.

**OR**

Patol Babu was embodiment of dedication and hard work. He got a single monosyllabic word 'Oh' to

speak, but he gave numerous special touches to it to make it more authentic. He asked for a newspaper to read while walking to look like an absent-minded stranger. He planned the ratio of emotions to express in his line to make it more effective. He even calculated the steps so that he would collide with the actor at the right spot. He did all this to give a perfect shot.

**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.**

**Answer :** Anne's diary reveals how social and economical conditions were worsening during the war. Anti-Jewish laws had been imposed. They had a direct impact on the psyche of Jews. These laws were very unjust and unfair. Jews were humiliated. They were required to wear a yellow star, forbidden to drive cars, shop within the restricted timings in Jewish shops and only attend Jewish schools. They were forbidden to participate in public sports and to visit places of entertainment. Horrific crimes were carried out by the Nazi Regime.

The Jews lost their businesses and unemployment reached to the unprecedent levels. They were imprisoned in several types of camps. Feelings of uncertainty and fear had gripped their spirit.

**OR**

Peter was a shy and awkward boy of 16 years. He was the only son of the Van Daans. He was greatly disappointed with his parents. He was full of frustration because of their fights all the time. He felt very lonely and miserable. He was emotionally weak. It is said that maturity comes with age, but in his case, age seemed to have come alone. He was younger than his age and did not have the courage of a man. He dared not take any risk or pursue an unchosen path. He was not willing to take any challenge. These traits in his personality disappointed Anne. She felt that she should limit her relations with Peter.



- (e) How can we say that the sculptor was a master artist? (Ozymandias).

**Answer :**

- (a) When Lavinia came face to face with the ghost, there came a satisfied smile on her face. All her fears and doubts disappeared. She even said, to the ghost, "I thought you were Helen of Troy."
- (b) A faint memory of his past and his mentor Gogon Pakrashi changed Patol Babu's mind. His mentor used to say to him that he should never consider any role beneath his dignity, however small it may be.
- (c) Brutus defended his action of murdering Caesar. He said that he had stabbed Caesar because he

felt that Caesar had become over ambitious at the cost of Rome.

- (d) The mariners hailed the arrival of the albatross because they were miserable, trapped and dejected. On its arrival, icebergs cracked, pleasant wind started blowing and they resumed their journey. The bird brought them a new hope as well as favourable weather conditions. So they took it to be a noble soul.
- (e) The sculptor was a master artist. He, skillfully captured and reproduced all the hostile feelings of the king in stone. The knitted brow and wrinkled lip of the statue brought out the arrogance of the king.

## English (Communicative) 2017 (Outside Delhi) Term II SET III

**Note :** Except for the following questions all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

### SECTION — B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

**(Marks 25)**

4. Develop a story in 150-200 words with the help of the hints provided. [10]

While coming out of the bank I saw a monkey walking menacingly towards me. I panicked. The monkey snatched my bag and ran up a nearby tree.  
I.....

**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.....

**Answer :** While coming out of the bank. I saw a monkey walking menacingly towards me. I panicked. The monkey snatched my bag and ran up a nearby tree. I was shocked and a chill went down my spine. The bag had my life-savings in it. I had withdrawn a big amount of money from the bank for the wedding of my daughter. Now it was in the hands of the monkey. Whooping sound of the monkey made me all the more angry. I picked up a stone and threw it at the monkey. Instead of being frightened, he growled and frowned at me. Then he did something peculiar. He plucked a fruit from the tree and threw it at me. I was very confused. I did not dare ask anybody for help because I did not want anyone to know that I was taking home such a big amount.

Then an idea came to my mind. I realised that the monkey had copied my action by throwing the fruit at me. So I took an empty bag and threw it

on the ground. The monkey copied me and threw down the bag too. I hurriedly collected my bag and heaved a sigh of relief. Happily, I went home. So, presence of mind can find a way out of any difficulty.

**OR**

I was driving fast, as I hit the main road. I saw an upturned bike and a man lying beside it. I decided to help him but the thought of my grumpy boss and a pre-fixed business meeting hampered me from doing that. It was an important day for me because my promotion depended on that meeting. I really wanted to help him as a good human being, but time constraints were there. I wanted to ignore everything and was trying to move on but I could not. The thought of the man lying on the road made me feel worse. I forgot about the meeting and my boss. Immediately, I went to the injured man, checked whether he was alive or not. I called an ambulance and took him to the nearest hospital. Within two hours, the formalities were done. I did whatever I could do to help him. During this process, I had informed my boss about the accident and the reason for being late. When I reached office, rather than scolding me, he appreciated my good deed. The meeting was postponed for three hours. The clients and my boss-both were happy and I also got promoted. Through this incident, I have learnt that, "good deed always pays off".

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

[1 × 3 = 3]

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

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| (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         |

Answer :

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|-------------|---------------------|
| (a) (i) a   | (b) (iii) descended |
| (c) (ii) on |                     |

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

	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.		

Answer : Errors

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|-----------|---------|
| (a) me    | us      |
| (b) enjoy | enjoyed |
| (c) who   | how     |
| (d) in    | of      |

7. Rearrange the following words / phrases to form meaningful sentences.  $[1 \times 3 = 3]$

The first one has been done as an example.

is / Devprayag / town / beautiful / a

Devprayag is a beautiful town.

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|--|
| (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 / |

Answer :

(a) It is a sparsely populated town in Uttarakhand.

(b) It has an average literacy rate of 77%.

(c) Devprayag is the seat of Badrinath Dham pandas.

## English (Communicative) 2017 (Delhi) Term II

SET I

Note : Except for the following questions all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

### SECTION — B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

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. [5]

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.

Answer :

24, Raj Nagar

Kanpur

14 April, 2017

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject : Help accident victims.

Sir,

I shall be obliged if you allow me a little space in the column of your esteemed newspaper to voice my concern over the unattended accident victims.

Accidents in big cities are now becoming a common phenomenon. Sadly, most passers-by do not come forward to help the accident victims. They have their own fears, mainly the fear of police harassment. But now the Supreme Court has issued guidelines that people who take road victims to a hospital will not be questioned or detained. So now the by-standers should not hesitate to discharge their duty as responsible citizens. Now they can help people in distress and be an example of a good citizen.

A powerful editorial from your pen, will go a long way in creating awareness among people and urging them to help the road victims.

Yours Sincerely,  
Shom/Shobha

**OR**

Travel, a source of knowledge and pleasure

By—Gopal/ Govindi

Today more people are travelling than ever before. They are travelling even to the greater distances. The reason is that travel gives relief from the hustle and bustle of fast paced life. It fills the heart with energy and zeal. Tranquility of the place helps people to reinvent themselves and find inner peace. It is an antidote to stress. It gives pleasure and joy.

Travel infact provides opportunity to interact with different races, creeds and ideologies and thus enhances one's understanding and knowledge. One discovers contentment in the soothing nature, the enchanting waterfalls and tranquil beaches. Exquisite art forms and costumes, the enchanting music and majestic life style of people are always overwhelming. These evoke the human spirit and widen the sphere of knowledge.

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

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.....

[10]

**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 .....

**Answer :** One day 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 it occurred to me that I should walk to my heels. But my courage left me. I felt devoid of all energy. It felt as if I had been stuck there. The cobra too was looking at me, it was golden brown in colour. It seemed as if it had come out of its den to see the world of humans. When I saw no movement or reaction from the other side. I felt normal. I was no more afraid and was not in a hurry to leave the place. We both stuck to the ground, looking at each other, being at peace with each other. Then he started moving, he was the one to leave the place first. He turned and began to move slowly towards the hole in the wall. Seeing him depart made me uneasy. My inner voice prompted me to pick a log of wood from the ground. I struck it with a small piece of wood. Though the stick did not hit the snake, its movement grew faster and it

disappeared from the scene. But after that I felt bad as it was an act of cowardice. I should not have hit him.

**OR**

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 stopped. A man stepped out of it and came to me and told me that he found my wallet lying at the taxi stand and when he searched for an I.D., he saw my driving licence on which my address was mentioned. He came to my house to return my wallet because everybody is aware how stressful it is to lose a wallet filled with important cards and money. I could not thank him enough for his kind gesture. I owed a grand treat to him. That day we also exchanged our phone numbers and we became good friends in a short span of time. I still remember when he returned my wallet, I was lost for words, I was overjoyed.

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.    |

Answer :

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|--------------|--------------|
| (a) (iii) on | (b) (ii) and |
| (c) (iv) dug |              |

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example .

[1 × 4 = 4]

**Error Correction**

Her duties for the day were

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

**Answer :**

Error	Correction
(a) scrub	scrubbed
(b) on	in
(c) an	a
(d) it's	its

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

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

**Answer :**

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

## SECTION — C

### (LITERATURE : Textbook and Long Reading Text) (Marks 25)

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

“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 ?

**Answer :**

- (a) Helen’s ghost is the speaker.
- (b) All the ghosts were tired because they were disturbed frequently by the Ouija Board users and they had no time for entertainment or to haunt people.
- (c) The word ‘Plot’ means an idea or a story.

**OR**

The Bridegroom’s doors are opened wide,  
And I am next of kin;

The guests are met, the feast is set :  
Mayn’t hear the merry din.

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

**Answer :**

- (a) The wedding guest is speaking these lines.

(b) The wedding ceremony is being described here.

(c) The word ‘merry’ means cheerful, joyful or happy.

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each :  $[2 \times 4 = 8]$

- (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 ?

**Answer :**

- (a) He was a book keeper or accountant for a lumber company and writes ghost stories.
- (b) Gogon Pakrashi advised Patol Babu that no role, however small was below dignity, one should make the most of an opportunity, he should play a role to perfection and with his full dedication.
- (c) Michael was surprised to see Sebastian Shultz, photograph in the newspaper because he had been playing psycho drive games with him and was surprised to know that he was a real person.
- (d) Desert / ancient land / sands all around, no sign of any habitation desolation, antique land.
- (e) The smoke arrived before the poet came and was an honoured guest, that’s why the poet waited 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 ?

**Answer :** Antony, Julius Caesar’s close and loyal friend was shocked to see his friend murdered so ruthlessly. He takes the opportunity of speaking at the funeral of Caesar and proves the charges against him as baseless. He incites and enrages the mob to revolt against the conspirators. As a result, there is violence, blood-shed and civil strike. The mob is after the lives of the conspirators. Thus, he avenges his friend’s death by orating the speech in the favour of Julius Caesar in a cunning way.

**OR**

The ancient mariner killed the Albatross. As a result of his sinful action, their ship was stuck in the Pacific Ocean/silent sea. There was no wind, they

were motionless and still. Extremely scorching heat was tormenting and he was cursed by all. Feeling of guilt was pricking him and finally the dead Albatross was hung around his neck in order to make him realize sin that he had committed.

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.

**Answer.** Helen had worked hard to get in the college. She had expected it to be a dreamland where she would find a world free from all the constraints and restrictions. But soon she realised that there was lack of tune. She had to make many adjustments. As very few books were there in braille, Sullivan had to spell words on her hand. Hence, she needed more time to prepare for her lessons than the other girls.

She did not even have the time to commune with her thoughts. This frustrated her and she often lost her temper. Hence, Helen was not very impressed with her experience at the Radcliffe College as she had to go through many difficulties over there.

OR

Miss Sullivan, Helen's dedicated teacher and friend brought enlightenment to Helen's life. She came in Helen's life when she was six years old and had lost her hearing and seeing abilities. Miss Sullivan was very patient. She worked very hard and helped Helen understand the world around her. She took her from the darkness to the light, from isolation to friendship, knowledge and love. She taught Helen words related to sense, smell and language. She was the embodiment of love

and passion. She taught each and every subject to Helen and developed her language. She helped her to read and communicate. Helen got her identity because of her. She was greatly instrumental in shaping Helen's life. Her method of teaching was very effective. She methodically taught Helen how to communicate using her fingers and then assisted her through all the institutions that she attended. Helen dedicates her success to Miss Sullivan's genius, untiring perseverance and devotion.

OR

Anne finds herself happy in Peter's presence. She records the details of their meetings. But as her relationship with him intensifies her relationship with her mother deteriorates. She strongly disapproves it and objects. Anne strongly stands up to her and refuses to change her ways.

Her father finds nothing wrong in her friendship with Peter. But he has his own apprehensions about Peter being weak and different. He does not ask her to break off the relationship but advises caution. He did not want Anne to get involved with Peter too seriously and also, the fact that Anne and Peter were living together under the same roof was worrying Mr. Frank. Anne's relationship with Peter was bothering her father as he considered it inappropriate.

OR

Mrs. Van Daan, the mother of Peter Van Daan is a very vain, selfish and flirtatious lady. She is jealous of Frank. She gets disagreeable at times, making complaints and constantly finding fault with others as a part of her personality. She is critical of Anne as she is in love with her only son. But as far as her relationship with her son is concerned, she does not enjoy good relations with him too. Her son, Peter does not even like talking to her. Seeing all this, Anne believes that like her mother, Mrs. Van Daan too, lacked motherly skills. Also, her relationship with her husband is not very good as they always indulge in noisy fights even in public. Despite being a mature woman, she behaves like a frivolous young girl who likes occasional flirting.

## English (Communicative) 2017 (Delhi) Term II

SET II

Note : Except for the following questions all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

### SECTION — A (READING) (Marks 20)

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

(c) option (Para 3)

- (i) freedom
- (ii) rejoice
- (iii) choice
- (iv) source

(d) contrary (Para 5)

- (i) clear
- (ii) opposite
- (iii) against
- (iv) rivalry

Answer :

(c) (iii) choice

- (d) (ii) opposite

(d) (ii) opposite

**SECTION — B**  
**(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**  
**(Marks 25)**

**4. Develop a story with the help of hints provided :  
(150-200 words)**

It was my first exam. I was already late. I dashed towards my scooty and put the key in the ignition. But it wouldn't start. Panic stricken I rushed towards the main road..... [10]

[10]

OR

Develop a story in 150-200 words with the help of the hints provided.

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.....

**Answer :** It was my first exam. I was already late. I dashed towards my scooter and put the key in the ignition. But it would not start. Panic-stricken I rushed towards the main road to get a bus or a cab. But to my dismay, I could not book a cab as I had left my phone at home. As for autorikshaws, they were on strike. I became very nervous, tears welled up in my eyes and I prayed to God. Though the world has advanced, the technology has advanced, but here I was, on the road standing utterly helpless. Then as if to answer my prayers, there came a bus. It was going to the area where my examination centre was. I boarded it, as I was already late. I wished that it would go fast crossing all the red lights. Never ever had I cursed the traffic as much as I did on that day. In my tension, I even forgot to revise the last chapter. Somehow I reached the centre, but the gates of the centre were closed. The exam had already started. Like me, two more students were standing there, pleading the authorities to let us in. But they said that more than half an hour had passed and as per the rules they could not allow us to take the exam. It was an important exam for me as I had taken a year off to prepare for this. I had missed it because of my own fault. All my hopes and dreams were shattered and for the first time, I realised what it meant to be disciplined and punctual.

OR

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. Without a single thought I rushed towards her house. I did not want to waste a single minute so while racing towards her house I called the fire brigade. But we could not wait for them to arrive so we took the emergency fire extinguishers and tried to extinguish the fire, but it was out of control. Somehow, Mr. Gupta

managed to bring all the important things out from the burning room. We were only wishing that the fire would not spread out of the room. Soon after the fire brigade was there, after then the situation was under control. When everything was settled, I inquired about the accident to Mr. and Mrs. Gupta, they told me that a scented candle was lit near their window from which a curtain caught fire and everything was in flames. They successfully got out of the room, so any loss of life or injury did not take place, but their room was in a very bad condition and Mrs. Gupta was shattered after all this. We could only thank God that everything was okay and nobody was hurt.

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.

- (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

### Answer :

- (a) (ii) sent
  - (b) (i) a
  - (c) (iii) on

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example.

$$[1 \times 4 = 4]$$

## Error Correction

### After all a sculptor's labours

had come to a end (a) e.g. a the

He sat back, wiped

the perspiration of his face (b)

and surveyed

his handiwork in great (c)

satisfaction. As he

looking on, he was (d)

overwhelmed by the image.

### Answer

### Error Correction

- (a) a an
  - (b) of off
  - (c) in with
  - (d) looking looked

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

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.

Answer :

- (a) 16 children die daily on Indian roads.

OR

16 children die on Indian roads daily.

- (b) Violation of traffic rules is the chief cause of accidents.

- (c) Lack of public concern for the road victims is the saddest thing.

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SET III

Note : Except for the following questions all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

### SECTION — A (READING) (Marks 20)

1. Answer the following questions : [1×8=8]

- (a) Where was the author born ?  
 (b) Explain 'self-contained.'

Answer :

- (a) The author was born in the mountain village of Nakuri near Uttarkashi in Garhwal.  
 (b) Self contained means independent, self reliant and self sufficient.

### SECTION — B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

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.

Answer : 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. The news came to us as a blow. We felt as if the ground had slipped from beneath our feet. For a while we were in a fix about what to do and where to go, so many questions came to

my mind, what was the extent of their injuries or how it happened? Then our neighbour pacified us saying that everything was in control. He had been admitted in a hospital. They told us that our father had been hit by a speeding car while he was crossing the road. As soon as the screeching of the car brakes were heard, people from neighbourhood had gathered there. Our father had fallen and became unconscious, as he was in a state of shock. So our neighbours had taken him to the hospital. Our mother was also there, we too rushed to the hospital. When we reached there we heaved a sign of relief to find that he had come to his senses. Doctor said that he would discharge him the next day. We thanked God.

All is well that ends well.

OR

One day, on a hot summer day, the sun was shining brightly, a crow was very thirsty. He flew here and there, he flew all over the fields looking for water, but he could not find water. He started feeling very weak and almost lost all his hopes, so he went and sat on a tree. Suddenly, he saw a pot of water. He flew straight down to the pot of water to quench his thirst. When he reached near the pot he sat on the rim of the pot to see if there was any water inside. Yes, he could see the water inside the pot. But the water level was very low. The crow tried to push his head into the pot but was unable to reach the water level because the neck of the pot was too narrow. Then he tried to push the pot for the water to flow out but it was too heavy. He tried hard for a while but, eventually gave up. Then suddenly, he thought of a plan, he looked around and saw some pebbles, he started picking up the pebbles one by one and threw them into the pot. As more and more pebbles filled the pot, the water level rose. Soon, it was high enough for the crow to drink. He drank

the water and flew away from there happily. His plan had worked.

**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.

- |            |           |            |            |
|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| (a) (i) a  | (ii) an   | (iii) the  | (iv) some  |
| (b) (i) on | (ii) over | (iii) for  | (iv) to    |
| (c) (i) is | (ii) was  | (iii) been | (iv) being |

**Answer :**

- (a) (iii) the (b) (iii) for (c) (i) is

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. [1×4=4]**

Error Correction

The entire household was	in	under
in the control for my mother e.g.	.....	.....
-in-law. She	(a)	.....
was the majestic figure,	(b)	.....
very fair and		
very serious. She was	(c)	.....

rigid on  
her orthodoxy. No one (d) .....  
dare to argue with her.

**Answer :**

Error	Corrections
(a) for	of
(b) the	a
(c) on	in
(d) dare	dared

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

reward / its / is / honesty / own  
Honesty is its own reward

- (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 / prospersons / life.

**Answer :**

- (a) Religion teaches us to be honest in our dealings.  
(b) An honest man is respected and admired everywhere.  
(c) He leads a happy and prosperous life.



## English (Communicative) 2016 Term I

**SET I**

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

**1. Read the passage given below :**

**A PURPOSE IN LIFE**

[8]

1. A noble purpose gives meaning to one's own life and is of benefit to others. I realised this while researching on and writing about the life of Jamshedji Tata. What gave one man living in a colonised country the vision to advance it in the community of nations? He not only gave India the power to steel and hydroelectric energy, but also an institution of research.
2. He sent an educationist to Europe and the United States to report on what should be the best model for India. The John Hopkins University in Baltimore was recommended as the model. But Jamshedji Tata made it a point to see that his name was not associated with the university. After his death, his dream came true with the establishment of the

Indian Institute of Science in Bengaluru. It was to be fountain head of science in the decades to come.

3. There are others too whose purpose in life has made a difference to society. Mother Teresa had a comfortable life at Loretto Convent, Kolkata. On a train journey to Darjeeling, she felt her 'calling' and wanted to give up her comfortable life in the convent and serve the poor and the needy.
4. After that, she took a three month nursing course and returned to Kolkata. She devoted her time to the sick and the homeless. Touched by her sacrifice, some of her students joined her and work began. Not everyone has such a strong calling. When I asked her how one could be sure of one's calling, she replied, "Deep down in our hearts we know exactly what our calling is, if we are sincere." One's purpose is shaped over a period of time, but every noble purpose is based on a feeling for the suffering of others and our desire for alleviating that condition.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the questions that follow : [1×8]

- Bring out the unique character traits of Jamshedji Tata ?
- Why did he send an educationist to Europe and the USA ?
- Mention two facts about Indian Institute of Science.
- How did Mother Teresa start working for the poverty stricken people ?
- What was the first step Mother Teresa took ?
- How can we find our calling ?
- Is it possible to find one's calling within a short period? Why/Why not ?
- Find the word in Para 4 which means the same as 'lessening'.

Answer :

- He gave India not only the power to steel & hydroelectric energy, but also an institution of research.
- An educationist was sent to Europe to report on what should be the best model of a research institute for India.
- (i) The John Hopkins University in Baltimore was recommended as the model.  
(ii) It was to be the fountainhead of science.
- She devoted her time to the sick and the homeless people.
- She took a three month nursing course and returned to Kolkata.
- If we are sincere, deep down in our hearts we know exactly what our calling is.
- Yes, it is possible to find one's calling within a short period of time, if one is sincere about it.
- 'lessening'—alleviating.

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : [(2×4)+(1×4)=12]

It's no less than a pilgrimage for those who come to our shores for medical treatments. Medical tourism in India is on an upswing, with about 5,00,000 foreign patients travelling to India for medical care. The current worth of the industry is estimated at 1,000 crores, with a growth potential of 100 percent every year. The industry is poised to bring in as much as ₹ 5,000 to 10,000 crores by 2012.

Many factors contribute to the expansion of this sector, one of them being the high end facilities. "Only when we go to different countries do we realize how much better off we are in terms of infrastructure and quality. The country has the resources to be on the global map for medical

tourism as it has a combination of all the right ingredients," says Dr. Rajendra Prasad, senior consultancy neurosurgeon.

India is also renowned for its talent pool and the doctors are known for their expertise and knowledge. Cutting edge medical technologies and drugs available are on a par with the developed world. The cost factor is another big reason for the popularity of India as the medical destination the difference being as much as 10 or 20 times.

The culture of '*Athithi Devo Bhava*' extends into medical tourism, with quality facilities being offered by hospitals to international patients. Super speciality hospitals are successfully providing unparalleled medical treatment to patients, resulting in superior outcomes, very low risk of infections and excellent post surgery care. The whole experience can be simply termed as 'value for money'.

