

Series BVM

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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 :

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

SECTION A**(Reading)****20**

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

10**Space Tourism**

- 1 Space tourism is the term used to describe space travel for recreational or leisure purposes. What was once only a dream — described in books such as Arthur C. Clarke's *2001 : A Space Odyssey* — is now becoming a reality.
- 2 Futurologists are scientists who attempt to make predictions of what life will be like in the future. After the first man landed on the moon in 1969, they thought that hotels would be built on the moon by the year 2000. Futurologists also considered the possibility that, in the 21st century, families might go for a holiday on the moon. Neither of these predictions have come true yet — but the rapid development of technology may mean these predictions are a possibility in the years to come.
- 3 Space Adventures is currently the only company to have succeeded in sending paying passengers into space. Space Adventures worked with the Federal Space Agency of the Russian Federation and Rocket and Space Corporation Energia to facilitate flights for the world's first private space explorers. Each person paid over \$20 million for their 10-day trip to the International Space Station.
- 4 The first space tourist, in April 2001, was American businessman Dennis Tito. He was followed almost exactly a year later by South African businessman Mark Shuttle; by another American businessman Greg Olsen in October 2005; by the first female space tourist, an Iranian-American engineer Anousheh Ansari in September 2006; and by a Hungarian-American software architect, Dr. Charles Simonyi, in April 2007.
- 5 Following several successful explorations into space, several companies are now considering the possibility of enabling tourists to visit space. At present, spaceports are being constructed in numerous locations in the USA, as well as in Sweden and the United Arab Emirates.

- 6 In order to make it more affordable, suborbital space travel is being considered by many companies, including Virgin Galactic. Passengers would be transported to a height of between 100 and 160 km above the Earth, experience 3 – 6 minutes of weightlessness and a view of the stars before being taken back down to Earth. This is expected to cost around \$200,000 per person.
- 7 Whilst it could be an enriching experience, there are some disadvantages to space tourism. While it is all set to progress by leaps and bounds over the next few decades, not everyone takes kindly to it. Many critics have commented that a huge growth in the spaceflight industry could drastically speed up the process of global warming. The ozone layer would be damaged further and the polar regions would suffer. In addition, space travel is only really a possibility for the super-rich. Although Virgin Galactic claims to be ‘opening space to the rest of us’, there are still millions of people worldwide who wouldn’t be able to afford it.

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

1×6=6

- (a) What is Space Tourism ?
- (b) What did the futurologists think after the first man landed on the moon ?
- (c) Which is the company that has successfully sent passengers into space ?
- (d) Who was the first space tourist ?
- (e) Mention two developments in the field of space travel that have taken place following various successful space explorations.
- (f) List the disadvantages of space tourism.

1.2 Choose the meanings of the words given below from the given options : 1×4=4

- (a) leisure (para 1)
 - (i) happiness
 - (ii) relaxation
 - (iii) development
 - (iv) deliberation
- (b) considered (para 2)
 - (i) reasoned
 - (ii) segmented
 - (iii) regulated
 - (iv) constructed
- (c) facilitate (para 3)
 - (i) obstruct
 - (ii) compel
 - (iii) grow
 - (iv) assist
- (d) process (para 7)
 - (i) atmosphere
 - (ii) course
 - (iii) thought
 - (iv) extension

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

- 1 High blood pressure, or hypertension, occurs when your blood pressure increases to unhealthy levels. Your blood pressure measurement takes into account how much blood is passing through your blood vessels and the amount of resistance the blood meets while the heart is pumping. Narrow arteries increase resistance. The narrower your arteries are, the higher your blood pressure will be. Over the long term, increased pressure can cause health issues, including heart disease. Hypertension is quite common.

