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**ENGLISH (SET-I)**  
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**Section -A**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow
  1. According to Warren Buffet, the American business magnate, investor and philanthropist, the biggest risk in life is, not knowing what one is doing. So just investing without adequate knowledge of it, which virtually amount to carrying out a thoughtless act, could make your hard-earned money work harder. Thus being well informed about investing is not about splurging money on Valentine's Day or denying oneself a few luxuries occasionally. It is more about gifting each other a financially secure future instead.
  2. Financial planner dealing with family finances, usually insist that financial planning is best done when there is active involvement of both the spouses. A joint effort by both partners, in this direction, can make the financial planning process more meaningful and relevant and its execution smooth. Such involvement also makes the process of periodic review, which is a necessary outcome of financial planning, go smoothly, they say.
  3. It is a common experience for financial planner that the first data input for preparing a financial plan for a family come almost entirely from the husband. But, according to some financial planners, it is important to have the involvement of the woman of the house right at the planning stage itself since most of the time she takes care of household expenses on a day-to-day basis. If the lady of the house is not involved in budgeting, then there are chances of the budget plan going off track due to some reasons. Her participation will keep her in the loop on expenses and savings.
  4. Which budgeting the expenses of the family, financial planners advise that you can have a look at various categories of expenses, like household expenses, transportation, liability repayment, and discretionary expenses and discuss them in detail. Financiers advise that families should decide a day at the start of the year for such a planning exercise. The days for planning can then be extended to plan monthly, half- yearly and annual budgets together. It is advisable, Therefore, to set aside individual days for specific tasks of financial planning. In this list, the two most important days for specific task of financial planning .In this list, the two most important days should be the budgeting day and goal setting day. While budgeting ,you can have a look at various categories of expenses, like household expenses, transportation, liability repayment, and discretionary expenses and discuss them in detail.
  5. Accordingly, the goal setting day should be used to look into expenses concerning lifestyle, children's education and upbringing. Having a goal setting day every month will help keep a tap on goals and also give an opportunity to discuss upcoming goals for the family as a whole. After goal setting it's time for execution when the expensive investments are planned together. Keeping a record of expenses and putting aside money for that expense, makes for wise financial planning. If the woman of the household has been involved in financial matters right from the start, her contribution will be invaluable as women are more disciplined in executing the plan, while men get preoccupied with office routine, and delay the execution part.
  6. And finally, several financiers conclude that since investment is a matter of a long-term focus, together with a high emotional intelligence focus, it's been proved that women fare better. Some important takeaways from financial planners: concentrate on understanding that the biggest resource in financial planning is time and not money alone. The faster a family starts planning the smoother it will be for them to achieve their goals.
- 1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following question by choosing the best of the given choices. (2)
  - (a) Your money will have to work harder if.....
    - (i) You invest according to Warren Buffet
    - (ii) Proper financial planning is made after investing
    - (iii) Proper knowledge about financial investment is made, prior to investing

- (iv) Only when one splurges with the money
- (b) Financial planners advise that the wife's involvement in finances should be.....
  - (i) At the spending stage
  - (ii) at the planning stage
  - (iii) When there is no financial planner
  - (iv) When the resources for financial planning are allocated

1.2 Answer the following questions. (4)

- (a) What is the criterion needed for the proper management of finances?
- (b) What are the advantages of a joint involvement in a family's financial planning?
- (c) Why should women in a household be involved in financial planning?
- (d) What are the advantages of having a goal setting day?

1.3 Find words/ phrases in the passage that mean: (2)

- (a) legal responsibility (para4)
- (b) having the ability to act or decide (para4)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

It is agreed that disasters have become a way of life. We simply can't wish them away. Be it earthquakes, cyclones, floods, landslides, sea-erosion or fires. But, we are definitely in a stage to marginalize their effect. Because these calamities by themselves do not kill people, it is the structurally deficient buildings that give way burying within themselves the hapless many.

The recent earthquake in Gujarat has indeed shaken all of us. Where Bhuj, at the epicenter of the quake, has turned into debris, many a building in Ahmedabad, 400 km away, also simply collapsed. Surprising was the fact that the lower floors of many building sank into the soil. In the cyclone affected coastal Andhra and Orissa, majority of the houses were razed to the ground due to inadequate structural provision. Stories of major fires in buildings in urban areas are too frequent to be missed by any of us. Why is it that the same intensity of earthquake in Gujarat killed over 3.5 lakh houses, and in Seattle with the same earthquake two weeks later, only one died, that too of heart attack with no damage to buildings?

