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Marks : 100**Instructions :**

- (i) All questions are **compulsory**.
- (ii) Answers must be complete and to the point.
- (iii) Marks of each question are indicated against it.
- (iv) Internal choices are given in some of the questions.

SECTION - A**(Reading)**

- 1 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

A book is not something you find in every gali or mohalla these days. Books which were once staple diet for youngsters in their formative years are fading out of their list of engagements. Ask any youngster which is the latest book he has read and he will be baffled.

Television has been blamed for this calamitous situation, which is producing square faced people and a bookless society. Furthermore, today children are under pressure to be smart and popular to succeed on a social level. Computers, videogames, internet, cricketing and every youngsters passion for hour long tete-a-tete on telephone with friends eat up their leisure time.



Many parents also believe that today children have become aware and demand logical explanation and are not befooled by fairy tales or animal stories.

Though works of Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Jane Austin no longer get with the teenagers, the best sellers from Daniel Steel, Sidney Sheldon are more famous among them.

Taste and enthusiasm for literature can be communicated artfully to the children by reading to them bed time stories, encouraging them to play historical character and giving books as birthday gifts.

Questions :

- (a) Which kind of books are read by teenagers ? 1
- (1) Historical stories, (2) Self-development books
(3) Story books (4) Religious books
- (b) How do youngsters spend their leisure time ? 1
- (1) Videogames (2) Reading story books
(3) Playing football (4) Painting
- (c) Children must be gifted - 1
- (1) Computer (2) Videogames
(3) Historical books (4) Mobile
- (d) Parents must spend their time - 1
- (1) In talking (2) In playing cards
(3) In telling stories (4) In wandering
- (e) Who is more famous among teenagers - 1
- (1) Daniel Steel (2) Charles Dickens
(3) Shakespeare (4) Jane Austin
- (f) Meaning of tete-a-tete - 1
- (1) Private conversation (2) Conversation
(3) Official conversation (4) Social conversation



(g) Noun form of "Produce" 1

(1) Producing

(2) Product

(3) Productivity

(4) Produced 1

(h) Antonym of "Leisure"

(1) Free time

(2) Spare time

(3) Engage

(4) Halt

(i) Why are children not interested in fairy tales today ? 2

(j) How can parents encourage the children to read books ? 2

2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below it :

In the modern world women have come to perform varied roles. They are no longer confined to the four walls of their homes. A number of them go out to workplaces to serve as teachers, doctors, nurses, officers, clerks, workers, soldiers etc. There is hardly any field in which women have nothing to do. They work and earn extra money which provides financial security to their families. Not only do they work efficiently at workplaces they manage their homes equally well.

There is no doubt that working women are sometimes left with little time for their husbands and children. Children fail to do well in their studies. Husbands grumble for lack of attention. In such cases women need to cut down their working hours or find out ways and means so that their families do not feel neglected.

Women, I feel, should work and earn money. Only then can they run their homes better in a competitive world. If their families are co-operative, they also do their duties well, as homemakers.

Questions :

(i) (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using abbreviations, where necessary. 4

(b) Give a suitable title to it. 1

(ii) Prepare a summary of the above passage. 3



SECTION - B

(Writing)

- 3 You are Aishwarya Patel, student of Class XII A of Govt. H. S. School, Dhar. You have found a tiffin-box in the school playground. Prepare a notice for school noticeboard. Put the notice in a box. 5

OR

With the help of the clues given, design a poster in a suitable box entitled 'Don't be Cruel to Animals'.

Love them, Feed them, Shelter them, 'Save animals, Save the Earth'.

- 4 Last Monday you went to the hospital to see a friend who was admitted there. Using the following input, produce a small write-up on 'A visit to a hospital' : 6

- (1) Registration counter
- (2) People in front of doctors' rooms
- (3) Surgical ward
- (4) Nurses attending
- (5) Medical ward - Patients lying on their beds.

OR

An election was held and you went to cast your vote. Using the following input describe what you saw at the booth, as an observer :

- (1) Queue of voters
- (2) Polling officers, presiding officer and polling agents
- (3) Indelible ink
- (4) Polling box
- (5) Electronic voting machine
- (6) Voter verifiable paper audit trail (VVPAT).



- 5 Write an application to the principal of Government Higher Secondary School 6
Bagh, Dhar to issue you School Leaving Certificate as you have to submit it in
the office of Collector for your selection in revenue department.

OR

You are Aditi Pal, residing at 53 Vikas Nagar, Dewas. Write a letter to the
Post Master, complaining against the Postman of your area.

- 6 You are Priya Jain of 24, Nutan Nagar, Khargone. Write a letter to your 6
friend Preeti, inviting her to attend the marriage ceremony of your elder
brother.

