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**ENGLISH**  
**(Language and Literature)**

*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks: 100*

**General Instructions:**

- (i) *This paper is divided into **four** Sections : A, B, C and D.*
- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

**SECTION A**  
**(Reading)**

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

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Dance is a skilful art. It is an effective means of expression. Facial expressions and hand gestures are the essence of dance. A dancer can express such feelings as joy, anger, or helplessness without saying a word. People have been dancing since time immemorial. Pre-historic people probably made up dances to gain favour of their gods. Many Indian tribes danced while appealing for rain and good crops. But most people these days, dance simply to have fun or entertain others. Dance is not merely a fun social activity, it is also an ideal exercise. Twenty minutes of dancing can burn as many calories as twenty minutes of swimming or biking. Half-an-hour of dancing can burn as many as 200 to 400 calories. Dancing can reduce stress, tension, anxiety and even depression. Dance, like music, knows no boundaries — geographic, linguistic or racial. It is a great unifying force. (150 words)

1.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) What constitutes the essence of dance ? 1
- (b) Mention any two feelings which can be expressed by a dancer without saying a word. 1
- (c) Why did pre-historic people perform dances ? 1
- (d) What did the Indian tribes appeal for through their dances ? 1
- (e) How many calories are approximately burnt by half-an-hour of dancing ? 1
- (f) How is dance a unifying force ? 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 6

Ladakh is a desert in the mountains in the Eastern part of Jammu and Kashmir. This region does not receive any rain and is covered in snow for most of the year. Very little agriculture is possible in this region and very few trees can grow. For drinking water, people depend on the melting snow during the summer months. The people eat meat and milk products like cheese and butter. Each family owns some, goats, cows and dzos (yak-cows). The sheep in this region are very special. They produce Pashmina wool which is prized. The people of Ladakh carefully collect the wool and sell it to traders from Kashmir where costly Pashmina shawls are chiefly woven. Though a desert Ladakh always attracted its share of traders. It was considered a good trade route due to its many passes through which caravans with merchandise travelled to what is today called Tibet. (150 words)

2.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) Why is Ladakh a desert region ? 2
- (b) How do the people of Ladakh obtain drinking water in summer ? 1
- (c) Which cattle do they tend ? 1
- (d) Why are the sheep of this region special ? 1
- (e) Why was Ladakh considered a good trade route in olden times ? 1

3. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 8

There is only one natural satellite — the Moon. But there are many man-made or artificial satellites revolving around the Earth. Aryabhata, IRS-IB and INSAT-2A are some Indian artificial satellites. They are more than 300 km away from the Earth. At this height, the Earth's gravity and atmosphere do not affect them.

Artificial satellites are of many kinds. Of them, weather satellites send information and pictures of clouds, storms and ocean currents. They are used to predict the weather. This information is also used to warn people about storms, floods, forest fires, etc. Communication satellites are used to transmit telephone conversation and TV programmes across the Earth. They are helpful in sending messages through fax machines, using mobile phones and the internet. Science satellites send information about outer space. Astronomers study this data and get to know more about things in space. These satellites are launched into space by rockets. Once beyond the Earth's gravity and atmosphere, they are sent circling around the Earth by the force of another rocket. There is nothing in space to obstruct the path or speed of these satellites. So they continue to keep going around the Earth, just like the Moon. (198 words)

3.1 Answer the following questions briefly :

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| (a) Name any two of the Indian artificial satellites.  | 1 |
| (b) Why are artificial satellites kept at a distance of more than 300 km away from the Earth ? | 1 |
| (c) Mention any two kinds of man-made satellites.  | 1 |
| (d) How is the information sent by weather satellites used ?                                   | 2 |

3.2 Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following :

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| (a) force of attraction between an object and the Earth | 1 |
| (b) body of water or air in motion                      | 1 |
| (c) block up/put something in the way of                | 1 |

### SECTION B

(Writing)

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4. In your town there are no public toilets in an area of about two kilometres. The misuse of open spaces causes unhygienic conditions. Write a letter to the Health Officer of your town requesting him to provide this facility in the interest of the residents. You are Yash/ Yashika living at 28, Khel Gaon, Warangal. Do not exceed 100 words.

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OR

You went to visit an International Book Fair along with your family. You specially liked the collection of Indian books on yoga, art of living, religion, etc. Write a letter to your friend in Delhi describing your visit. You are Lovish / Lalita living at 5/E/29, Liberty Lane, Tokyo, Japan. Do not exceed 100 words.

5. Read the passage given below :

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The bicycle is a wonderful invention indeed. It enables speedy travel using your energy, whereas almost all other vehicles depend on external sources of energy.

Every school-boy knows who invented the first bicycle. It was a Scotsman named Kirkpatrick Macmillan who in 1839 just fitted two wheels to a frame and attached pedals to the back wheel. He then' embarked on the first bicycle ride in history. It was like nothing they had eVer seen. He covered 112 kilometers in a mere 10 hours. It was a great feat considering the speed of travel in those days.

Macmillan's design of the bicycle was improved over the years. Handlebars became curved, tyres were made thin, and multiple gears were introduced. John Boyd Dunlop, thereafter revolutionized road transport by introducing pneumatic tyres.

Racing bicycles became common by 1970. They were very good on smooth roads and climbed slopes comfortably. But on the mountain terrain where the roads were rough they flopped. It was at this juncture that Joe Breeze came along with the mountain bike. He made the tyres thick and introduced a new gear system, a flat handlebar and efficient hand brakes. It was fine on smooth highways as well as rough mountain roads.