The designs without structural soundness, execution with inferior quality of material and workmanship and scant attention to safety norms and disaster resistant feature in construction, are all fraught with serious risk and hazard to both life and property. It is indeed heartening to note that large number of discerning home owners have already started asking searching questions to the builders if the building is structurally safe for all situations. This never used to happen earlier

We need to make safety a movement encompassing all aspects of structural safety, fire safety, health safety, construction safety and public safety. We have learnt lesson in a number of place. I do not think we need any more. It is time we wake up. Let us all join together to build safer habitant.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make using headings and sub-headings. Use recognisable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. Also supply a supply an appropriate title to it. (5)
- (b) Write an abstract of the above passage. (2)

### Section B (Writing)

- 3. You lost your wristwatch in your school auditorium. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school noticeboard giving a detailed description of the watch. You are Anirudh/Arundhati of class XI of springfields school, Pune. (5)
- 4. As Vivek/ Vineeta, resident of 14 Shivpuri Colony, Rohtak, write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper regarding the long power cuts that your colony has to face every day, also mentioning the commercialization of residential space. (7)
- 5. The invention of mobile phone has brought about a revolution in the lives of the people in the country. If used property, it can be a blessing but if misused, it can prove to be a curse. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'Mobile phone – a boon or bane'. You are Kartik/ Krishan. (8)

### Section-C

6. Fill in the correct form of the verbs given in the brackets. (4)  
 Once there was a king. He(a).....(know)for his benevolence. Everyday he (b).....(feed) the hungry and (c) .....(clothe) the poor before he(d).....(take) his food. He (e) .....( do) so for many years. He ( f).....(love) by his subjects. While (g) ... ..(burn), Nero was (h).....(fiddle).
7. 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 (4).  
 Incorrect word Correction

The whole area might be cleaned up (a).....  
 and one way traffic norm shall be enforced (b).....  
 there can be no entry for rickshaws” (c).....  
 Cycle rickshaws need not be allowed (d).....  
 Between 9a.m and 8 p.m. Mini buses can (e).....  
 Operate from parking lot. There may be (f).....  
 Strict rules. Public transport might not be (g).....  
 allowed on this road.The side walls could be (h).....  
 expanded by 4 to 5 metres,”said the (i).....  
 local M.P.,Mr Kapil Sibbal. (j).....

8. Rearrange the words given below to make meaningful sentences. (2)  
 a. where/a/for/and/reading/are/a library/stored/place/books/is/kept  
 b. a/books/of/good/all kinds/library/found/are/in/

#### Section-D

9. Read the extract and write the questions that follow. (4)  
 My mother’s that was before I was born .  
 And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
 washed their terribly transient feet.
- a. When was the photograph taken ?  
 b. Whose sweet face was showed?  
 c. Where were they standing?  
 d. What does ‘transient’ mean?

10. Answer any five of these question in about 40 words each. (10)  
 1. How has the poetess expressed her sense of loss?  
 2. Who were Larry and Herb?  
 3. What did the CT scan of Tut’s mummy reveal?  
 4. Whatdoes the rain do to the earth?  
 5. Whatmade the narrator and his cousin return the horse?  
 6. Whatdid the farmer, John Byro, left the narrator’s house in disgust?
11. Indian society has moved a long way from the way the marriage is arranged in the story. Discuss.  
 Or  
 Describe how Yuri helps Albert in his efforts to stay away from the school. (6)

#### Section-E

12. What happened on 17<sup>th</sup> August when the ghost made another attempt to frighten the Otis family? (8)  
 13. What failed his efforts to punish the twins ? (7)

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**SECTION – A**

**All questions are compulsory.**

1. Read the following passage and answer the question that follows.
  1. London is universally acknowledged as of Europe's most sought –after holiday destinations. For the discerning traveller, though, who has tick-marked London on his tour itinerary more than once, there are other attractions to be had on a visit to London. Most of them are drawn to this city because it is the one city where both the present and the past live in complete harmony. Thus visitors who want to revel in his Victorian history can have their fill. Others, who like to futuristic elements, will find London equally satisfying. Thus the City has transformed itself into Mecca for the Victorian ere lover as well as those who like to marvel at London's icon symbol, The London Eye.
  2. A prime attraction among visitors to this city is the presence of art galleries and theatres in the city. Currently, there are over 150 theatres and over 300 art galleries in London. Such a huge presence speaks loudly of London's cultural extravaganza .Moreover, London's art galleries are world renowned. For art lovers and students of art, the not-to-be-missed land marks are the Impressionist paintings of the Tate Gallery, and the National portrait Gallery where visitors are thrilled to spot the portrait of William Shakespeare as it is depicted the world over. At the Queen's Gallery visitors are exposed to paintings in the Queen's private collection. Naturally, each of these works are unique and all of them have a highly personal and interesting story behind them. All of them relive for the viewer the bygone era in the most expressive way possible.
  3. Of course no visitor to London comes away without a visit to the British Museum in London. The place is filled with four million exhibits and visitors could spend their entire week visiting the museum in order to have a fair idea of the relics and artifacts in place. For those who would like to see exhibits from India in museum showcases a large collection of crafts ceramics, fashion, and textiles. It also has collection of Indian miniature in its possession.
  4. The interactive session in the Science Museum are a great hit with the kids. Similarly, the exhibits in the Museum of Natural History, with its earthquake simulator and collection of dinosaur bones, and interactive displays, is replica of a lost world for any kid and even several grown-ups. For a break from the world of dinosaurs one can choose to spend some time at Museum of London instead. This place houses interesting exhibits relating to the social and historical side London.
  5. When it comes to the culture of theatre going in London, the tradition goes back in living memory to the days of William Shakespeare. In fact London's theater tradition has carried on unbroken, for the last 400 years. Even today, more than 20 plays open every week and due to all this, London is justifiably called the theatres captain of the world The prominent theatre landmarks of London are the Old Vic, West End theatres, the National Theatre Company, the Royal Shakespeare Company. With the ever-rising popularity of theatre in London, shows are sold out sometimes months in advance.
  6. It a grand finale, a visit to Madame Tussaud's Museum is a must. Here you can click amazing pictures with stars and also partake in the toy train ride within the museum that talks about the history of London.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of given choices. (2)

