

Code No. 1/2/2

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ENGLISH (Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- This paper consists of four sections —*
 - Section A — Reading 20 marks*
 - Section B — Writing 30 marks*
 - Section C — Grammar 20 marks*
 - Section D — Literature 30 marks*
- Attempt all questions.*
- Do not write anything in the question paper.*
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
- Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
- Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

SECTION A — (Reading)

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- A1.** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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More years ago than I care to remember, I became a member of a very special kind of “pyramid club.” A teenager on summer break from high school in Ottawa, Canada, I got the urge to see more of my country. I hitchhiked, landing a few odd jobs along the way — picking apples or chopping firewood for a meal and permission to bed down in some farmer’s barn. Finally I ran out of money and jobs.

It was late in the evening when a very old car chugged up the road; it stopped when I thrust out my thumb. The driver was a middle-aged man in worn work clothes — a local farmer. When he came to where he was turning off, he put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a two-dollar note. “Here,” he said. “Take this.”

Two dollars was a useful amount of money back then. A chocolate bar or a soft drink was about five cents; a hot dog, ten; a hamburger, 25. “No, thank you,” I protested. “I am fine.” “Take it,” he said. “It’s a loan. You can pay me back by giving two dollars to a young person a few years from now - when you have It and they don’t.”

I have never forgotten that man. Over the years, I have returned the loan many times over, periodically raising the amount to account for inflation. Each time I asked the recipient to pass it on to some other young person when he was able, along with instructions on how to pay it back. I wonder how many others have benefited from the unique pyramid club that farmer started, all those years ago, with two dollars.

A1.1 Complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet. 1×4=4

- (a) During summer break, the author _____ .
- (b) When the author thrust out his thumb, _____ .
- (c) The author accepted the two dollars when _____ .
- (d) The author not only kept the driver’s word but also raised _____ .

A1.2 Answer the following questions in your answer sheet : 2×2=4

- (a) How did the author raise money during the trip ?
- (b) What was the instruction given by the author whenever he gave money to somebody ?

A2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 12

1 A forgotten hilly district in northern Orissa, known more for its rough roads and grinding poverty, has produced at least 22 world-class hockey players for India and dozens who play at the national level. On the Athens Olympic team were three men from Sundergarh — Captain Dilip Tirkey, fellow defender William Xalco and midfielder Ignace Tirkey. Ignace’s younger brother plays in the national junior team.

2 The hockey hour is upon the villagers and a local tournament is about to begin. The prize is a fattened goat — or khasi — after which the tournament is named and it is through hundreds of events like this that Sundergarh’s most unusual heritage stays alive. An hour before the match, the field is overrun by dozens of little boys — all wannabe Dilips between five and eight years, their faces shining and their sweaty little bodies a blur as they run barefoot on the rocky ground. Some have barely entered the village school but they know their hockey. In this tribal belt a child’s first toy is a hockey stick. Not just the number of bullocks he owns judges an eligible groom, but also by the goals he scores. Weddings are solemnized with an over field face-off between families.

3 In 2003, the 1500 tribal villages of Sundergarh hosted over 200 hockey tournaments. “We play hockey at the drop of a hat,” laughs former Olympian, Michael Kindo. “And sometimes, even when the hat doesn’t drop.” Nobody can pinpoint exactly when and how hockey came to Sundergarh. But scholars believe that it was the Christian missionaries who introduced it as they swarmed into the tribal region in the 1860s. Whenever schools were set up, they included hockey as an extra-curricular activity. This sport was introduced, as everything required for the sport was available in the forests. Even today, youngsters in the interiors of the district make their own hockey sticks by bending a bamboo shoot, binding one end to create a curve and slow heating it over fire. Youngsters in Lulkidihi village, which has produced the largest number of stars, make a ball by wrapping cloth around a wood apple.

4 Kindo believes there is a very good reason Sundergarh has taken to the sport — because members of the 36 tribes that make up the district have the build, temperament and even, he says, the DNA. These descendants of ancient hunter-gatherers are said to have immense stamina, keen eyesight and patience. “We tribals are short, but we have strong legs and can stay bent over a stick for hours,” says Kindo. In a sport that focuses on a small, fast-moving ball, the sharper the eyesight the better.

5 However, only about 5 percent of the state’s budget is set apart for sports. Facilities at the government run Panposh Academy are dismal. Kindo hopes to have more stadia, local and civic tournaments. Hockey is to Sundergarh what cricket is to rest of India — a passion, an aspirational sport that helps the tribals get jobs and earn a living.

A2.1 Fill in the summary using a word for each blank : ½×6=3

Hockey (a) _____ in the hearts of the people of the village so much so that a game of hockey is played at the drop of a hat. A hockey stick very often (b) _____ a child’s first toy. It is also (c) _____ to note that hockey plays an important role even in (d) _____ an eligible groom. The tribals who constitute Sundergarh owe it to the missionaries who (e) _____ the game there. (f) _____ there are a number of international and national players, very little money is being set apart for hockey in the sports budget.

