

11. Answer any **two** of the following : $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (i) Describe the tiger created by Aunt Jennifer.
(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)
- (ii) Why are the young trees described as "sprinting" ?
(My Mother at Sixty-Six)
- (iii) Who have a duty towards these poor slum children ?
(An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum)

SECTION - D

(Supplementary Reader)

12. Answer any **one** of the following : 5

- (i) Why did Tishani Doshi visit Antarctica ?
What does she say about Gondwana ?
(Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (ii) What did Dr. Sadao and his wife Hana see one day ?
(The Enemy)

13. Answer any **three** of the following : $3 \times 3 = 9$

- (i) How does Jo want the story to end and why ?
(Should Wizard Hit Mommy)
- (ii) Why do people avoid Derry ?
(On the Face of It)
- (iii) How is Evans different from other criminals ?
(Evans Tries an O - Level)
- (iv) What scenes did Bama see one day while coming home from school ?

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SET : B

ENGLISH (Core)

(Academic/Open)

(Evening Session)

Time allowed : 3 hours |

| Maximum Marks : 80

- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **13** questions.
- The **Code No.** and **Set** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.
- Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.
- Don't leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.
- Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.
- Candidates must write their Roll Number on the question paper.
- Before answering the questions, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.**

General Instructions :

- (i) This question paper is divided into **four** Sections : **A, B, C and D.**
- (ii) **All the questions are compulsory.**
- (iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.
- (iv) Stick to the word limit wherever prescribed.

SECTION – A**(Reading Skills)**

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

Economists agree that a global recession is on. A recent *Times of India* report suggested that as the U.S. economy catches a cold, we starts to sneeze. The fear in fact is that pneumonia may soon keep us bed-ridden for months. Already, India's economic growth has fallen below expected levels.

No one can prevent recession, but there are things we can all do to protect ourselves in such times. Start by imagining that your home is a small company of which you are the CEO. Consider your spouse, children and other dependents as shareholders to whom you are

accountable. As with successful companies, you can help keep your family secure and its net worth up – by observing financial discipline in three key areas.

Debt is okay as long as repayments are within your reach. So, assess the different interest rates you pay on your debts. After that cut the amount of 'expensive money', hold on to 'cheap money' and maximize 'free money'. Credit cards create the most expensive money as the annual interest on them works out to between 30 and 35 percent. Credit cards can entice you to overspend. Some people own multiple cards to hike credit limits. As a first step, just cancel and cut up all but one card, and do even that carefully. Keep the cheapest card – the one with the lowest fees and interest rate. Cards must be for convenience, not snob value or sleepless nights.

Granted, some large debts are justified, like a home loan. Housing loans and hire-purchases require more formalities than cards for a credit-sanction. But this is 'cheap money,' where your interest rate is relatively low, and sometimes

generates 'free money' if the interest paid is tax deductible.

Having got your debt under control, consider savings. A good starting point is to minimize taxes legally. The Income Tax Act offers several allowances and deductions of which you should learn and take full advantage. In case you feel some difficulty, it's worth going to a tax consultant.

Questions :

1 × 4 = 4

- (i) What has happened to Indian Economic Growth ?
 - ☒ (a) Fallen below expected lines
 - (b) Risen above expected lines
 - (c) Both (a) & (b)
 - (d) Neither (a) nor (b)
- (ii) What can't we prevent ?
 - (a) Economy
 - (b) Recession
 - (c) Pneumonia
 - (d) Growth
- (iii) What creates the most expensive money ?
 - (a) Credit card
 - (b) ATMs
 - (c) Cheque book
 - (d) Drafts

- (iv) What does the author suggest to do if the debt is under control ?

- (a) Savings
- (b) Expenditure
- (c) Overspending
- (d) Enjoying and merry-making

OR

Taxes paid, distribute the rest of your earnings between expenses and investment. Keep in mind liquidity too. Have some cash at hand for emergencies – may be three months' earnings. But here too, try and maximize free money. Instead of keeping all that cash idle, invest it in liquid schemes offered by mutual funds. Most liquid schemes let you take out cash the same day or the next, after you submit a withdrawal request.