(a) Most visitors to London come there because.....

- (i) the London Eye beckons
- (ii) London is a famous city
- (iii) the present and the past of London live in complete harmony
- (iv) It is a Victorian era city

(b) A prime attraction of the city is.....

- (i) its many theatres and art galleries

- (ii) its old building and the Queen's Gallery
- (iii) the personal and interesting story about the city
- (iv) the collection of thing from India

1.2. Answer the following question. (4)

- (a) What landmarks proclaim London's claim as being the theatre capital of the world?
- (b) Mention two major attractions of the Victoria and Albert Museum.
- (c) How is the Queen's Gallery different from the Tate Gallery?
- (d) Why do visitor flock to Madame Tussaud's Museum?

1.3. Write the antonyms of the following words. (2)

- (a) Unknown
- (b) Individual

2. Read the following passage and answer the question that follow:

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the Gods yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servant. Yet he has grown so dependent on them that they have in a fair way become his master. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work or burst with rage and blow up and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already, we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines and a time may come when they will rule us altogether just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I ask, what do we with all the time which the machines have asked for us and the new energy they have given us? On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part, we use our time and energy to make more and better machines which will give us still more energy and what are we to do with them? The answer I think is that we should try to become more civilized. For the machines themselves and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and liking beautiful things, thinking freely and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things he ever Had before; he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the universe, to removing the causes of quarrel between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greatest, be the greatest, as it would be more lasting then it has ever been.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary(minimum 4). Use a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)

(B) Write an abstract of the above passage. (2)

### SECTION - B

- 3. As the captain of the school write a notice in 50 words informing the students about the selection of athletes for the coming zonal athlete meet. (5)
- 4. As the Vice-Principal of Saraswati Shiksha Mandir, R.P block, Pitampura, Delhi you have to make arrangements for the farewell party to the outgoing batch. Write a letter to Subhash caterers 518, Rohini sector-20, Delhi placing an order of food and drinks for about two thousand people. They should also make serving arrangements. State the date and time of the party. (7)
- 5. you are Harsh/Harshita, the secretary of eco club of your school. Recently your school celebrated. Tree plantation week' write a report in about 80-100 words. (8)

### SECTION - C

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of the verbs given in brackets: (4)

- a) They.....(lose) the match by one goal.
- b) His sister ..... (come) from Agra last week.
- c) He ..... (lend) me ten rupees.
- d) A fire ..... (break) out in our street last night.

- e) Colombus .....(draw) a line round the hut.  
 f) Laxman .....(draw) a line round the hut.  
 g) Whenever I ..... (try) to contact him, he evaded.  
 h) He was only fifteen when he ..... (die).
7. In the passage given below one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank number. Underline the words that forms your answer. (4)
- Being primary school teacher (a).....  
 In god-forsaken interiors of orrisa (b).....  
 Is not easy job for Hrydanath (c).....  
 Panda. Salary is ridiculously (d).....  
 Low; drop-out rate is abnormally (e).....  
 High and Belgaon asram school's (f).....  
 Infrastructure abysmal. There are only couple (g).....  
 Of rooms and classes have to be held in open. (h).....
8. Do as directed (2)
- a) The teacher said, "Don't you know that virtue triumphs over vice in the long run?"  
 b) Give the order ( change the voice)

**SECTION - D (literature)**

9. Read the passage and answer the question that follows:
- When did my childhood go?  
 Was it the day I ceased to be eleven,  
 Was it the time I realized that Hell and Heaven,  
 Could not be found in geography,  
 And therefore could not be,  
 Was that the day? (4)
- (a) What does the question in line 1 mean?  
 (b) Which two occasion come to his mind as an answer?  
 (c) How is the poet's observation about their behavior significant?  
 (d) How does the poet feels about the loss of his childhood?
10. Answer any five of these questions in about 40 words each: (10)
- a. Why did the boy king change his name from Tutankhaten to Tutankhamum?  
 b. what is the green movement? Why has it become popular over the project?  
 c. The poet's mother laugh at the snapshot. What did this laugh indicate?  
 d. How do rain and song make the places of their birth more beautiful?  
 e. What impression of frank do you get as a teacher?  
 f. How did Albert hope to get admission to an Italian college without a diploma from the Germany school?
11. How does Mrs. Pearson act with her children after exchanging personality with mrs. Fitzgerald ? how does she deal with her husband in her new personality?

