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SET-4

Code No. **28**

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ENGLISH (Elective) - (N)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- Question Nos. 1 - 4 are compulsory.*
- Attempt either question 5 or 6.*
- Your answers should be to the point. Stick to the given word limit.*

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SECTION - A

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(Reading)

1. (A) Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow : 10

- (1) Before reviewing the specialities of Pratap, it is necessary to understand how he himself was a very special person. None of his contemporary kings had character like him or accomplished success like him. Pratap had become a patron of Indian cultural tradition by dint of his extraordinary patriotism, bravery and firmness of character. He might not have accomplished encouraging results from the point of view of political or material gains, but he made up for all his failures with significant accomplishments.
- (2) Despite his failures, he grew up after so many wars and finally he achieved such a glory that he is said to be “one to be remembered in the morning” even after so many years. Analysis of the personality of such a person and evaluation of his contributions cannot be done on the basis of temporary successes or failures. His entire life should be viewed as such. Pratap was among those people who won despite their failures. Even today, his name is first among those who sacrificed their lives for freedom.
- (3) Had Pratap desired so, he would have spent his life comfortably by entering into an alliance with Akbar. But he did not do it. He deliberately chose a sacrificial path for himself, his family, his subjects and nobles. Not only this, he himself became such an icon of inspiration that all his followers tolerated their travails with a smile. Some of the family members of Pratap - his brothers Shakti Singh, Sagar and Jagmal had joined hands with Akbar. But such people were negligible in number. Most of the people of his kingdom supported him profusely.

- (4) Pratap had to spend most of his life in the mountains. Forests and caves gave him more protection to provide which his forts and palaces had failed. Pratap had shown extraordinary foresight in bringing the Bhils on a par with his own caste-men. Had the Bhils not supported him, he would not have been successful in his efforts. Pratap and his descendents honoured the Bhils in all possible manners and made a figure of the Bhil a permanent feature of the royal insignia of Mewar along with that of the Rajputs.
- (5) Pratap not only set up an organisation to oppose the Mughal emperor but also established close contact with the neighbouring kings so that they were always willing to sacrifice themselves in the struggle for independence. In this regard, there was no issue of Hindus and Muslims. Neither was this war between Hinduism and Islam. It was a conflict between imperialism and independence. Hence it is that many Muslim rulers were also with Pratap. If any of his allies drifted away due to Akbar's fear, he would bring them back to his fold instantly. Those who supported him once, would come back even after joining hands with Akbar. Such was the fascinating personality and strength of Pratap.
- (6) Leadership of Pratap in the battle of Haldighati is said to be defective. Except for that one occasion, Pratap always showed a great understanding in times of both peace and war. Pratap accomplished great success in guerilla warfare. Through it he always put his enemies in trouble and was never captured by them. It is not an ordinary feat to wage a war with Akbar, the great and keep him at bay for 12 long years. Despite a huge army and great warriors, Akbar failed to kill or capture Pratap.

- (7) Pratap saved himself from the urge to sacrifice his life. It is not a small matter. The prevalent Rajput tradition was to sacrifice one's life in case of failure. But had Pratap not escaped from Haldighati alive, he would not have been revered as a great freedom fighter even after centuries. It was more important to save oneself and continue to fight instead of sacrificing one's life in the battleground.
- (8) Pratap paid attention to the administration of his kingdom and never neglected his responsibilities. The failure in Haldighati did not throw him down in the dumps. Soon he got busy in planning to launch the next attack. Even in a difficult situation, he continued to ensure the safety of his people, suppress the opponents and grant new estates to his nobles. Pratap got enough time for reconstruction and administration after the invasion of 1584-85 under the leadership of Raja Jagannath Kachhwaha.
- (9) Generally it is said that the history of Mewar would have been different if Uday Singh were not there between Rana Sanga and Pratap. The history is replete with such evaluation of "ifs" and "buts". Indeed it is the best way to judge any person's contribution by reviewing the situation. It is worthwhile to consider the situation : What would have happened to Mewar, had Pratap not been there between Uday Singh and Amar Singh ? And why only Mewar, what would have happened to India ? Let us advance the pages of history a bit.
- (10) During the fag end of his life, Pratap concentrated on reconstruction. Public life began evolving after the devastation of war. After Pratap, Amar Singh continued the process - he streamlined the division of

posts among his nobles, reduced uncertainty and increased confidence among the public and gave a new form to the military organisation.

