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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 :

The hyena is part cat, part dog. Its legs and feet are those of a dog. Other parts of the body resemble the build of cats. The hyena is not a hunter. It is timid and cowardly. It depends for its food on what is left of animals killed by the bigger cats, such as the tigers or panthers. Because of this it has come to be known as the scavenger of the animal world. The hyena sometimes attacks animals which cannot either defend themselves or are sick or wounded. They are shy of man and usually avoid him. But sometimes they are known to have carried away children. The hyena does not roar or bark but laughs'. It produces a sound which, when heard at a distance, seems like laughter.

- (a) How is the hyena 'part cat' and 'part dog' ? 2
- (b) Why has it been called 'the scavenger of the animal world' ? 2
- (c) How does the sound produced by the hyena seem like to the human ear ? 1
- (d) When does the hyena attack the animals ? 2
- (e) Find the word, from the passage, which means 'easily frightened'. 1

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

Anger is the most commonly experienced emotion. If not managed in the correct way, it threatens to rule our lives in a hostile manner. It varies in intensity from mild irritation to violent anger. When you get angry, your heart rate increases and blood pressure rises, as do the levels of your energy hormones. Even when you have angry thoughts, it results in an increase in the blood pressure and the heart rate. Anger turned inward is an unexpressed anger. It can create its own set of problems. It may cause depression. One may also get a paralytic attack or a heart attack. People who are constantly putting others down, criticising everything haven't learnt how to express their anger constructively. They aren't likely to have many successful relationships.

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| (a) How does your body react when you are angry ?                                    | 2 |
| (b) What is anger ?  | 1 |
| (c) Mention shortcomings of people who keep on criticising everything and everybody. | 2 |
| (d) What is an 'anger turned inward' ?   | 1 |
| (e) Which word in the passage means 'unfriendly/showing enmity' ?                    | 1 |

**SECTION B — (Writing)** 20

3. A Swatantra Bharat Rally was taken out by the students of your school on the eve of Independence Day. Mentioning the number of students, the activities such as slogan chanting, singing of patriotic songs, display of pictures of leaders and events etc., write a report in about 40 words. You are Somesh/Saumya, Head Boy/Girl of your school. 4
4. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following topics in about 80 words : 6
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| (a) How You Celebrated Your Birthday |  |
| (b) An Incident I Cannot Forget      |  |
| (c) Smoking is Harmful to Health     |  |
5. You went on a holiday to Mount Abu with your family during the winter break. Write a letter to your friend, Shweta at Jaipur sharing with her how you enjoyed your tour. You are Umang/Lovish, living at A-11, Gobind Vihar, Delhi. 10

**OR**

There is no proper arrangement of clean drinking water in the school of your younger sister. Write a letter to the Principal of Summer Spring Girls School, Vinod Garden, Delhi complaining about this most urgent problem. You are Sarthak/Aaradhna living at A-14, Sun City, Delhi.

**SECTION C — (Grammar)**

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6. Read the following paragraph and fill in the blanks with the correct form of verbs given in the brackets : 3

Fifteen boys \_\_\_\_\_ (manage) to escape from an Observation Home on Tuesday night. They \_\_\_\_\_ (cut) off the electric supply in one of the dormitories. When the guards \_\_\_\_\_ (enter) the dormitory to check what \_\_\_\_\_ (be) wrong, the boys \_\_\_\_\_ (attack) them and \_\_\_\_\_ (force) their way out.

7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using the sentence connectors given in brackets : 2

- (a) The accessories of this car are very costly. I will not buy it. (because)  
(b) Take bed rest. You are fully recovered. (till)

8. Fill in the blanks with non-finites : 2

Wheat grass juice is one of the most popular juices given \_\_\_\_\_ (heal) people. It is said \_\_\_\_\_ (slow) down the process of ageing. It is also used \_\_\_\_\_ (treat) cancer. The treatment involves \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) wheat grass in seven different pots and after a week cut a part of the grown grass and drink its juice on an empty stomach.