OR

Justify the title of the story "The Address". (6)

**SECTION – E**

12. The ghost remembered his victim one by one. What was the plan of the ghost after his encounter with the pillows. (7)
13. What final blow the ghost receive? (8)

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**SECTION -A**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

1. As the groundwater levels in the city of Delhi are dipping really fast, rainwater harvesting is the one tool which should be implemented to counter this problem and that is what the capital city of Delhi to ensure. So far, the city has been almost entirely dependent on other states for its water supply but these supplies reach acute levels during the peaks summer months and additional amounts of water are not released, resulting in water shortages becoming evident all over the city. As there is no likelihood of an increase in this supply chain in the next few years, the need has arisen for strengthening existing systems and raking up old projects, to tackle the problems. Moreover, the population is rising rapidly and to avoid a water crisis, the city must immediately dust its rainwater harvesting projects and examine them once again to ensure their implementation in accordance with proper compliance of existing laws.
2. What the government has earlier put in place as regards rainwater harvesting is that rainwater harvesting is compulsory in Delhi for all new buildings that are more than 100 sq. m in size or are built on a plot larger than 200 sq. m. besides adopting rainwater harvesting in homes, the government was supposed to have implemented it on flyovers and roundabouts as well.
3. Despite these regulations, the city continues to be plagued by water shortages and has achieved very little in regard to rainwater harvesting projects. There are several reasons behind the failure of Delhi's rainwater harvesting implementation. One of these is inadequate financial assistance available for such projects. In addition, there are long-winded procedures and poor maintenance of structure once they built. Also, monitoring of rainwater harvesting projects has been extremely poor with no agency maintaining a records of the buildings that have installed rainwater harvesting units, within their purview.
4. It has been observed that very few government buildings have implemented the order and many flyovers and roundabouts do not have the mandatory rainwater harvesting feature. Where new buildings are concerned, government sanctions lay down that builders must show rainwater harvesting in their building plans before they can be sanctioned. However, there is no monitoring system in place to ensure that these mechanisms are included when the structures are finally built.
5. It is, therefore, the opinion of some NGOs in Delhi that the government should start its rainwater harvesting implementation programme by first ensuring that all government buildings, irrespective of their size, have their rainwater system in place. It should similarly be implemented on flyovers. In other cases, the housing societies should have their rainwater harvesting plans ready, but government needs to assist them financially to carry them out. Delhi's colonies are also plagued with the same problem, the government should encourage direct storage of rainwater because it will take a long time to form a layer of fresh water over the saline layers of today.
6. Another solution comes from Delhi's numerous water bodies. Experts say that Delhi can look to its 600 odd water bodies for overcoming water shortages. The existing water bodies should be cleaned and connected to the nearest storm water drains to act as natural reservoirs. Check dams could also be built across the 22 nullahs of Delhi and old dysfunctional wells also be used as water storage units.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices. (2)

- (a) To augment delhi's water supply system, the authorities need to....
  - (i) Rake up old water harvesting projects.
  - (ii) Depend on neighbouring states.
  - (iii) Build more tube wells
  - (iv) Charge water taxes
- (b) Rainwater harvesting is compulsory in bulidings.....
  - (i) That are already in existence

- (ii) That are built new
- (iii) Of a particular size
- (iv) That have their plans drawn up.

1.2. Answer the following questions. (4)

- a) Why should the city immediately implement its rainwater projects?
- b) What are flaws in the monitoring system of rainwater harvesting schemes?
- c) Mention two ways in which the government can ensure rainwater harvesting is being done in the city.
- d) How can Delhi's water bodies solve its water shortage problems?

1.3. Find words/phases in the passage that means: (2)

- a) Willingness (para 1)
- b) Revive (para 1)

2. Read the following passage and answer that follows:

Where do we go from here? One thing is clear; we cannot go back to the old days. With population growth of nearly three percent per year there was hardly any improvement in the standard of living. Poverty was rampant and reaching a level of 50 per cent or more. Human deprivation in terms of access to wealth, education, nutrition was extremely serious. Under a highly protectionist regime competition was effectively thwarted with the consumers paying high prices for the goods of shoddy quality. The only silver lining was the improvement in agriculture productivity, mainly because of the small farms- dominated agrarian structure. We are still paying the price of an inefficient and oligarchic industrial structure and inadequate investment in social and physical infrastructure. The earlier system was both unjust and inefficient. If we compare like with like, things are existed in the pre-reform days with what obtains since then, the current situation with all its imperfections is better than the bad old days.