- (a) Through his patriotism, bravery and character Pratap became _____ 1
- (b) Analysis of the personality of a great man cannot be done on the basis of _____ 1
- (c) Pratap's life would have been comfortable if he _____. 1
- (d) Pratap's brothers _____, _____ and _____ had joined hands with Akbar. 1
- (e) Pratap would not have been successful without the support of _____. 1
- (f) Pratap's war was not between Hinduism and Islam but between _____ and _____. 1
- (g) In spite of the failure at Haldighati, Pratap achieved great success in _____. 1
- (h) The contemporary Rajput tradition was to _____ in case of failure. 1
- (i) Find words from the passage which mean the same as each of the following : 1x2=2
- (i) filled (para 9)
- (ii) focused (para 10)

(B) Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow : **2x5=10**

All human things are subject to decay,
And, when fate summons, monarchs must obey :
This Flecknoe, found who, like Augustus, young
Was called to empire, and had governed long :
In prose and verse was owned without dispute,
Through all the realms of Nonsense, absolute.
This aged Prince now flourishing in peace,
And blest with issue of a large increase,
Worn out with business, did at length debate
To settle the succession of the State :
And pondering which of all his sons was fit
To reign, and wage immortal war with Wit,
Cried, "Tis resolved ; for Nature pleads that he
Should only rule who most resembles me :
Shadwell alone my perfect image bears,
Mature in dullness from his tender years.
Shadwell alone, of all my sons, is he
Who stands confirmed in full stupidity.

The rest to some faint meaning make pretence,
But Shadwell never deviates into sense.
Some beams of Wit on other souls may fall,
Strike through, and make a lucid interval;
But Shadwell's genuine night admits no ray,
His rising fogs prevail upon the day :
Besides, his goodly fabric fills the eye,
And seems designed for thoughtless majesty :
Thoughtless as monarch oaks, that shade the plain,
And, spread in solemn state, supinely reign.'

- (a) Who is Flecknoe compared to ? What is common between the two ?
- (b) What has Flecknoe decided to settle ? Why ?
- (c) What qualities does he expect in his successor ?
- (d) Whom does he select and why ?
- (e) What is Shadwell compared to ? Why ?

SECTION - B

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(Writing Skills and Grammar)

2. (a) (i) Prepare a speech in 80 - 100 words on the topic, 'Only hard work pays in life'. **5**
- (ii) 'Indian Railways is one of the largest public sector enterprises in India. The condition of our railway stations and our trains is not world class. Write an article in 80 - 100 words on 'How can we improve our railway system' ? **5**

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- (b) Write a debate in 150 - 200 words either for or against the topic, 'Heavy school bags are a physical as well as mental burden'. 10

OR

We believe that rivers are holy and yet we pollute them. Individuals, industry and even government agencies are responsible for this pollution. Write an article in 150 - 200 words on 'River Pollution'.

3. (a) The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the words that come before and after. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. $\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$

	Word before	Missing word	Word after
Now that Ram the blue	Ram	has	the
Umbrella - a gift Bina, as	(i) _____	_____	_____
he tells everyone - he often	(ii) _____	_____	_____
asked to go out into sun,	(iii) _____	_____	_____
or the rain, and a result	(iv) _____	_____	_____
he looks much better. uses	(v) _____	_____	_____
the umbrella chase away	(vi) _____	_____	_____
pigs or goats. It always	(vii) _____	_____	_____
left open outside shop	(viii) _____	_____	_____
and anyone wants to	(ix) _____	_____	_____
borrow it have it.	(x) _____	_____	_____

- (b) Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. 1x5=5

Beena : Mini, where were you yesterday ?

Mini : I went to see the book fair.

Beena : Why didn't you tell me before going ? I also wanted to go.

Mini : I am sorry. I did not know that.

Beena asked Mini where (i). Mini replied that (ii). Beena (iii) because (iv). Mini felt sorry and said that (v).

SECTION - C

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(Text for Detailed Study)

4. (a) Choose **any two** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow in 50 - 60 words each : 4x2=8

(I) How well she remembered the first time she had seen him; he was lodging in a house on the main road where she used to visit. It seemed a few weeks ago.

(i) Who are 'she' and 'he' ? What did 'she' remember about their first meeting ? 2

(ii) What had happened during the last few weeks ? 2

(II) As the first were made to blind others; these which came behind will work upon ourselves, and blind our eyes.

If our loves faint, and westwardly decline;

To me thou, falsely thine;

And I to thee mine actions shall disguise.

