

## Section – A

### (Comprehension)

#### **I. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (12 marks)**

1. The policeman on duty moved up the path impressively. The time was barely 10 o'clock at night. He suddenly slowed his walk. In the doorway of a darkened hardware store a man leaned, with an unlighted cigar in his mouth. As the policeman walked up to him the man spoke up quickly. "It's all right officer," he said, "I'm just waiting for a friend. It's an appointment made twenty years ago. Sounds a little funny to you, doesn't it? Well, I'll explain if you'd like to make certain it's all straight. The man in the doorway struck a match and lit his cigar. The light showed a pale face with keen eyes, and a little white scar near his right eyebrow.

2. "Twenty years ago tonight," said the man, "I dined here at Big Joe Brady's with Jimmy Wells, my best chum, and the finest chap in the world. He and I were raised here in New York, just like two brothers together. The next morning I was to start for the West to make my fortune. Well, we agreed that night that we would meet here again exactly twenty years from that date and time, no matter what our conditions might be or from what distance we might have to come. I know Jimmy will meet me here if he's alive. He'll never forget."

3. "I'll be on my way. Hope your friend comes around all right. Good-night, sir," said the policeman about twenty minutes he waited, and then a tall man in a long overcoat, with collar turned up to his ears, hurried across from the opposite side of the street. He went directly to the waiting man.

4. "Is that you, Bob?" he asked doubtfully. "Is that you, Jimmy Wells?" cried the man in the door. "Bless my heart!" exclaimed the new arrival, grasping both the other's hands with his own. Well, well, well!-twenty years is a long time. The Old restaurant's gone. Bob; I wish it had lasted, so we could have had another dinner there. How has the West treated you, old man?" "It has given me everything I asked it for. You've changed lots, Jimmy. I never thought you were so tall by two or three inches." "Oh, I grew a bit after I was twenty." "Doing well in New York, Jimmy?" "Extremely well. I have a position in one of the city departments. Come on, Bob; we'll go around to a place I know of, and have a good long talk about old times."

5. At the corner stood a drugstore, brilliant with electric lights. When they came into this glare each of them turned simultaneously to gaze upon the other's face. The man from the West stopped suddenly and released his arm. "You're not Jimmy Wells," he exclaimed. "Twenty years is a long time, but not long enough to change a man's nose from a Roman to a pug." "It sometimes changes a good man into a bad one," said the tall man. "You've been under arrest for ten minutes, Silky Bob. Now, before we go to the station here's a note I was asked to hand you. You may read it here at the window. It's from Patrolman Wells." The man from the West unfolded the little piece of paper. His hand trembled a little by the time he had finished the note. Bob, I was at the appointed place on time. When you struck the match to light your cigar. I saw it was the face of the man wanted in Chicago. Somehow I couldn't do it myself, so I went around and got a plainclothes man to do the job. Love Jimmy."

**Write the answers in your own words unless the question specifically asks you to quote from the passage:**

Q1. 'I'll be on my way. Hope your friend comes around all right' who is 'I' and who is the 'friend'? (1)

Q2. What had the two friends decided twenty years ago? (2)

Q3. When and how did Bob realize that the other man was not Jimmy? (2)

Q4. Can you say that Bob was well-off? Give a reason for your answer. (2)

Q5. Bob and Jimmy had not met for twenty years. Do you think they were still true friends? (1)

Q6. Why do you think Bob's hand trembled a little when he finished reading the note? (1)

Q7. Give a suitable title to this passage. (1)

Q8. Find out the words from the passage that mean the same: (2) 1. a road (para 1) 2. to open and spread out (para5) 3. a close friend (para 2) 4. to look (para 5)