There is another fact to be reckoned with. Thanks mainly to information technology, penetration of ideas and images has become all-pervasive. Whether one likes it or not, people's aspirations have changed and it is a common desire to reach the standard, at least the content, of the western style of living. Most of the advocates of old thought, in their own lifestyle, are no exception to this general trend. Nor is it possible, and much less desirable, to shun all western communications and immunize the society from these influences.

Aping western styles without any discrimination, and ignoring the brighter aspects of our own heritage will put us in double jeopardy. What is true for the general approach to lifestyle is also true for economic activities. We should take advantages of the emerging and integrating world economy without sacrificing our own priorities to build a just and caring society.

Till date the experience of globalization for the developing countries, including India, is not happy. If we wish to make globalization contribute to the objectives of equality and growth we will have to take action at two levels: to strive for changing the rules of globalization, and to equip the country to face the challenges of, rather take advantages from, the emerging world economy.

- (A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary (minimum 4). Use a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)
- (B) Write an abstract of the above passage. (2).

### **SECTION B**

- (3) Draft a notice to inform the students of class 5 and 6 about their investiture ceremony in not more than 50 words. You are the coordinator for the RV Model school. (5)
- (4) You are anuj/anuja of 10, panchali nagar, delhi. Last month you purchased an automatic 'wingsung' washing machine from grand electronics, against a warranty of two years. For one month, it worked well. Now you find that it is making an unbearable noise and clothes are not washed properly. Write a letter to the manager of grand electronics, complaining about your problem and requesting him to replace the machines immediately. (7)



- (5) Pub culture has become a fashion for today's youth.  
Do you agree with this statement? Pen down your feeling in the form of an article in 150-200 words. (8)

**SECTION-C**

- (6) Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of verbs given in brackets: (4)
- a) The bus .....at the corner now. It.....there since midday.(wait)
  - b) I.....to the zoo tomorrow. I.....there nearly every weekend.(go)
  - c) He generally.....very well but today he .....very badly.(play)
  - d) I always.....my umbrella, in case it rains. I.....my umbrella, because it looks like rain. (carry)
- (7) The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and correction in your answer sheet as given below. Underline the word that you have supplied. (3)
- Thousands of people are killed in the earthquake e.g., are... were  
in Gujarat last month. Many villages are (a).....  
destroyed completely. Now new houses were be built (b).....  
for the homeless. So far ten builders were arrested (c).....  
for making unsafe houses. It was hoped that (d).....  
very soon the life is made normal for the people. (e).....  
and their losses were compensated. (f).....
- (8) Do as directed: (3)
- (i) All trust and honest man. (change into passive voice)
  - (ii) Mohan said to me "why do you look so sad and gloomy today"? (change into indirect speech)
  - (iii) I can't go. I have no ticket. (combine the sentence)

**SECTION-D**

- (9) where did my childhood go?  
It went to some forgotten place,  
That's hidden in an infant's face,  
That's all I know. (4)
- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
  - (b) How does the speaker feel about the loss of his childhood?
  - (c) Explain : "some forgotten place".
  - (d) Which line tells whether the poet is a grown up?
- (10) Answer the following questions. (10)
- a. Describe the weather and season conditions leading to the wave hit to "Wavewalker". What was the effect of the wave hit?
  - b. Who was Howard Cater? What was his great discovery in Egypt?
  - c. Describe the process of the forming and falling of the rain?
  - d. What kind of teacher and a human being is Crocker-Harris. According to Taplow?
  - e. Who was Ranga? What was special about him.
- (11) What characteristics of Einstein's nature is highlighted by the exchanges between him and his teacher?

OR

Mrs. Annie Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald are totally opposite to each other in their attitude. Show the difference between their personality. (6)

**SECTION - E**

- (12) The ghost remembered his victim one by one. Describe it. (8)
- (13) What was the plan of the ghost after his encounter with the pillows? (7)