(i) What does the poet mean by 'the first' ? How are 'the first' different from those which come behind ? 2

(ii) What happens when the loves decline westwardly ? 2

(III) Only once did he cup his hands, to take the water from mine. Such a little water, yet that water grew to a fathomless, boundless sea. In it flowed all the seven seas in one, and my caste was drowned, and my birth washed clean.

(i) Who is talking to whom ? Which event is the speaker referring to ? **2**

(ii) What effect did it have on the speaker ? **2**

(b) Answer **any two** of the following questions in 80 - 100 words each : **5x2=10**

(i) What happened, when the narrator in 'I Sell my Dreams' was having breakfast on the terrace of Riviera Hotel ?

(ii) What did the people of Colebrook observe in Hagberd ?

(iii) Describe the pleasure dome Kubla Khan ordered to be built in Xanadu.

(c) Answer **any two** of the following questions in 120 - 150 words each : **6x2=12**

(i) Her son being one centimeter short, Tao Ying was hesitant to buy a ticket for him, yet she bought one. Why ?

(ii) What examples are given by the master class to convince us how our freedom was won for us by our forefathers ?

(iii) How could Manjula, herself an athlete given to outdoor life, write about the inner life of a person confined to bed all her life ?

SECTION - D

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(Fiction)

Note : Attempt either question no. 5 or 6.

5. (a) Answer the following questions in 80 - 100 words each : **5x2=10**
- (i) What lesson did a long - tailed langur teach Raja, the tiger ?
 - (ii) How did Raja meet his mate in the forest ?
- (b) Answer **any one** of the following questions in 150 - 200 words : **10**
- (i) Describe Raja's happy family life in the forest. How did it come to an end ?
 - (ii) Describe the development in Captain's relationship with Raja.
6. (a) Answer the questions given below in 80 - 100 words each : **5x2=10**
- (i) What was Margayya's response to the Cooperative Bank Secretary's summons ?
 - (ii) What advice did the priest give to Margayya on the power of puja ?
- (b) Answer **any one** of the questions given below in 150 -200 words : **10**
- (i) What did Margayya's second meeting with Dr. Pal lead to ?
 - (ii) Write a character sketch of Meenakshi, Margayya's wife.

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ENGLISH (Elective)-(C)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

*The Question paper is divided into **three** sections :*

Section A - Reading **20 marks**

Section B - Writing and Grammar **40 marks**

Section C - Literature **40 marks**

General Instructions :

- (i) *All the questions are **compulsory**.*
- (ii) *You may attempt any section at a time.*
- (iii) *All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

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SECTION - A

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(Reading)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

1. Generosity is one of the most admired attributes any person can exhibit. Whether a child donates his hard-earned allowance to a disaster-relief effort or a business-man donates millions of dollars to charity, we feel appreciation and admiration for those who are generous. But admiration and appreciation aren't the only benefits of generosity. In addition to the heartfelt joy experienced whenever you help meet the needs of others, Solomon promises that those who are generous will never lack anything, and your prosperity will always increase. He tells us that those who give generously to others will gain back even more than they give. Sounds impossible ? Psychologists tell us that the two greatest motivating forces in a person's life are his desire for gain and his fear of loss. Solomon assures us that generosity directly impacts both. If you could wave a magic wand that would guarantee that you would never lack your materials needs, and that you would experience an ever-increasing prosperity, how much would that wand be worth ? Solomon puts that wand in your hand; all you have to do is to become truly generous.
2. What does Solomon mean, when he talks about generosity ? Collectively, the words he chooses imply that a generous person is one who freely gives a significant portion of what he has to meet the needs of others, and that he does so with no expectation of receiving anything in return. Although he's speaking primarily of being generous financially and materially, generosity isn't limited to that. Being generous means being focused on meeting the genuine needs of other people, whether with money, deeds, or emotional support or assistance.
3. A lot of people think that you have to be rich to be generous. Nothing could be further from the truth. One of the most generous people I have known was a janitor I worked with in college. He scrubbed toilets five nights a week and took care of his bedridden wife during the day. He was generous with everything he had : his time, his kind words, his thoughtfulness and his considerate acts. I once asked him if there was anything he needed.

“Heavens, no !” he replied. “Everything I have ever needed has always been abundantly provided.” To this day, I have never met a happier man. As Solomon promised, he never lacked anything; and just as he refreshed others, he was himself refreshed.

4. And those who are not generous ? Solomon says they will fall into poverty. Not necessarily financial or material poverty, but poverty of the soul. They are never satisfied with whatever they have and constantly need more. They become emotionally bankrupt. Generosity starts in the heart. It always takes action, and it is never passive.