- 2 Hypertension is generally a silent condition. Even then, these symptoms may be attributed to other issues. Symptoms of severe hypertension can include headache, shortness of breath, nosebleeds, chest pain, dizziness, etc. They don't occur in everyone with hypertension, but waiting for a symptom of this condition to appear could be fatal. For example, if you have a family history of heart disease or have risk factors for developing the condition, your doctor may recommend that you have your blood pressure checked twice a year. This helps you and your doctor stay on top of any possible issues before they become problematic.
- 3 Hypertension is of two types — primary and secondary hypertension. Primary hypertension is also called essential hypertension which develops over time with no identifiable cause. Most people have this type of high blood pressure. The factors which play a major role include genes, physical changes and environment. Secondary hypertension often occurs quickly and can become more severe than primary hypertension. Several conditions that may cause secondary hypertension include side effects of medications, consumption of some drugs and alcohol, adrenal gland problems, etc.
- 4 Diagnosing hypertension is as simple as taking a blood pressure reading. Most doctors' offices check blood pressure as part of a routine visit. If your blood pressure is elevated, your doctor may request you to have more readings over the course of a few days or weeks. That's because your environment can contribute to increased blood pressure, such as the stress you may feel by being at the doctor's office. If your blood pressure remains high, your doctor will likely conduct more tests to rule out underlying conditions. These tests can include urine test, cholesterol screening and other blood tests, ECG (electrocardiogram) test and ultrasound of your heart and kidney. These tests can help your doctor identify any secondary issues causing your elevated blood pressure. They can also look at the effects high blood pressure may have had on your organs. During this time, your doctor may begin treating your hypertension. Early treatment may reduce your risk of lasting damage.

- 5 Complications of the hypertension may result in damaging of arteries, heart (cardiac arrest, heart failure, arrhythmias, etc.) and brain.
- 6 Healthy lifestyle changes can help you control the factors that cause hypertension. A heart-healthy diet is vital for helping to reduce high blood pressure. It's also important for managing hypertension that is under control and reducing the risk of complications. A heart-healthy diet emphasizes foods that include fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean sources of proteins, also reducing dietary sodium, eating more veggies and cut back on sweets. Reaching a healthy weight should include being physically more active. In addition, exercise can help reduce stress, lower blood pressure naturally, and strengthen your cardiovascular system. Other activities can also be helpful. These include meditation, deep breathing, and yoga or tai chi. These are all proven stress-reducing techniques. Getting adequate sleep can also help reduce stress levels.
- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations (minimum four), wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. Give it a suitable title also. 6
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 4

SECTION B

(Writing and Grammar)

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3. You are Aditya Kumar, a renowned singer. You have received an invitation from the Principal of Shining Light Public School to judge their Inter School Talent Search Competition which is to be held on 2nd April, 2019 in the school auditorium from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Write a reply in about 50 words declining the offer, giving a valid reason. 4

OR

As the Administrative Officer of Diamond Gym, draft a notice in about 50 words informing the members of the increase in membership fee with effect from 1st May, 2019 and the change in the timings. Invent necessary details. You are Vishnu/Vaishnavi.

4. You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of Marketing Representative in a reputed company. Write a letter with biodata in 120 – 150 words to the HR Manager, Neo Technologies, New Delhi, applying for the post advertised. You are Priyanka/Priyank of 121 Green Park, New Delhi, a fresh graduate in Sales and Marketing from the University of Delhi.

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OR

Events like marathons, promoting Go Green, ‘Save the girl child’, etc. have now become a yearly phenomenon to spread awareness of social and health issues. Response to such events is huge with celebrities adding a touch of glamour to the events resulting in large unmanageable crowds. Media also plays a role by hyping the event, thus diluting the actual cause.

As a concerned youth, discuss the issue in a letter to the Editor of ‘The Times’, in 120 – 150 words, stating what your opinion is on whether such events are successful in spreading awareness. Give suggestions to make such initiatives work. You are Bharat/Bharti.

5. You are Anand/Anandita, Prefect, Divine Public School, Delhi. Your school celebrated Book Week from January 12th – 18th, in collaboration with Reading Rockets Publications. Various activities like book mark making, book exchanges, favourite character portrayal, newspaper designing, book exhibition, etc. were organized. A few famous authors were also invited to interact with the students. Write a report on the same for your school magazine in 150 – 200 words.

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OR

The Internet has become a useful resource for everyone and offers many helpful opportunities. With the introduction of new technologies, devices including smart phones/tablets and innovative applications on such devices, the usage of Internet has increased dramatically. However, with increasing penetration and use of the Internet, cyber crime is emerging as a major challenge. Write a speech in 150 – 200 words to be delivered sharing your concerns regarding cyber crimes and suggest tips to safeguard oneself from it. You are Amay/Amaya.

6. It is said that 'Cleanliness is next to godliness'. A clean India would be the best tribute Indians could pay to the nation. As Manas/Manasi, write an article in 150 – 200 words for your school magazine highlighting the issue of lack of cleanliness in our country. Also give suggestions to improve it. 10

OR

The newspaper has a very important role in shaping public opinion and raising awareness of social and public issues. It is believed that the information provided in the newspaper is authentic, objective and reliable. Write an article in 150 – 200 words expressing your views on the role of newspapers and journalists. You are Raj/Raji.