A2.2 Complete the following sentences : 1×2=2

- (a) Hockey caught on more than other sports as _____ .
- (b) Sundergarh is known more for its _____ than hockey.

A2.3 Answer the following questions :

- (a) How do the youngsters make hockey sticks and balls ? 2
- (b) What are the qualities that the tribals have that contribute to being good at hockey ? 2

A2.4 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : 1×3=3

- (a) came in large numbers (para 3)
- (b) a person's nature and character (para 4)
- (c) sad/depressing (para 5)

SECTION B — (Writing)

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- B1.** You are Prashant. You were at Chennai for a district level tennis tournament. As you have won, you have been asked to attend a coaching camp at Bangalore before proceeding to Mumbai for the state level tournament. You will be back home only after the camp. Send a telegram to your father, Mr. Diwakar, C-45, Kailash Colony, New Delhi informing him of these details in not more than 25 words. Copy the format in your answer sheet.

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TELEGRAM

Receiver's name :	
Receiver's address :	
Sender's name	
(Not to be telegraphed)	
Sender's address :	

- B2.** Read the following telephonic conversation between Athira and Mrs. Prakash, Rachana's mother. As Mrs. Prakash was going out she writes a message for her daughter. Write the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

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Athira : Is Rachana at home ? This is Athira calling.

Mrs. Prakash : No, she has gone for the coaching class.

Athira : Has she bought the application form for the entrance exam ?

Mrs. Prakash : I don't think so.

Athira : Please tell her that it is available at S.B.I, main branch for Rs. 700 and the last date for applying is the 15th of April.

Mrs. Prakash : Thank you, Athira. I'll definitely tell her.

Athira : Also tell her to inform Radhika of the same as I do not know her number.

Mrs. Prakash : Sure. Bye Athira.

- B3.** You overheard the following conversation. This makes you wonder why so many youngsters are keen to go abroad. Write an article in not more than 200 words as to how this condition has arisen and how this can be dealt with. Use ideas from the unit on 'Education' along with your own ideas.

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Manu : How did you perform in the GATE exam ?

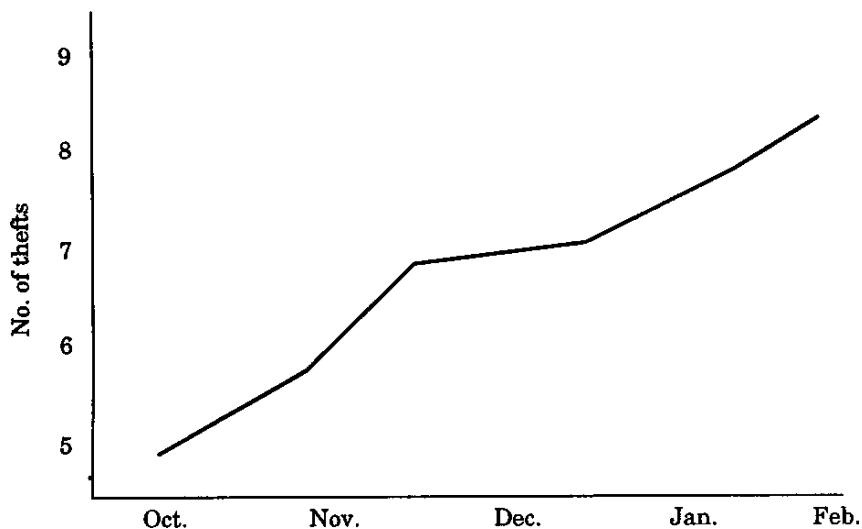
Puneet : I expect a good rank.

Manu : I hope to join the Michigan University for the next session.

Puneet : I am also looking forward to joining a reputed university.

- B4.** Several thefts have taken place in your colony recently. The residents of the colony held an urgent meeting regarding the issue. After the meeting, you decided to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the increase in such incidents and the precautions to be taken. Using the following information and your own ideas, write the letter in not more than 150 words. You are Adarsh, the President of the Association.

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FOR THE BLIND CANDIDATES ONLY

Several thefts have taken place in your colony recently. The residents of the colony held an urgent meeting regarding the issue. After the meeting, you decided to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the increase in such incidents and the precautions to be taken. Write the letter in not more than 150 words. You are Adarsh, the President of the Association.

SECTION C — (Grammar)

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- C1.** Mr. John saw an advertisement for a new course in "The Reporter". He notes down the details and later writes a letter to his nephew. Make use of the notes to complete the letter below.

1×5=5

comprehensive programme — in biotechnology — one year class room contact program — tests and discussions — eligibility — 10 + 2 with science — hostel facility — for boys and girls — admissions open till 20th July.