1.1 On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions very briefly :

1x6=6

- (a) How do we feel towards people who are generous ?
- (b) What according to Solomon are the rewards of generosity ?
- (c) Who is a truly generous person ?
- (d) Why does Solomon disapprove of lack of generosity ?
- (e) How did the janitor mentioned in Para 3 practise generosity ?
- (f) What is the author’s attitude to the janitor ?

1.2 Choose the meanings of the words given below from the given options :

1x4=4

- (a) Attributes (Para 1)
 - (i) qualities (ii) acts (iii) desires (iv) sides
- (b) Prosperity (Para 1)
 - (i) power (ii) reputation (iii) wealth (iv) fame
- (c) Genuine (Para 2)
 - (i) legal (ii) urgent (iii) main (iv) real
- (d) Scrubbed (Para 3)
 - (i) shined (ii) cleaned (iii) dusted (iv) closed

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **10**

The Internet is so far one of the greatest inventions of all time. The Internet has made it possible for us to do lots of things. People can shop in online stores, communicate with family and friends via Skype or Facebook, watch the latest videos on YouTube, blog and make money from it, and so much more.

The Internet has proven to be very useful and has come with lots of advantages. The Internet has made it easy for people to communicate with others because it is cheap and convenient. The only costs incurred are those paid to the Internet service provider. If you want to talk to someone who is in another part of the globe, you can just fire up Skype or any other communication app and hold a video chat.

Services such as Skype have helped people from geographically segmented countries to interact and share ideas. As such, people are able to share their thoughts and views on matters affecting the globe. The Internet acts as a common global platform where people explore ideologies and cultures without limitation.

The Internet is swamped with information about anything and everything. There are multiple search engines that have made it easier for the Internet users to find information. For example, it is now common for people to look for free advice from the Internet on all sorts of issues. The premise here is that whatever problem you are experiencing, someone somewhere has experienced it and probably solved it.

You can also get the latest news, breakthroughs in all fields including medicine and even research publications at the click of a button. The Internet is basically a globally accessible repository of knowledge, and the best part is everyone gets to chip in.

Today it is possible to carry out financial transactions online. You can transfer funds, pay taxes and utility bills or book movie tickets over the Internet in the comfort of your office or home.

The growth of e-commerce has made it possible for people to shop for most things online. This has seen the emergence of retail giants. They sell consumer goods globally. Such a feat was virtually impossible before the Internet.

The Internet has undoubtedly tremendous advantages for everyone but it is not an unmixed blessing. It has its own downside.

Unwanted and useless emails are a nuisance. These emails obstruct the recipient endlessly. They are illegal and can cause frustration because they make it hard for people to access their emails accounts. Besides malicious programmes like Trojan, Virus and other malwares attack a computer with the sole intent of causing harm.

The fact that the Internet has become a market place has also seen a rise in fraud cases. Credit/debit card details are particularly vulnerable. This calls for extreme caution when transacting online. Make sure to use a reliable payment processor instead of sending your details directly to an individual or business.

Just like everything else, people also get addicted to the Internet. This may sound bizarre, but some people spend more than their fair amount of time on the Internet. This affects their social interactions a great deal. The Internet addiction has been known to be a major cause of obesity and has, in some cases, led to some diseases like carpal tunnel syndrome.

- 2.1** On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. Supply a suitable title. **6**
- 2.2** Write a summary of the above passage in about **80** words. **4**

SECTION - B

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(Writing and Grammar)

3. Draft an advertisement in **50-60** words to be published in the classified columns of a local daily for the sale of your flat as you are shifting to another city. Give all the relevant details like location, size, floor, price etc. You are Madan/Mohini. Your contact number is 981xxxxxxx. **4**

OR

You are Principal of A.N. Public School. You have decided to organize a three-day tour to Mysore. Draft a notice in **50-60** words inviting the interested students to submit their names along with consent letters from their parents. Give all the relevant details.

4. You are Manager, Messrs A.P. Stationers. You have received a bulk order for the supply of stationery items from the Principal, New Modern School, Kolkata. However, you are not in a position to execute the order by the deadline specified by him as your hands are full with orders from other institutions. Write a polite letter requesting for some more time to enable you to meet the requirements. **(120-150 words)** **6**

OR

The main park in your locality is in a state of utter neglect. The gardening staff is seldom seen doing their assigned duties with the result that the greenery is fast disappearing. Besides, the main gate to access the park is broken allowing free passage to stray animals. Complaints to the concerned authorities have not yielded any positive results. Write a letter in **120-150** words to the editor of a local daily to draw the attention of concerned department to the problem. Also give concrete suggestions. You are Praful/Pratibha, 24 Govindpuri, Jaipur.