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**SECTION -A**

**1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.**

1. The year marks the centenary of the artist Amrita Sheer-Gil one of the greatest women painters of our country. This half-Hungarian half-Sikh painter died at the young age of just 28, in 1941. Born in 1913, to a Sikh father and a Hungarian mother, she lived her life between Europe and India. Her art training was at the prestigious *evolve de beaux arts* where she became the first Asian to win a gold medal for painting.
2. Despite her short lifespan, her art is known for its intensity, and her works have lived on, as national treasures for all of us to admire. Amrita sher Gil's last painting before her death was a view of the fast urbanization of Lahore, as seen from her studio window. Curiously, this painting was unlike her earlier ones as it showed a definite shift from her earlier ones as it showed a definite shift from her earlier depictions of the ordinary people in towns and village, towards an abstraction. The painting in a way, was also a depiction of the new emergent India.
3. Among her other works that have remained evergreen are her numerous self-portraits. These depicts the artist in her many moods. In some of them she appears gay and with abandon; in others she looks candid. Some of the painting show trouble figure. But whatever the mood, in all these self-portraits the artist appears deeply involved in her art.
4. Beside self-portraits, Sher-Gil is known for her studies of ordinary folk. Critics have said that this subject for painting was born of the artist's profound interest to depict, 'the life of the Indian poor' and remains a profound study of the intensity she puts into art. Also, having just returned from Europe at that time, she found the subjects available to her in her own country very fascinating and inspirational.
5. Another subject that Sheer-Gil took up frequently was that of Indian women. At a time when women were not in prominence, and Indian women painters preferred to paint other subjects instead, sheer- gil had made women the foremost theme of her art. She explained her attraction for this subject by stating that art for her was a manner of interpretation. Thus the women in her paintings seem to draw the viewer to them with the sense of empathy for the claustrophobic lives that women of all classes had lived in the last century.
6. In the particular, in sher-gil's work, ' the bride's toilet', one can see the young bride being readied for the formal ceremony during the rituals of the haldi-uptan application. She seems to be admitting the procedure rather than taking any special interest in it. In her other work on woman titled 'woman resting on the Charpoy', painted a year before her death, the subject is a mature woman from a feudal household. The maid is fanning her mistress, who lied on a charpoy. The summer heat is reflected in the crimson shades of her attire and the suggestive pose of the woman.
7. Another significant angle to these works is the fact that they were painted on her final return to India from Paris. Sheer-Gil's aesthetic vision had seen change from her Parisian days, but the technique of art had remained. Thus, the Parisian technique was influence by the pahari miniature style of India, the vibrancy of the Ajanta frescoes, and the character of the common folk in India.

1.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given choices. **(2)**

- a) This year marks the centenary of .....
  - (i) The painter Amrita Sher-Gil
  - (ii) The painting of her window in Lahore
  - (iii) Her return from Paris
  - (iv) Start in painting
- b) The painting that have remained evergreen include .....

- (i) Those of her friends
- (ii) The painting of her school in Paris
- (iii) The Ajanta frescoes
- (iv) Her self-portraits

1.2. Answer the following questions. (4)

- (a) What do we learn about Amrita Sher-Gil's from the passage?
- (b) What is the dominant character of her self-portraits?
- (c) Why are her paintings of women regarded as significant?
- (d) From what sources did Sher-Gil draw her inspiration?

1.3. Find the antonyms of the words in the passage. (2)

- (a) Casual (para 4)
- (b) Inconspicuous (para 5)

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follows:

How you can best improve your English depends on where you live and particularly on whether or not you live in an English speaking community. If you hear English spoken every day and mix freely with English speaking people, that is on the whole advantage. On the other hand, it is often confusing to have the whole language poured over you at once. Ideally, a step-by-step course should accompany or lead up to this experience. It will also help a great deal if you can easily get the sort of English books in which you are interested.

To read a lot is essential. It is stupid not to venture outside the examination 'set books' or the textbooks you have chosen for intensive study. Read as many books in English as you can, not as a duty but for pleasure. Do not choose the most difficult books to find, with the idea of listing and learning as many new words as possible: choose what is likely to interest you and be sure in advance that it is not too hard. You should not have to be constantly looking up new words in the dictionary, for that deadens interest and checks real learning. Look up a word here and there, but as a general policy, try to push ahead, guessing what words mean from the context. It is extensive and not intensive reading that normally helps you to get interested in extra- reading and thereby improve your English. You should enjoy the feeling which extensive reading gives of having some command of the language.

As you read, you will become more and more familiar with the words and sentence patterns you already know, understanding them better and better as you meet them in more and more sentences, some of which may differ only slightly from others.

Some people say that we cannot learn to speak a language better with the help of a book. To believe this is to believe that the spoken language and the written language are quite different things. It is not so. This is a very great deal in common between the two. In learning the patterns and vocabulary of the written form, we are learning to a considerable extent those of the spoken form too. We are, in fact, learning the language and not merely one form of the language.

**(a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use the abbreviations, wherever necessary (minimum 4). Use a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)**

**(b) Write the abstract of the above passage. (2)**

#### SECTION B(WRITING)

3. As the captain of the school, write a notice in 50 words informing the students about the selection of athletes for the coming Zonal Athletic meet. (5)
4. The use of computers is becoming very popular in every sphere of life in India. Write an article in about 150 -200 words emphasizing the use of computers in everyday life. (7)
5. You are Arun/Anjali of 21 Kailash park, New Delhi. Write a letter to the Editor of the local newspaper about the menace of stray dogs in your colony. (8)

