

ENGLISH

Set-I

TIME ALLOWED: 3 Hours

MAX. 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
1. Attempt all questions.
 2. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.
 3. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.

SECTION A- READING

1. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow: (8)

The poetry of the earth is never dead;
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new-mown mead;
That is the Grasshopper's- he takes the lead
In summer luxury, - he has never done
With his delights, for when tired out with fun
He rests at ease beneath some pleasant weed.
The poetry of earth is ceasing never.
On a lone winter evening, when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills
The Cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half lost,
The Grasshopper's among some grassy hills.
- John Keats

- a) On the basis of your reading of the poem answer the following questions as briefly as possible (2 x 4 = 8marks)
 - i) What does the poet mean by "the poetry of the earth"? Why is it never Dead?
 - ii) What effect does the hot sun have on the birds?
 - iii) How do we know that the Grasshopper is enjoying itself?

- iv) In the second part of the poem, what words does the poet use to show that the poetry of the earth never dies?

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (12)

The primordial soup teemed with life; gentle splashing and murmuring sounds were punctuated by the distant call of gulls. As we paddled by canoe through the ancient mangrove forests of Pichavaram, a flying fish made a gravity-defying leap out of the water. A large egret perched on a nearby branch gave us a stern look when we passed too close, then turned its graceful neck away in haughty disdain.

Pichavaram in Tamil Nadu, about 16 km east of Chidambaram and 60 km south of Pondicherry, is referred to as the Adobe of the Dancing Shiva. After the Sunderbans in West Bengal and Bhitarkanika in Orissa, this is undoubtedly the most impressive stretch of mangroves anywhere on India's east coast.

The Pichavaram swamps, sprawled across 11,000 hectares of backwaters, are a labyrinth of 4,000 canals and 1,700 islands. Some say that these are probably the healthiest mangrove forests in the world. A sand bar separates the area from the sea and is itself a magical habitat. Pichavaram is a living laboratory.

Kumar, our guide and boatman, takes pain to inform us that Pichavaram is a designated Reserve Forest and not a Sanctuary or a pocketed area, as it should be. Until recently, mangrove forests had been classified by many governments as 'wastelands' or useless swamps. This has encouraged industries to exploit and destroy these margins of land and sea for shrimp farming. The result has been irreversible damage, not only to the mangroves, but to entire stretches of the coast. The scars of such ill-advised attention can be seen clearly on the outskirts of Pichavaram. As we gently paddled our way into the thickest part of the forest, I saw local fishermen move through the swamps, quietly going about their business in canoes. Some were laying out gill nets, other pulling up crab pots, some throwing cast nets.....And many other simply taking a siesta in their canoes. Mangrove ecosystems have traditionally been managed by local communities, which derive food, medicines, fuel-wood and construction material from them. For millions of indigenous coastal residents, mangroves offer dependable basic livelihoods and sustain their traditional cultures.

Mangrove ecosystems are found between the latitudes of 32 degree North and 38 degree South, along the coasts of Africa, Australia, Asia and the Americas. With a foot, literally, in two worlds Mangrove forests are as interference between land and sea. They prevent shoreline erosion, catch alluvial material and stabilize land elevation through sediment accretion, which offsets sediment loss in inland areas. Offshore coral reefs and sea grass beds are also protected from siltation by Mangroves.

- a) Based on your understanding of the passage, complete the paragraph with appropriate words and phrases: **(1/2 x 8 = 4 marks)**

Pichavaram is a famous (i) _____ like the (ii) _____ in West Bengal and (iii) _____ in Orissa. But it is much more (iv) _____ than the other two, lying on the (v) _____ of India. They are rich in fauna and are exploited for (vi) _____. They promote the livelihood of the local community by providing (vii) _____ and (viii) _____.

- b) Based on your understanding of the passage complete the following sentences meaningfully **(1 x 4 = 4 marks)**

- i) A Sanctuary is different from a Reserve Forest as the latter is _____.
- ii) Two ways in which the Pichavaram forests promote ecosystem are _____ and _____.
- iii) Pichavaram forests are damaged by the _____.

- c) Find words from the passage which mean the same as: **(1 x 4 = 4 marks)**

- i) A feeling of scornful superiority (para 1)
- ii) A complicated network of passages (para 3)
- iii) Officially assigned a status or name to (para 4)
- iv) Afternoon rest or nap (para 4)

SECTION B – WRITING

3. Ritu Choudhary wrote the following letter to the Manager, Hotel Broadway, Patel Nagar Delhi. But later she decided to send a telegram instead. Use the information from the letter and write the telegram. Copy the format as given **(5)**

House no 234
Sector 5

Kurukshetra

17 June 20...

The Manager
Hotel Broadway
Patel Nagar
Delhi

Dear Sir

Subject: Reservation of accommodation

I would like to put up in your hotel from June 20 to 24. I am reaching Delhi on Friday, June 20 at 10:00 am. Please reserve for me a double room with an attached bathroom.

Kindly confirm reservation telegraphically.