5. Last year your school organised a ten-day tour to Nainital. Twenty students of your school along with two teachers went on the tour. You were all greatly excited. The cool weather of Nainital, boating in the Naini Lake, a visit to Tiffin Top, Naina Devi Temple and other places were an unforgettable experience. As Head Boy/ Head Girl write a report in **150-200** words for the school magazine. You are Yash/Yogita. **10**

OR

Yoga is becoming more and more popular. It is generally believed that it is very helpful in maintaining physical and mental health. Write a speech in **150-200** words to be delivered in the morning assembly on “Importance of Yoga for students.” You are Rishi/Ritika.

6. The energy and enthusiasm of the youth of the country can be effectively used to bring about a welcome change in the society. The youth can contribute a lot by taking part in activities like adult literacy campaigns, cleanliness drives, tree plantation, visiting old age homes etc. Write an article in **150-200** words on “Harnessing Youth Energy.” You are Ram/Rani. **10**

OR

Successful men have often talked about the positive effects of failure. Our failures do unnerve and demoralize us but also act as a great teacher. They tell us where we have gone wrong and what we should do to overcome obstacles in our way. Write an article in **150-200** words on “Positive effects of failure”. You are Raman/Roshni.

7. (A) Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. **3**
- (a) is/each/a/one of us/person/unique
 - (b) proud/we/abilities/our/should/of/be.
 - (c) compare/should not/ourselves/we/with others.

(B) You are suffering from recurrent sore throat. You visit an E.N.T. specialist who suggests a minor surgery. Frame six questions you would like to ask the doctor. You may use the following clues : **3**

- (a) cause
- (b) why medication will not help/why surgery necessary
- (c) duration of treatment
- (d) cost
- (e) precautions
- (f) any complications after surgery

(C) The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the error and the correction in your answer book against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

	Error	Correction
But to beat men on the dowry	(a) _____	_____
game, girls of India should remember that	(b) _____	_____
they have numbers on her side.	(c) _____	_____
There are more boys in that country	(d) _____	_____
than girls. So it is boys which	(e) _____	_____
should be running towards girls	(f) _____	_____
if they want to get marry. It is	(g) _____	_____
they who should infact pay a price.	(h) _____	_____

SECTION - C

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(Literature)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

(A) "Hope" is the thing with feathers -

That perches in the soul -

And sings the tune without the words -

And never stops - at all -

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| (a) Name the poem and the poet. | 1 |
| (b) To what does the poet compare hope ? | 1 |
| (c) Where does hope dwell ? | 1 |
| (d) What is remarkable about the tune of hope ? | 1 |
| (e) Explain : And never stops - at all. | 1 |

(B) And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep

Steady thy laden head across a brook,

Or by a cider-press, with patient look;

Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

- | | |
|---|---|
| (a) What is being described in the first two lines ? | 1 |
| (b) Why does the person crossing the brook have to keep his head steady ? | 1 |
| (c) What is a cider-press ? | 1 |
| (d) What is the person sitting by the side of the cider-press doing ? | 1 |
| (e) Name the figure of speech used in 'like a gleaner thou dost keep/Steady thy laden head across a brook.' | 1 |

9. Answer the following in **50-60** words : **4**

How does Sergeant Major Morris' warning turn out to be true ?

OR

Do you think Lord Weston responded sensibly to the situation ? Give a reasoned answer.

10. (A) Answer **any two** of the following in **80-100** words each : **5+5=10**

- (a) Despite Mr.Verma's irrational and eccentric behaviour Rakesh continues to sincerely perform his duties as a son and doctor. Comment.
- (b) What values are highlighted by Ruskin Bond in "What's Your Dream"? How important are these values ?
- (c) What distinction does Robert Lynd make between mosquitoes and wasps, and bees ?

- (B) Answer the following in **120-150** words : **6**

What is the attitude of the children to Marian ? How is Freda different from them ?

OR

What are Nehru's views on danger ? Why should we look at danger positively ?

11. Answer the following in **150-200** words : **10**

Describe the circumstances leading to Griffin's tragic death.

OR

The reader feels relieved at the end of the novel, 'The Invisible Man' but cannot help feeling a sense of sadness and waste. Comment.

OR

Do you think Dunstan Cass deserved the end he met ? Give a reasoned answer.

OR

What kind of life did Silas lead in Raveloe before the coming of Eppie into his life ?