#### SECTION C (GRAMMAR)

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of verbs given in brackets: (3)
- He generally.....very well but today he.....very badly.(play)
  - The bus.....at the corner now. It.....there since midday.(wait)s
  - I.....a strange-looking fellow yesterday. I don't think I.....him before(meet)
7. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after against the correct blank number underline the words that forms your answer. (4)
- She thought she do something (a) .....
- For the lake. It cost Rs. 42 crores (b) .....
- To clean the lake "still", I thought "I do (c) .....
- Something. I reach out to the people. (d) .....
- I decided that I talk to the people. (e) . .....
- They surely be willing to clean (f) . .....
- Their beloved lake. There be some (g) .....
- Opposition, but I felt I be able to (h) .....
- Overcome it".
8. Do as directed. (3)
- The old saint said to the audience," do tell me the truth or I will send you to jail." (change into indirect speech)
  - I have taught this girl. (change the voice)
  - A lady wrote this book. She is coming here today. (combine the sentence)

**SECTION D (LITERATURE)**

9. I descend to love the droughts, atomies, dust layers of the globe.  
 And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn.  
 And forever, by day and night , I give back life to myn own origin.  
 And make pure and beautify it. (4)
- What does 'I' do on descending?
  - How does 'I' affect those that have seeds in them?
  - Explain the meaning of the last line.
  - What is the effect of the poets use of 'I' in the poem?
10. Answer the following question: (10)
- Describe the mental condition of voyagers on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> January ?
  - What is the status of the earth forest system?
  - What did yury say when albert ask him to find a doctor for him?
  - Who was mrs. Dorling and where did she live?
  - What does the rain do to the earth?
11. Has the growth of the world population contributed the bad environment situation today?
- OR**
- Which book was Albert reading when Elsa meet him? What Elsa gave him comfort? (6)
- Section-E**
12. The ghost remembered his victims one by one. Describe it. (7)
13. What foiled his efforts to punish the twins? (8)

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**All questions are compulsory.**

**SECTION -A**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

- 1 According to Warren Buffet, the American business magnate, investor and philanthropist, the biggest risk in life is, not knowing what one is doing. So just investing without adequate knowledge of it, which virtually amount to carrying out a thoughtless act, could make your hard-earned money work harder. Thus being well informed about investing is not about splurging money on Valentine's Day or denying oneself a few luxuries occasionally. It is more about gifting each other a financially secure future instead.
- 2 Financial planner dealing with family finances, usually insist that financial planning is best done when there is active involvement of both the spouses. A joint effort by both partners, in this direction, can make the financial planning process more meaningful and relevant and its execution smooth. Such involvement also makes the process of periodic review, which is a necessary outcome of financial planning, go smoothly, they say.
- 3 It is a common experience for financial planner that the first data input for preparing a financial plan for a family come almost entirely from the husband. But, according to some financial planners, it is important to have the involvement of the woman of the house right at the planning stage itself since most of the time she takes care of household expenses on a day-to-day basis. If the lady of the house is not involved in budgeting, then there are chances of the budget plan going off track due to some reasons. Her participation will keep her in the loop on expenses and savings.
- 4 Which budgeting the expenses of the family, financial planners advise that you can have a look at various categories of expenses, like household expenses, transportation, liability repayment, and discretionary expenses and discuss them in detail. Financiers advise that families should decide a day at the start of the year for such a planning exercise. The days for planning can then be extended to plan monthly, half- yearly and annual budgets together. It is advisable, Therefore, to set aside individual days for specific tasks of financial planning. In this list, the two most important days for specific task of financial planning .In this list, the two most important days should be the budgeting day and goal setting day. While budgeting ,you can have a look at various categories of expenses, like household expenses, transportation, liability repayment, and discretionary expenses and discuss them in detail.
- 5 Accordingly, the goal setting day should be used to look into expenses concerning lifestyle, children's education and upbringing. Having a goal setting day every month will help keep a tap on goals and also give an opportunity to discuss upcoming goals for the family as a whole. After goal setting it's time for execution when the expensive investments are planned together. Keeping a record of expenses and putting aside money for that expense, makes for wise financial planning. If the woman of the household has been involved in financial matters right from the start, her contribution will be invaluable as women are more disciplined in executing the plan, while men get preoccupied with office routine, and delay the execution part.
- 6 And finally, several financiers conclude that since investment is a matter of a long-term focus, together with a high emotional intelligence focus, it's been proved that women fare better. Some important takeaways from financial planners: concentrate on understanding that the biggest resource in financial planning is time and not money alone. The faster a family starts planning the smoother it will be for them to achieve their goals.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following question by choosing the best of the given choices. (2)

- (a) Your money will have to work harder if.....
- (v) You invest according to Warren Buffet
  - (vi) Proper financial planning is made after investing

- (vii) Proper knowledge about financial investment is made, prior to investing
- (viii) Only when one splurges with the money
- (b) Financial planners advise that the wife's involvement in finances should be.....
  - (v) At the spending stage
  - (vi) at the planning stage
  - (vii) When there is no financial planner
  - (viii) When the resources for financial planning are allocated

1.2 Answer the following question. (4)

- (a) What is the criterion needed for the proper management of finances?
- (b) What are the advantages of a joint involvement in a family's financial planning?
- (c) Why should women in a household be involved in financial planning?
- (d) What are the advantages of having a goal setting day?