Medical tourism is undoubtedly a fast growing sector. It is felt that the government is not doing enough to promote this sector. The Ministry of Tourism should pitch in a big way with more financial support to stakeholders and better infrastructure facilities. More liberal loans, tax benefits and incentives to medical service providers will go a long way in giving a boost to this industry. Promoting medical tourism would mean more employment opportunities for our people, more goodwill for the country and more dollars for the government treasury.

- What is the status of medical tourism in India ?
- Mention two factors which have contributed to the growth of medical tourism in India.
- What is most remarkable about our super speciality hospitals ?
- What steps should the government take to give a boost to medical tourism ?
- What is meant by the word 'upswing' ? (Para 1)
 

(i) energy	(ii) height
(iii) power	(iv) growth
- What is meant by the word 'expansion' ? (Para 2)
 

(i) progress	(ii) growth
(iii) power	(iv) grandeur
- What is meant by the word 'renowned' ? (Para 3)
 

(i) known	(ii) famous
(iii) popular	(iv) successful
- What is meant by the word 'unparalleled' ?
 

(i) matchless	(ii) great
(iii) attractive	(iv) magnificent

**Answer :**

- (a) Medical tourism in India is on upswing, with about 5,00,000 foreign patients travelling to India for medical care.
- (b) **The factors which have contributed to the growth are :**
- High end facilities in terms of infrastructure and quality.
  - Enough resources to put India on the global map.
- (c) Super speciality hospitals are successfully providing unparalleled medical treatment to patients, resulting in superior outcomes, very low risk of infections and excellent post surgery care.
- (d) **Steps :**
- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| (i) liberal loans.                           | (ii) Tax benefits |
| (iii) Incentives to medical service provider |                   |
| (e) (iv) growth                              | (f) (ii) growth   |
| (g) (ii) famous                              | (h) (i) matchless |

### SECTION—B

#### (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

(Marks 25)

3. **Technology has become an essential part of our lives. It has transformed luxuries into necessities. Do you agree? Express your views on the same in an article in about 100-120 words.** [5]

**Answer :** Technology—A Boon to the Mankind

By Anupriti

Technology has become an essential part of our lives. It has transformed luxuries into necessities. I agree with this statement. In earlier times, affording a computer or even a television was considered as a luxury but, now-a-days, it has become a necessity. The generation today wants everything personal T.V., laptop, computer, etc., according to me, technology has improved the standard of living. Owning new and latest gadgets is a status symbol now. Earlier, there used to be the postal service. like, if we wanted to inform anything to somebody, we wrote letters or sent telegrams. Now, they are outdated; and are replaced by e-mails, SMS, WhatsApp, etc. undoubtedly, it is very much faster as compared to the older systems. Development in technology has helped the people of all ages, student, teacher, doctor, housewife, businessman and many more.

Internet is the biggest advantage of technology. We can find anything or order anything while sitting at home. It is a great boon to us. So, I'll conclude by saying that, though technology has provided us

with many things but we should be wise enough to use them.

4. **Develop a story in about 150-200 words on the basis of the following hints, Give a suitable title.** [10]

Life-mixture of joys and sorrows—Reema—loses interest in life—meets a person—changes the course of her life—gains hopes in life.

**Answer :**

#### Welcome the change & enjoy !

Life is a mixture of joys and sorrows. People have both types of experiences—bitter and sweet and these experiences makes them strong. A person becomes more logical and practical with his experiences and the way he handles, situations. Some incidents of life bring happiness and some bring sorrow. Same happened with Reema. Reema was the only child of her parents and was quite successful in her life. Her parents lived in a small town of Madhya Pradesh. But, as she was a computer engineer, she was living in Noida. She was working in a multinational company there and was drawing a handsome salary. Life was well and she was enjoying her job. She was living in a working girls hostel and was sharing her room with a girl from Delhi. She was a manager in Human Resource Department in HCL. Everything was going well until one day when she received that tragic news. She was coming back from her office and it was her parent's anniversary. She thought she would call them when she would reach home. She had just kept her bag and was about to dial the number, when she received a call from her home town. She was informed that her parents had met with an accident and they were serious. She was shocked and the phone fell from her hand. Her roommate asked her to pack her bags while she would buy a ticket for her. Immediately, her friend dropped her to the station and Reema took the train. By the time she reached her home she got the news that her parents were no more. That is why, Reema lost interest in life and was not willing to go back. But, after taking a leave of almost a month, it was time to go back and join her office. She went back but she was working like a robot. One day, she was having lunch in Cafeteria. A new colleague of her's whose name was Rohan, came and sat with her after taking her permission as all the other tables were full. Conversation started and they realised that they had a liking for each other. Gradually, they become very close and planned to tie the knot. Fortunately, the boy's (Rohan) parents agreed and they got married.

Reema was very happy with the new change in her life. It got changed and she again started enjoying her life with Rohan. After marriage, Reema became an optimistic person and had gained hopes in life. She thanked Rohan for coming in her life, he was the one who had changed her life and made it colourful again.

5. Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/phrases from the given options. [3]

Finally, the leader (a).....his hand, as if the discussion was over. He (b).....reached a decision. Only then did he turn and look straight (c).....me.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	raised	raise	rose	raises
(b)	has	have	had	will have
(c)	on	at	to	around

Answer : (a) (i) raised (b) (iii) had  
(c) (ii) at

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done as an example. [4]

Error	Correction
It was the amazing sight to see and one I will never forget.	e.g. the an
A sight which no one present in the occasion could help admiring in spite of the trouble it has caused us all.	(a) ..... .....
The Gulmohar that I had mentioned earlier feel thirsty like the rest of us.	(b) ..... .....
I wish my friend Ranu was also with me.	(c) ..... .....
	(d) ..... .....

Answer :

Error	Correction
(a) admiring	admire
(b) has	had

- (c) feel felt  
(d) wish wished

7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. [3]

- (a) face of/vaccination/small pox/the earth/from/eradicated/has/the  
(b) it has also / polio and mumps / diseases/lessened/like  
(c) is / immunity / an overall / by / vaccination/achieved.

Answer :

- (a) Vaccination has eradicated small pox from the face of the earth.  
(b) It has also lessened diseases like polio and mumps.  
(c) An overall immunity is achieved by vaccination.

### SECTION—C

#### (LITERATURE)

(Marks 25)

8. Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

"We shall not be long, sir, Perhaps only an hour. May be you'd like to go to the cafe in the village for a drink? They disappeared beyond the corner of the wall."

[3]

- (a) What discovery did the narrator make ?  
(b) Why did 'we' suggest to the narrator to go to the village cafe ?  
(c) What does the phrase, 'shall not be long' mean ?

OR

A woman bends over me,  
Searching my reaches for what she really is.  
Then she turns to those liars, the Candles or the moon.

- (a) What is the woman bending over ?  
(b) Why have the candles and the moon been called liars ?  
(c) What does the phrase, 'my reaches' mean ?

Answer :

- (a) The narrator discovered that the two boys had gone to meet someone in a red-roofed mansion in the village.  
(b) We suggest to the narrator to go to the village cafe because they would take some time inside that mansion.  
(c) 'Shall not be long' means they will not take much time and will be back soon.

OR

- (a) The woman was bending over the river/water lake to see her reflection.

- (b) The candles and the moon have been called liars because they show a false face of a person and hide the true face.
- (c) 'My reaches' means her reflection or how does she look.

9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each.

- (a) Bring out the sum and substance of Shakespeare's sonnet, "Not Marble, nor the Gilded Monuments?" [2]
- (b) Who arranged for the tiger shooting and why? [2]
- (c) What were Ali's old ways and when did his life take a new turn? [2]
- (d) How does Mrs. Slater plan to outshine the Jordans? What does it reveal about her character? [2]

Answer :

- (a) The Poet pays tribute to the poetry, created by him. He also highlights his love for his friends and the power of verses, which will last forever. He is confident that the praise of his friends in his verses will last forever.
- (b) The villager arranged for the shooting because they were being paid for this by Mrs. Packtide for the help. They constructed a platform on a conveniently placed tree, and Mrs. Packtide crouched on it with her paid companion, Miss Mebbin. A goat with a persistent bleat was tied at a correct distance.
- (c) Ali had been a clever hunter in his youth. When Ali sighted the earth brown partridge, the poor bird was as good as in his bag. His sharp eyes would see the hare crouching in the yellow brown scrub and in another moment it was dead. His life took a new turn when his daughter got married to a soldier and went to Punjab. He did not have her address so he could not write her.
- (d) Mrs. Slater had ordered for a new set of black dress for all of them. She was particular that it should look different from her sister, Mrs. Jordan's dress. She wanted to outshine her in this area. This shows that she was not sad at her father's demise but was more bothered about how she looked during the funeral. This brings out the degeneration in the society.

10. Answer one of the following questions in about 80-100 words : [4]

**Life in metropolitan cities has left no time with members of the family to spend with each other. As a concerned citizen, write a letter to the editor of a national daily voicing your concern over the increasing number of old age homes in metropolitan cities (The Dear Departed) highlighting the values required in the younger generation to care for the elderly.**

OR

The Frog did not recognise the nightingale's talents. With reference to the poem, 'The Frog and the Nightingale,' discuss why it is important to have respect for other individuals and their talent.

Answer :

XYZ

Town hall Park

Washington D.C.

16 March, 20XX

The Editor

The Hindustan Times

Washington D.C.

Sub. : Increasing number of old age homes in metropolitan cities.

Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper, I would like to draw your kind attention towards the increasing number of old age homes in the the metropolitan cities. It is very true that old people are not welcomed at their own homes. They do not get proper care and love from their children and grandchildren. They are considered as a burden on them. The children do not realise that they are the ones who had brought them up. They deserve to be respected and loved. With reference to the story, 'The Dear Departed', the father, Mr. Abel was not loved by any of his daughters. More than him, they were interested in his property and wealth. When he was unconscious for a period of time, they thought him to be dead. When they assumed him to be dead, they were discussing the obituary matter and the division of his belongings. All this was really disheartening. Rather than thinking about the funeral of their father they were thinking about his property. Now-a-days, it is the story of every house because people are too busy to take care of their own parents. This scenario needs to be changed. Old people should be at their own homes and not in old age homes. People do not have time for their parents and when they think they are becoming burdensome on them, they drop them at the old age homes.

I think the younger generation can stop this practice. They should have the moral values to take care of their grandparents, to love them, to make them feel special. They should spend time with them, it will make them feel good. I shall conclude my letter here and I hope that it would be published in your prestigious newspaper.

Yours sincerely

XYZ.

**OR**

It is important to respect other's talent because, we cannot always be the best at everything. Sometimes other people are good at something while we are not, it does not always mean we have to compete with them all the time to be perfect. It helps to create a healthy environment and relationship.

In the poem, the frog did not respect the Nightingale's ability to sing and his jealousy was the reason for the Nightingale's death. If he could have appreciated her talent and enjoyed her music, may be even learnt from her, he could have been better at it; but he wanted to compete with her.

Towards the end of the poem, the nightingale died and the frog remained the unrivalled king, who wanted to change the world in accordance to his own will.

**11. Answer one of the following questions in about 150-200 words :**

**How did Anne use her diary to give expression to the feelings she could not share with anybody ? [10]**

**OR**

'Anne reflects on how guilty she feels because she is warm and protected when so many people, she knows, are being rounded up by the Germans'. Describe the character of Anne in the light of this remark.

**OR**

**What does Anne mean when she says, "I shall be amazed to think that we should have sunk to such low level ?"**

**OR**

**Mildred was an alert an observant child. Comment with reference to the train incident at Fern Quarry.**

**Answer :**

Anne's diary is a remarkable account of the last two years in the life of a thirteen year old Jewish girl, forced to live in hiding in Amsterdam, during World War II. The minute Anne saw the diary among a number of presents on her 13th birthday, she thought it was the 'best present.' Even at thirteen, she felt quite alone, inspite of having doting parents, a sister of sixteen and more than thirty friends. In fact, she lacked nothing yet she could never reveal her real self to anyone. She wanted her diary to be her friend and gave it a name, 'Kitty'. The diary contained her innermost thoughts, beliefs, and observations on people around her. She began with her family history, her happy life in Amsterdam, school, teachers and friends. A sudden turn of fortune and the family's decision to go into hiding made her write with more depth and feeling.

She confessed in her diary, her preference for her father, the continuous quarrels she had with her mother, her opinions of the other five people sharing the confinement with her. She wrote in her diary about her detestation of Mr. Dussel, her contempt for Mrs. Van Daan and above all, her infatuation for Peter Van Daan. She poured her heart in her diary and it comforted her in the saddest and weakest moments of her. In fact, without the diary Anne may not have survived in the horrible confinement. The diary fulfilled her need to write and in fact made her famous after her death.

**OR**

Anne and her family were living in a hideout to escape the Nazi government. They had offered shelter to their friends too. The stress of what was happening outside combined with the stress of living in such a cramped place made them intolerant towards each other. Quarrels over petty issues were becoming common and no one was willing to give space to another. Anne comments that she never thought that they could be so intolerant and quarrelsome. Her mother's tactless remarks, crude jokes and harsh words made her insensitive to any love from her mother. Her mother wanted to pray with her but she refused, though she felt bad for making her mother sad. Anne's mother cried the night but Anne refused to apologise, though she felt sorry for all the things she said, "I shall be amazed to think that we should have sunk to such low level."

**OR**

Anne is the main character of the novel. Her diary entries give an insight about her character and personality. She finds a good and confident friend in the form of her diary with which she could share all her feelings. She shares everything with her diary. She does not think she is pretty, but she is confident that her personality and other good traits make up for it. Anne is playful and comical but with a serious side. She is content and optimistic despite the threats and danger that her family faces. She is remarkably forthright and perceptive at the beginning of the diary, but as she leaves her normal childhood behind and enters the dire and unusual circumstances of the Holocaust, she becomes more introspective and thoughtful. Anne feels extremely lonely and in need of kindness and affection. She thinks that her mother is incapable of providing the love and affection that she needs. Throughout her confinement with Anne, she wrestles with her innerself. As she matures, her intimacy with a male

counterfeast. She becomes infatuated with letter. From her diary, it is clear that she had the potential to become a challenging and sophisticated writer.

**OR**

Mildred Keller is the younger sister of Helen Keller. She is a sweet child, who always accompanied Helen. Helen used to feel jealous towards Mildred, she felt that Mildred had taken her place as her mother's only darling. She would sit on her mother's lap constantly and seemed to take up all her time and care. One day, Helen over-turned the

cradle where little Mildred was sleeping peacefully. She would have been killed had it not been for their mother who caught her as she fell. In later years, they grew affectionate towards each other and were constant to go hand in hand everywhere although she could not understand her finger language and her childish prattle. Mildred was always with her in her joy and sorrows. She played the role of a good companion and a sister. She herself was a mature and kind human being. She always helped Helen whenever she needed it.

## English (Communicative) 2016 (Outside Delhi) Term II SET I

### SECTION — A (READING) (Marks 20)

**1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :** [1 × 8 = 8]

1. One of the greatest advances in modern technology has been the invention of computers. They are widely used in industries and in universities. Now there is hardly any sphere of human life where computers have not been pressed into service of man. We are heading fast towards the day when a computer will be as much part of man's daily life as a telephone or a calculator.

Computers are capable of doing extremely complicated work in all branches of learning. They can solve the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order. These machines can be put to varied uses. For instance, they can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams. This whole process by which machines can be used to work for us has been called 'automation'. In the future, 'automation' may enable human beings to enjoy more leisure than they do today. The coming of automation is bound to have important social consequences.

Some years ago an expert on automation, Sir Leon Bagrite, pointed out that it was a mistake to believe that these machines could 'think'. There is no possibility that human beings will be "controlled by machines". Though computers are capable of learning from their mistakes and improving on their performance, they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate. They can never, as

it were, lead independent lives or "rule the world" by making decisions of their own.

Sir Leon said that in future, computers would be developed that it would be small enough to carry in the pocket. Then ordinary people would be able to use them to obtain valuable information. Computers could be plugged into a national network and be used like radios. For instance, people going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions. Car drivers can be given alternative routes when there are traffic jams. It will also be possible to make tiny translating machines. This will enable people who do not share a common language to talk to each other without any difficulty or to read foreign publications.

- (a) What is the greatest advancement in modern technology ? [1]
- (b) What complicated works are computers capable of doing ? [1]
- (c) Write one use of computers. [1]
- (d) Explain automation. [1]
- (e) Why can't computers lead independent lives or rule the world ? [1]
- (f) How would computers as translating machines help people ? [1]
- (g) What was the prediction of Sir Leon about computers in the future ? [1]
- (h) How can computers help people going on holiday ? [1]

**Answers :**

- (a) The greatest advancement in modern technology is the invention of computers.

- (b) Computers are capable of solving the most complex mathematical problems or put thousands of unrelated facts in order.
- (c) Use of computers :—  
They can provide information on the best way to prevent traffic jams.
- (d) Automation is a process by which machines can be used to work for us.
- (e) Computers can not lead independent lives or rule the world because they need detailed instructions from human beings to operate.
- (f) Computers, as translating machines, help people who do not share a common language, by enabling them to talk to each other without any difficulty and in reading foreign publications.
- (g) Sir Leon predicted that computers would be developed that they would be small enough to carry in the pocket.
- (h) People going on holiday could be informed about weather conditions helping them plan ahead.
2. Read the passage given below. [12]
- Why does a person become overconfident ? The reason lies in over assessment of his capabilities. Sometimes people over assess their competence and jump into situations that are beyond their control.
  - Napoleon Bonaparte who became Emperor of France would say that the word 'impossible' was common only amongst fools. The overconfident Napoleon invaded Russia in the winter of 1812. This proved to be a big disaster.
  - Overconfidence generally leads people into misadventures, endangering their chances in life. It is wisely said that any achievement is a result of two factors- one's personal planning and support from the external world. People, take into account only their planning, generally ignoring external factors. As a result they are unable to foresee future developments. Hence, a great risk of failure.
  - Then there is the question : how can one manage overconfidence? The formula is very simple. Before taking a decision discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, "I was wrong".
  - Overconfidence is a flaw characterizing people who lack the virtue of modesty. Modesty makes you a realist; you become a person who is cut down to size. People of this kind become very

- cautious; before taking an action they assess the whole situation. They adopt a realistic approach.
- Overconfident people live within their own thoughts. They know themselves but they are unaware of others. Living inside their own cell they are unable to make use of the experiences of others. This kind of habit is highly damaging to all concerned.
  - There is a saying that the young man sees the rule and the old man sees the exception, with a slight change, I would like to say that the overconfident person sees the rule and the confident person sees the exception. Overconfident people are always at risk. It is said that taking risk is good but it must be well calculated otherwise it becomes very dangerous.

- 2.1. Answer the following questions : [2×4=8]
- Why does a person become overconfident ?
  - What does overconfidence generally lead people into ?
  - How can one manage overconfidence ?
  - What kind of person does 'modesty' make you ?
- 2.2. Find meanings of the words given below with the help of the options that follow : [1×4=4]
- Misadventure (Para 3)**

(i) Mishap	(ii) Unlucky
(iii) Unhappy	(iv) Unpleasant
  - Endangering (Para 3)**

(i) Reckless	(ii) Imperil
(iii) Risky	(iv) Threatening
  - Assess (Para 5)**

(i) Assemble	(ii) Acquire
(iii) Evaluate	(iv) Accept
  - Objective (Para 4)**

(i) Obedient	(ii) Servile
(iii) Honest	(iv) Impartial

Answers :

- 2.1. (a) A person becomes overconfident because he/she over-assesses his/her capabilities and jump into situations that are beyond his /her control.
- (b) Overconfidence generally leads to misadventures endangering people's chances in life.
- (c) One can manage overconfidence by following a simple formula : before taking a decision, discuss the matter with other informed people with an objective mind and when it is proved that you are about to go off the path, accept reality and say without delay, "I was wrong."

(d) Modesty makes us a realist ; we become a person who is cut down to size.

- 2.2. (a) (i) Mishap (b) (ii) Threatening  
 (c) (iii) Evaluate (d) (iv) Impartial

**SECTION — B**  
**(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**  
**(Marks 25)**

3. You feel that the 'Clean India Campaign' has not been as effective as you thought it should have been. As Ankit/Ankita, write an article in 100-120 words discussing the reason for this. Also highlight the measures that a common man and a student can take to make it a success. [5]

**OR**

Influence of friends can have both positive and negative impact on the students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words discussing how we can make it more positive and productive. You are Arun/Aruna, 24 Mall Road, Chennai.

**Answers :**

**Clean India Campaign**

By-Ankita

'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' is very apt and true, but not for everybody. 'Clean India Campaign' was started by our honourable Prime Minister 'Mr. Narendra Modi' with an objective to make our country clean. It has not been as effective as it should have been. There are many reasons for this, such as people followed it initially but forgot about it gradually. Many institutions had also started cleaning their surroundings and continued this process. Students also took keen interest in this campaign and did it religiously but, on the other hand, it was not as successful as it would have been. People had participated in the campaign just for the sake of formality. As far as their own areas were concerned, they were not bothered about the cleanliness. Such campaigns can only be successful if a common man and a student would take some measures. A common man should start cleanliness from his home first. While eating by the roadside or during a picnic, one should not litter on the road or outside the bus or car ; rather he should carry an extra bag to keep the wrappers, inside that bag. Moreover, a student can make others aware about the importance of cleanliness with the help of paintings, small plays, etc. It will help people to understand the need of making their areas clean. With the help of such measures, the cleanliness campaigns could be successful.

**OR**

Aruna  
 24, Mall Road  
 Chennai  
 3 Feb., 20XX  
 The Editor  
 The Hindustan Times  
 Chennai

Subject : Influence of friends—positive and productive.  
 Sir/Madam,

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper, I would like to discuss how friends can influence us in different ways.

Friends are the lifelines in a person's life but they can have both positive and negative impact on the students. It depends on the person how he is selecting his friends. If you are in a good company, you will be a successful person. A good friend can guide you whenever you are in a perplexed situation. He is the one who can show you the right path. He tells you not to go on the wrong track, so that, you do not get in trouble. Moreover, if you are in a bad company, you will not be able to achieve anything in life. They will not correct you or guide you to go in the right direction. We should listen to our friends but we should not follow them blindly. Each person has a positive and a negative effect. So, it is totally our choice which way to opt.

I would like to conclude by saying that—A friend is noble. Friendship is divine. A true friend is really a gift of God. There are instances of man sacrificing their lives for their friends. So, everyone should know how to choose a friend because if we have a good friend, we will be successful but if we are in a bad company, we will suffer in our lives.

Thanking you !

Yours sincerely

Aruna

4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below : [10]

They started a trek to the peak of the mountain supposed to be a very hard journey—a five-day long trek—when they started.....

**OR**

He opened the factory door – peeped inside – some light – last shift over – could be thieves.....

**Answers :**

**Scary Adventure**

They started a trek to the peak of the mountain. It was supposed to be a very hard journey but all the friends were enthusiastic about it.

They had prepared well and now wanted to enjoy their time there. They had a very hectic semester and wanted to have a blast before the next semester began. It was a five-day long trek and they had informed their parents about their plans. They promised to call their parents before starting the trek but they all forgot to call when they reached their destination. Next day when they started the climb, they heard people calling their names. They thought that the people were encouraging them to go further, so they ignored the yelling and moved on. Suddenly, it started snowing. They found themselves to be in an unpleasant situation and they realized the reason behind the shouting of the people. Somehow they reached the first camp and decided to take a break there. As they all forgot to call their parents initially, their parents came looking for them. Their parents scolded them and told them how worried they were after hearing about the impending heavy snowfall and the lack of communication from their part. The friends apologised and promised to be more careful in the future.