Next, plan for retirement. For the salaried, tax-free provident fund (PF) contributions are a readymade investment. The self-employed can join the tax-free Public Provident Fund (PPF). What about shares ? The stock market decline has upset many investors. 'Buy low and sell high' reminds us that now is the time to make selective stock purchases.

We all spend, and a huge expense for most families is the Car. A new one could mean a fortune spent. Don't throw away money on things that have no long-term impact on your life. Do you really need to upgrade your PC to a Pentium 4 ? Is a DVD player essential ? Is buying more gold of any real use ? You can trim 20 to 30 per cent off your expenses by paying attention to the small things in life. Ask yourself if those Rs. 4000 sports shoes are worth it ? And buying lottery tickets cannot count as 'retirement planning'.

Above all, like any savvy CEO, keep a check on your outgoings and don't wait for that bank statement to scare you. It's easier to track your money if you bank online. If you maintain and track your accounts and investments on your home computer, you'll have even better control over your financial well-being.

Questions :

1 × 4 = 4

- (i) How much cash you should have in hand for emergencies ?
- (a) One month's earnings
 - (b) Two month's earnings
 - (c) Three month's earnings
 - (d) Four month's earnings

- (ii) What is the readymade investment for the salaried class people ?
- (a) Provident fund
 - (b) Mutual fund
 - (c) LIC
 - (d) ULIP
- (iii) How much expenses can you trim by paying attention to the small things in life ?
- (a) 10 to 20 per cent
 - (b) 20 to 30 per cent
 - (c) 30 to 40 per cent
 - (d) 40 to 50 per cent
- (iv) How can you control your financial well-being ?
- (a) by maintaining yours accounts
 - (b) by tracking your accounts
 - (c) by maintaining and tracking your accounts
 - (d) by maintaining and tracking your accounts & investment

2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Supply an appropriate title also : 4 + 1 = 5

(The business letter) must be clear. You should have a very firm idea of what you want to

say, and you should let the reader know it. (Use the structure of the letter – the paragraphs, topic sentences, introduction and conclusion – to guide the reader point by point from your thesis) through your reasoning, to your conclusion. Make paragraphs often, to break up the page and to lend an air of organisation to the letter. Use an accepted business letter format. Re-read what you have written from the point of view of someone who is seeing it for the first time and be sure that all explanations are adequate, all information provided (including reference numbers; dates and other identification). (A clear message, clearly delivered, is the essence of business communication.)

(The business letter must be courteous.) (Sarcasm and insults are ineffective and can often work against you.) If you are sure you are right, point that out as politely as possible, explain why you are right, and outline what the reader is expected to do about it. Another form of courtesy is taking care in your writing and typing of the business letter. Grammatical and spelling errors (even if you call them typing errors) tell a reader that you don't think enough of him or can lower the reader's opinion of your personality faster than anything you say, no

matter how idiotic. There are excuses for ignorance; there are no excuses for sloppiness. The business letter is your custom-made representative. (It speaks for you and is a permanent record of your message.) (It can pay big dividends on the time you invest in giving it a concise message, a clear structure and a courteous tone.)

SECTION – B

(Grammar/Writing Skills)

3.. Attempt any **two** from each sub-part :

- (a) Change the *form of narration* : $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) He said to me, "Where are you going ?"
 - (ii) He said, "Open the door."
 - (iii) He said, "Let us go out for a walk."
- (b) Use the *correct form of the verb* given in brackets : $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) I wonder if I (get) tickets in advance.
 - (ii) Water (boil) at 100°C.
 - (iii) I (thank) him for what she has done for me.
- (c) Supply *articles* wherever necessary : $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) He gave me a gift.
 - (ii) The Man is mortal.
 - (iii) The lunch you gave me was fine.

(d) Fill in the blanks with *suitable modal auxiliary verbs* : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) If you work hard you will pass.

(ii) We should help the needy.

(iii) We eat so that we live.

(e) Change the following sentences into *passive voice* : $1 \times 2 = 2$

(i) Rose smells sweet.

(ii) His work satisfied me.

(iii) He was looking at the picture.

4. Attempt any **two** of the following : $3 \times 2 = 6$

(a) You are the Sports Secretary of your school. Your school is holding a summer camp for training students in Hockey and Basket ball. Write a notice for the students in not more than **50** words.