1.3 Find words/ phases in the passage that mean: (2)

- (a) legal responsibility (para4)
- (b) having the ability to act or decide (para4)

**2. Read the following passage and answer the question that follow:**

The third great defect of our civilization is that it does not know what to do with its knowledge. Science has given us powers fit for the Gods yet we use them like small children. For example, we do not know how to manage our machines. Machines were made to be man's servant. Yet he has grown so dependent on them that they have in a fair way become his master. Already most men spend most of their lives looking after and waiting upon machines. And the machines are very stern masters. They must be kept at the right temperature. And if they do not get their meals when they expect them, they grow sulky and refuse to work or burst with rage and blow up and spread ruin and destruction all around them. So we have to wait upon them very attentively and do all that we can to keep them in a good temper. Already, we find it difficult either to work or play without the machines and a time may come when they will rule us altogether just as we rule the animals.

And this brings me to the point at which I ask, what do we with all the time which the machines have asked for us and the new energy they have given us? On the whole, it must be admitted, we do very little. For the most part, we use our time and energy to make more and better machines which will give us still more energy and what are we to do with them? The answer I think is that we should try to become more civilized. For the machines themselves and the power which the machines have given us, are not civilization but aids to civilization. But you will remember that we agreed at the beginning that being civilized meant making and liking beautiful things, thinking freely and living rightly and maintaining justice equally between man and man. Man has a better chance today to do these things he ever had before; he has more time, more energy, less to fear and less to fight against. If he will give his time and energy which his machines have won for him to making more beautiful things, to finding out more and more about the universe, to removing the causes of quarrel between nations, to discovering how to prevent poverty, then I think our civilization would undoubtedly be the greatest, be the greatest, as it would be more lasting than it has ever been.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary (minimum 4). Use a format you consider suitable. Also supply an appropriate title to it. (5)

(B) Write an abstract of the above passage. (2)

**Section- B(writing)**

- 3. As student editor, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice boards inviting article from the student for your school magazine. You are Rohan/Rupini of Vasant Vihar school, Pune. (5)
- 4. Write an article in 150-200 words. "poverty is a cause of all evils" to be published in the young world of 'the hindu', Chennai. (7)

5. As vivek/Vinita, resident of 14 shivpuri colony, rohtak, write a letter to the editor of your local daily regarding the long power cuts that your colony has to face every day, also mentioning the commercialization of residential space. (8)

**SECTION- C(GRAMMAR)**

6. Fill in the blanks with suitable forms of verbs given in brackets: (4)
1. My father \_\_\_\_\_ to his office every day. He \_\_\_\_\_ there now. (smoke)
  2. Buses usually \_\_\_\_\_ along this road. No buses \_\_\_\_\_ today, because the drivers are on strike. (run).
  3. They \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) television whenever I can, but I \_\_\_\_\_ (not watch) television tonight because there's nothing worth seeing.
  4. They \_\_\_\_\_ in the library at present. They \_\_\_\_\_ there for over an hour. (work)
7. **One word is omitted in each line in the following passage. Write the missing words along with the word coming before it and the word coming after it. The first one is done as an example:** (4)

**Before word after**

I never forget one of my childhood I can never  
Experiences. I was trying climb a tree (a) .....  
when my foot slipped and fell and (b) .....  
fainted. My friends thought I dead. (c) .....  
They all left mw and ran. When (d) .....  
I regained consciousness I found I could (e) .....  
not move part of my body. I (f) .....  
had a terrible pain in back and (g) .....  
legs. I not know what to do (h) .....

8. Do as directed: (2)
- a. Mohan said to me," why do you look so sad and gloomy today? Is there anything troubling you? Can I do anything for you? ( change in speech)
  - b. John gave him a book. (change in voice)

**SECTION-D**

9. Read the extract and write the questions that follow. (4)
- My mother's that was before I was born .  
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
washed their terribly transient feet.
- a) When was the photograph taken ?
  - b) Whose sweet face was showed?
  - c) Where were they standing?
  - d) What does'transient' mean?
10. Answer any five of these question in about 40 words each . (10)
7. How has the poetess expressed her sense of loss?
  8. Who were Larry and Herb?
  9. What did the CT scan of Tut's mummy reveal?
  10. What does the rain do to the earth?
  11. What made the narrator and his cousin return the horse?
  12. What did the farmer, John Byro, left the narrator's house in disgust?
11. Indian society has moved a long way from the way the marriage is arranged in the story. Discuss.

Or

Describe how Yuri helps Albert in his efforts to stay away from the school. (6)

**Section-E**

12. What happened on 17<sup>th</sup> August when the ghost made another attempt to frighten the Otis family? (8)

13. What failed his efforts to punish the twins ?

(7)