OR

### Happy Surprise

It was a long day, Sahil had finished his work for the day and had left for home. He had almost reached home, when he got a call. It was from Mr. Mathur, the security agency head of the building near his factory. While passing by the factory, he had seen some light inside so, he informed Sahil. Immediately, Sahil reached his factory. His company had just finished their first order and the goods were still lying in the store. He opened the factory door and peeped inside. Mr. Mathur was right; there was some light inside the store. The last shift was over an hour back. He was wondering who could be inside. All kinds of negative thoughts were bothering him; it could be thieves or robbers. He mustered some courage, picked up a log of wood from nearby and took out his phone to call the police but unfortunately the phone's battery was down.

Very quietly, he opened the door of the store-house, where he could hear some hushed voices. He gathered some courage and charged inside. To his surprise, he saw his family and friends inside with a huge birthday cake as it was his birthday. He was so engrossed in his order with his workers, that he forgot his birthday, he was shocked and also happy at the same time. Everybody enjoyed the birthday party and he thanked the people for making his day so special.

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of the given options : [1×3=3]
- Reading a novel or short story (a) \_\_\_\_\_ second language could dramatically (b) \_\_\_\_\_ physiological responses to emotions such (c) \_\_\_\_\_ smiling.
- (a) (i) of (ii) in  
(iii) from (iv) at  
(b) (i) reduce (ii) reduces  
(iii) reduced (iv) reducing  
(c) (i) like (ii) similar to  
(iii) as (iv) alike

Answers :

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|--------------|----------------|
| (a) (ii) in  | (b) (i) reduce |
| (c) (iii) as |                |
6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. [1/2×8=4]

#### Error Correction

One day a wonderful plate full	e.g. in	of
in gold fell from Heaven into a	(a)	_____
courtyard of		
a temple at Banaras ; so on the	(b)	_____
plate these words were inscribe.	(c)	_____
"A gift from Heaven to he who	(d)	_____
loves better". The priests at once	(e)	_____
made a announcement that every	(f)	_____
-day at noon, all which would like	(g)	_____
to claimed the plate should come.	(h)	_____

- Answers : Error Correction
- |              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| (a) a        | the       |
| (b) so       | and       |
| (c) inscribe | inscribed |
| (d) he       | him/one   |
| (e) better   | best      |
| (f) a        | an        |
| (g) which    | who       |
| (h) claimed  | claim     |

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. [1×3=3]

detective / below / go / written / through the / story

Go through the detective story written below.

- (a) can be / two / blamed / persons / the murder / for  
(b) to the / there are / culprit / many clues / real / pointing

- (c) the / find / murderer / who / real / out / is

Answers :

- (a) Two persons can be blamed for the murder.  
(b) There are many clues pointing to the real culprit.  
(c) Find out who is the real murderer.

**SECTION — C****(LITERATURE : Text Books and Long Reading Text)**  
**(Marks 25)****8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1×3=3]**

"Oh, oh, oh, oh, oh ....." Patol Babu began giving the exclamation a different inflection each time he uttered it. After doing it a number of times he made an astonishing discovery.

- (a) Why did Patol Babu repeat the word, 'oh' over and over again ?  
 (b) What 'astonishing discovery' did he make ?  
 (c) What does the word, 'uttered' mean ?

**OR**

"They that have done this deed are honourable :  
 What private griefs they have, alas, I know not,  
 That made them do it" : .....

- (a) Who is the speaker ?  
 (b) What deed have 'they' done ?  
 (c) What does the word, 'griefs' mean ?

**Answers :**

- (a) Patol Babu repeated the word, 'oh', over and over again because he wanted to perform it in the best manner. As this was the only dialogue he had to speak.  
 (b) He discovered that one can speak even a single word with different inflections by using low pitch, high pitch, etc.  
 (c) The word 'uttered' means to speak or to make a statement.

**OR**

- (a) Mark Antony is the speaker.  
 (b) 'They' have done the deed of killing Julius Caesar.  
 (c) The word 'griefs' means deep sadness especially by someone's death.

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

- (a) What does the poet compare the snake's drinking habits to ? Why ?  
 (b) What sort of person was Michael's dad ?  
 (c) Why does Brutus kill Caesar ?  
 (d) Why is John's wife angry and what does she decide to do ?  
 (e) Why were the mariners angry with the Ancient Mariner ?

**Answers :**

- (a) The poet has compared the snake's drinking habits to cattle because he was drinking the water in a very relaxed manner. Moreover, he was not conscious of the poet's presence ; so, he satiated his thirst by drinking the water at the water trough.

- (b) Michael's dad was nutty about computers. He was interested in all the latest gadgets and gizmos. He wanted to visit the computer fairs and buy the latest software and hardware products.  
 (c) Brutus killed Caesar because he was convinced by the conspirators that they were killing Caesar for the betterment of the Romans and Rome. Though he was a dignified, powerful public figure and a good friend of Caesar; he still murdered him out of his conflicting mind.  
 (d) John's wife is angry because she feels that he is cheating on her with another women named Helen. She decided to leave John's house and go back to her grandmother. She also decided to sent a court notice.  
 (e) The mariners were angry with the Ancient Mariner because he had killed a Christian soul. Albatross, is a symbol of good omen and he was killed without reason. After the albatross was killed by the mariner, the weather changed and they were struck in the sea.

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

Who was Mr. Pakrashi and how did he instil the value of being true to one's work in Patol Babu ?

**OR**

Keeping in mind the poem, 'Snake', write out a speech for the morning assembly on the topic, 'Snakes - a beautiful creation of God, an object of our love and not hatred'.

**Answers :**

Mr. Gogon Pakrashi had been Patol Babu's mentor and a very good actor. He was a very devoted person towards his profession. He instilled the value of being true to one's work in Patol Babu. When Patol Babu got the opportunity to work in a film, he was elated. But, when he got the dialogue, he was very disappointed because it was a very small dialogue. Patol Babu had acted in many plays in theatre. It was after 20 years that he was getting a chance to act in films. Afterwards, when the director told him that he was the only one who was getting a chance to speak that day, he was extremely thrilled. At that time, he remembered the words of his mentor, Mr. Pakrashi. He had advised him that each word spoken in a play is like a fruit in a tree, so full justice must be done to each part. So, Patol Babu not only got over his disappointment but also practised speaking "Oh!" in many different ways.

**OR**

'Snakes—A beautiful creation of god, an object of our love and not hatred' !

A very good morning to one and all present. Today, I am here to give you a speech about snakes—a beautiful creation of God. As we all know that the

creator of this universe is the almighty, so how can humans discriminate between human beings or animals? We have no authority to do this. Last night, I was reading a poem, 'Snake' by D.H. Lawrence. I came across the dilemma of the poet. He was so confused whether to kill the golden snake, who had come to drink water, or should he allow him to leave safely?

According to his education and knowledge, golden snakes were venomous, so they should be killed. On the other hand, his inner voice was telling him not to kill the snake as he was not harming the poet. He was actually admiring the beauty of the snake. He was happy to see an unwanted guest at his water trough in such hot weather. But education dominated over his inner voice and he hit the snake with a log and the snake was badly injured. This shows how irrational and inhuman people can be. The poor snake was thirsty and wanted to drink water but was injured out of no reason. So, I will conclude by saying that all creatures are made by God. We are nobody to hurt or kill any one rather we should appreciate their beauty. In the end, I would like to say— 'Creatures are made to be loved, not for our hatred. Thank you.

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

[10]

**There were many reasons for Helen Keller's embittered childhood. What were they and how were they overcome ?**

**OR**

**Helen's struggle has become a source of inspiration for all less fortunate. Comment.**

**OR**

**Anne's relationship with her mother was never simple. What created the tension and discord ? Why ?**

**OR**

**Anne's father was close to her. What did she like about him ? Why ?**

**Answers :**

Helen Keller was born on June 27, 1880, in Tuscumbia, a little town of Northern Alabama. Her father, Arthur H. Keller, was a captain in the confederate Army and Helen's mother was his second wife. Helen's early life was simple and, being the first baby in the family, she was loved by all. She was, by birth, self-asserting and could speak when she was just six months old. In the month of February, she became extremely sick, a sickness that was called acute congestion of the stomach and the brain. The fever left suddenly but she lost her sense of hearing and seeing. Her days were becoming darker and darker and she was very upset. Initially,

she was angry and frustrated but later she got used to the silence and darkness that surrounded her. She realised that she was different from others. At times, she would get frustrated because she would not be able to understand other people's language. She was happy playing with her companions—Martha and Belle. Both her parents loved her a lot and were caring towards her. Her problem of communication was overcome by the arrival of her teacher, Anne Sullivan. She came as a ray of hope in Helen's life. Her embittered childhood changed into a happier childhood. Anne Sullivan taught her amongst the nature; which further helped to improve her sense of touch and understanding the emotions of others. She was in love with books and had also learnt many languages. When she was in college, she was able to give her examinations and became a graduate.

Gradually, with the help of Anne Sullivan, Mr. Anagnos and Dr. Graham Bell, she was able to write stories on her own. She realised that misfortunes can be overcome by working hard. She was determined and was able to overcome all the barriers and could write the books on her own.

**OR**

Helen's struggle has become a source of inspiration for the less fortunate. It is very true. 'The Story of My Life' written by Helen Keller is a book which inspires every person to achieve his goal in life despite many difficulties. Helen was a brave girl who never submitted during the tough times. She fought with her destiny and emerged as a winner. Her world was dark and gloomy. She found herself lonely and suffered a lot of pain when she felt that people did not understand her. She saw hope in Anne Sullivan. With her support and her sheer hard work and determination, she moved ahead and achieved success. An ordinary person would have given up but not Helen. So, her struggles inspire us to be hardworking, sincere and courageous, so that, we can achieve the impossible. Helen Keller is one of the most memorable women in history. Despite being blind as well as deaf, she learned to communicate and lived a life devoted to help others. Her faith, determination and spirit helped her to accomplish far more than many people expected. In fact, she won the admiration of famous figures from all over the world.

**OR**

The relationship between Anne and her mother was not harmonious. There was no understanding between them. Anne felt that her mother did not love her. She lacked sensitivity and she did not know the way to deal with growing children. She could never

confide in her mother and she often felt strong hatred towards her. Anne was also rude to her mother. Once when her mother came to tell her that her father would not be able to say the prayers with her and she could pray with her, Anne immediately rejected the idea. Her mother went away crying, she told Anne that she could not force her to love her. Anne realised that her mother had become indifferent because of the harsh circumstances but still she could never develop any liking, respect or affection for her mother. Anne Frank, from her diary, is revealed as a headstrong girl, enthusiastic and with a positive outlook. However, she is largely misunderstood, especially by her mother, who Anne feels blames her for everything. At the same time, Anne has suffered her mother's cruel words and feels she must be honest even though she knows how it saddens her mother and her father. She feels that she must be truthful and that, in time, her mother will realise the part she played.

**OR**

Anne adored her father. He was perfect in her eyes. Modest, loving, a peace maker, who wanted the best for his daughters. He wanted Anne to be happy

and to not worry too much about her studies, though he never forgot to make his daughter study and keep up with what was taught in school. He brought books in Greek and French for her and gave her lessons. He always defended her against the attacks of Van Daans and Mr. Dussel. He was so patient that Anne realised she had to have more control. She said her daily prayers with him and hurt her mother badly by refusing to say them with her. She told her father about loving him more than her mother, but her father did not take it seriously. Instead, he asked her to help her mother more voluntarily. She was much worried when her father fell ill. When Amsterdam began to be bombed, Anne always rushed to her father for comfort. He wrote a beautiful poem for her on her fourteenth birthday. Her father supported her fully in her fight with Mr. Dussel over the use of table for writing. He defended her "selfishness" and "trifling work" and Mr. Dussel had to give in. Some of the things which Anne should have confided in her mother, she learnt from her father. When she started liking Peter Van Daan, she called him a first, rate chap —Just like Daddy !

## English (Communicative) 2016 (Outside Delhi) Term II SET II

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

### SECTION — B (WRITING SKILLS) (Marks 25)

4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below : [10]

It was a cold, foggy morning—the dog—Snoopy—reluctant to come out of its bed—just then suddenly.....

**OR**

Learning to swim—enjoyed—not fully trained—pushed inside—started drowning.....

**Answer :**

#### Discovery of New Pets

It was a cold, foggy morning. Though we had school and had to wake up early, we were reluctant to do so. We just wanted to be inside our blankets and enjoy hot breakfast in bed but these were just thoughts because we knew it was not possible in reality. We had to go to school and did not have a choice. We looked at Snoopy, our dear dog, he was enjoying being lazy. He had the chance to enjoy the foggy morning. Mom had given him his breakfast and he was relishing it and we were jealous of him. Suddenly, Snoopy was alert as if he had heard something. We were wondering over

his actions. He left his breakfast half-eaten and started barking loudly. He started running here and there and sniffing around. Just then, our father entered, Snoopy went to him and forced him to go towards the storehouse without wasting any time, dad went to the store alongwith snoopy. We were getting late for the school. So we left the house in a dilemma. When Snoopy and dad opened the door, everybody was astonished. As there were no thieves but a cat with her kittens who has come to take shelter in such cold weather. Mom and Dad provided them milk and some tattered woolens to prevent them from the cold. When we reached home, we were happy to see the cute kittens. We, now have them as pets and we all enjoy playing with them.

**OR**

#### Close Brush with Death

It was my summer vacations and I had finally realised my one wish—to learn swimming. Vacations are meant to learn new things and activities. So, I opted for swimming and joined the morning batch of 7-9 am in the Lion's Club near my house. I started going there and made a few friends and enjoyed swimming with them. My coach was also very professional and good at teaching us. I learnt the basics quickly and some more styles like butterfly, stroke, back stroke, etc. My parents also appreciated me because I was becoming more active and physically fit. I was thoroughly

enjoying my hobby with my studies. But one day, my swimming class became a nightmare for me. As I was not fully trained, I would not go near the deeper side of the pool. My friends teased me by saying that I was a coward and afraid of doing adventurous things. I became restless and decided to jump into the deep end of the pool, though it was not permitted but when I jumped inside, I started gasping for breath. I started seeing stars for now, I was drowning. Suddenly, I felt somebody pull my hands. By the time, I came out, I was tired. I saw the instructor, my friends and my parents. Everyone was trying to talk to me. I said that I was fine. My instructor scolded me as well as my friends. My parents were also angry with me. I apologised and my friends also apologised to me. Everything was sorted out and I continued with my swimming classes.

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

The school decided (a) \_\_\_\_\_ withdraw the facility of (b) \_\_\_\_\_ additional answer sheets during tests to cut (c) \_\_\_\_\_ on expenses.

- (a) (i) upon (ii) to (iii) for (iv) on
- (b) (i) give (ii) gives (iii) gave (iv) giving
- (c) (i) on (ii) upon (iii) down (iv) up

**Answer :**

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| (a) (ii) to    | (b) (iv) giving |
| (c) (iii) down |                 |

**7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows : [1×3=3]**

Anup : Where can we meet tomorrow ?  
 Atul : I may not be able to meet you tomorrow.  
 Anup : Are you going to be busy ?  
 Atul : Yes, I will be travelling tomorrow.  
 Anup asked Atul (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Atul replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Anup asked if he was going to be busy. Atul said that he was as (c) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Answer :**

- (a) where they could meet the following day.
- (b) he might not be able to meet him.
- (c) he would be travelling the next day.

## English (Communicative) 2016 (Outside Delhi) Term II SET III

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

**SECTION — B**  
**(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**  
**(Marks 25)**

**3. Due to busy life, we get no time to admire nature and have moved away from it. How does contact with**

**SECTION — C**

**(LITERATURE : Text Book and Long Reading Text)**  
**(Marks 25)**

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

[2×4=8]

- (a) What is the poet's dual attitude towards the snake ?
- (b) How was Shultz finally rescued by Michael ?
- (c) What did Caesar leave for the Romans in his will ?
- (d) John Hallock could never displease Jenkins. Why ?
- (e) What is ironic about the inscription on the pedestal of Ozymandias' statue ?

**Answer :**

- (a) The poet is both afraid of the snake and is also fascinated by its beauty. Social education had taught the poet that all snakes are poisonous, so they must be struck down, whereas the snake's dignified manner evokes the poet's admiration. These dual responses were like two voices that made the poet strike the snake, much against his wishes.
- (b) Shultz was finally rescued by Michael, when he played the game of 'War Zone' where he was able to save Sebastian and hit a jackpot also. This was because he saved Shultz and also received a final heartfelt e-mail thanking Michael.
- (c) Caesar was a very good leader who thought about his countrymen. In his will, he gave every man seventy-five drachmas. He also bequeathed his newly planted orchards and arbors to the of Rome.
- (d) John Hallock could never displease Jenkins because Jenkins would always helped him, when he was in need of money. He was always ready to print or publish his ghost stories in his magazines so that, he could earn additional money.
- (e) There is an irony about the inscription on the pedestal of Ozymandias statue. According to the statue's inscription, the whole area should have huge palaces and other statues. But nothing was visible as they were destroyed with the passage of time.

nature help us to fight with stress and maintain good health. Describe it in an article in 100-120 words. You are Arun/Aruna.

[5]

**OR**

Many complaints about unfair means being used in exams have come in. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily newspaper in 100-200 words giving reasons for this trend and suggest measures to combat this. You are Arun/Aruna 12 Fort Road, Kochi.

**Answer :****Being Close to Nature**

By—Aruna

Do you know how many flowering trees are there near your house ? Are there any butterflies in this season ? When do we see caterpillars ? What about a garden ? Do you have one at home ? What colour flowers are there in the park near your home ? But before that another question—do you have a park near your house ?

If you have answered 'No' to most of these questions, don't get worried, you have just joined the league of many others. The league of those who are so busy with their lives, that they do not have time to even look around. Such is life now that everyone has rigid routines with no time to either interact with humans or nature. With the cut throat competition in today's world, people have only time for work. Life has become monotonous and stressful. People suffer from various diseases, mostly because they don't have time to be one with nature. The only remedy is to take time and be close to nature. It will help break away from the monotony of life. It will also rejuvenate and de-stress one. Half of the diseases are controlled when one breathes in fresh air. People also get to relax and thereby obtain peace and serenity. All in all, it strengthens immunity. So, we need to be close to nature for our own good.

**OR**

12, Fort Road

Kochi

Sept. 20, 20XX

The editor

The Hindustan Times

New Delhi - 110006

Subject : Use of unfair means.

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the concerned authorities about the growing use of unfair means by students these days. We hear about many cases where unfair means is used during exams. Some students get chits, others use latest gadgets; and then there are others who use the old method—copying from others. Many were caught by the exam squads and got suspended, some for a year. But still the practice continues. So, what is it that is forcing these students to continue this illegal activity ? The primary reason is the high expectations of parents and teacher. Then, there is peer pressure. The cut

throat competition to be the best, doesn't help. There were some students, who also copy due to the lack of preparation. Sometimes, fear of failure and poor vigilance also make students use unfair means during exams.

The need of the hour is to take immediate measures to help the students. The teachers and parents need to play an active role in sensitising students about the importance of learning. They should instill life skills and values of integrity and honesty. We also need better vigilance so that students do not move to such plans. After all, they are the future of our nation.

Yours sincerely

Arun

**SECTION — C****(LITERATURE : Textbook and Long Reading text)**  
**(Mark 25)**

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

Answering a reporter's question as to what the family was going to do next, Mr. Shultz said that they were off to stock up on some games. "It was while we were in the hospital, someone stole the lot. I don't know what happened to them."

- (a) Why was Shultz in the hospital ?  
 (b) What happened to the games after they were stolen ?  
 (c) What does the phrase, 'stock up' mean ?

**OR**

I start staring at it and presently noticed something just taking shape. It was exactly like watching one of these moving picture cartoons being put together.

- (a) Who does 'it' refer to ?  
 (b) How was 'it' taking shape ?  
 (c) What is meant by the word, 'presently' ?

**Answer :**

- (a) Shultz was in the hospital because he had met with an accident.  
 (b) After the games were stolen, they were sold in the computer fairs.  
 (c) 'Stock up' means : to keep something available, : to gather something.

**OR**

- (a) 'It' refers to the ghost of Helen.  
 (b) 'It' was taking the shape slowly as if it is a cartoon.  
 (c) 'Presently' means at the present time/soon after.

9. Answer any four for the following in 30-40 words each:

[2 × 4 = 8]

- (a) How is Decius Brutus successful in taking Caesar to the senate inspite of Calpurnia's efforts to prevent him ?
- (b) What does the narrator mean when he says, 'Sebastian Shultz was the game'.
- (c) Why didn't John want to partner Laura Hinkle at the Ouija Board party ?
- (d) Who does the 'shattered visage' in the poem, 'Ozymandias', belong to and why is it 'half sunk'?
- (e) Why did the mariners hang the dead albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck ?

Answer :

- (a) Decius interprets Calpurnia's dream as a fair and fortunate vision. He says that the vision of Romans bathing in Caesar's blood signifies that Caesar's spirit or influence will increase in manifold. Basically, he boosts Caesar's ego, flatters his greatness and makes him feel more powerful. So, Caesar was happier with his version of Calpurnia's dream.
- (b) The narrator meant that when he was playing the psycho-driven games, he thought that sebastian was a character in the game. He thought he did not exist in the real world.
- (c) John did not want to partner Laura Hinkle at the Ouija Board party because she was a flirtatious kind of a lady. Moreover, Helen, the ghost, told him not to use the Ouija boards and the same to be conveyed to his friends and relatives. So, he was reluctant to get involved in something which had been strongly forbidden.
- (d) The 'Shattered visage', in the poem, 'Ozymandias' referred to the mighty king's broken statue. His statue's face was broken and the rest of the statue was in the desert near by. It shows that the statue was in a very bad condition and was totally broken.
- (e) The mariners hung the dead albatross around the ancient mariner's neck because they wanted him to remember the sin, he had committed (killing of the albatross) and feel remorseful.

10. Answer the following in 80-100 words :

At the end of the day the poet, D. H. Lawrence writes a diary entry in 120-150 words describing his encounter with the snake and expressing his remorse for throwing a log at him. Write his diary entry.

[4]

OR

Caesar's murder is rightly avenged by Antony. Comment.

Answer :

Dear diary

Today's entry is based upon my incidental meeting with a snake, yellow-brown in color, who came to drink water at the water-trough which was outside my house. I felt no fear, no aversion and a strange kind of bonding and fascination took possession of me. The snake was drinking water in a very relaxed manner and his majestic movement cast a spell on me. I stood there, with an empty pitcher, with no desire to disturb him. Since it was a very hot day, I wanted the snake to quench his thirst, since he had come from a dark and horrible crack in the wall. My rational and social belief told me to kill the snake, but my natural instincts told me not to. The snake disappeared at once, but a guilt, a void remained in my heart. I wonder why we submit before our egoism, ignoran and barbarity. I suddenly questioned myself. What rights do we have to deprive others of their right to live? We preach of love and sympathy, yet we get misguided by our social beliefs and natural instincts. I know snakes are poisonous but that snake did not harm me and yet I acted like a coward. Yes, I will have to make amends somehow. How ! I wonder!