5.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it in points only, using headings and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it. 4

5.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 50 words. 4

6. One of your class-fellows is very naughty. He creates trouble for students as well as teachers. Write a paragraph in not more than 80 words about this naughty class-fellow. 6

**OR**

Acute shortage of drinking water during the summer season is reported every year in your city. During your visit to the city you found great misuse of water. Using the hints given below, write a report in not more than 80 words for your newspaper. You are Arvind / Anshu, the reporter of a national daily.

misuse of water - water leaks from tanks installed on roofs of colonies - public taps often broken - water pipes broken at places - not repaired - water flowing endlessly-more water flows than used-serious efforts needed.

## SECTION C

### (Grammar)

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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 it in your answer sheet. *Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown below.*

Thieves broke into well-known \_\_\_\_\_ into a a well-known \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 × 8 = 4  
jeweller's shop the city through the \_\_\_\_\_ (a)  
back part of the shop Tuesday night. They \_\_\_\_\_ (b)  
made away with gold jewellery diamonds. \_\_\_\_\_ (c)  
Guards posted at the entrance the shop \_\_\_\_\_ (d)  
came know of it only after the shop \_\_\_\_\_ (e)  
was opened in morning. According to \_\_\_\_\_ (f)  
the police the thieves came from adjacent \_\_\_\_\_ (g)  
building was under construction. \_\_\_\_\_ (h)

8. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in brackets. Correctly number and write the answers in your answer sheet. 1/2 × 8 = 4

Sixteen year old Saina Nehwal (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (become) the first Indian woman (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (win) a major international badminton tournament. She (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (beat) Julia Wong of Malaysia in Manila on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2006. On being asked she (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (say) that she (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) confident because she (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (defeat) Wong before. She just (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (concentrate) on (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (play).

9. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. 1 × 4 = 4

*Salesman :* A young man snatched my briefcase.

*Inspector :* What did the young man look like ?

*Salesman :* He was tall, dark and thin. He had a long scar on his left cheek.

*Inspector :* It's an important clue.

The salesman told the Inspector (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The Inspector enquired of him (b) \_\_\_\_\_. The salesman told him (c) \_\_\_\_\_. He specifically pointed out that the young man had a long scar on his left cheek. The Inspector remarked (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. 1×3=3

*Example :*

seeds / in / the month / sowed / the farmers / of July

The farmers sowed seeds in the month of July.

- (a) cleverer / the / is / brother / the younger / than / elder brother  
 (b) elected / the / he / was / President / people / by  
 (c) me / the noise / traffic / of / kept / awake

**SECTION D**  
**(Literature)**

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11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines only*. Number the answers correctly. 5

I thought and thought, and suddenly I had an idea. I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit, since my mother talked as much as I did, if not more, and that there's not much you can do about inherited traits.

- (a) What made Anne think so deeply? 1  
 (b) How much did she write? 1  
 (c) What, according to Anne, is a student's trait? 1  
 (d) Why would she not be able to cure of her habit? 1  
 (e) Which word in the passage means the same as 'derived from parents'? 1

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines only*. Number the answers correctly. 5

The overarching challenge of our times is to make globalization mean more than bigger markets. To make a success of this great upheaval we must learn how to govern better, and, above all, how to govern better together.

- (a) What, according to Kofi Annan, is the greatest challenge of our times? 1  
 (b) Why does he call it 'a great upheaval'? 1  
 (c) What suggestions does he give to make globalisation a success? 2  
 (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'great and sudden change'? 1

13. What was the mystery in the story, 'The Trunk of Ganesha' ? How was it solved ? Write your answer in about 80 words. 6

OR

Does Nehru feel that working only for India's political freedom is not enough ? Give reasons for your answer in about 80 words.

14. Did the surgeon allow the policeman to arrest the wounded Dan ? Why did he do so ? Write your answer in 30 - 40 words. 4

OR

“ 'Tis an unjust world, Your Honour,” says Reuben to the Surgeon. Why does he say so ? What does he mean by it ? Write your answer in 30 - 40 words.

15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets. Remember to number the answers correctly. 3

Teach me to listen, Lord  
To myself  
Help me to be less afraid  
To trust the voice inside  
In the deepest part of me.

- (a) Who is the poet addressing ? 1  
(b) Why does the poet pray for help to be less afraid ? 1  
(c) What is the 'voice inside' ? 1

OR

The sun in heaven was shining gay,  
All things were joyful on that day;  
The sea-birds screamed as they wheeled round,  
And there was joyance in their sound.

- (a) Name the two objects of nature mentioned in the stanza. 1  
(b) What is the mood of nature on that day ? 1  
(c) Which words in the stanza rhyme together ? 1

16. How is the stormy night compared to a dog ? Explain in 30 - 40 words. 3

OR

Why is the Spring described as “a new comer” in the poem, 'Nothing Will Die' ? Write your answer in 30 - 40 words.

17. When people talk, what, according to the poet, is the universal message they give ? 2

18. "As you sow so shall you reap." How is this statement applicable in case of Sir Ralph, the Rover ?

2

**OR**

Which places does the wind visit ?

19. What impression does Hari Singh form of Anil ? Substantiate your answer giving examples from the text. Write your answer in about 100 words.

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**OR**

How did the lady in red manage to rob the safe without leaving a single fingerprint ? Write your answer in about 100 words,

20. Who knocked at Ausable's door ? Why did he do it ?

2

21. Why were the landlord and his wife surprised to see the scientist's door wide open ?

2

**OR**

Why did Jeanne not recognize her friend Matilda ?

22. Why was Ram Lal worried about Bholi and not about his other children ?

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23. Why was the narrator happy to go to New MuUion ? Why did he go there ?

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**OR**

Why did Sulekha talk very little when she was a child ?