(b) You are the Managing Director of Hindustan Machine Tools Limited. You require Mechanical General Engineers for your firm. Draft a suitable advertisement.

(c) Author's Guild is organising an International Book Fair at Dusshera Ground Chandigarh. Design a poster inviting people to come and enjoy the world of books.

5. Attempt any **one** of the following : 5

(a) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on "A Train Accident."

(b) You were impressed by an exhibition held at Panchkula by "Fashion Designing and Technology." Write a brief report about it.

6. Write a letter to a firm in Khurja on behalf of Jain Crockeries, Ambala placing an order of some items of crockery. 5

SECTION - C

(A) Main Reader (*Prose*)

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

I went to the pool when no one else was there. The place was quiet. The water was still, and the tiled bottom was as white and clean as a bathtub. I was timid about going in alone, so I sat on the side of the pool to wait for others.

I had not been there long when in came a big bruiser of a boy, probably eighteen years old. He had thick hair on his chest. He was a beautiful physical specimen, with legs and arms that showed ripping muscles. He yelled, "Hi, Skinny ! How'd you like to be ducked ?"

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Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the chapter and its author. *Deep Water*
- (ii) What did the author do when no one else was there?
- (iii) Why did the author sit on the side of the pool?
- (iv) How did the eighteen years old boy look?
- (v) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :
- (a) aggressive person,
- (b) waving.

OR

It was late in December. Darkness was already descending over the forest. This increased the danger and increased also his gloom and despair. Finally he saw no way out, and he sank down on the ground, tired to death, thinking that his last moment had come. But just as he laid his head on the ground, he heard a sound – a hard regular thumping. There was no doubt as to what that was. He raised himself. "Those are the hammer strokes from an iron mill", he thought. "There must be people near by". He summoned all his strength, got up and staggered in the direction of the sound.

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1 × 5 = 5

Questions :

- (i) Name the chapter and its author.
- (ii) Which time of the year is the author talking about?
- (iii) What did darkness increase?
- (iv) What did he hear when he laid his head to the ground?
- (v) Find words from the passage which mean the same as :
- (a) coming down,
- (b) sadness.

8. Answer only **one** of the following : 5

- (i) What was the condition of the peasants of Champaran when Mahatma Gandhi reached there? *(Indigo)*
- (ii) Why was Kothamangalam Subbu considered No. 2 in Gemini Studios?

9. Answer any **five** of the following : 2 × 5 = 10

- (i) Why do most celebrate writers, despise being interviews? *(The Interview)*
- (ii) Why did Sophie Wriggle when Geoff told her father that she had met Danny Casey? *(Going Places)*

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- (iii) What was the effect of the last lesson on the narrator ? *(The Last Lesson)*
- (iv) Mention the hazards of working in the glass bangles industry. *(Lost Springs)*
- (v) What is the misadventure that William Douglas speaks about ? *(Deep Water)*
- (vi) Why did the peddler decline the invitation ? *(The Rattrap)*
- (vii) Why do you think the servants thought Gandhi to be another peasant ? *(Indigo)*

(B) Main Reader (*Poetry*)

10. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow : 1 × 5 = 5

Yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From out dark spirits. Such the sun, the moon,
Trees old, and young, sprouting a shady boon
For simple sheep and such are daffodils
With the green world they live in and clear rills
That for themselves a cooling covert make
'Gainst the hot season; the mid forest brake.
Rich with a sprinkling of fair musk-rose
blooms:

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

Questions :

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) What moves away the pall ?
- (iii) What examples does the poet give for "Some shape of beauty" ?
- (iv) What does the phrase "in spite of" refer to ?
- (v) Find words from the stanza which mean the same as :
 - (a) cover,
 - (b) germinating.

OR

Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear
The thought of so much childish langing in
vain,
The sadness that lurks near the open
window there,
That waits all day in almost open prayer,
For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a
stopping car,
Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass,

$$1 \times 5 = 5$$

Questions :

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) What does the speaker desire all day long ?
- (iii) What does the speaker expect people to do ?
- (iv) What sadness lurks near the open window ?
- (v) Find words from the stanza which means the same as :
 - (a) desire,
 - (b) cry.