OR

Caesar's murder is rightly avenged by Antony. Mark Antony is a clever statesman and a good friend of Caesar. He is foresighted enough to judge that Brutus is a famous public figure and has already won the approval of the Romans after killing Caesar. Now, it is upto him to turn the tide, which threatens to flow in favour of the conspirators. Throughout his speech, he keeps repeating, 'Brutus is an honourable man.' He is able to persuade the plebeians (Romans) of the conspirators, injustice and gain mass, support. He contradicts the charges of Brutus that Caesar was ambitious by pointing out that Caesar had refused the crown twice, had filled the coffers of Rome and cried for all Romans. He displays all the stabs, Brutus and others have inflicted on Caesar's body and uses his body to exploit the Romans emotionally. He deliberately thrusts the words 'mutiny' and 'riot' at them and gets the desired results. So Antony's eulogy at Caesar's funeral is a master stroke, and the mention of Caesar's will where he left all money and his property for all Romans, acts as the final nail in the coffin of the conspirators. The Romans were filled with a sense of revenge as a patriot was assassinated out of jealousy. The mob, after Antony's speech, burnt the houses of the conspirators. Brutus and others had to flee for their lives. Thus, we can say that Caesar's death was rightly avenged.

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

## SECTION — B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

3. (a) Our metropolitan cities witness a large number of accidents every day. What do you think is the reason ? What can be done to bring down the rate of accidents ? Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your concerns and offering solutions to this problem. You are Arun/Aruna, 112 Model Town, Delhi. [5]

**OR**

- (b) Many children feel tempted to break rules in school. They find pleasure in doing so. Write an article in 100-120 words discussing reasons for it. Suggest measures to make children respect rules. You are Arun/Aruna.

**Answer :**

(a) 112, Model Town  
Delhi  
15 March, 20 XX  
  
The editor  
The Times of India  
Zafar Marg  
New Delhi  
Subject : Road accidents  
  
Sir,

Through the columns of your widely read daily, I would like to draw the attention of the authorities concerned to the increasing number of accidents on the roads in our metropolitan cities. Not a single day passes when we do not read in the newspaper or watch on television about the countless number of accidents taking place every day. It all brings to light the glaring fact that either the vehicle owners are minors, or rash drivers or are in an inebriated state, etc. With scant regard for law, they disobey traffic rules and are often found talking on cell phones which can cause distraction and lead to accidents. Humans' lives are precious. The traffic police need to deal with the offenders promptly and strictly. Stringent traffic rules should be enforced and penalties should be levied so as to act as deterrents.

Yours truly

Arun/Arun

## OR Breaking Rules—A Temptation

"I don't want to go to school, I just want to break the rules !" It's really tough to know the reason behind breaking rules. Is it fun ? Is it relaxing ? Or is it just to be cool ? There are many other things to look cool or to be relaxed. Why break the rules ? Rules are meant to be followed. But the students today are more interested in breaking the rules. It's a pleasure for them. School is a place where we go to study; not to break rules. I think students are tempted to break rules because they want to show their mischievous side to everyone. A day has 24 hours and we stay in school for about 7 hours so, we have ample time left to have fun and to have pleasure. School is a place to study and gain knowledge. Rules are made so that school can run smoothly. If rules and regulations will not be there, everything will be very chaotic.

Studies will go haphazard. Staff and students will do the work according to their convenience. An institution is said to be healthy if it has proper rules and regulations. Moreover, these should be followed by the students whole-heartedly rather than breaking the rules, the students can clear their doubts with the authority. So, in the end, I would like to conclude by saying that rule breaking is not an option. Follow the rules and see the change within yourself and your surroundings.

4. (a) Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below : [10]

Uday's dream — do something brave — win recognition far and wide — be famous in the world — one fine day, he saw this opportunity when.....

**OR**

The parent-teacher meeting was scheduled for tomorrow—scared of informing them—had been scolded for missing school—no way out—cooked a story.....

**Answer :**

**Do good, be True !**

Everyone wants to be famous and wants to be registered in the pages of history by doing something invincible. Something similar happened with Uday. Uday's dream was to do something brave that gave him recognition by everyone world wide. One fine day, he was willing to do something through which he could be remembered. As it is rightly said, 'Empty

mind is a devil's workshop' — Uday also thought that he could get recognition by doing something evil or false. He decided to spread rumour all over the world that he had seen aliens. As planned by him, he informed all the news channels regarding the presence of aliens. This news was spread all over the world and he earned fame within couple of days. He narrated his creative stories in front of everyone but he was unaware that 'lies are never good'. The scientists from NASA came to talk to him about the aliens, but he would not be able to answer them properly. They said that there was no evidence of any spacecraft or aliens anywhere. Time passed away and he was proved wrong about the rumour of the aliens. His counselling was also done regarding these illogical facts. Later on, he came to learn that one can be successful by his own true efforts, not by false means and he started working with full sincerity.

### OR

#### Truth Always Wins !

It was late at night. Rahul sat thinking what to tell his parents. The parent-teacher meeting was scheduled for tomorrow. But he was scared of informing them. He had forgotten to finish his homework and therefore he bunked school. He had played in the park for whole day time and returned home in the evening. He had been scolded for missing school by his teacher. His father was very strict and his mother would also get angry if she came to know, and his teacher was sure to inform his parents. He decided to cook up a story. By night, he had thought of a story, mustered up courage, and after dinner went to his parent's bedroom. He knocked on the door lightly. His parents asked him to come inside. He went inside, opened his mouth to speak, but then no words came out. He decided to try once again but the same thing happened. Finally, he tried the third time, but failed again. Tears started rolling down his eyes. Concerned, his mother rushed to him and asked him why he was crying. Slowly Rahul told his parents the full incident. His parents were angry at first but then when they saw that Rahul was feeling really guilty and was apologising, they pardoned him. Rahul promised to be regular to the school and do his homework every day. Since, that day Rahul's grades went up. His friend's, his teachers, were amazed, but no one knew the real reason.

5. Complete the following paragraph by filling in the blanks with the help of given options : [3]

There is a general belief (a) \_\_\_\_\_ students

that (b) \_\_\_\_\_ who write long sentences get (c) \_\_\_\_\_ marks.

- (a) (i) in (ii) of (iii) among (iv) between  
 (b) (i) they (ii) those (iii) all (iv) them  
 (c) (i) more (ii) many (iii) most (iv) much

Answer :

- (a) (iii) among (b) (ii) those (c) (i) more

6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. [½×8=4]

Error	Correction
Overeating is one of the <i>e.g. more</i> more wonderful	<b>most</b>
practices among those (a) ..... which think that they	.....
can afford it. In fact that is (b) ..... said that	.....
near all those who can get (c) ..... as much	.....
as he desire, overeat to (d) ..... their	.....
disadvantage. This class (e) ..... of peoples could	.....
save the great deal more (f) ..... food than	.....
they can save by missing (g) ..... one meal	.....
per week and also (h) ..... improving their health.	.....

Answer :

Error	Correction
(a) which	who
(b) that	it
(c) near	nearly
(d) he	they
(e) peoples	people
(f) the	a
(g) can	could
(h) improving	improve

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. [3]

*e.g. came/ months / me / for / eight / to teach / he*

*For eight months he came to teach me.*

- (a) algebra and / a week / me / geometry / twice / he taught/

- (b) very poor / subjects / I was / in these / earlier  
 (c) very / now/ proficient / have become / in them / I

Answer :

- (a) He taught me algebra and geometry twice a week./ Twice a week, he taught me algebra and geometry.  
 (b) I was very poor in these two subjects earlier. / Earlier, I was very poor in these two subjects.  
 (c) Now, I have become very proficient in them. / I have now become very proficient in them.

### SECTION — C

#### (LITERATURE : Textbook and Long Reading Text) (Marks 25)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1x3=3]

A real message from the real Sebastian Shultz. We both knew that by reliving the accident, something wonderful had happened.

- (a) Who is the narrator ?  
 (b) What accident is he referring to ?  
 (c) Write the antonym for the word, 'wonderful.'

OR

And immediately I regretted it.

I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act ! I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education.

- (a) What does the poet regret ?  
 (b) Why does the poet curse his human education ?  
 (c) What is meant by the word, 'despised' ?

Answer :

- (a) Michael is the narrator.  
 (b) He is referring to the motor accident in which Sebastian went into a coma.  
 (c) An antonym for 'wonderful' is disgusting/ awful.

OR

- (a) The poet regrets hitting the snake with a stick.  
 (b) The poet cursed his human education because it dominated or prompted him to hit the snake with a stick.  
 (c) The word 'Despised' means cursed / hated.

9. Answer any four of the following in 30-40 words each : [2x4=8]

- (a) What were the blessings the albatross brought with it ?  
 (b) How does Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream ?  
 (c) Why does Patol Babu's wife tell him that he is counting his 'chickens before they're hatched' ?  
 (d) What made the writer believe that he was good at writing ghost stories ?  
 (e) Why did the narrator allow the snake to quench his thirst first ?

Answer :

- (a) The albatross brought many blessings with it. With its arrival, the fog lifted, icebergs started melting and favourable south wind started blowing.  
 (b) Brutus deliberately misinterpreted Calpurnia's dream. He called the vision fair and fortunate. He said that since Caesar was a source of inspiration for all the Romans; citizens would dip their handkerchiefs in his blood and keep them as relics for their children and grandchildren. Also, people would inherit Caesar's nobility and greatness.  
 (c) Patol Babu's wife told him that he was 'counting his chickens before they were hatched' because he was overconfident and over-excited about his role. He was thinking about the outcome even before his performance.  
 (d) Whenever Jenkins asked Hallock to write ghost stories, he got the plot for them. Moreover, his stories were an instant hit with his readers. This made him believe that he was good at writing ghost stories.  
 (e) The narrator allows the snake to quench his thirst first because he treats him as his guest and the lord of the kingdom.

10. Answer the following in 80-100 word :

How does Helen's appearance in the party make Lavinia get rid of her superstitious belief in Ouija Boards ?

[4]

OR

Bring out the irony in the words, "My name is Ozymandias, king of kings, Look on my works, ye mighty, and despair !" as inscribed on the pedestal of the statue. What lesson does this irony teach us ?

Answer :

Lavinia hosted an Ouija Board party at her home. She had called all the members of her Ladies' Book Club. John Hallock was the partner of Laura Hinkle in the party, which he hesitated to be. In the party, all the boards spelt out 'traitor', pointing towards John by indicating 'ask him.' This made Lavinia suspect Hallock of infidelity. Their marriage was on the verge of break-up. Lavinia packs her bags and is ready to go, but gets to know the truth about Helen. She realises that Helen was not a real person but only a spirit. Therefore, John could not have an affair with a ghost. This rids her of her superstitious belief in Ouija Boards.

OR

Ozymandias tried to proclaim himself as a great king by inscribing these words on the pedestal of the statue. The irony of the words inscribed on the statue is that even in the end, there is nothing left to show the King's greatness. only trunkless legs remained in the wilderness. He was forgotten by the people.

This irony teaches us that wealth, power and position does not last forever. Time has the ultimate power. It conquers all. Nothing is permanent in this world. Everything is transient and gets washed away by the tides of time. We might run after material pursuits but they can not give us permanent happiness. We are blinded by our ego, arrogance and thirst for power which are not everlasting hence, can never give lasting happiness.

**11. Answer the following in 150-200 words : [10]**

**Helen's contact with Dr. Bell raised her perception and understanding of the world. Comment.**

**OR**

**Helen's teacher took her across the tough road of her life. What role did she play in her success. ?**

**OR**

**Anne Frank's growing years were not normal. Elaborate.**

**OR**

**The Annexe was almost a prison for Anne. How did it limit her life ?**

**Answer :**

Helen Keller was referred to Dr. Alaxender Graham Bell by Dr. Chisholm, when she was six years old. Though Dr. Bell could not help Helen, he gave the Kellers her hope and advised her father to contact Mr. Anagnos the Director of the Perkins Institution for the Blind in Boston. Mr. Anagnos sent Miss Anne Sullivan to be Helen's teacher.

Dr. Bell exposed her to a new world, new sensations, discoveries, travels, etc. He understood her primitive self-invented sign language, sat her on his lap and let her play with his watch. He helped her interact with nature and people more than before and inculcated scientific curiosity within her. She also visited the Niagara Falls and the World Fair in Chicago with Dr. Bell. In all the travels, he described to her the objects of great interest in his own delightful way. All in all, Helen describes Dr. Bell as a kind hearted, caring, compassionate, gentleman and an influential genius.

**OR**

When Helen was a child, she fell ill and lost her sight as well as her power of hearing. Everything that she enjoyed had lost its charm. Her world became dark and silent. She would throw fits of temper when she had to face the problems in her new life. At that time, Miss Anne Sullivan, Helen's teacher, came into her life. She helped her understand the world around her. She taught Helen words related to sense, smell and language. She helped her to read and communicate with others. This development of

language and her ability to communicate with others removed the frustration she had been facing for a long time. Miss Sullivan had great patience and was the perfect teacher who enjoyed spending her time with Helen. Miss Sullivan brought Helen out of the dark clouds in which she was living and made her like life from a different perspective. She was not only a guide and instructor but also like a mother for Helen. She accompanied her every where she went and was always there for her.

**OR**

Anne Frank's growing years were not normal. She was precocious, intelligent and charming. She was the youngest child in her family. When she came to the annexe, she was a spoiled, naive young girl of thirteen. She was just like any other teenager, and was interested only in her life. However, during the course of her stay in the annexe, she changed a lot. Being in the annex was like being in a prison. She did not have any friends and had to make many adjustments. She was isolated from the outside world and could not even get education. Her life had become restricted and she had to become responsible early in life. Life in the annexe forced her to find the deeper meaning of things and she tried to understand life and her motivations to live. She had grown up to spent her life in the shadow of fear. She became politically conscious and started questioning the persecution of those around her.

**OR**

At first, Anne saw her new life in hiding as an adventure of sorts. She was excited about it. Slowly she realized what her life had become. The people in the annexe were constantly living in the fear of being caught. She was just like any other teenager enjoying her life but that sudden change brought about many changes in her life. Her contact with the outside world had became limited. She loved socialising but due to fear of being caught she had to forget all about it. The annexe became a prison for her, restricting her experience and exposure. She had to remain quiet because of the fear that she might be found. At one point, she was so disgusted with her life that she started believing that being caught would be far better than living in the annexe. The annexe had ruined her whole life. There were not much variety in the food and they had to make, with whatever was provided to them. Even the food that was present was rationed like it would be in a prison. They were deprived of basic, proper facilities and were not even allowed regular baths. Her life had become stationary, she felt stuck in the annexe.

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

## SECTION — B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

4. Write a story in 150-200 words based on the input given below : [10]

She finally had it — the key to the treasure — the map — she trembled — excitement — anticipation

OR

Truth always pays — spoke truth — got in trouble — upset — changed mind — later realised — better in the long run.....

**Answer :**

### A Journey to Unicorn Island

Once upon a time, there was a girl named, Naina, who loved to read books. Her hobby was to solve mysteries. As I said, she loved to read and all she wanted was to be left alone in her room with her friends *i.e.*, books. She gave her books certain names. Her favourite person was her grandfather. She was the star in his eyes. She loved him dearly. Half of the book on her bookshelf were a gift from him. He gifted a books to her which was about mysteries and they all were actually weird. She could not understand them, but she finally read it. Even though the book mentioned they were different, they were all actually linked together. There was a map probably, a key to a treasure — the treasure of the Unicorn Island. A place on earth where everything was made of cotton candy, chocolate cake, strawberries and everything sweet. Naina followed the directions. It was actually a journey full of suspense. She trembled while crossing the paths. 'X' was marked on the spot but there was a huge door with a 'unicorn' on it. She entered with excitement. It was a surprise birthday party, all was planned by her grandfather for her 16th birthday. It was all she dreamt of, she did not anticipate for all that to happen. She was overwhelmed. From that day, her expectations for the mysteries were increased.

OR

### Truth Always Pays

It is true — truth always pays. Manav always believed this but an incident made him question his belief. The summer vacation was over and the new session in the school had just started. Being a new boy, Manav

had not made many friends, except Rishi. Though Rishi was average in his studies, he was everything that Manav wished in a friend— helping, caring, accessible, funny and popular. One day, during the games period, everyone was playing outside. Manav was a part of the school debate team and had gone to the curriculum cell for some work. Since the games period was getting over, he decided to return directly to the classroom. On entering the classroom, he saw Rishi bent over the teacher's table. On seeing Manav, Rishi quickly moved from there. Manav decided to talk to Rishi later. When the teacher sat down, there was a loud chirping sound. The teacher jumped up and looked around. No one knew what had happened. When the teacher sat again, the same thing happened. Manav understood that it was Rishi's mischief. He went up to the teacher and told her the whole thing. The teacher however did not believe Manav and started accusing him of being a part of it. She took him to the Principal's office. The Principal got angry and warned him that such behaviour would not be tolerated in the school and that he would be suspended if he did anything like again. That day Manav felt upset. He had fallen in trouble for speaking the truth. After two days, the Principal called him. He told him how Rishi had come to his office and owned up to his mistake. Manav was happy and realised that in the long run, it is always better to speak the truth.

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

Authorities settled (a) \_\_\_\_\_ 32 pages in (b) \_\_\_\_\_ next answer book (c) \_\_\_\_\_ for the undergraduate courses.

- (a) (i) on (ii) at (iii) up (iv) in  
(b) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) some  
(c) (i) mean (ii) meant (iii) means (iv) meaning

**Answer :**

- (a) (i) on (b) (iii) the  
(c) (ii) meant

7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows : [1×3=3]

Doctor : I hope you can read.

Patient : You may think it is funny but I can't.

Doctor : Then why should I treat your eyes ?

Patient : I believe illiterates too need eyes to see.

The doctor told the patient (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The patient said that (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The doctor asked (c) \_\_\_\_\_. The patient replied that illiterates too need eyes to see.

**Answer :**

- (a) that he hoped he could read.
- (b) he might think it is funny but he could not read.
- (c) then why should he treat his eyes.

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

- (a) How did the mariners enjoy the arrival of the albatross ?
- (b) Describe the superstitions which scared Calpurnia ?
- (c) What did Gogon Pakrashi teach Patol Babu ?
- (d) Why did the ghost of Helen come to see John Hallock ?
- (e) Why was Michael shocked when he read the name Sebastian Shultz in a newspaper ?

**Answer :**

- (a) With the arrival of the albatross, the fog was clearing and the weather was changing gradually. Moreover, an albatross is a sign of good omen.

- (b) Calpurnia dreamt that Caesar's statue had a hundred spouts and pure blood ran from it. Many strong Romans came smiling. They bathed their hands into it. She meant this as an ill-omen so she asked Caesar not to go to the senate - house that day.
- (c) Gogon Pakrashi taught patol Babu that, however small the role may be, an actor should try to draw meaning out of his part. He should express it to the audience and present it in such a manner that common people should be able to understand it.
- (d) The ghost of Helen had come to see Hallock because she wanted to inform John that the members of the 'Writer's Bureau' were going on a strike and they would not help any writer in writing any ghost story.
- (e) Michael was shocked when he read the name of Sebastian in the newspaper because he did not think Sebastian existed in the real world. He had taken him to be a character in his games.

## English (Communicative) 2016 (Delhi) Term II

**SET III**

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

### SECTION — B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

3. Write an article for the school magazine emphasizing the need for art and music to be taught in schools. Mention how the study of art and music helps in the better emotional development of students in shaping their personalities. [5]

**OR**

Some of us have often been ridiculed for poor time management and lack of punctuality. You feel that it affects the image of our country. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in 100-120 words, mentioning the reasons for our weakness and how we can change ourselves. You are Arun/ Aruna, 24 Mall Road, Agra.

**Answer :**

**Importance of teaching art and music in schools**

By XYZ

In today's paced life where everyone is running around to fulfil their dreams, students are not behind. The increasing competition to reach their goals has made stress an integral part of their life. A good way of dealing with stress is art and music. With the number of hours being spent in the school increasing, it becomes imperative that art and music be taught in

the schools. Art and music help students relax after the hectic academic schedule. It is also a known fact that community singing in the morning gives a good start to the day. Moreover art enhances the creativity and imagination of students. The students also get a chance to express their thoughts and feelings through art. Music boosts the confidence of students and helps them fight stage fright. Also, Art and Music are a popular option for career choices these days. Teaching of art and music in schools will help them in shaping their career in these fields. It also helps one to give next to one's emotions. In a multicultural society like ours, art and music serve as a unifying force and cuts across cultures. Art and music have no language and help in uniting people towards the common goal. It gives peace of mind and soul. Therefore, teaching art and music should be made compulsory in schools.

**OR**

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Aug. 25, 20 XX

The Editor

The Hindu

New Delhi-110006

Subject : Poor time management and its effect on people.

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to make the readers aware of the importance of time management.

In recent times we hear about more and more people being ridiculed for poor time management and punctuality. Procrastination has become a habit. All this is because the value of time was not taught in childhood. People have developed an easy going attitude. They are perfectly fine if people have to wait for them for hours. Be it a celebrity or a commoner, the attitude remains the same. Being late in fact has become a cultural phenomenon. The importance of being on time is not seriously considered these days. It is important that from a young age itself, children were taught the value of time. They should be rewarded or publicly praised for being punctual. At the same time, they should be penalised for not being punctual. Small children learn quickly from stories and anecdotes. These should be used to tell the value and importance of time. Children look up to their elders for learning such values. So, it is important that family and the school staff also serve, as role models for them by being punctual. Let us endeavour to develop a culture of being punctual. Only then we, as a nation, can progress by leaps and bounds.

Thank you !

Yours Sincerely

Aruna/Arun

### SECTION — C

#### (LITERATURE : Textbook and Long Reading Text) (Marks 25)

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

O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth,  
That I am meek and gentle with these butchers !

- (a) By whom have the above lines been spoken ?
- (b) Why is the speaker meek with the butchers ?
- (c) Write the antonym of the word, 'gentle.'

### OR

"This is only the first step on the ladder, my dear better-half ! Yes .... the first step that would ..... God willing .....mark the rise to fame and fortune of your beloved husband !"

- (a) What was "the first step on the ladder" ?
- (b) What characteristic does the speaker display here ?
- (c) What does the word, 'fortune' mean ?

**Answer :**

- (a) Mark Antony was the speaker.
- (b) Antony was shocked to see Caesar's dead body lying in a pool of blood. But he was shrewd enough not to react in front of the conspirators. That is why, he was meek with the conspirators.
- (c) An antonym of 'gentle' is harsh or rude.

**OR**

- (a) The first step on the ladder signifies his first opportunity to act in movies.
- (b) It shows that Patol Babu, the speaker, was a very impractical person, who imagined a lot and was very optimistic.
- (c) 'Fortune' means luck.