**II. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (10 marks)**

1. Barely 20 km from Ghaziabad city, a village is undergoing major changes. At the centre of this revolution is forty-year-old Asha Devi, the pradhan of Chauna village. A typical village woman, Asha Devi doesn't forget to cover her face when she sits among the village elders. But she doesn't shy away from taking tough decisions!
2. Asha Devi has managed to ban both dowry and lavish weddings in her village."We decided that weddings will be held without dowry demands, that wedding ceremonies would be simple affairs and only small gifts conforming to custom will be allowed. This will reduce the pressure on parents who consider their daughters a burden," she said.
3. But this victory didn't come easy. It took Asha Devi a year to unify the villagers and get the panchayat's unanimous decision. " These suggestions came up twice earlier but didn't get support. With a lot of persuasion, however, people accepted these suggestions as a means for our village's welfare," she said. This was not all. Loud music, fireworks and firearms during social ceremonies, festivals and weddings are not accepted at the village any longer.
4. "Fireworks cause pollution. DJ music and stage performances cause clashes apart from unnecessary expenditure. Henceforth, no firearms will be used during weddings as these are just a display of power and can lead to casualties, " said Kamlesh, Asha Devi's friend.
5. Asha Devi's husband, Devendra Singh, has supported her throughout her efforts. Asha, who studied till Class 8, said her decisions as a pradhan would benefit the people, especially the women of the village. "The panchayat's decisions are supported by both men and women of the village," she said.

**Write the answers in your own words unless the question specifically asks you to quote from the passage.**

- Q1. 'She doesn't shy away from taking tough decisions!' What quality of Asha Devi, does this statement highlight? (1)
- Q2. Why at all did Asha Devi think of banning the dowry system? (1)
- Q3. What makes Asha Devi different from other women? Quote example. (1)
- Q4. 'Asha Devi doesn't forget to cover her face when she sits among the village elders.' Why? (1)
- Q5. Why do think Devendra Singh supported Asha Devi? (1)
- Q6. Give a suitable title to this passage. (1)
- Q7. 'A village is undergoing major changes.' What kind of changes is the village undergoing? (2)

## Section – C (Grammar)

### **1. Put the verbs given in the brackets in the appropriate tense. (20x0.5=10)**

- 1) They \_\_\_\_\_ (drink) tea when I arrived. Their son often \_\_\_\_\_ (play) tennis so he \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) by then.
- 2) Since 1920s Science \_\_\_\_\_ (progress) rapidly. Very soon we \_\_\_\_\_ (see) electric cars on roads. These cars \_\_\_\_\_ (is) fuel efficient and \_\_\_\_\_ (be) cheaper when \_\_\_\_\_ (compare) to petrol cars.
- 3) When I \_\_\_\_\_ (stay) in Berlin, I \_\_\_\_\_ (write) a letter to Agatha every weekend. She \_\_\_\_\_ (wait) for my letter this week as I \_\_\_\_\_ (not write) any letter to her till now.
- 4) The little girl, who \_\_\_\_\_ (glance) at me more than once, now \_\_\_\_\_ (crouch) back against her mother.
- 5) They \_\_\_\_\_ ( go) for a walk after the dinner. If you \_\_\_\_\_ (want) to discuss the matter with them then you \_\_\_\_\_ (not lose) this opportunity. I already \_\_\_\_\_ (told) them about it so it \_\_\_\_\_ (easy) for you to proceed further.
- 6) I \_\_\_\_\_ (make) several attempts to meet her but \_\_\_\_\_ (not succeed) till now.

### **2. Complete the following conditional sentences: (7x1=7)**

- 1) If you will wait a moment, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I should be very grateful if \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) You were a fool if \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) We are going to play Football if \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) If we had some food \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) I would never have gone with him if \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) They would be happy if \_\_\_\_\_

**3. There are twelve errors in the paragraph given below. Identify the errors and correct them. (12 \* 0.5= 6)**

It has been rightly say that the choice of books are as important as the choices of friends. Books are a friends of a life time. I know that it is no possible to reading all books. The best thing is to read the better books from all subjects. It not just increase our knowledge but vocabulary, they also helps us became a best human being.