Ravipur,
15 June 2005.

Dear Sarath,

I saw an advertisement in “The Reporter” about a new course. I feel it is a good course and would prove beneficial to you. It is a (a) _____. It provides (b) _____ with occasional tests and discussions. The applicants should (c) _____. Students who need (d) _____ it. Admissions are (e) _____. Hope you will apply immediately.

Yours lovingly,

Arun

- C2. In the paragraph 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 against the correct blank number. Make sure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

For centuries people recognized the	e.g. people <u>have</u> recognized
power luck and have done whatever they	(a) _____
could try seize it. Why do we pass	(b) _____
superstition generation to generation ?	(c) _____
The answer lies the power of luck.	(d) _____
To investigate scientifically some people	(e) _____
are always lucky others are not, I advertised	(f) _____
in a periodical for volunteers both varieties.	(g) _____
Four hundred men and women all walks	(h) _____
of life responded.	

- C3. Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. Write each sentence in your answer sheet against the correct number. The first one has been done for you. $\frac{1}{2} \times 6 = 3$

is amazingly / closer look/animal behaviour / takes a / complex / when one

Answer : Animal behaviour is amazingly complex when one takes a closer look.

- (a) among members / fact / of the / well-known / communication / is a / same species /
(b) between two/there is/a reptile / communication / evidence of/
species — a mammal / now / and /
(c) that an animal / using infra-red / the first time / a signal / this is /
was found sending / radiation /
(d) California grand squirrel / is the / and the reptile / the mammal / rattle snake / is a /
(e) the eyes / located between / have paired openings / and nostrils / rattle snakes /
(f) and strike / these enable / the prey / locate / them to /

C4. Using the information in the headlines fill in the blanks below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. 1×4=4

(a) WAGE REVISION DEMANDED

An N.G.O. urged the government to take measures to _____ of government employees.

(b) PASSENGER ATTACKS PILOTS WITH AXE

Two pilots on a commuter plane _____ just before the aircraft landed.

(c) S.I.B LAUNCHES LOAN PRODUCTS

The S.I.B. announced the _____ here today.

(d) NEPAL KING TO VISIT INDIA IN NOVEMBER

In November the _____ .

C5. Read the following conversation between a mother and daughter while watching a cricket match. Report it by completing the passage below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. 1×4=4

Mother : Who do you think will win the match ?

Daughter : Who is wearing blue ?

Mother : India.

Daughter : Who are the men in yellow ?

Mother : They are the Australians.

Daughter : They will surely win the match.

Mother : Oh ! Why do you feel so ?

Daughter : There are 11 of them against just two Indians.

The mother asked her daughter who (a) _____. The daughter enquired who the ones in blue were. The mother replied that they were Indians. The girl then wanted (b) _____. When the mother said that they were Australians, the daughter emphatically (c) _____. The mother (d) _____. The daughter replied that there were 11 of them against just two Indians.

SECTION D — (Literature) 30

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 4

Now the nightingale, inspired,
Flushed with confidence, and fired
With both art and adoration,
Sang — and was a huge sensation.

(a) What inspired the nightingale ? 1

(b) Why did she become a sensation ? 1

(c) How did the cunning frog take advantage of the nightingale ? 2

- D2.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 4

Drive my dead thoughts over the universe,
Like wither'd leaves, to quicken a new birth;
And, by the incantation of this verse,

Scatter, as from an unextinguish'd hearth
Ashes and sparks, my words among mankind !
Be through my lips to unawaken'd earth

The trumpet of a prophecy ! Oh Wind,
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind ?

- (a) What is the poet's request to the West Wind ? 2
(b) On what note does the poet end the poem ? 1
(c) What comparison does the poet make in the first two lines ? 1
- D3.** Where did the second ghost take Scrooge ? How did he succeed in making him realize his mistakes ? Write your answer in 75 — 100 words. 5
- D4.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 5

He was my friend, faithful and just to me.
But Brutus says he was ambitious;
And Brutus is an honourable man.
He hath brought many captives home to Rome
Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill;
Did this in Caesar seem ambitious ?

- (a) Who is the speaker ? What is the occasion ? 2
(b) Why does he call Brutus honourable ? 1
(c) How does the speaker prove that Caesar was not ambitious ? 2
- D5.** The following lines are from 'The Letter'. Read them and answer the questions below. Write your answer in 50 - 75 words.

But the postmaster now watched them as eagerly as though each contained a warm, beating heart. He no longer thought of them in terms of envelopes and post cards. He saw the essential human worth of a letter.

What change has come over in the postmaster ? Which incident has brought about this change ? 4

- D6.** You are Cutie Pie. After your capture and imprisonment, you make a diary entry of your experiences in the glass prison. Make this entry in 150 — 175 words. 8