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

- (a) Give two examples of the use of supernatural in *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*.
- (b) Why did the poet throw the log at the snake ?
- (c) What idea did Patol Babu have while rehearsing? What was the director's reaction ?
- (d) Why did the spirit in the Ouija Boards call Hallock a traitor ?
- (e) Why did Calpurnia not want Caesar to go to the Senate ?

**Answer :**

- (a) The poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner', is full of strange or supernatural elements. For example, the 'Albatross being a sign of good omen', 'the ocean appearing to rot', 'the death fires dancing', 'the strange slimy creatures seen in the sea'.
- (b) The poet hit the snake because his knowledge overpowered the feeling of his heart. Moreover, the poet found it disgusting, that it was going into the deep crevices of the earth, an unknown realm. The snake was going into the deep dark earth which provoked the poet that the dark and sinister creature was going back into the dark world.
- (c) Patol Babu suggested that he could walk with a newspaper in his hand, which would make the collision look more authentic. The director, Baren Mullick, readily agreed to Patol Babu's idea.
- (d) The spirit in the Ouija Board called Hallock a traitor because he had cheated with Helen. He had promised the ghost that he will tell

his friends and acquaintances not to use Ouija boards but he was himself involved in using them and that too, at his home.

- (e) Calpurnia did not want Caesar to go to the senate because she had seen in her dreams that there was a threat to his life. She had seen, in her dreams, a lioness whelping in the streets and fierce fighting and blood on the capital.

**10. Answer the following in 80-100 word :**

**You are one of the crew. After the mariner kills the albatross, you have to suffer and there is no hope of survival.**

**Write a diary entry of your feeling of regret and remorse.** [4]

**OR**

**Imagine you are Michael. Write a diary entry describing your spirit of fellow feeling with which you finally rescued Sebastian.**

**Answer :**

Monday

16 Oct., 18XX

9 : 00 P.M.

Dear Diary

What an awful moment for all of us ! Filthy water, icebergs, slimy creatures, haunted spirits, fog and mist, suffering and no hope of survival. I wonder what will happen to all of us. It was completely opposite when we had started our journey. It was a clear and bright day; we all were happy ; the sun was shining brightly. When we reached the equator, suddenly, a terrible storm hit and forced the ship southwards. We were struck in the land of snow and mist. Nothing was visible due to fog. We were surrounded by the icebergs and there was not even a single sign of life around. There was no place to steer the ship. Finally, an albatross emerged from the land of mist and we felt lucky as it was a sign of good omen. Its arrival was positive because the weather had started changing. Everyday it used to come at vespers nine to get food from us and play with us. We all were happy to have him on our ship. But, our happiness changed into remorse, when the Ancient Mariner killed the

auspicious bird with his bow and arrow. He killed it instinctively, without any reason. From that moment, our lives changed. The weather was again full of fog and mist. The water surrounded us was filthy, full of slimy creatures and was not potable. We were struck there in the ocean. It seemed our ship was a painted ship in a painted ocean. The water at night seemed to change colour. We dreamed that the spirit had followed us from the icy world. I am feeling regretful and remorseful because the killing of the albatross had brought us bad luck and suffering. I do not think we will be able to survive in such conditions. I can only pray to the God to save us from this hell created due to the Ancient Mariner's sin.

**OR**

Monday

16 Oct., 19XX

Dear Diary

I'm mentally exhausted today. But, at the same time, I am happy and peaceful because I was finally able to rescue Sebastian from the War Zone. But the shocking discovery that I made today was that Sebastian was a real boy who lived in the real world. Everyday, while playing games, I used to receive a message from a virtual Sebastian to help him escape the Jail, Dragon quest or war zone. But today, I received a real mail from the real Sebastian thanking me for my help. I'm feeling contented because I was able to rescue my fellow player finally. It feels really good and I am very happy. Sebastian had met with an accident while playing psycho-drive games on his computer. I got those games from a computer fair and when I switched on my computer to play, I found Sebastian as a virtual character. I helped him escape, considering it to be a part of the game so that I could make a big score. I actually hit the jackpot but I was happy at heart that I had rescued Sebastian though at that time, I considered him to be a character in the psycho-drive game. But today I am shocked as well as happy to know that Sebastian has recovered and is completely fine. I am totally relaxed and peaceful now. I am looking forward to meet him soon. But I feel I would not like to play these psycho-drive games any more.

# English (Communicative) 2015 Term I

## SECTION—A (READING) (Marks 20)

### 1. Read the passage given below and complete the sentences that follow : [1×8=8]

Orangutans require less food than humans. When Orangutans eat, they nibble mostly on ripe fruits, along with smaller portions of leaves and seeds. Even in captivity, this diet doesn't diminish an orangutan's get up and go attitude. They wake up early, after a long night's sleep. Then they spend the day socializing, exploring their indoor and outdoor enclosures. They also regularly engage in games with researchers. These activities of the orangutans taken together add up to the same level of exercise performed by humans in physically demanding agricultural lifestyles.

In the wild, orangutans live in the rain forests of Borneo and Sumatra where food availability is highly variable and unpredictable. Like fresh fruits from the garden, the pickings are often feast or famine. But the trade-off is, that low energy means, less energy is available to do things like grow and reproduce. So orangutans grow slowly and reproduce slowly, which is evolutionarily risky because an orangutan might die before it passes on its genes. Human mothers can have a child every two to four years, but orangutans in the wild only reproduce every seven to eight years.

Orangutans are among the most intelligent *primates*; they *use a variety of sophisticated tools* and construct elaborate sleeping nests each night from branches and foliage. These apes have been extensively studied for their learning abilities. There may even be distinctive cultures within populations. Both orangutan species are considered to be *endangered*, with the Sumatran orangutans being *critically endangered*. Human activities have caused severe decline in the populations and ranges of both species. Threats to wild orangutan populations include poaching, habitat destruction, and the illegal *pet trade*. Several conservation and rehabilitation organisations are dedicated to the survival of orangutans in the wild.

We will lose much information about our closest relatives and our own evolutionary history if we let them get extinct.

- (a) According to Pontzer, orangutans mostly eat.....

- (b) It is seen that orangutans and humans do almost the same.....
- (c) Orangutans grow and reproduce slowly as they.....
- (d) We do not want the orangutans to become extinct as.....
- (e) The word '*unpredictable*' means to be.....
- (f) Orangutans are among.....primates.
- (g) .....are the critically endangered species.
- (h) There is a severe decline in the population of orangutans because of .....

### Answer :

- (a) Ripe fruits along with smaller portions of leaves and seeds.
- (b) Level of exercise and activities.
- (c) Have low levels of energy due to highly variable and unpredictable food availability in the rain forests where they live.
- (d) We humans will lose much information about our closest relatives and our own evolutionary history.
- (e) '*Unpredictable*' means—'difficult to foresee or foretell'.
- (f) The most intelligent.
- (g) The Sumatran orangutans.
- (h) Human activities such as poaching, habitat destruction and illegal pet trade.

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

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

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

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

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly.**

- (a) Why was the little girl crying ? [2]
- (b) Where did the pine tree want the little girl to sleep for the night ? [2]
- (c) Why was the little girl disappointed when she looked at the flowers and what did the tree do to make her happy ? [2]
- (d) What lesson does the story teach us ? [2]

**Answer :**

- (a) The little girl was crying as she had lost her way while gathering flowers for a garland of goddess Durga, who she believed, would help her parents to overcome their poverty.
- (b) The pine tree wanted the little girl to spend the night in an open cave-like place under him.
- (c) The little girl was disappointed because the flowers that she had gathered the previous night lay withered on the ground and she could not make a garland from them. To make her happy the pine tree wrapped its branches around the nearby flower trees and shook them gently.
- (d) The story teaches us the lesson to be gentle and kind to others and help those in need. It also teaches us that devoting faith in the almighty always gives us positive results.

**2.2. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given words from the options provided :**

- (a) What is meant by the word, 'cluster' ?(Para 1) [1]
  - (i) group
  - (ii) team
  - (iii) class
  - (iv) party
- (b) What is meant by the word, 'approaching'? (Para 1) [1]
  - (i) calling
  - (ii) touching
  - (iii) coming close
  - (iv) running towards
- (c) What is meant by the word, 'wild ' ? (Para 2) [1]
  - (i) cunning
  - (ii) dirty
  - (iii) unpolished
  - (iv) dangerous

**(d) What is meant by the word, 'withered' ? (Para 2) [1]**

- (i) dead
- (ii) shrunk
- (iii) colourless
- (iv) unhappy

**Answer :**

- (a) (i) group
- (b) (iii) coming close
- (c) (iv) dangerous
- (d) (ii) shrunk

**SECTION—B**  
**(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**  
**(Marks 25)**

**3. Underage driving is not safe, i.e., below 18 years of age. We should follow the traffic rules. Write an article, in about 100-120 words, bringing out the risks involved. [5]**

**Answer : Risks of Underage Driving**

Underage driving is just not safe and most risky. Traffic rules should be adhered to and underage driving should be completely deterred. Teenage drivers do a greater proportion of their driving in risky conditions. In particular, they drive more frequently at night and with multiple passengers. Both of these substantially increase the likelihood of a crash. Moreover, driving risks that are found to be more common among underage drivers include excessive speeding, for the thrill and using a mobile phone while driving, thus violating traffic rules.

There is a clear need for serious intervention targeting underage driving. Programmes need to move beyond the awareness education to a combination of strong graduated driver licencing programmes and police enforcement.

**4. Sunita accepted a challenge that she would write such an emotional story that would extract the last drop of tears from the eyes of the readers; but saying is easier than doing. Help Sunita complete the story in about 150-200 words. [10]**

In a village there lived a girl named Radhika. Though it was difficult for the family to make both ends meet, somehow they were satisfied, but destiny willed otherwise. One day.....

**Answer :**

**When Radhika Came Home to Tragedy !**

In a village there lived a girl named Radhika. Though it was difficult for the family to make both ends meet, somehow they were satisfied, but destiny willed otherwise. One day when Radhika and her younger brother came back home from the fields, they saw that many people had gathered

outside their house. Then they saw their father was lying on the ground, their mother and grandmother were sitting beside him and weeping profusely. Radhika and her brother immediately realized that their father had succumbed of his prolonged illness. This was the biggest blow for their entire family. Radhika felt she would now have to take on the responsibility of the rest of her family as she was the elder child. They were unable to pay their debts so their family was forced to leave their home and had to live on the street. They did not have anything to eat and no one came to their help. Radhika was sure that in their present condition her weak and frail grandmother would not be able to survive for long. But she had no idea how she could bring her family out of their pathetic situation. Even today Radhika and her family can be seen outside the village temple waiting for some kind of miracle to happen, unsure of whether they will get their next meal. They are hopeful that God will be merciful to them one day and pass each day waiting for God's mercy.

**5. Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words/phrases from the given options. [3]**

Infancy is not what it is meant to be. The child seems happy all the time to the adult, because the adult knows that the child is untouched by the real problem of life; if the adult (a) ..... similarly untouched, he is sure that he would be happy. But children, not knowing that they (b) ..... an easy time, have a good many hard times. Growing and learning and obeying the rules of their elders, of fighting against them, (c) ..... not easy things to do.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	is	were	had	will be
(b)	will have	are	are having	have
(c)	were	will	have	are

**Answer :**

(a) (i) is (b) (iii) are having. (c) (iv) are

**6. In the paragraph 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 in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. [4]**

Before      Omitted      After

Vicky bent low, slipped the  
window and      e.g. slipped      to      the

looked out. Down smooth  
drive, nearly (a) ..... .....  
out of sight, was a vehicle  
didn't recognize. (b) ..... .....  
He knew something bad  
was going to happen. (c) ..... .....  
He kept fingers  
crossed. (d) ..... .....

**Answer :**

Before	Omitted	After
(a) Down	the	smooth
(b) vehicle	he	didn't
(c) knew	that	something
(d) kept	his	fingers

**7. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows : [3]**

**Martha :** Why are you spraying wax on your car tyres?

**Jhumru :** It makes the rubber last longer and prevents it from drying.

**Martha :** Martha (looking amused); Like putting lotion on your skin.

**Jhumru :** Yes, exactly. Now I see you are beginning to get the point.

Martha asked her husband (a) ..... . Jhumru explained that it made the rubber last longer and (b) ..... . Martha was amused and asked if it was like putting lotion on one's skin. Jhumru agreed and commented that then he could see that (c) .....

**Answer :**

- (a) why he was spraying wax on his car tyres ?
- (b) prevented it from drying.
- (c) she was beginning to get the point.

**SECTION—C**

**(LITERATURE : Textbook And Long Reading Text)**

**(Marks 25)**

**8. Read one of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : [3]**

They greeted us with friendly faces.

"I thought you picked fruit 'for a living', I said.

- (a) Who are 'they' ?
- (b) Why did 'they' greet the narrator in a friendly way ?
- (c) What does the phrase, 'for a living' mean ?

**OR**

- Not marble, nor the gilded monuments  
Of princes, shall outlive this powerful rhyme;  
 (a) Why do princess get monuments made ?  
 (b) Why won't monuments outlive this rhyme ?  
 (c) What does the word 'gilded' mean ?

**Answer :**

- (a) 'They' refer to the two boys, Nicola and Jacopo.  
 (b) 'They' greeted the narrator in a friendly way because they were hopeful that the narrator would avail the services they offered and pay them for the same.  
 (c) The phrase 'for a living' means 'to earn one's livelihood.'

**OR**

- (a) Princess get monuments made to make the dead immortal by preserving their memory for posterity. They wanted their memory to live on beyond their life.  
 (b) Monuments will not be able to outlive this rhyme because they will be unable to withstand time's destruction and ravages.  
 (c) The word 'gilded' means 'the colour of gold'.

**9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.** [2×4=8]

- (a) How did the boys make themselves useful to the narrator ?  
 (b) Why did the frog call the nightingale a 'brainless bird' ?  
 (c) What did Victoria consider as 'pinching' ? What does this show about her personality ?  
 (d) What impression do you form about Coachman Ali on reading the story, 'The Letter' ?

**Answer :**

- (a) The boys proved to be extremely useful to the narrator and his friend. If they wanted a pack of American cigarettes, or seats for the opera or the name of a good restaurant, they could rely upon Nicola and Jacopo to satisfy their needs.  
 (b) The frog calls the nightingale a 'brainless bird' as she does not follow his instructions and the income from the concerts dips sharply and the frog loses his temper. He tells the nightingale that she does not use her brains while she is singing on the stage.  
 (c) The Slaters are moving away grandfather's bureau stealthily before the arrival of the Jordans. So Victoria considers this action of her mother, Mrs. Slater, as pinching. It shows that she is a precocious girl and has the ability to distinguish between the good and the bad.

(d) Coachman Ali is an extremely poignant character. He has a lot of love and compassion for his only child Miriam and misses her terribly. He displays remarkable qualities of not only love but also of immense patience and tirelessly goes to the post office each day for five years. Many a time it is almost impossible to believe that Ali had once been a habitual *shikari*. He is a helpless character who has a very remorseful end.

**10. Answer one of the following question in about 80-100 words.**

'There are limits beyond which repressed emotions become dangerous.'

The above statement refers to Loona Bimberton. Keeping this in view, write a letter to a friend, as Loona, describing your feelings at the success of Mrs. Packletide at shooting a tiger. [4]

**OR**

The poem, 'The Frog and the Nightingale' exposes the role of critics towards fresh talent. After reading the poem you were quite disturbed. Write a letter to a friend mentioning how negative criticism can hamper the growth of genuine talent.

**Answer :**

ABC Lane

XYZ City

31st October, 20XX

Dearest Friend,

I hope my letter finds you in good health and great spirits, though my spirits are pretty low. During the past few days my repressed emotions are becoming most difficult to handle. My arch-rival, Mrs. Packletide, has shot a tiger and countered my feat of being carried eleven miles in an aeroplane by an Algerian aviator. To add to my misery she gifted me a tiger-claw brooch, which I was forced to accept. But I was firm in my decision of not attending the luncheon-party that she hosted because I know that there are limits beyond which repressed emotions become dangerous. I am feeling extremely helpless and my anger is now beyond limits. If I continue to repress my emotions any further, my heart will burst and I will go insane. But I am still not able to understand how a meek and foolish lady like Mrs. Packletide managed to shot a tiger. Nevertheless the papers are filled with stories of her accomplishment and I have refused to look at any of the illustrated papers in the past week.

Now, I will have to think of something that will enable me to counter this feat of hers. Please give me your valuable suggestions in this regard. Waiting to hear from you soon.

Yours lovingly  
Loona

OR

ABC Lane  
XYZ City  
18 April, 20xx  
Dearest Friend,

Recently, I read the poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' and I felt quite disturbed after reading it. I was actually very upset on reading the harmful effect of negative criticism on the growth of genuine talent.

In a simple way, the poem expresses the bitter truth of life on, how genuine talent is exploited by people, who call themselves critics. Negative criticism interferes with the other person's self-esteem. We are all aware from our own lives, in some way or the other, how negative criticism feels. We all have experienced the demoralizing effect of criticism. So it is surprising how we fail to consider its harmful effects. Fresh talent needs to be encouraged and motivated. If it is harshly judged and criticised, it is bound to hamper the growth of genuine talent.

I am sure, in the poem, if the frog had been positive, kind and encouraging in his attitude towards the nightingale, the end would not have been so harsh and tragic.

Yours lovingly  
ABC.

11. Answer **one** of the following questions in about 150-200 words. [10]

**The inhuman attitude of the Germans, during the second World War, is revealed through 'Diary of a young Girl.' Comment.**

OR

'Anne is constantly compared to Margot and she detests it. She does not want to be like Margot at all'. What does it show about the attitude of Anne ?

OR

What did the family think when they heard hammering outside ? How did Anne react to it ?

OR

Ms. Sullivan was both a teacher and friend. Write an incident to illustrate the statement.

**Answer :**

'The Diary of a Young Girl' was written at the time of the Second World War. It describes the pitiable conditions of the Jews, many of whom went into hiding, to escape the clutches of the Germans.

In her diary, Anne gives us a dismal account of how inhumanly the Germans treated the Jews. Jews were thrown into concentration camps and trainloads of youth were transported from Holland to Germany, their fate was uncertain and their attempts to escape were punished with death penalty, with people assuming them to be either murdered or gassed. The women and girls, after being subjected to immorality in the Jewish camps, became impregnated. The Germans searched for the Jews by ringing at every door to enquire if there were any Jews living in the house. No one had a chance of evading them. The Jews they found in these expeditions—old and young men, women, children and babies were lined up and driven to the most inhuman fate.

OR

Their parents constantly compared Margot and Anne. While Anne was the rebellious, independent and vociferous younger sibling, her elder sister Margot is considered more virtuous, intelligent and responsible. Anne does not like this and she was never able to form a close bond with her sister Margot. Even when Anne does mention Margot in her diary, it was only to highlight her jealousy and anger. Anne felt their parents were always more partial towards Margot and she viewed herself as a victim of some great injustice. She recounted instances of their mother suggesting that she emulates Margot but Anne sought to define her own individually without role models. Anne appears to be, to a certain extent, jealous of Margot because of the special attention and privileges she had and also because Margot had a much better relationship with her mother than Anne ever did. Anne cannot bear to be constantly compared with her studious and dedicated sister but gradually we see her attitude softening and they came to a kind of truce.

OR

On the night of October 20<sup>th</sup>, all the residents of the secret annexe had a scare when the sound of hammering was heard outside on the landing. Anne immediately assumed that it was the carpenter, who came to fill the fire extinguishers and was hammering on the landing opposite their door entrance. All the residents settled down and tried to be quite but then he stared to knock on their door. Everyone turned white as he was pushing at the door to their secret annexe. Then, they heard the voice of Mr. Koophius, one of their protectors, who had come to check on them. Anne recounts how war can create conflicts between different parts of people's identities. She was confused and embittered at her inability to trust her own nation and trust men of her own religion.

OR

'The Story of My Life', reveals Ms. Sullivan as the inspiration behind Helen Keller's extraordinary life. Helen recognized Annie Sullivan's contribution throughout her life as a teacher, interpreter, friend, companion and motivator. Annie helped Helen to connect with nature and made her feel that birds, flowers and trees are happy peers. Ms. Sullivan made every subject so real that Helen could not help

remembering. She spelled each word on Helen's palm and made her feel and touch everything that she wanted to know about and explore. It was Ms. Sullivan who unfolded and developed Helen's skills and possibilities. It was Ms. Sullivan's genius mind as a teacher, her sympathy and loving tact which made learning so beautiful and interesting for Helen Keller.

## English (Communicative) 2015 (Outside Delhi) Term II SET I

### SECTION—A (READING) (Marks 20)

#### 1. Read the passage given below : [8]

1. The hopping kangaroo is a familiar sight in every snapshot relating to Australia. Members of the kangaroo family can be as small as a rat or as big as a man. Kangaroos are found mainly in Australia, Tasmania and New Guinea. Kangaroos, which are big-footed marsupials that evolved in Australia, use their short front legs like arms. The man-sized kangaroos of Australia are capable of speeding up to 88 km/hr for short distances, their means of locomotion being their powerful hind legs, which carry them over the ground in jumps of 9 m or more at a time.
2. Weighing around 70 kg, they have an average lifespan of around six to eight years and a maximum lifetime of 20 years. When bothered by predators, kangaroos often head for the water, standing submerged to the chest, and attempting to drown the attacker by holding him under water. Another defensive technique is to get their back to a tree and kick at their adversary with their clawed hind feet, sometimes with sufficient force to kill a man. Normally shy animals, they alert other kangaroos to danger by beating on the ground with their hind feet. This loud alarm signal carries over a long distance.
3. The tail is important for kangaroos. It holds them in balance and supports them when they sit or fight against other kangaroos. The kangaroo uses its short legs as arms. With them it scratches itself, cleans its fur and holds branches when it eats leaves. Kangaroos are marsupials and the females carry newborns in a pouch in front of their abdomens. The babies are born small and climb up into the

safety of the pouch. There, for the next 225 days or so, they eat, sleep and grow. Once they reach full development, they leave the pouch. A young kangaroo that leaves the pouch is called a 'joey'. To keep from getting too hot, the kangaroos take naps in the afternoon and do most of their grazing at night. But the best stay-cool secret of these creatures is the spit bath! Kangaroos drool and lick saliva all over their faces and bodies to cool down.

#### 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, complete the following sentences with appropriate words/phrases : [1×8=8]

- (a) When followed by predators, kangaroos submerge ..... and .....
- (b) The powerful hind legs help kangaroos to.....
- (c) Kangaroos are mainly found in Australia and are.....
- (d) They use their front legs to.....
- (e) Kangaroos warn others of danger by.....
- (f) The secret of kangaroos to stay cool is.....
- (g) They use their tails to.....
- (h) Before becoming 'joey's', the young ones stay in the.....and.....

#### Answer :

- (a) to the chest, attempt to drown the attacker by holding him under water.
- (b) kill a man.
- (c) big-footed marsupials.
- (d) scratch, clean and hold branches.
- (e) beating on the ground with their hind feet.
- (f) spit-bath
- (g) hold them in balance and supports them when they sit or fight against other kangaroos.
- (h) pouch for 225 days, grow till their full development.