9. Fill in the blanks using suitable modals : 2

If we sit in an incorrect posture it \_\_\_\_\_ (may/shall) strain our back. As far as possible this \_\_\_\_\_ (should/must) be avoided. If the posture becomes a part of habit, a low back pain invariably develops. It \_\_\_\_\_ (should/can) be cured if we become conscious of our postures. If the exercises are done regularly the back ache \_\_\_\_\_ (may/can) certainly be cured.

10. Complete the following paragraph, using clauses given in the box : 3

where the doctors and nurses take care of, when an accident takes place, which has a siren
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\_\_\_\_\_, injured persons are carried in an ambulance \_\_\_\_\_ to make its way to the hospital \_\_\_\_\_ the injured immediately.

11. Change the following dialogue in the indirect form of narration : 3

*Sandeep* : How do you know me ?

*Suman* : You live in my neighbourhood.

**SECTION D — A (Prose)**

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12. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

REUBEN : Ay, trust a villain like him to use some dirty trick or other. I do fear the lad will bleed to death. There's a hole in his side big enough to put two fingers in. Nothing Bridget can do seems to cure the wound.

DAN : Could you not send for a surgeon ?

REUBEN : I would have done it long since, but my son, Samuel, is away at Windsor with the only nag left to us.

- (a) What is the fear in Reuben's mind about the young stranger ? 1
- (b) What is the reason for the fear ? 1
- (c) Why did Reuben not send for a surgeon ? 2
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'heal/remedy' ? 1

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

The Millennium might have been no more than an accident of the calendar. But you, the Governments and peoples of the world, have chosen to make it more than that — an occasion for all humanity to celebrate, and to reflect.

If one word encapsulates the changes we are living through, it is 'globalisation'. We live in a world that is interconnected as never before .....

- (a) In what way is 'The Millennium' more than an accident of the calendar ? 2
- (b) Which one word describes the changes of our times ? 1
- (c) What, according to Kofi Annan, is 'globalisation' ? 1
- (d) Which word in the passage means 'think/meditate' ? 1

14. Answer the following in about 100 words : 10

Why does Anne, a thirteen year old school girl, decide to write a diary ?

**OR**

When did Tuskless taste the bananas for the first time ? How did their smell become irresistible to her ?

**SECTION D — B (Poetry)**

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15. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :

- (a) What, according to the poet, are the wind, the clouds and the heart doing all the time ? ('Nothing Will Die') 3
- (b) What is "the voice inside" ? Why does the poet pray for help to be less afraid ? ('Teach Me to Listen, Lord') 3
- (c) What example does the poet give to show the 'quiet' of days in May or June ? ('The Sea') 3

- 16.** Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :
- (a) “What way does the Wind come ? What way does he go ?  
He rides over the water, and over the snow”  
Which figure of speech has been used in the above lines ? (‘Address to a Child’) 2
- (b) “When the Rock was hid by the surges’ swell,  
The mariners heard the warning bell;  
And then they knew the perilous Rock,  
And blest the Abbot of Aberbrothok.”  
When did the mariners hear the warning bell ? How was the Rock ‘perilous’ ? 2  
(The Inchcape Rock’)
- (c) What is the rhyming scheme of the above stanza ? 2

**SECTION D — C (Supplementary Reader) 20**

- 17.** Answer the following in about 100 words : 8  
Why does Horace get angry when anyone talks about ‘honour among thieves’ ? Give a reasoned answer.

**OR**

‘He was the most trusting person I had ever met.’ Sketch Anil’s character in the light of this remark.

- 18.** Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 — 40 words each :
- (a) Why was the narrator not worried over his failure to find Lutkins on his way back to the city ? 3
- (b) Why were the two boys in London surprised ? 3
- (c) How did lunch become a ‘ceremonial occasion for Mr. Herriot and his partners’ ? 3
- 19.** Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 30 - 40 words each :
- (a) What story did Ausable frame about an imaginary balcony ? 3
- (b) The tiger followed the children to school. Why did the tiger follow them ? 3
- (c) What rules of army discipline does Jozsef ask Laszlo to follow ? 3