OR

You are Mridul Kumar. Write a letter to your friend Pushkar, inviting him
to spend his summer vacation with you in your town.

- 7 Using the following input produce a small write-up on potable water, 7
scarcity of water 'A Burning Problem'. <http://www.mpboardonline.com>
- (1) 97 percent sea water
 - (2) Problem of villages, small towns and big cities
 - (3) Ponds and rivers contaminated - recharging depends on rain water
 - (4) Reckless use of underground water - low water level
 - (5) Need to build ponds, small dams as well as rain water harvesting
 - (6) Proper use of water.

OR

Write an essay on any one of the following topics in about 250 words :

- (a) Wonders of Science
- (b) The Population Problem
- (c) Importance of Games and Sports
- (d) India of My Dreams
- (e) Importance of Newspaper.



SECTION - C
(Grammar)

8 Fill in the blanks with the help of the correct alternatives given in the bracket :

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- (i) _____ Ramayan is a sacred book.
(a) A (b) An
(c) The (d) On
- (ii) My grandmother is hard _____ hearing.
(a) Of (b) On
(c) To (d) For
- (iii) There are _____ precious novels in the library.
(a) Little (b) Any
(c) Few (d) Some
- (iv) _____ God bless you with a daughter.
(a) Can (b) Could
(c) May (d) Might
- (v) The building was _____ down.
(a) Falling (b) Fallen
(c) Flew (d) Fall

9 Do as directed : (any five)

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- (i) the / is / Himalaya / highest / the / world / mountain / of / the.
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence.)
- (ii) The boy is my cousin.
The boy is wearing a yellow shirt.
(Combine the sentences into a complex sentence using a relative clause.)
- (iii) She can't afford it.
She buys a car.
(Combine the sentences using non-finite clause.)
- (iv) They (watch) Television since morning.
(Supply the correct tense of the verb in the bracket.)
- (v) We are playing football.
(Change into passive voice.)
- (vi) We saw a very good film yesterday. (Change into negative.)
- (vii) (a) The student is very fast.
(b) He can win the race.
(Combine the sentences using "So.....that".)



SECTION - D

(Textbook)

- 10 (A) Read the following extracts from poem and answer the questions given below it :

Teach me to listen, Lord

To those nearest me

My family, my friends, my co-workers

Help me to be aware that

No matter what words I hear

The message is,

'Accept the person I am, Listen to me.'

Questions :

- (a) What is the same meaning of the word 'Listen' ? 1
- (1) Pear (2) Dear
(3) Wear (4) Hear
- (b) What is the opposite of the word 'friend' ? 1
- (1) Enemy (2) Co-worker
(3) Oppressed (4) Anguished
- (c) Name the poem from which this extract has been taken. 1

- (B) Wise were the human hands that set her there

A love the world and Time's dominion;

The soul of all that lives calm, pure, alone,

Revealed its boundless self mystic and bare.

Questions :

- (a) What is the synonym of the word 'Soul'. 1
- (1) Infinite (2) Spirit
(3) Mystic (4) Indite
- (b) What is the opposite word of 'pure' ? 1
- (1) Impure (2) Secure
(3) Ignore (4) Sure
- (c) Give the name of the poet. 1



11 Answer any two of the following questions :

- (i) What makes the poet think that man is God's greatest creation ?
- (ii) What kind of life does the poet find in the woods ?
- (iii) What is the kingdom of water ?
- (iv) How is copper used in a kitchen ?

12 Answer any two of the following questions :

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- (i) What is the meaning of the word spastic ?
- (ii) What is the best way to disarm hostility ?
- (iii) When do we experience inner peace ?
- (iv) Who was Swami Arvasu ?
- (v) What is the most interesting discovery that brain mappers have made ?
- (vi) Who were the first visitors to the farm ?
- (vii) What was Ghasi's complaint to the panchayat ?
- (viii) What instructions did the girl's parents give when they saw her off ?
- (xi) Which are the two groups that the author is interested in ?

13 Answer any **one** out of two :

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Who do you think the story is about, Mini or the duck ? Why ?

OR

Describe the modern day achievements of Indians.

14 Answer any **four** of the following questions :

- (i) How is the 'Angel Falls' compared to 'Niagara Falls' ?
- (ii) What are the distilled books like ?
- (iii) What did Wooden always focus on ?
- (iv) Who took the kids into the restaurant ?
- (v) What are the benefits of meditation ?
- (vi) Why was Jamshedji prohibited from entering the Majestic hotel ?

15 Write down the central idea of the poem 'Beauty' in about 80 words.

OR

Describe the importance of 'Gita' in about 80 words

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