## 2. Read the passage given below :

[12] Answer :

1. It is rare to find someone with good technical and communication skills. You can get far ahead of your colleagues if you combine the two early in your career. People will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills. Since habits form by repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learn to observe great communicators and adopt their styles and traits—in written and verbal forms. The art of listening and learning from each and every interaction, is another secret recipe. Develop the subconscious habit of listening to yourself as you speak and know when to pause.

2. Learning what not to say is probably more important than learning what to say. As your career develops, you will realize that the wise speak less. Speak when you have value to add, else refrain. Poorly constructed emails with grammatical errors are acceptable between friends, but they should be seriously avoided while communicating formally with your seniors. Avoid any communication in an emotional state when you might say things you will regret later. One unnecessary word uttered at the wrong time or place can ruin a relationship, career or even your life. Such is the power of words. If such a thing happens, you should immediately apologise, else it may haunt you for life.

3. Another problem to overcome is speaking too fast. Since our minds are working faster than our speech, we are inclined to speak fast. This does not necessarily mean that the person hearing it will get it any faster. On the contrary, it is always the reverse. So slow down, and think before you speak. "When I get ready to speak to people," Abraham Lincoln said, "I spend two-third of the time thinking what they want to hear and one-third thinking what I want to say." Adding humour and wit is also essential. But realize that not all jokes are funny and observe certain boundaries. Never say anything that could offend. Remember you are not a comedian who must offend as many people as you can to be witty.

## 2.1. Answer the following questions briefly : [2×4=8]

- Why is it necessary to have good communication skills?
- How can communication skills be developed?
- What, according to the writer, should be avoided while communicating?
- Why should you be careful when you tend to be humorous?

- (a) Because people will judge, evaluate, promote or block you based on your communication skills.
- (b) By repeating both good and bad forms of communication, learning to observe great communicators and adopting their styles and traits—in written and verbal forms.
- (c) Poorly constructed e-mails with grammatical errors should be avoided.
- (d) Because all jokes are not funny. Moreover, certain boundaries should be observed.
- 2.2. Choose the most appropriate meanings of the given words from the options provided : [1×4=4]
- evaluate (para 1)**
    - estimate
    - assume
    - punish
    - evolve
  - trait (para 1)**
    - treaty
    - trail
    - quality
    - liberty
  - utter (para 2)**
    - Flatter
    - speak
    - rot
    - unique
  - haunt (para 2)**
    - hunt
    - chant
    - trouble
    - avoid

## Answer :

- |                 |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| (a) (ii) assume | (b) (iii) quality |
| (c) (ii) speak  | (d) (iii) trouble |

**SECTION—B**  
**(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**  
**(Marks 25)**

Q. 3. You had visited Antarctica and had an opportunity to see the polar ice caps melting and realised that the threat of global warming is very real. Taking ideas from the MCB unit on Environment along with your own ideas, write an article in 100-120 words on what a student can do to preserve the environment. You are Rama/Ram. [5]

OR

You were one among a group of students who represented your state in a national youth exchange programme. It was an eye-opener which made you realise the spirit of unity in diversity. Taking ideas from the MCB unit on National Integration along with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a newspaper in 100-120 words on the importance

of National Integration. You are Maya/Mohan, 4 Rampur Road, Bareilly.

**Answer :**

'What a student can do to preserve the environment.'

By Rama

Global warming! A very common term everybody is aware of its effects that are visible everywhere and in every form. Changing of weather conditions, melting of ice caps, natural disasters, etc. In reference to this, I want to mention that recently I had visited Antarctica and had an opportunity to see the polar ice caps melting and realised that the threat of global warming is very real. It was heart-breaking to see the destruction of nature from the hands of human beings. We, as student, can do some useful things to preserve the environment. We can make the people aware of the consequences of their actions. Some campaigns should be conducted to enlighten the people to stop using vehicles, AC's, burning of garbage, etc., as all these things increase pollution leading to global warming. Some seminars should be held in the schools, colleges and colonies to educate people for carpooling, using public transport, avoiding frequent use of AC's, coolers, etc. Hopefully, with the above mentioned suggestions, a student can prevent global warming and preserve the environment. Natural resources can also be saved from depleting.

**OR**

Maya  
4, Campus Road  
Bareilly

The Editor  
The Hindustan Times  
Delhi  
16 March, 2017  
Sub. : The Importance of National Integration.  
Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper, I would like to draw your kind attention towards the importance of National Integration. Recently, our group had represented our state in a national youth exchange programme. It was an eye opener for me. It made me realise the spirit of unity in diversity. 'India is a land of diverse cultures'. Very true and I agree with it. Our nation has a variety of different festivals, customs, cultures, etc. In the youth exchange programme, we had to represent

some of the important customs relating to our country. During the programme, different states represent different things of their particular state, like the group from Punjab did their folk dance and had a stall of their famous food, then, there was a stall of Assam representing their folk song, etc. It was an eye-opener as it told about the important things of different states in our country. Such programmes help us to know more about other states and their people. I think such integration is must for a nation because it binds the people.

I conclude my letter by requesting you to kindly publish my letter in your reputed newspaper. It will help the people to realise the importance of National Integration.

Yours Sincerely

Maya

**4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided :** [10]

The doorbell rang. Sunil opened the door. At first he could not recognise the tall and well-dressed man who stood before him. Then the man spoke and all of a sudden.....

**OR**

Aravind was distracted. He couldn't concentrate in the class. The incident which had happened that morning had shattered him.....

**Answer :** [Return to Home](#)

The doorbell rang. Sunil opened the door. At first, he could not recognise the tall and well dressed man who stood before him. Then the man spoke and all of a sudden, Sunil was shocked and fell on the ground. After almost one hour, he was conscious and found himself in his room. He woke up, washed his face and went downstairs in the hall. He saw his parents, uncle, aunt, cousins talking and chatting with each other. He could also see some of the delicious appetizers served to the same tall and well-dressed man. He also went there to have something to eat as he was hungry. He was curious to know the reality of that strange man.

Actually, 4-5 years ago, Sunil's uncle who was a good businessman went missing from his factory. Police was informed and a search was also held but all went in vain. His uncle was not found and after 2 years, everybody thought that he must be dead by now. So, that is why, after 5 years, when Sunil saw his uncle, he could not recognise him and was shocked. He went to him and asked about his whereabouts. His uncle informed him that while on his way back home from the factory, he received a

phone call from a stranger. While talking, he was lost on a strange route and lost the charge of his phone's battery. He could not contact anybody, neither did he have enough money to go back home. He was actually lost in a jungle. Then, a stranger took him to his home and he went under treatment. When he was recovered completely, he wanted to return to his home. Because of the lack of food, water and other things, his looks and health changed. This was the reason, Sunil could not recognise him. But now, everybody was happy, as he had returned safe and sound to his home.

### Ignorance Took A Life

Aravind was distracted. He could not concentrate in the class. The incident which had happened that morning had shattered him. Aravind was a good and bright student from a well family background. He used to come to school in his car which could make anyone envy him, as his car was the latest model. That day, while coming to the school, he witnessed an incident which made him upset and disheartened. He was sipping his juice when he felt a sudden jerk. He saw that a very brutal accident had happened. A speeding car had hit a cyclist. People were standing there and talking. Nobody was doing anything; nobody helped the cyclist or even bothered to see whether he was alive or dead. But the driver of the car was nabbed by the onlookers and was beaten. Somebody had called the police and informed it about the accident. Aravind was curious to see the injured person. He also got down from the car after gulping the juice and saw the cyclist. He was shocked to see the cyclist because he was none other than a peon in his school. Unfortunately, he was dead because of excessive bleeding. By the time the police and ambulance reached, he died there. When he reached school, he came to know that the school authorities already had this information. But, to his shock, everybody was behaving normally as if nothing had happened. He was not able to focus on any work because of that incident. He had his test that day but he was too shocked to perform. Seeing his condition, his parents were called and he was sent back home. But he was very upset at his home also. Then, his mother made him understand the conditions of poor people and also, why his school authorities behaved in such a weird manner. Gradually, Aravind understood that and became normal.

5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow :

[1×3=3]

Alaska's size and climate make transportation (a).....challenge. Long ago, sledges pulled (b).....dog teams were the best way to travel (c).....native people.

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|------------|-------------|
| (a) (i) an | (ii) the    |
| (iii) a    | (iv) for    |
| (b) (i) by | (ii) with   |
| (iii) of   | (iv) beside |
| (c) (i) by | (ii) to     |
| (iii) for  | (iv) with   |

### Answer :

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|---------------|------------|
| (a) (iii) a   | (b) (i) by |
| (c) (iii) for |            |

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

[½×8=4]

Error      Correction

The road to success is no a	e.g.	no.	not
bed of roses.			
Only those who Wade on	(a)	.....	.....
hazards and hurdles			
can achieve successful.	(b)	.....	.....
Set yourself clear goals			
and define precisely	(c)	.....	.....
what you wants to do.			
Goals provide direction	(d)	.....	.....
for your behaviour			
and guide your actions or	(e)	.....	.....
thoughts. Specific goals			
are better than general	(f)	.....	.....
ones. Let every parts			
of your body is full of that	(g)	.....	.....
idea. Winners do not			
do different things, they	(h)	.....	.....
does things differently.			

### Answer :

- | Errors         | Correction |
|----------------|------------|
| (a) on         | into       |
| (b) successful | success    |
| (c) Wants      | Want       |
| (d) for        | to         |
| (e) or         | and        |

- |           |      |
|-----------|------|
| (f) parts | part |
| (g) is    | be   |
| (h) does  | do   |

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences : [1×3=3]

- (a) coloured bus/children/we saw/full of/a yellow/excited
- (b) they were/we guessed/on the/planetarium/way/to the
- (c) part/this/study tour/of their/was

Answer :

- (a) We saw a yellow coloured bus full of excited children.
- (b) We guessed they were on the way to the planetarium.
- (c) This was part of their study tour.

### SECTION—C

#### (LITERATURE : Textbook And Long Reading Text) (Marks 25)

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

And immediately I regretted it.

I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act! I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education.

- (a) What was the mean act ? [1]
- (b) Why did the poet despise himself ? [1]
- (c) What does the word 'accursed' mean in the above context ? [1]

OR

"Well, you needn't be, because I just came to tell you to stop bothering us for assistance; you ain't going to get it. We're going on strike!"

- (a) Who speaks these words and to whom ?
- (b) What was the 'assistance' that was denied ?
- (c) What does the word 'bothering' mean ?

Answer :

- (a) The mean act was when he threw the log at the snake.
- (b) The poet despised himself because he had committed a sin of biting a snake without any reason.
- (c) 'accursed' means to curse.

OR

- (a) Helen is speaking these words to John.
- (b) The 'assistance' that was denied here was the

ideas which writer used to get from the ghosts of writers.

(c) 'Bothering' means to feel troubled.

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

- (a) Why was the Albatross considered as a 'Christian Soul' ?
- (b) Why couldn't Michael help Sebastian the first time ?
- (c) How did Decius Brutus interpret Calpurnia's dream ?
- (d) How did Patol Babu lose his job in Calcutta ?
- (e) What message does the poem, 'Ozymandias' convey ?

Answer :

- (a) In the poem the Albatross is considered as a 'Christian Soul' because it was hailed in God's name as it appeared from nowhere. It was a savior to the mariners. After its arrival, the ice bergs started cracking, making way for the ship to move forward and brought a major change in the weather.
- (b) Michael could not help Sebastian the first time because he was caught by a dragon. However, Michael tried, but he could not help himself.
- (c) Decius had misinterpreted Calpurnia's dream. He said that the dream indicated good fortune and the people were washing their handkerchiefs in Caeser's blood to keep them as an object of reverence.
- (d) Patol Babu lost his first job due to a sudden retrenchment in his office as a result of war. He lost his nine years old job.
- (e) The message is that life is ephemeral (momentary/short). However great one might be, he has to go one day. It is important to be humble and down to earth. The one who flies high also falls with a thud.

10. Patience and hard work go a long way in achieving your goals. How does Patol Babu win the admiration of the director through a very small role? Write in 80-100 words. [4]

OR

Mark Antony, with the help of his oratory, succeeded in winning the mob over to his side. This led to the downfall of the conspirators. Write in 80-100 words, how with the power of words he could effect a change in his listeners.

Answer : Patience and hardwork go a long way in achieving your goals. I totally agree with the statement and it has proved in the story itself. Patol Babu was able to win the admiration of the director through a very small role. In the story, Patol Babu

was given only a minor role of a pedestrian who was only needed to collide with the main actor of the film, Chanchal Kumar and utter a monosyllable sound "Oh". Nevertheless, his passion for the job given made him to work hard and give the best performance through rehearsing persistently. Eventually, he did a terrific job and received praises from Chanchal Kumar and Baren Hullick. His hard work paid off. He was satisfied with his performance. While he was about to start shooting, he gave a suggestion to the director that if he will hold a newspaper in his hand, his role will appear more natural. This impressed the director and after Patol Babu's performance, he praised him for his dedication.

**OR**

Mark Antony, with the help of his oratory, succeeded in winning the mob over to his side. This led to the downfall of the conspirators. It is true that words have immense power to effort a change in the listeners. Antony was himself a very good orator and was able to change the hearts of the Romans. He drew the attention of the people towards all the deeds done by Caesar. He told them that Caesar had tears in his eyes when the poor wept. An Ambitious man does not cry. They are made of sterner stuff. Then, he drew their attention to the number of times Caesar refused to adorn the crown. This again is not a sign of an ambitious man. He tried to arouse the emotions of the people of Rome by appealing to their senses and comparing it with the statement made by Brutus. This created immense effect on the people as it appealed to their head and heart. Antony's speech aroused the people to such an extent that they declared mutiny and decided to burn down the houses of Brutus and the other traitors for murdering Caesar.

11. Answer the following in 150-200 words : [10]

How does Anne criticise the attitude of the grown-ups in her diary ?

**OR**

Write a character sketch of Mrs. Van Daan.

**OR**

What were Helen's memories of radcliffe ?

**OR**

How important was the presence of Miss Anne Sullivan in Helen's life ?

**Answer :** Anne was not happy with the attitude of the grown ups. She called them idiotic and stupid. Whenever she used to approach them to enquire anything about a matter to be a part of the

discussion, they simply used to put her off in one way or the other by saying that she should keep herself out of the conversation. She never got a satisfactory response from them. Her feelings were suppressed. She was not on good terms with her mother. Anne felt that her mother lacked motherly feelings and was not capable of understanding her children at all. Sometimes, she found Mrs. Van Daan was better than her mother. She developed the feeling that the grown ups did not allow their children to form any opinion. She wanted that when children were young, they should not be held back from saying what they think. Grown-ups should give due value and respect to the opinions of the young. In the annexe, Elli, Margot, Peter and Anne needed great love and devotion but none could understand them.

**OR**

Mrs. Van Daan was happy and anxious at the same time. Anne was rather unflattering and intolerant of this woman who was always criticising her. Mrs. Van Daan does not shine in her adversity. According to Anne's entries, she was interfering in her life and was a quarrelsome woman. Anne felt that although she took undue interest in other children's lives, but she was not aware of what her own children were up to. It is also evident that she had a bitter-sweet relationship with her husband as the fights between them were audible in the annexe at night.

Mrs. Van Daan's actual name was Auguste van Pels, but Anne called her Petronella Van Daan in her diary. Anne initially described Mrs. Van Daan as a friendly, teasing woman, but later called her an instigator. She was a fatalist and petty, egotistical, flirtatious, stingy, and disagreeable. Mrs. Van Daan frequently complained about the family's situation—criticism that Anne did not admire or respect.

**OR**

After entering the college at Radcliffe, Helen soon realised that her stay there was not to be as romantic as she had emissioned once. She learnt many things which she would never have experienced if she had not experimented. One of the things she learnt was the "precious science of patience which teaches us that we should take our education as we would take a walk in the country, leisurely." On the 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> of June, 1899, Helen took her final examinations for Radcliffe. Mr. Eugene C. Vining, an instructor at the Perkins Institution for the Blind, was employed to copy the papers for her in American Braille. The Braille worked well enough in the languages. It did

not work well in the case of geometry and algebra. Helen was perplexed because she had used only the English Braille in her algebra. The symbols in the American Braille were different from those in the English Braille. Helen was not familiar with its signs. Mr. Keith had relied too much on her ability to solve problems mentally, so she was very slow at her work. She had to read the examples repeatedly to understand what she was required to do. She was not sure if she really read the signs correctly. Mr. Keith could not help her. Helen remained confused. The administrative board of Radcliffe made the examination very difficult for her, knowingly or unknowingly. However, she overcame all obstacles and cleared her exams. Such were the memories of Radcliffe.

**OR**

Miss Sullivan, Helen's teacher arrived on March 3, 1887 and at that time Helen was six years and nine months old. Anne's arrival brought life and enlightenment to Helen. She came to teach Helen and to take her from ignorance to light. Her constant

support and undying encouragement made Helen Keller a successful human being. Due to illness, Helen lost her hearing and sight faculties. It was really difficult to teach a blind and deaf person because neither could she hear nor could she see the speaker's face. But Miss Sullivan worked hard and succeeded in teaching Helen. She took Helen from isolation to friendship, companionship, knowledge and love.

Sullivan was Helen's guide, teacher, preacher, friend and more. She taught Helen the fundamental things like love, nature and life. She was lifeless till her teacher had not arrived. Miss Sullivan was the embodiment of love and passion. She taught Helen how to communicate. Miss Sullivan was a true and ideal teacher. She taught each and every subject to Helen. She made her independent. Like a mother, Miss Sullivan loved and cared about Helen. She did an almost impossible job to teach a deaf and blind child. Helen got her identity only because of her teacher. Miss Sullivan proved that a teacher has paramount role in a student's life.

## English (Communicative) 2015 (Outside Delhi) Term II SET II

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

### SECTION—B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided : [10]

There was a lot of excitement in the air. The sound of crackers could be heard all around. Manu rushed out.....

**OR**

Before starting the journey, he made sure that he hadn't forgotten anything. He got into the train, settled in his seat and looked around.....

**Answer :**

#### Never Ignore Your Child !

There was a lot of excitement in the air. The sound of crackers could be heard all around. Manu rushed out of his house when he saw the children of his colony. They all were bursting crackers, having sweets and enjoying with their parents. Manu lived

in a big house or I would rather say a flat. Both his parents were working in a MNC. Manu went to one of the best schools in the town. His grandparents lived in Delhi and he lived in Mumbai with his parents. Though he had many friends in his colony they were all celebrating with their families. It was 7:30 P. M. in the evening, when Manu heard the horn of a car; he rushed out to see if his parents were back from work. But, to his disappointment, it was somebody else. He stood there in the balcony, waiting eagerly for his parents as he wanted to celebrate Diwali with them. While standing there and waiting, an hour passed, it was 8:30 P.M. now. He received a phone call from his Mom that they will reach by 9:30 P.M. as there was a Diwali party in their office. They both worked in the same office. Manu was disappointed as he was all alone during the celebrations. He called his grandparents and informed them. He was almost in tears but did not cry as he thought that grown up boys of his age do not cry. He yearned to be with his grandparents and they had promised him to take him during his vacations. Manu was happy. He ate the food that he had ordered from a nearby restaurant, burnt some crackers with his

friends and slept. At around 10:30 P.M., the doorbell rang and he saw his parents holding gifts. He did not feel happy to see them and dozed off on his bed.

**OR**

**Never Trust a Stranger !**

Before starting the journey, he made sure that he had not forgotten anything. He got into the train, settled in his seat and looked around. The train was quite crowded as, it was the festival time. Mr. Kapoor settled in his seat and kept his luggage under his seat. To have the double security, he locked his only suitcase with the chain adjacent to his seat. Mr. Mohan Kapoor was the middle-aged salesman, working in an insurance company. As it was the festival of Holi, he was going to his hometown, Agra, from Delhi. As he was a salesman, he was fond of chatting with people. He had a bad habit of chewing tobacco. When he was settled in his seat, a passenger came and sat in front in his seat. The strange passenger was sitting silently and was watching outside the window. Mr. Mohan could not control himself and broke the ice. He started inquiring for his name, where he was coming from, where was he going, in which company did he work, etc. The stranger answered all his questions patiently and he also enquired Mr. Kapoor. From here the train as well as their gossip started. Being talkative, Mr. Kapoor spoke everything in front of that stranger; like his income, his family members, his company, kind of work he did. He heard everything very calmly and quietly. After sometime, they exchanged food and when a tea vendor came, they had tea. It seemed as if they both were separated friends from childhood and have met after a long time. When the station was about to come Mr. Kapoor felt the need to fresh himself. As he felt the stranger to be his good friend, he left his handbag there on his berth and told him to take care of his bag. The stranger agreed and assured him to be relaxed. Unfortunately, when Mr. Kapoor came back, he saw neither the stranger nor the bag was there. He went from one point to another and checked the washrooms but all in vain. After sometime, when the station came, he realised that the stranger had taken his bag and had left. He was left with just a suitcase full of clothes. When he thought of going to the police station, he realised that he did not know anything about the stranger. He was totally shattered and shocked. He learnt a lesson that

day that one should not trust strangers because in today's times, you can not rely on anyone. He went to his house disappointed and disheartened.

**SECTION—C**

**(LITERATURE : Textbook And Long Reading Text)**

**(Marks 25)**

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

For he seemed to me again like a king,  
Like a king in exile, uncrowned in the underworld,  
Now due to be crowned again.  
And so, I missed my chance with one of the lords  
Of life.  
And I have something to expiate :  
A pettiness.

- (a) Why is the snake called a king in exile ?** [1]  
**(b) What is the pettiness referred to in these lines ?** [1]  
**(c) What does the word 'underworld' mean ?** [1]

**OR**

I only waved denial and gurgled in my throat. She went on "It's bad enough to have you just over the Ouija board with that hussy—."

- (a) What was John denying ?**  
**(b) What does the word 'hussy' mean ?**  
**(c) Why did Lavinia think that John was flirting ?**

**Answer :**

- (a)** The snake is called a king in exile because it looked as majestic as a king who belonged to the underworld.  
**(b)** Pettiness referred to a mean act of hitting the snake committed by the poet.  
**(c)** 'Underworld' means the crack or place from where the snake had come.

**OR**

- (a)** John was denying having an extra marital affair with any other woman.  
**(b)** The word 'hussy' means a mischievous girl or a brazen woman.  
**(c)** Lavinia thought that John was flirting because from every Ouija Board, Helen's name was announced and everybody was saying that John was a 'traitor'.

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

- (a) What was the crime committed by the mariner ?**

- (b) Why did the news about Sebastian Shultz shock Michael?
- (c) How did Brutus justify Caesar's assassination?
- (d) Why did the dialogue given to him disappoint Patol Babu?
- (e) What feelings does the partially destroyed statue of ozymandias convey?

**Answer :**

- (a) The crime committed by the mariner was that he had killed the Albatross who was a Christian soul. It was treated as a spirit of the Christ and with its arrival, there was a change in the weather.
- (b) The news about Sebastian Shultz shocked Michael because till now, he was thinking that Sebastian was just a character in the game and not a real person.

But when he read his name in the newspaper, he was shocked.