Yours sincerely
Ritu Choudhary

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Name and Address of Addressee	Name	:		Address	:	
				Tel. no.	:	
PIN						
Sender's Name and Address: (Not to be telegraphed)						

4. You are Soni / Sonu. Your sister Megha's boss makes, in her absence, a telephone call. He tells you to pass on the following message which you note down on a notepad. **(5)**

Megha's boss called
Extension of her leave not approved

Must report to office on Monday morning
Important contract has to be signed
Documents have to be ready by lunch time on Monday

You have to leave for some urgent work, so you decide to leave the message. Write the message in not more than 50 words.

5. Corporal Punishment is a hot topic being debated in the present education system. It leads to more problems than finding solutions. We need to change our mind set and make sure that children grow in an emotionally mature environment. Keeping the above in mind, write a speech on 'Corporal Punishment' for your school assembly. (150 – 175 words) **(10)**
6. You read the following headlines in your local daily. Write a letter to the editor expressing your concern about the safety of Indian students in Australia. (150 – 175 words) **(10)**

THREE STUDENTS BRUTALLY ATTACKED BY Oz's, ROBBED

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

7. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the previous and next word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number

(1/2 x 8 = 4 marks)

Five sailors from 'Nantilus' had the small boat ready (a) _____
for us. It was still dark, and I could see land far (b) _____
away like shadow. The sailors rowed the boat, (c) _____
and in time the light of day spread across the sky. (d) _____
Now I could see the land clearly, with few trees here and (e) _____
there. At sign from captain Nemo the boat came (f) _____
to stop. The sailors helped us to put on our (g) _____
clothes for going under sea. (h) _____

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(1/2 x 6 = 3 marks)**

The story then told by Eusebius, then, will not be literally (a) _____
true in every respect. But there could be little doubt that (b) _____
something had happened to the emperor on the eve of his entrance
into Rome. Some scholars suggested that his vision will have(c) _____

been caused by the 'halo phenomenon' which shall occur (d) _____ when ice crystals in the upper atmosphere form light rings around the sun. Such rings interlock in a pattern that will (e) _____ suggest a cross to some viewers and this shall explain the (f) _____ vision that followed.

9. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with one word only. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. **(1/2 x 8 = 4 marks)**

By 1600, (a) _____ Samurai class made up (b) _____ six percent of (c) _____ population, and (d) _____ had changed since (e) _____ early days. (f) _____ longer, for example, could (g) _____ soldier of valour rise to (h) _____ highest command.

10. Look at the following words and phrases. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. **(4)**

- a) Love and gentleness / rare commodities / in the / must have been / Neanderthal world
- b) For survival, / a mortal risk, / everyday / a potential killer / every hunt / was a struggle / and every injury
- c) Died peacefully / the age of 20 / Neanderthal skeletons / and that most / examination of / few Neanderthal skeletons / indicates that / died before
- d) And reverence for / their daily existence, / yet, despite the / capable of / the weak / harshness of / the dead / compassion for / they were

11. Raghu is the reporter of 'The Herald'. He was sent to write a report on a bomb blast in a shopping complex. Using the information from his notes, complete the paragraph by filling in the spaces with suitable words or phrases. Do not add any new information. **(5)**

Shopping complex - destroyed - bomb - 7 o'clock - 80 people burnt alive - two young men - seen speeding off - police assured immediate arrest of culprits

The citizens of Kantipur were shocked when one of its (a) _____ by a (b) _____. The place was crowded and about (c) _____ witnesses say that (d) _____ on a two wheeler soon after the

blast. The police commissioner assured the people that (e) _____.

SECTION D - LITERATURE

- 12. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in one or two lines only: (4)**

Thou dirge
Of the dying year, to which this closing night
Will be the dome of a vast sepulchre,
Vaulted with all thy congregated might
Of vapors, from whose solid atmosphere
Black rain, and fire, and hail will burst: oh, hear!

- i) Why does the poet refer to the West Wind as 'dirge'? (2)
ii) Why is the night referred to as 'sepulchre'? (1)
iii) Pick out two examples of metaphor from the above lines (1)

- 13. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in one or two lines only: (4)**

I am silver and exact. I have no preconceptions
Whatever I see I swallow immediately
Just as it is, unmisted by love or dislike
I am not cruel, only truthful.

- i) Why does the mirror have no preconceptions? (1)
ii) Explain "I am not cruel, only truthful". (1)
iii) What are the two qualities of the mirror referred in the above lines? (2)

- 14. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in one or two lines only: (5)**

I could be well moved, if I were as you:
If I could pray to move, prayers would move me.

- i) Who is Caesar addressing? (1)
ii) What do these lines tell you about Caesar? (2)
iii) What happens soon after Caesar says the above lines? (2)

- 15. Contrast Scrooge's attitude with Bob Cratchit in relation to the spirit of Christmas. (75 - 100 words) (5)**

- 16. What was Kruger Park? Why did the narrator's family decide to go through this park? (50 - 75 words) (4)**

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17. Coachman Ali was old and ignorant. Yet he was able to teach a very valuable lesson to the postmaster which transformed him. As the postmaster write a note in your diary expressing your feelings on this transformation. (150 – 175 words) **(8)**