7. (a) Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences : 1×3=3
- (i) speedometer / she / glanced / at / the
 - (ii) put / the accelerator / suddenly / her / foot / down / she / on
 - (iii) sixty / responded / reached / the car / the needle / and
- (b) You are Shreya/Shreyas and are set to meet an expert Dr. Ansari to interview him on the topic 'Saving Tigers in the Wild' on the occasion of Endangered Species Day. 1×3=3

Based on the input given below, construct a dialogue between the two of you. Make three sets of exchanges. The first one has been done for you as an example.

Shreya/Shreyas : Good morning, Sir.

Dr. Ansari : Good morning

Hints :

- Threat
- Population, poaching, deforestation
- Save them
- Protect habitat, safeguard from poachers
- Common man's role
- Awareness, products made of tiger skin and body parts

- (c) The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer book against the correct blank number. $1 \times 4 = 4$

	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
After a few hours the road become	(i) _____	_____
rough and walking was much difficult.	(ii) _____	_____
My foot get cut as	(iii) _____	_____
I stumbling along the way.	(iv) _____	_____

SECTION C (Literature)

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8. Choose **any two** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

- (a) The land's sharp features seemed to be
The Century's corpse outleant,
His crypt the cloudy canopy,
The wind his death-lament.
The ancient pulse of germ and birth
Was shrunken hard and dry,
And every spirit upon earth
Seemed fervourless as I.

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| (i) Name the poem and the poet. | 1 |
| (ii) What does the landscape look like, to the poet ? | 1 |
| (iii) What, according to the poet, is the wind doing ? | 1 |
| (iv) What is the mood of the poet ? | 1 |
| (v) Identify and name the figure of speech used in lines 1 – 2. | 1 |

- (b) No doubt they'll soon get well; the shock and strain
Have caused their stammering, disconnected talk.
Of course they're 'longing to go out again,' –
These boys with old, scared faces, learning to walk.
They'll soon forget their haunted nights; their cowed
Subjection to the ghosts of friends who died,' –
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| (i) | Who is the poet talking about ? | 1 |
| (ii) | Bring out the contradiction in lines 1 – 3. | 1 |
| (iii) | Why does the poet refer to them as boys ? | 1 |
| (iv) | What has caused the haunted nights ? | 1 |
| (v) | Name the poem and the poet. | 1 |

- (c) Steady thy laden head across a brook,
Or by a cider-press, with patient look;
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.
Where are the songs of Spring ? Ay, where are they ?
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too, –

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| (i) | Who does 'thy' refer to ? | 1 |
| (ii) | What is 'thou' doing by the cider-press ? | 1 |
| (iii) | Why does the poet ask for the songs of Spring ? | 1 |
| (iv) | What does he soon realize ? | 1 |
| (v) | Name the poem and poet. | 1 |

9. Answer **any one** of the following questions in 50 – 60 words : 4

- (i) How do we know that Herbert did not believe in the paw's magical powers ?
- (ii) "I don't know, my Lord. A man came with it and said it was important that you should have it today." What was Roger talking about and what does Lord Weston think it was ? What does Lord Weston do with it ?
- (iii) What did the fakir want to prove when he put a spell on the paw ? Did it help anyone ? Explain.

10. (a) Answer **any two** of the following questions in 80 – 100 words each : 2×5=10

- (i) How does Dr. Rakesh show his filial devotion ? (A Devoted Son)
- (ii) The past cannot be viewed by the present standards. Why ? (The Last Letter)
- (iii) How according to Einstein can ambition be both constructive and destructive ? (On Education)
- (iv) What is the beggar's definition of a dream ? What was his final advice to the boy ? (What's Your Dream ?)

(b) Answer **any one** of the following questions in 120 – 150 words : 6

- (i) Why must the winner distinguish himself in a solemn part in 'The Judgement of Paris' ? How does Quinquart win the competition ?
- (ii) How does Robert Lynd take the reader from the childhood's happy memories to the harsh realities of adulthood ?
- (iii) Why didn't Anne want Marian to play with other children ?

11. Answer **any one** of the following questions in 150 – 200 words : 10

- (i) Why does Silas have to leave Lantern Yard ?
- (ii) True happiness doesn't lie in possession of materialistic things. Justify this on the basis of the experiences of Silas and Cass.
- (iii) How does Griffin use science to wreck havoc on humanity in 'The Invisible Man' ?
- (iv) Griffin, in spite of being a negative character, is the protagonist of H.G. Wells' novel, 'The Invisible Man'. Justify.