- (c) Brutus justified Caesar's assassination by saying that Caesar was an ambitious man and he was becoming dictatorial and autocratic. He was a threat to the country's liberty and democracy.
- (d) The dialogue given to him disappointed Patol Babu because the dialogue was a monosyllabic 'Oh' which did not appeal to him. He felt bad about accepting the role from Naresh Dutt.
- (e) The partially destroyed statue of Ozymandias conveyed that pride comes before a fall. It tells that nothing is permanent, everything is ephemeral. Everyone has to die one day. Nothing remains except good deeds and a great work of art.

## English (Communicative) 2015 (Outside Delhi) Term II SET III

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous sets.

### SECTION—B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided : [10]

During the interval all the students got out of class. Manisha remained inside. That morning, her mother had told her that.....

**OR**

On hearing the news, Ravi ran to the spot. A big crowd had gathered and a few policemen could also be seen in the vicinity.....

**Answer :**

#### Let Everybody Enjoy Life

During the interval, all the students got out of the class. Manisha remained inside. That morning, her mother had told her that she did not have to go outside during break. All her friends went out but she did not. She sat inside the classroom and had her tiffin. From last 3-4 days, Manisha was facing a problem on the ground. She studied in class 9 and there was a group of boys and girls of class 10 who used to tease her and make fun of her because she had a problem in one of her legs. She was not able to move properly. Everyday, during break, Manisha used to have her tiffin with her friends on the stairs. They used to eat and chat; without disturbing anybody. But from the last 3-4 days, this group had

started calling her by different names and teased her for her deformity. Initially, she ignored but yesterday, one of the members of that group was imitating the way Manisha would walk. It made her upset and when she reached home, she started crying bitterly. She told everything to her mother and was not ready to go to school. She felt that if went to school again, she would become a joke. Her mother told her to ignore such students but she was so upset that she refused to go to the school. Details of the incident were informed to Manisha's class teacher but nothing much was done. Those students were given a warning but it did not work. Still they repeated the same thing. So, finally Manisha's mother thought that it would be better for her to not go out. So, she remained in the class and had her tiffin. Just because of some disgusting and ill-mannered students, Manisha had to sacrifice her enjoyment with her friends during the break. This made her upset and heart broken.

**OR**

#### Accident Due to Negligence

On hearing the news about the accident, Ravi ran to the spot. A big crowd had gathered and a few policemen could also be seen in the vicinity. The sight was beyond the imagination of Ravi. He could have never expected such a brutal accident where he could have lost his parents. Ravi was pursuing his graduation degree from Delhi University and was in the final year. His life was set and his goal was to be a software engineer. He was living with his parents who were scientists in a research institute in Gurgaon. Ravi had a younger sister who was in class

XII in a reputed school of Delhi. Everything was going perfectly. But one day, an unfortunate accident took place. Ravi was in the college when he received the call and was informed about the accident. When he reached at the sight, he was shocked to see his parents in a pool of blood. He never expected this horrible thing in his life. The world had come to a stop; all his dreams were shattered like a pack of cards. He could see the policemen around the accident point. He was stunned and could not react to the questions asked by the police. He did not know what to do. He called his sister who was at home and told her to come at the accident point. When she saw so much of blood over there she fainted and then the dead bodies were taken to the hospital and the FIR was lodged against the bus driver who was the culprit. After performing the last rites of his parents, Ravi was sitting like a lost person. But gradually, he realised that now he'll have to take care of Riya, his younger sister. He decided to take up a part time job along with his studies. He succeeded in the examinations and he became a software engineer. He was satisfied with his achievements but everyday, he missed his parents even more.

### SECTION—C

#### (LITERATURE : Textbook And Long Reading Text) (Marks 25)

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

Was it humility, to feel so honoured ?

I felt so honoured.

And yet those voices :

(a) Why did the poet feel honoured ? [1]

(b) Which 'voices' are referred to in these lines ? [1]

(c) What does 'humility' in the first line mean ? [1]

### OR

And I had never found it healthy to contradict Jenkins. Jenkins always seemed to have an uncanny knowledge as to when the landlord or the grocer was pestering me, and he dunned me for a ghost. And somehow I'd always been able to dig one up for him, so I'd begun to get a bit cocky as to my ability.

(a) Why couldn't John contradict Jenkins?

(b) What did John 'dig up' for Jenkins?

(c) What does the word 'cocky' mean?

#### Answer :

(a) The poet felt honoured because he had an unexpected guest at his water trough.

(b) 'Voices' are the inner voices of the poet. The voices are of his education which taught him to kill the snake.

(c) 'Humility' means to be humble.

### OR

(a) John never contradicted Jenkins because Jenkins' magazine printed John's ghost stories; which further helped him to earn extra-money.

(b) John used to write ghost stories for the magazine of Jenkins.

(c) The word 'cocky' means showing confidence in a way that is annoying for the other people.

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

(a) Why did the mariners blame the ancient mariner for their plight ?

(b) How did Sebastian Shultz request Michael to help him ?

(c) Why did Julius Caesar deny the repeal of banishment of Publius Cimber ?

(d) What was the role offered to Patol Babu ?

(e) What words were written on the pedestal of the broken statue? What did they show ?

#### Answer :

(a) The mariners blamed the ancient mariner for their plight because he had committed a sin of killing an auspicious bird, having a Christian soul. Because of the Albatross, the weather was changing but after its death, the ship of the mariners was stuck in between the ocean.

(b) Sebastian Shultz requested Michael to help him by sending him a message through the game 'Wildwest'. While playing this game, Michael received a message from Shultz that he was stuck and needed help.

(c) Julius Caesar denied the repeal of punishment of Publius Cimber because he believed that if somebody has committed something wrong, he/she deserves to be punished. He rejected the mercy plea made by the conspirators.

(d) The role offered to Patol Babu was only a minor role of a pedestrian who was only needed to collide with the main actor of the film, Chanchal Kumar and utter a monosyllable sound, 'Oh'.

(e) It was written that the statue was of Ozymandias, the king of kings and the people should look at his vast empire and marvel at his achievements. Other king's achievements were so little in front of his achievements.

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

## SECTION—B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

- Q. 3. The tourism industry can bring valuable income to the country. Using your ideas along with ideas from the MCB unit, Travel and Tourism, write a letter to the editor of a popular daily on how the government and the public can boost the development of this industry. Write the letter in 100-120 words. You are Rama/Ram, 4 Rani Road, Ranchi.** [5]

**OR**

**The youth of different states should be given a chance to meet one another through national meets and other programmes. Taking ideas from the MCB unit, National Integration and your own ideas write an article in 100-120 words on the topic, Youth and National Integration You are Ram/ Rama.**

**Answer :**

Rama  
4, Rani Road  
Ranchi.  
15 March, 20XX  
The Editor  
The Times of India  
Daryaganj  
Ranchi

Subject—How the government and the public can boost the development of this industry ?

Sir,

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper. I would like to draw your attention towards the tourism industry which can bring valuable income to the country. Tourism in India is economically important and is growing rapidly. India is a land of diverse cultures and a variety of customs and rituals. It also has many tourist destinations like Rajasthan, Agra, Delhi, Punjab, etc. But the people of our country are spoiling these famous monuments. They scribble on the walls, spit on the pillars and the corners, making the surroundings dirty. We call

our country 'Incredible India' and want that the tourist should be treated as God. But, because of some people, tourism industry is suffering. Rather than taking care of the outsider, we are committing crimes with them. Such things should be stopped because this leads to the spoiling of the image of our country.

According to me, government should make some strict rules to go inside a particular monument. If somebody is doing something objectionable, he/ she should be fined. CCTV cameras should be put everywhere and the guides who are there in a monument must have identity card. Public can also help to boost tourism industry. They should stop the people who are making the tourist spots dirty. If a tourist asks something from us, we should guide him/her in correct way. These steps will help to boost the tourism industry.

Kindly publish my letter in your reputed newspaper. Hoping for a positive response.

Thanking you!

Yours Sincerely,

Rama / Ram

**OR**

## Youth and National Integrations

By Rama

Youth and National integration— a perfect combination for a developing country. Today's generation is growing very fast and always in a hurry. They are tech-savvy and due to social media they are connected to a variety of people. It is very important for the youth to come together, join hands and make people aware about the diverse cultures of our nation. The youth of different states should be given a chance to meet one another through national meets and other programmes. According to me, some seminars including different states should be arranged at one particular place. A group of youth should come from each state to discuss the given topics or the major problems of our nation. More involvement of youth will give new ideas and practical solutions to the problems. What more can be done is to arrange a fair where youth can show their creativity through the things they can make. This will help to enhance the employment opportunities which will further give growth to the private as well as public sector. So, I'll conclude my

article by saying that youth exchange programmes should be held more because it will help our nation to develop rationally.

**4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided. [10]**

Ratan was in Goa on a school trip. The teacher asked everyone to play and remain on the seashore.....

OR

Hari drove fast. He was already late for office. He had got up late and it was his first day of work.....

**Answer : Memorable Trip**

Ratan was in Goa on a school trip. The teacher asked everybody to play and remain on the seashore. Like others, he was also enjoying. Ratan was an 15 years old boy from a middle class family. This was his first school trip and he was very excited. Parents had also permitted him to enjoy with his friends but told him not to create nuisance. He was a sincere and a nice child who knew how to handle the situations so, when they were playing on the seashore, a group of boys were going into the sea. It was prohibited by the teacher though, because it was evening and the lights were not proper. Ratan noticed that the group who had gone were the ones who always bullied everyone. Out of those four boys from the group, one did not know how to swim and he was not willing to go in but he was forced by the rest three to get along. Earlier, they were just playing with the water and enjoying. Ratan saw this and he went to inform his teacher but she was nowhere. So, he went back to play with his friends. After sometime, they all heard the cries of some people for help. Everybody rushed to see what had happened. When they reached near the water, they saw that all four of them were deep in water and they were not able to rescue the boy who did not know swimming. At this point, Ratan did not think anything but he straight away jumped into the water and saved the drowning child, everybody appreciated him and they became good friends. When they reached school, Ratan was given a medal of bravery from the school's Director. For Ratan, that was the most memorable trip.

OR

**Presence of Mind Matters**

Hari drove fast. He was already late for office. He had got up late and it was his first day of work. Hari had just joined the company and today was his joining day. He was late and was rushing towards his office. He forgot to pickup his identity-card and had to go

back to collect it. After collecting his identity card he drove towards his office. He was driving quite fast but was fortunate enough, that there was no traffic police. He was only two kilometers away from his office when he noticed somebody on the road was mending his car. Though he was late, he stopped his car, got down and went towards that man. To his shock, he was none other than his boss. His boss's car broke down and he was trying to repair it by himself. Hari got the opportunity to win the appreciation of his boss. He offered him his car and told him that he will get his car repaired and will bring it to the office. The boss was happy because he had a meeting with the Board of Directors. Because of Hari, he was able to reach office on time. After an hour, when Hari reached his office, he was appreciated and thanked by his boss. He was happy to help his boss. From that day, Hari became his boss's favourite employee.

**5. Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. [3]**

There are four trees in the garden .....(a)..... branches sway in the breeze.

The children play .....(b)..... the trees. Some of the girls .....(c)..... sleeping in the shade of the trees.

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|---------------|------------|
| (a) (i) There | (ii) Their |
| (iii) Every   | (iv) An    |
| (b) (i) under | (ii) over  |
| (iii) above   | (iv) in    |
| (c) (i) is    | (ii) was   |
| (iii) are     | (iv) have  |

**Answer :**

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| (a) (ii) Their | (b) (i) Under |
| (c) (iii) are  |               |

**6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each marked line. Write the error and its correction as shown in the example. [1×4=4]**

**Error Correction**

I went to the pool then no one

e.g. then when

was there. The place

being quiet. (a) ..... ....

A water was still, and

the tiled (b) ..... ....

bottom was so white

- |                       |           |       |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------|
| and clean             | (c) ..... | ..... |
| as a bathtub. I was   |           |       |
| timid for going alone | (d) ..... | ..... |

**Answer :**

Error	Correction
(a) being	was
(b) A	The
(c) White	neat
(d) was	felt

7. Read the dialogue given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers.

[3]

Doctor : Have you got the tests done?

Karna : No, I have not,

Doctor : Get them done today itself.

The doctor asked Karna (a) ..... He replied that

(b) ..... The doctor asked .....

**Answer :**

- (a) had he got the tests done ?
- (b) he had not.
- (c) him to get them done that day itself.

### SECTION—C

#### (LITERATURE : Textbook And Long Reading Text)

(Marks 25)

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

'Were these people pulling his leg ? was the whole thing a gigantic hoax ? A meek harmless man like him and they had to drag him into the middle of the city to make a laughing stock out of him.'

- (a) Who is the speaker ?
- (b) Why does he think that he is being made a 'laughing stock' ?
- (c) What does the word 'hoax' mean ?

### OR

Caesar shall forth, the things that threaten'd me  
Ne'er look'd on my back; when they shall see  
The face of Caesar, they are vanished.

- (a) Where is Caesar planning to go ?
- (b) What are the 'things' that threaten him ?
- (c) What does the word 'vanished' mean ?

**Answer :**

- (a) Patol Babu is the speaker.
- (b) He thought so because after waiting for so long, he was given a very small dialogue.
- (c) The word 'hoax' means trick or malicious deception .

### OR

- (a) Caesar is planning to go out to the senate.
- (b) The 'things' which threatens him are the death or the challenge he will have to face.
- (c) The word 'vanished' means disappeared.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. [2×4=8]

- (a) Why did the poet have to wait near the water trough ? (Snake)
- (b) What did Sebastian write in the final e-mail he sent to Michael ?
- (c) Why did the wedding guest beat his breast ?
- (d) What quality of King Ozymandias does the poem reflect ?
- (e) Why did Cassius tell Brutus not to allow Antony to speak on Caesar's funeral ?

**Answer :**

- (a) The poet had to wait near the water trough because he had an unwanted guest there, *i.e.*, snake. In order to give it respect and also due to the hot weather, he allowed it to have water first and waited for his turn to come.
- (b) In the final e-mail sent to Michael, Sebastian wrote that he was thankful to Michael for saving his life and suggested that they should meet soon. He also told him to keep his games because he felt that Michael had earned them.
- (c) The wedding guest beat his breast because he had come to attend the wedding. Moreover, he was a close relative of the groom. But he was compelled by the ancient mariners to sit there and listen to his story. He was really upset because he was missing all the festivities and celebration.
- (d) According to the poem, King Ozymandias was a cruel and brutal king who had dominated all the other kingdoms. He was so proud of his strength.
- (e) Cassius told Brutus not to allow Antony to speak on Caesar's funeral because he was very well aware of the fact that Antony was a very good orator. Cassius was sure that if Antony will speak then he will never speak in favour of the conspirators.
- 10. How does the lesson, 'A Shady Plot' remind us that man has no right to invoke supernatural powers through Ouija boards, Tarot cards etc., to solve his

problems and that one should face life boldly and overcome difficulties using wit and intelligence. Write in 80-100 words. [4]

OR

Respect for all forms of life is an essential value. Unmindful destruction of nature and its creatures deserves just punishment. Write in 80-100 words this essential value as brought out in the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'.

**Answer :** The lesson, 'A Shady Plot' reminds us that man has no right to involve supernatural powers through Ouija boards, tarot cards, etc., to solve his problems and that one should face life boldly and overcome difficulties using his wit and intelligence. The above mentioned statement is correct and I agree to it. According to me, human beings are intelligent enough to solve their problems. So, they do not require to call the ghosts or to play games using Ouija Boards. In the story also, John was very comfortable in writing ghost stories. Suddenly, Helen, the ghost appeared and told him that the ghosts were going on strike. The reason which she told was hilarious as well as tragic. She told that people disturb them by calling again and again to answer their silly questions. Why humans are not capable enough to sort out their problems, themselves? With reference to the lesson, I would like to say that usage of ouija board created trouble in the married life of John and Lavinia. John was called a traitor, which he was not. So, according to me, people should stop relying on such things (Ouija boards, etc.) and should solve their problems on their own.

OR

Respect for all forms of life is an essential value. Unmindful destruction of nature and its creatures deserves just punishment. Its a true statement with reference to the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. In this poem, the mariners were struck in the wrong direction due to a tyrannous storm. Only icebergs were visible there but not even a single sign of any living creature. One day, a bird, albatross visited them. Its arrival brought a major change in the weather. The mariners also used to call him and feed him. For nine days, he had come regularly at 9.00 am to them to have food and play with them. But one unfortunate day, the ancient mariner killed the albatross with his bow and arrow. He did the crime without thinking. Owing to the crime committed by him, the conditions of all the sailors were becoming worst. Weather changed and

the irony was that, though they were feeling thirsty, they could not drink the water, because the water which surrounded them was filthy and full of slimy creatures. So, towards the end, all the sailors hung the dead albatross around the Ancient Mariner's neck and removed the locket of Cross. They did this to make him remember the sin committed by him. So, we should think before doing anything, wrong otherwise we will be punished by the God.

**11. Attempt the following in 150-200 words. [10]**

Bring out the importance of the diary in Anne's life.

OR

Why does Anne call herself a 'bundle of contradictions'?

OR

What was the incident of the Frost King? How did it affect Helen?

OR

Write a character sketch of Bishop Brooks as he appears in Helen Keller's—The Story of My Life.

**Answer :** Anne's diary is regarded as a valuable and authentic record of those times. The diary is very precious and provides invaluable insights into the times, lives and hardships of Anne. It is infact one of the surviving authentic accounts of the times. It is, a rare insight from a child's point of view. Reading her diary, we realise that Anne does not bear the burden of crying to protect an entire family from the unbearable evils of the war. Anne's diary demonstrates the impact of the Holocaust on a single girl, which personalised this sprawling historical horror. Anne became proccupied with questions about who she was and what she wanted to become and her once innocent perspective changed considerably. The holocaust forced Anne to grow up and come to terms with her own identity—her role as a member of her family, as a jew, and as a young woman in a dangerous and threatening world.

OR

Anne calls herself that she is a 'bundle of contradictions'. She says that she has a dual personality. One half has her exuberant cheerfulness. It makes fun of everything and it takes everything lightly. The other side or self is much better, 'deeper and purer'. The first side, that is, the superficial side is always quick to gain control over the better self. Anne has tried several times to push away the superficial side but had failed.

**OR**

Helen Keller wrote a story "The Frost King" which she believed was her own creation. Helen's teacher, Anne Sullivan had mentioned that the autumn leaves were "painted ruby, emerald, gold, crimson and brown", and Helen, by her own account, imagined fairies doing the work. She wrote a story about how a cash of jewels, being transported by fairy servants, had melted in the sun and covered the leaves. Helen sent the story to Mr. Anagnos, head of the Perkins Institution for the Blind, as a birthday gift; who then published the story in "The Mentor", the Perkins Alumnae magazine. Someone reported that Helen's story "Frost Fairies" is from Margaret Camby's book "Birdie and his Fairy Friends." Helen insisted that she had no memory of having read the book or having had it read to her, but passages in her letters from the period, which she describes as "dreams", strongly resemble other episodes in the book. Miss Sullivan and Helen both insisted that Margaret Camby's story had not been read to Helen. During further investigations, it came out that Mr. Hopkins, with whom Helen had stayed a few years ago, had a copy of the book

in her possession and spelled out some of stories from the book to Helen during Miss Sullivan's absence. It seems remarkable that Helen retained so much of the story in her mind that she could reproduce it after some years. So, Helen is guilty of plagiarism though it was done unknowingly and unintentionally.

**OR**

Bishop Brooks was one of the men of genius, Keller knew. He knew Keller from her childhood days who taught her about religion and God. Once, when she was ruffled to know why there were so many religions, he explained that there was one universal religion, the religion of love. "Love your heavenly" father with your whole heart and soul, love every child of God as much as ever you can and remember that the possibilities of good are greater than the possibilities of evil, and you have the "Key to Heaven". Bishop Brooks taught her no special creed or dogma. She was a person who respected all the creeds. He impressed her with two great ideas, *i.e.*, the fatherhood of the God and the brotherhood of a man. He believed that these are the universal truths.

**English (Communicative) 2015 (Delhi) Term II****SET II**

**Note :** Except for the following questions, all the remaining questions have been asked in previous set.

**SECTION—B**  
**(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)**  
**(Marks 25)**

4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided. Raghav walked fast. It was getting dark. He then realised that he had lost his way.... [10]

**OR**

It was late night. Anjali was about to switch off the light and go to bed when she saw a light outside the window. On close observation she realised that it was a fire.....

**Answer :**

**Lost the Way!**

Raghav walked fast. It was getting dark. He then realised that he had lost his way. He was scared because he was all alone in that forest. Actually, he had gone to his friend's party at his farmhouse and

the farmhouse was on the outskirts of the town. Raghav was new to that area. After having dinner, he wanted to go back home but his friends wanted to stay a little longer. So, he told them that he would go on his own and he left the farmhouse. He thought he will take some vehicle to reach home. But, unfortunately, he did not get anything; so he started to walk. After walking for almost 45 minutes, he realised that he was going in the wrong direction. He was not carrying his mobile phone also. He was really scared what to do because he did not know much about that place. He kept moving, without looking around. He heard some noises coming from the back but he did not turn to look. He just moved on and he thanked God because he had a small torch in his pocket. It was actually a pen. Somehow, he managed to look for the way out and when he was crossing the forest, he searched the road. He stood there, hoping to take lift from somebody. While waiting, a jeep stopped and to his relief, it was the jeep of a forest officer who was on patrol duty. The officer asked Raghav from where he was coming and where would he go. He informed him that he was coming from a birthday party but got lost in the forest. The officer dropped him safely

to his home and Raghav thanked him for his kind gesture.

**OR**

### Fire in The House

It was late night. Anjali was about to switch off the light and go to bed when she saw a light outside the window. On a close observation, she realised that it was a fire in the house of the adjacent building. Anjali was a college student, living as a paying guest in one of the flats of Rosewood apartments. She lived with her other two room-mates, and was doing B-Tech from Delhi University. Next day was her semester exam. She was studying for the same when she saw the fire. Earlier she thought that it was some light but, after 2-3 minutes, she realised that it was turning into a disaster. Immediately, she informed the other two flat mates of her. One of them called the fire brigade while she called her friend living in that apartment. Within 8-10 minutes, the fire brigade reached there and all the people were standing outside luckily, as no one was hurt. Next day, when Anjali came back from the college, she asked her friend how did the accident happen. She informed her that the flat which caught fire was the flat of a couple who lived in France. They were the NRIs who used to come to India occasionally. By mistake when they had left the house, they forgot to switch off the main switch of the house. Some wires got short circuit and that was the cause of fire. Towards the end, Anjali was happy that due to her quick reaction, somebody's house was saved.

### SECTION—C

#### (LITERATURE : Textbook And Long Reading Text) (Marks 25)

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

Patol Babu suddenly felt that he could write a whole thesis on that monosyllabic exclamation. Why had he felt so disheartened when this single word contained a gold-mine of meaning?

- (a) Why was Patol Babu disheartened ?
- (b) Which was the word that contained a 'gold-mine' ?
- (c) What does the word 'monosyllabic' mean ?

**OR**

How foolish do your fears seem now, Calpurnia  
I am ashamed. I did yield to them.  
Give me my robe, for I will go.

(a) Why was Calpurnia afraid ?

(b) Where did Caesar decide to go ?