**Section – D (Composition)**

**Write a paragraph of about 20 lines on any one of the following topics: (10)**

- Write the points neatly before you write the paragraph.
  - The paragraph must be indented
  - Be original and creative.
1. ....and I missed my school bus.
  2. If I had a pet lion.....
  3. ....and my friend told me our teacher is coming.
  4. My ambition in life

## Section B (Writing)

**B.1 You are Chirag/ Charu, the secretary of the Adventure Club of your school. Your school has decided to trek in the Autumn Break. Prepare a notice inviting students to participate. Mention the necessary details like, the cost, place, time period, essential items to be carried etc. (5)**

**B.2 Your room- mate Amrita fell down the staircase in the school hostel and fractured her arm. As Kanika, write a letter to her mother in Delhi, informing her about the accident, asking her not to worry as she has been discharged from the hospital and is being looked after well. (8)**

**B.3 State the meaning of the following proverbs:- (2)**

(i) A flower blooms more than once.

(ii) Don't bark if you can't bite.

**B.4 Complete the following proverbs:- (2)**

(i) \_\_\_\_\_ I scratch yours.

(ii) A chain \_\_\_\_\_.

## Section-C (Grammar)

### **C1. Fill in the blanks with one of the words given in the brackets:- (4)**

- (i) Neither his friends nor he \_\_\_\_\_ responsible for this loss. (is/ are)
- (ii) The benefits science has bestowed on mankind \_\_\_\_\_ numerous. (is/ are)
- (iii) I as well as you \_\_\_\_\_ to be blamed. (are /am)
- (iv) Not only the principal but the teachers also \_\_\_\_\_ played an important role. (has/ have)

### **C2. Fill in the blanks with the –ing or to- infinitive form of the verb. Take verbs from the box given below:- (3)** **go break take have rehabilitate socialize**

- (i) I managed \_\_\_\_\_ a good look at the car.
- (ii) The judges should avoid \_\_\_\_\_ with influential businessmen.
- (iii) The driver suggested \_\_\_\_\_ journey at Bilaspur and \_\_\_\_\_ tea there.
- (iv) The worker's union has threatened \_\_\_\_\_ on an indefinite strike.
- (v) It was an uphill task \_\_\_\_\_ all the earthquake victims.

### **C3. Join the following pairs of sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets:- (4)**

- (i) The time at my disposal was very short. I could not furnish the flat properly. (Use infinitive)
- (ii) Mr. Hussain discussed all the points with the chairman. He called a meeting of the departmental heads. (Use a participle)
- (iii) He is a small child. He won't be able to face the situation. (Use a participle)
- (iv) They flew around the world in a two-seater aircraft. It was very bold of them. (Use infinitive)

**C4. Fill in the blanks with suitable conjunctions:- (4)**

- (i) She \_\_\_\_\_ supported the family financially \_\_\_\_\_ kept them united.
- (ii) The aircraft had to make an emergency landing \_\_\_\_\_ the engine had developed a snag.
- (iii)How can I start my work \_\_\_\_\_ I get clear instructions.
- (iv)Show us \_\_\_\_\_ your driving license \_\_\_\_\_ your voter i-card.
- (v) His idea was \_\_\_\_\_ original \_\_\_\_\_ practical.

**C5. Fill in the blanks correctly with the modals given below. You may also have to use their negative forms. Do not use the same modal in more than one blank:- (4)**

- (i) We aren’t sure. We \_\_\_\_\_ go for the evening show.
- (ii) Your writing is quite clear. You \_\_\_\_\_ write your essay again.
- (iii) You \_\_\_\_\_ hide the facts from your parents.
- (iv) I \_\_\_\_\_ speak a bit of Russian once but I have forgotten it now.

**C6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. The first one has been done as an example. (4)**

	Incorrect	Correct
The Davis Cup is an beautiful silver punch e.g. <u>an</u> <u>a</u>		
bowl of engravings in gold. This trophy was (a) _____		
gifted in the United States Lawn Tennis Association by the (b) _____		
well known American tennis player, D.F. Davis on 1990. (c) _____		
The Davis Cup is a world championship who (d) _____		
go on practically throughout the year. The top (e) _____		
16 tennis nation form the World Group (f) _____		
and compete among one another. The losing teams (g) _____		
is eliminated like in any other normal championship. (h) _____		