(c) What does the word 'yield' mean ?

**Answer :**

(a) Patol Babu was disheartened because he thought that he would get good dialogues but he was given a very small dialogue to speak.

(b) The word that contained a 'gold-mine' was "Oh".

(c) The word 'monosyllable' means a word of one syllable.

**OR**

(a) Calpurnia was afraid because she had seen Caesar's murder and blood in her dreams.

(b) Caesar decided to go to the senate.

(c) The word 'yield' means to give in /to surrender.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. [2×4=8]

(a) Why did the poet try to harm the snake ?

(b) How did Michael in the last game save Sebastian ?

(c) How did the mariners reach the land of ice and snow ?

(d) "The hand that mocked them, and the heart that fed". Whose hand and heart are referred to in this line ? Why ?

(e) Why did Caesar's will infuriate the Romans ?

**Answer :**

(a) The poet tried to harm the snake because according to his education and inner voices, golden snakes are venomous and harmful. So, they must be killed.

(b) Michael saved Sebastian in the last game, 'Warzone'. They both escaped first in a jeep and then in a Helicopter. In the process of rescuing, Sebastian, Michael was able to win a jackpot by making a score of 40,000,000.

(c) The mariners reached the land of ice and snow due to the storm. When they were sailing, a strong and tyrannous storm came and they were turned towards south direction which was full of icebergs.

(d) The poet refers to the hand of the sculptor who had created a wonderful statue with his craftsmanship and felt the emotions of the king from his heart.

(e) Caesar's will infuriated the Romans, because, according to Brutus, Caesar was an ambitious and selfish man. But when they heard the will, they came to know about his kindness and generosity.

**Note : Except for the following questions, all questions have been asked in previous sets.**

## SECTION—B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (Marks 25)

4. Write a short story in 150-200 words on the basis of the hints provided. It was Saturday. Veena got up late. Her parents had gone to office. Veena remembered that she had planned..... [10]

OR

On reaching back home the old lady opened the door and realised that her house had been burgled. She immediately called the police.....

**Answer : Surprise Party!**

It was Saturday. Veena got up late. Her parents had gone to the office. Veena remembered that she had planned a surprise party for her parents because it was their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was a weekend for her and that's why she could not get up early. Suddenly, she saw the clock and it was almost 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Immediately, she got ready, had her breakfast and went outside to get the things done. She went to the bakery shop and collected the cake. While coming back, she bought all the grocery required. When she came back, her maid was already waiting for her outside the home. She started cleaning and then the maid came to prepare food. Veena explained everything to her regarding the vegetables to be prepared. She started working in the kitchen. Meanwhile, Veena's friends reached her home and started decorating. The time passed and the clock struck 6 p.m., Veena got ready and arranged the table with cake and other things, meanwhile other guests had also reached. At 7 p.m., the doorbell rang, and her parents were there at the door. When they stepped inside, they were astonished to see a gathering holding gifts. Veena welcomed them with a bouquet of roses and their happiness knew no boundaries. After half an hour, the cake cutting ceremony took place and everybody enjoyed the party. Veena's parents were very happy and were extremely proud of her.

OR

**Burglary in Day Time !**

On reaching back home, the old lady opened the door and realised that her house had been burgled. She immediately called the police. The police came

with their full team. Forensic experts were also there. The old lady told that she had gone to the market and when she came back after two hours, her house was open and all the things were helter-skelter. She was shocked but she managed to call the police and alarm the neighbours. The police started investigating the maid who worked there, the driver who used to drive her car and also the neighbours, enquiring if they had seen somebody. But all was in vain because nobody saw anything. As it was winter, so everybody was inside. Luckily, there was a CCTV camera at the entrance. When the police looked at the footage, they noticed that a pizza delivery boy had come in at 1.30 p.m. and after 10 minutes 2 more boys had entered but the guard was not there. There was no evidence other than this for the police. With the help of the name of the delivery boy, they traced him and he was arrested, he told everything to the police. He told that he had done this robbery with two of his friends. He also took the help of the driver. But the maid was not involved in all this. Finally, the police recovered everything from them and handed over the things to the old lady. They also told her to be more careful while appointing any worker, and she should get the identification done at the police station.

She was happy and thanked the police for their prompt help. She promised them that she will get the identification done of all the servants she hires.

## SECTION—C (LITERATURE : Textbook And Long Reading Text) (Marks 25)

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

It is true that he needed money very badly, but what was twenty rupees when measured against the intense satisfaction of a small job done with perfection and dedication?

- (a) Why was Patol Babu badly in need of money ?  
(b) What was the small job which gave him intense satisfaction ?  
(c) What does the word 'measured' mean in the above context ?

OR

This was the unkindest cut of all;  
For when the noble Caesar saw him stab

- Ingratitude, more strong than traitors' arms,  
Quite vanquish'd him : then burst his mighty heart;  
 (a) Who speaks these words ?  
 (b) Whose ingratitude was he referring to ?  
 (c) Why did it break Caesar's heart ?

**Answer :**

- (a) Patol Babu was badly in need of money because those days, he was without a job.  
 (b) The small job was a small act in a movie with a monosyllable dialogue 'Oh'.  
 (c) The word 'measured' means marked by due proportion.

**OR**

- (a) Antony is the speaker.  
 (b) He was referring to the ingratitude of Brutus.  
 (c) It broke Caesar's heart because Brutus was his friend and an honest Roman. His blow was an unexpected one.

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. [2×4=8]

- (a) What were the conflicting thoughts in the poet's mind on seeing the snake ?  
 (b) Why did Michael and his father go to the computer fair ?  
 (c) How were the mariners saved from the land of ice and snow ?

- (d) What did the traveller see in the desert ?  
 (e) How did Antony prove that Caesar was not ambitious ?

**Answer :**

- (a) The conflicting thoughts in the mind of the poet were to kill the snake or not. His education told him to kill the snake because golden snakes are poisonous. But his heart told him not to hit the snake because he was admiring him.  
 (b) Michael and his father went to the computer fair because they wanted to buy a virtual reality mixor and glove and a handful of the latest interactive psycho-drive games.  
 (c) The mariners were saved from the land of ice and snow due to the arrival of the Albatross. It came as a blessing. When the Albatross appeared, the good south wind blew, the ice bergs cracked and they were able to move out.  
 (d) The traveller saw a huge statue lying in the dust. The statue was old and broken but the expressions on the face of the statue were intact. It seemed that it was the statue of a boastful ruler.  
 (e) Antony proved that Caesar was not ambitious by telling the Romans that he was not greedy of power because he had rejected the crown thrice. Moreover, he thought about the Romans, *i.e.*, why he had left his wealth and property for them.



# English (Communicative) 2014 Term I

Time allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum marks : 70

## SECTION A – READING

**Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions/complete the sentences that follow :**

[1×8=8]

Sniffer dog Tucker uses his nose to help researchers find out why a killer whale population off the northwest coast of the United State is on the decline. He searches for whale faeces floating on the surface of the water, which are then collected for examination. He is one of the elite team of detection dogs used by scientists studying a number of species including right whales and killer whales.

Conservation canines are fast becoming indispensable tools for biologists according to Aimee Hurt, associate director and co-founder of Working Dogs for Conservation, based in Three Forks, Montana.

Over the last few years, though, so many new conservation dog projects have sprung up that Hurt can no longer keep track of them all. Her organization's dogs and their handlers are fully booked to assist field researchers into 2012.

"Dogs have such a phenomenal sense of smell," explained Sam Wasser, director of the center for Conservation Biology at the University of Washington in Seattle. He has worked with scat-detection dogs since 1997.

Scientists have been using Conservation Canines in their research since 1997. These dogs have enabled them to non-invasively access vast amount of genetic and physiological information which is used to tackle conservation problem around the world. Such information has proved vital for determining the causes and consequences of human disturbances on wildlife as well as the action needed to mitigate such impacts.

The ideal detection dog is extremely energetic with an excessive play drive. These dogs will happily work all day long, motivated by the expectation of a ball game as reward for sample detection. The obsessive high energy personalities of detection dogs also makes them difficult to maintain as pets. As a result they

frequently find themselves abandoned to animal shelters, facing euthanasia. The programme rescues these dogs and offers them a satisfying career in conservation research.

- (a) According to the text there are a few ..... detection dogs like Tucker.
- (b) Tucker sniffs for whale.....
- (c) The dogs are special because they assist in research without.....
- (d) The ideal detection dog .....
- (e) The dog expect ..... as a reward of their hardwork.
- (f) ..... of these dogs make it difficult to keep them as pets.
- (g) These dogs find a career in.....
- (h) The word 'euthanasia' means.....

**Answer :** (a) conservation

- (b) faeces floating on the surface of the water
- (c) much expectation
- (d) is extremely energetic with an excessive play drive
- (e) a ball game
- (f) The obsessive, high energy personalities
- (g) conservation research
- (h) mercy killing

**Q. 2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :** [12]

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

The little girl, still sobbing replied, "I was gathering flower for a garland for Goddess Durga, who I believe, would help my parents to overcome their poverty and I have lost my way." The pine tree said to the little girl. It is late in the evening. "It will not be possible for you to return

to your house which is at the other end of the forest. Sleep for the night at this place."

The pine tree pointed out to an open cave like place under him. The little girl was frightened of wild animals. The girl quickly crept into the cave like place. The pine tree was happy and pleased with himself. He stood like a soldier guarding the place. The little girl woke up in the morning and was amazed to see the pine tree standing guard outside the cave. Then her gaze travelled to the heap of flowers that she had gathered the previous night. The flower lay withering on the ground. The pine tree understood what was going on in the girl's mind. He wrapped his branches around the nearby flower trees and shook them gently. The little girl's eyes brightened. But a great surprise awaited her. The pine tree brought out a bag full of gold coins which had been lying for years in the hole in its trunk and gave it to the girl. With teary eyes she thanked her benefactor and went away.

**2.1. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly.**

- (a) Why was the little girl crying ? [2]
- (b) Where did the pine tree want the little girl to sleep for the night ? [2]
- (c) Why was the little girl disappointed when she looked at the flowers and what did the tree do to make her happy ? [2]
- (d) What lesson does this short story teach us? [2]

**2.2. Choose the most appropriate meaning of the given words from the option provided.**

- (a) **What is meant by the word 'cluster' ?** [1]
  - (i) group
  - (ii) team
  - (iii) class
  - (iv) party
- (b) **What is meant by the word 'approaching' ?** [1]
  - (i) calling
  - (ii) touching
  - (iii) coming close
  - (iv) running towards
- (c) **What is meant by the word 'wild' ?** [1]
  - (i) cunning
  - (ii) dirty
  - (iii) unpolished
  - (iv) dangerous
- (d) **What is meant by 'the word withering' ?** [1]
  - (i) dead
  - (ii) shrunk
  - (iii) colorless
  - (iv) unhappy

**Answer : 2.1 (a)** The girl was crying because she had lost her way in the forest.

- (b) The pine tree wanted the little girl to sleep in an open cave like place under him.
- (c) The girl was disappointed because the heap of flowers that she had gathered the previous night lay withering on the ground. To make the girl happy the tree wrapped its branches around the nearby flower trees and shook them gently.
- (d) This short story teaches us that God helps the genuinely deserving and needy person in his own unique way.

- 2.2. (a) (i) group**  
**(b) (iii) coming close**  
**(c) (iv) dangerous**  
**(d) (ii) shrunk**

## SECTION B

### WRITING AND GRAMMAR

**Marks 25**

**Q. 3.**

You are Kritika/Karan. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper voicing your concern about the increasing number of drug users in our country. Using the notes given below, write your letter in about 100-120 words to highlight the dangers of this new age social evil. [5]

#### Notes

Why drug abuse?—No single reason—addicts start out of curiosity—for pleasure—to get over boredom—depression symptoms—loss of interest in sports daily routine, appetite—puffy eyes—unclear vision—mood change—temper tantrums—**STRIKE DRUGS BEFORE THEY STRANGLE YOU.**

**Answer : ABC Road**

New Delhi

17<sup>th</sup> January 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

Delhi

Subject : Rampant increase in the number of drug users in our country

Sir,

Through the medium of your esteemed newspaper I wish to express my concern over

the rampant increase in the number of drug users in our country.

It is indeed unfortunate that despite being aware about the dangers and evils of drug addiction there is a steady increase in the number of drug addicts in our country.

There is no one single reason why people take drugs. Generally addicts start out of curiosity, for pleasure or to get over a monotonous pattern of life. Once a person starts taking drugs then there is no turning back for him and no matter how hard he may try to get rid himself off this evil practice he is unable to do so.

It is no longer the anxious youth going forth into a hostile world. But it is the hostile youth going forth into an anxious world and is not sure what to expect from it. The complexities and pressures of life in our times have been increased by fast-growing population and the fantastic technological progress. Unable to cope with increased pressure and competition in professional and personal arenas, the youth is more and more becoming prey to drug addiction. It is a vicious circle with addicts facing symptoms of depression, loss of appetite, mood swings, lack of interest in daily routine, sports, family life, temper tantrums and so on and so forth.

So, unless a whole-hearted and sincere effort is made to help out the drug addicts genuinely, we are slowly but surely heading towards a time when drug addiction will become one of our national problems.

Yours sincerely

## Kritika

**Q. 4.** Write a story in 150-200 words beginning with the following line and give it a suitable title.

[10]

*Night before the zonal debate competition ... everyone was fast asleep, while I was practicing .....suddenly,*

## Answer : A FEW KIND WORDS

..... I heard a soft knock on my door. At first I thought I had imagined hearing it. But then it sounded again louder and clearer this time. I got up and went to the door and to my utter surprise I saw my little sister standing outside. She stood there rubbing her sleepy eyes. Seeing her standing there, I was highly concerned as to why did she come to me at this time. I let her in

and asked her if she was feeling well. To my utter amazement she replied that she had come to me to give me moral support as she had sensed my nervousness and anxiety during the past few days. Her reply brought tears in my eyes. I had not realized that my little sister had become so sensitive towards my feeling and anxieties. I truly forgot my nervousness and her concern gave me a new found confidence and I felt quite sure that I was going to come out in flying colours in the zonal debate competition.

**Q. 5.** Read the passage given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate word/phrases from the given options. [3]

What we call life is a very complex affair. It is not simply eating, reproducing and finally dying. Every creature (a) ..... these. Man has to lead a highly complicated life. It is like (b) ..... through a maze and coming out. He is an economic being and a social animal. He has to earn, make a home, look after his people and attend (c) ..... his obligations to the society and the Government. So, in order to be successful he has to develop certain qualities.

	(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)
(a)	is doing	will do	does	do
(b)	gone	going	went	making
(c)	for	into	all	to

**Q. 6.** In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and after it. The first one has been done as an example.

Space shuttle Atlantis which is orbiter began its first flight October 1985 and retired recently after completing last flight in July 2011. weighed around 80 tonne. It spent 306 days, 14 hours 12 minutes 43 seconds in space.

e.g. is an orbiter

(a)

(b) .....

(c) .....

(d) .....

**Answer :**

- (a) flight in October
- (b) completing its last
- (c) 2011. It weighed
- (d) minutes and 43

**Q. 7.** Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases to make meaningful sentences. [3]

- (a) inside/grandeur/the palace hall/it was/all
- (b) interwoven/pearls/were/flower garlands/sparkling/with
- (c) wooden stage/painted backcloth/the/decorated/with a/was

**Answer :**

- (a) It was all grandeur inside the palace hall.
- (b) Flower garlands were interwoven with sparkling pearls.
- (c) The wooden stage was decorated with a painted backcloth.

### SECTION C—LITERATURE and LONG READING TEXT

Marks 25

**Q. 8.** Read the extract given below and answer the question that follow : [1×3=3]

He smiled uncomfortably. 'Just plans sir' he answered in a low voice.

- (a) Who is 'he' in the above lines?
- (b) Why did 'he' smile uncomfortably?
- (c) What are the 'plans' being talked about?

**OR**

Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : [1×3=3]

"It didn't take you long to start dividing my things between you."

- (a) Who speaks these words and to whom?
- (b) What things are being referred to?
- (c) Why did they start dividing the things?

**Answer :**

- (a) 'He' in the above lines is Nicola.
- (b) He smiled uncomfortably because he did not want to disclose or discuss his plans with anyone.
- (c) The 'plans' being talked about are to collect enough money to cure their beloved sister from tuberculosis of the spine.

**OR**

- (a) Abel Merryweather speaks these words to his daughters, Mrs. Jordan and Mrs. Slater.

(b) The things that are being referred to are their father's belongings.

(c) They started dividing the things because they thought their father was dead.

**Q. 9.** Answer the following question in 30-40 words each :

- (a) Why did Mrs. Packletide give up big-game shooting? [2]
- (b) What does the woman search for in the mirror everyday? [2]
- (c) What are the three things that the grandfather plans to do on Monday ? [2]
- (d) How does Louisa Mebbin exploit the incident of killing the tiger to her greatest advantage? [2]

**Answer :** (a) Mrs. Packletide gave up big-game shooting because she found that "the incidental expenses are so heavy". She had to hire a paid companion, pay a thousand rupees to the villagers and last but not certainly the least she paid a huge sum of money to Miss Mebbin so that the latter would not give away her secret.

(b) The woman searches for her lost beauty and youth in the mirror everyday. She is used to looking at herself in the mirror and is quite fond of admiring her youth and beauty. Now when she has grown old, she still searches her young and charming face in the mirror.

(c) The grandfather intends to do three things on Monday. He plans to go to the lawyer's house and alter his will. He then wants to go to the insurance office and pay his premium and from there he will go to St. Philips Church and get married to Mrs. John Shorrocks who runs the 'Ring-O-Bells' Public House.

(d) Louisa Mebbin threatens to expose the real story of Mrs. Packletide's tiger hunt to everyone, especially to Loona Bimberton if Mrs. Packletide did not agree to her condition and pay up for the weekend cottage that she wanted to buy but did not have the required funds.

**Q. 10.** Answer any one of the following questions in 80-100 words : [4]

The poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' tells us how simple and genuine talent is exploited by people for their personal gains. Write a letter to the poet Vikram Seth mentioning how deeply you were touched by the poem and how beautifully it exposes the bitter truth of life.

**OR**

The poet in the poem 'Not Marble nor the Gilded Monuments' reveals the stark reality that

everything comes to an end gradually by the impact of time. Keeping this in view, write an article on the topic 'Time Works Wonders.'

**Answer :**

ABC Lane

XYZ City

22<sup>nd</sup> September, 20XX

Respected Vikram Sir,

I recently read your poem 'The Frog and the Nightingale' and was touched after reading it. It is indeed a heart rending poem. In a simple way your poem beautifully exposes the bitter truth of life on how genuine talent is exploited by people for their personal gains. The nightingale being a simple but foolish creature, cannot see through the evil and malicious intentions of the frog. She aptly symbolizes the gullible people who become easy targets for greedy people like the frog who have no sense of shame and can go to any lengths for their personal interests. Such people, like the frog have no feelings of remorse or regret in their heart but feel immensely pleased over the success of their evil motives.

Your poem aptly satirizes the hypocrisy, opportunism and manipulation prevailing in the human society.

Yours sincerely

XYZ

**OR**

### TIME WORKS WONDERS

By : ABC

One has to keep himself grounded to the stark reality that everything comes to an end gradually by the impact of time.

Time is connected to death and tarnishes human attempt to achieve immortality. Time is not loyal to anyone. People who enjoy great privileges and popularity at one time get lost and forgotten with the passage of time. Time is most precious for each one of us and comes only once and that too it is never static but is slowly moving. Such is the impact of time that everything that has a beginning must come to an end with the passage of time. Time spares no one, irrespective of status and stature. It treats everyone on the same level and no one can escape from its clutches.

Time indeed works wonders. It can give us glory and can also teach us a lesson. So we must never

forget that no matter what level of greatness we may achieve, no one can withstand the ravages of time.

**Attempt either question number 11 or 12 :**

**Q. 11. Human spirit to live triumphs in every circumstance? Discuss in detail in light of 'The Diary of a Young Girl.'** [10]

**OR**

**What impression do you form of Gestapo on its way of handling the Jews after reading 'The Diary of a Young Girl'.**

**Answer :** 'The Diary of a Young Girl' is an inspirational journal. It is a touching and poignant novel as it reveals the astounding story of those unforgettable people who leave a lasting impression on the readers' minds.

In 1942, Anne and her family who were Jews had to flee their home in Amsterdam, as the Nazis had occupied Holland. They went into hiding and they and another family lived cloistered in the 'Secret Annex' of an old building. After being cut off from the outside world, they faced hunger, boredom, constant cruelties of living in confined quarters and the ever-present threat of being discovered and death.

Each character in the Annex clearly has its own personality ranging from extremely argumentative to unbelievably social and each adds a new perspective to the story. Their spirit to live against all the odds that they are confronted with enables them to triumph even in the most horrifying circumstances. Focusing on the problems of growing up, dealing with tough times and with the never ending power of hope these people brave every situation. After reading their story one feels humbled and genuinely touched.

**OR**

Gestapo handled the Jews most inhumanly. According to Anne Frank's entries the Jews were taken to a huge camp where they were hardly given anything to eat and even water was available to them only for an hour a day. Only one toilet and sink was made available for several thousand people. Women and children's heads were shaved off and they were branded by their shaven heads. Gestapo treated them most harshly and cruelly. Mr. Alfred Dussel

mentioned to the residents of the Secret Annexe that many Jews had been taken to a terrible fate. Each night the military vehicles drove around the streets and knocked at every door inquiry about the Jews. If they were found they were taken away immediately from that place, similar to the slave hunting practice of olden times. Jews were bullied and beaten and not even the sick, elderly, women and children were spared. They were all dealt with most brutally.

- Q. 12. What was the writer experience at the World Fair like? Explain in your own words. [10]**

**OR**

**It was through nature that Helen learnt the lessons of life. Discuss the role of nature as a teacher**

**Answer :** Helen visited the world Fair at Chicago in 1893 with Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. She recalls those days with unmixed delight, when a thousand of her childish fantasies became wonderful realities. Helen made a trip around the world in her imagination each day at the fair. The President of the World Fair allowed her to touch everything and Dr. Graham Bell described everything to her. Helen saw many wonders like marvels of inventions, treasures of industry and skill and examined telephones, Egyptian mummies,

phonographs, marble statues, etc. This experience at the World Fair enabled Helen to learn many new words and enhanced her vocabulary. She made a gaint leap from the fairy tale world of childhood to the real world of adults.

**OR**

Helen Keller was a great lover of nature. She was completely in awe and amazed at all the wonderful things that mother nature had in store for everyone. Animals and birds were always a source of interest for her. Miss Sullivan made Helen feel the beauty and kindness of nature. She also made Helen aware of nature's cruelty. When Helen was sitting on the branches of a tree enjoying nature's beauty, a thunderstorm struck and the pleasing atmosphere turned into a fierce one. She was horrified as there was no one to help her. At that time she realized that nature has its deceitful claws hidden the cover of the softness. Later Helen again developed an attraction towards nature. She was able to feel the sweet allurement of the mimosa tree in its full boom that enabled her to overcome her fears. Miss Sullivan took Helen by the hand across the fields, to the banks of the river and made her feel that "birds and flowers and she were happy peers."

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