

Time Duration: 3 hrs. Max. Marks: 80

**General Instructions:** The question paper is divided into four sections:

Section A – Reading (15 Marks)

Section B – Writing (20 Marks)

Section C – Grammar (15 Marks)

Section D – Literature + Value Based Question (25 + 5 = 30 Marks)

**Section A – (Reading)**

1. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given.

Jailbirds sing they say. And Subhadra Khosla, the youngest freedom fighter to be imprisoned at 13, was no exception. The only difference was that singing taught her the power of non-violence. Now, 80, Khosla recounted her days in jail. She was locked in jail with her mother for over a year. "One day, we decided to put one chair on top of another till we managed to take off the Union Jack and unfurl the national flag." The inmates of the jail found themselves facing a firing squad. "There were orders to shoot us. We didn't know what else to do. So, we started singing," said Khosla. Their voice had its impact.

"The guards were Indians too. They started crying and said they couldn't fire at us. That was our first win," a thrilled Khosla recalled. Khosla's father was a doctor and her brother, Krishna Kant later on became India's Vice-President. Khosla was picketing at Anarkali Bazar in Lahore in 1942 when she and her siblings were arrested. "It was unfair. We were all children after all. But the British wanted to destroy families like ours. We fought for this freedom. But we still have to go beyond."

- (a) The inmates of the jail had to face the firing squad because Khosla and her mother .....
- i. unfurled the national flag
  - ii. burned the Union Jack
  - iii. unfurled the Union Jack
  - iv. put one chair over a table
- (b) The Khoslas expressed their protest by .....
- i. crying
  - ii. singing
  - iii. shouting
  - iv. running away
- (c) The British arrested the children to .....
- i. teach them a lesson
  - ii. listen to the songs
  - iii. destroy their families
  - iv. take them to Britain
- (d) The Khoslas showed the British the power of .....
- i. singing
  - ii. money

- iii. violence
- iv. non-violence

(e) The word 'impact' means .....

- i. disgust
- ii. effect
- iii. gain
- iv. affect

2. Read the passage given below and complete the statements that follow by choosing the most appropriate options from those given.

Some reptiles are expert mimics, but they do it for a serious reason – to save their lives. The harmless milk snake has the banded appearance of the poisonous coral snake. In areas where they live together, this mimicry happens. The non-poisonous Mexican kingsnake looks like the coral snake when young. A harmless snake may look like a poisonous snake. This is Batesian mimicry. So, enemies mistake the harmless reptile for the poisonous one, and leave it alone. Blind legless lizards that live under the ground trick the enemies by displaying their tail. The underside of their tails is usually red or yellow in colour and looks like an open mouth. The enemy attacks the tail, mistaking it for the head. The tail can withstand injury better than the head, and the life of the lizard is saved. When the enemy attacks lizards, they break off their tail. The tail jumps about on the ground, confusing the enemy, and helps the lizard to make good its escape.

(a) The milk snake and coral snake resemble in their .....

- i. drinking of milk
- ii. banded appearance
- iii. poison fangs
- iv. outlook

(b) 'Batesian mimicry' helps the .....

- i. reptiles to do mimicry
- ii. harmless reptiles to escape
- iii. poisonous reptiles to escape
- iv. reptiles to sleep

(c) The enemy of the blind legless lizards attacks its ..... mistaking it for .....

- i. tail, head
- ii. head, tail
- iii. tail, mouth
- iv. mouth, red

(d) When the tail of a lizard breaks off, it .....

- i. saves its head from being cut
- ii. excites the lizard
- iii. makes the enemy happy
- iv. confuses its enemy

- (e) The red or yellow structure which looks like an open mouth is the .....
- i. tail
  - ii. limb
  - iii. scales
  - iv. head

3. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow.

Here comes the elephant  
Swaying along  
With his cargo of children  
All singing a song:  
To the tinkle of laughter  
He goes on his way,  
And his cargo of children  
Have crowned him with may.  
His legs are in leather  
And padded his toes:  
He can root up an oak  
With a whisk of his nose:  
With a wave of his trunk  
And a turn of his chin  
He can pull down a house,  
Or pick up a pin.  
Beneath his grey forehead  
A little eye peers:  
Of what is he thinking  
Between those wide ears?  
What does he feel?  
If he wished to tease,  
He could twirl his keeper  
Over the trees:  
If he were not kind,  
He could play cup and ball  
With Robert and Helen  
And Uncle Paul:  
But that grey forehead,  
Those crinkled ears  
Have learned to be kind  
In a hundred years:  
And so with the children  
He goes on his way  
To the tinkle of laughter  
and crowded with may.

- (a) Where are the children?
- (b) How can the elephant tease its keeper?
- (c) Which characteristic trait of the elephant enables him to be with the children?
- (d) What does the poet say about the elephant's strength?
- (e) How does the poet describe the elephant's legs?

4. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow.

Neem is very commonly seen in India. The entire tree, i.e. the bark, leaves and flowers, have a lot of medicinal value as it helps in curing various diseases. The leaves and the bark of this tree are very effective in controlling infections, deworming and in disinfecting and healing wounds. The fresh leaves can be used by extracting the juice or a paste of the leaves can be taken along with a small piece of jaggery. In case of wounds, a few leaves can be boiled in water and then this water, when at tolerable temperature, can be used to wash the wounds. Two drops of neem oil can be used for applying on the wound. Neem also helps in relieving itch in case of allergic rashes. Neem water can be used in case of allergic reactions. The paste of neem seeds can be applied on the scalp and washed off after 10 minutes of application. It also helps in eliminating dandruff, boils on the scalp and also prevents hair fall. Neem is very useful in jaundice. The juice can be given along with honey. Neem is very useful in case of fever. Fresh leaves can be taken with tulsi leaves or with honey. Neem water can be used to soak the feet in case of cracks on dry feet. Neem leaf powder is used for preserving grains and pulses. Neem is of special importance on New Year's Day as a symbol of good health and longevity.

- (a) What is the medicinal value of neem?
- (b) What is the paste of neem seeds used for?
- (c) How does neem help grains and pulses?
- (d) What is neem a symbol of?
- (e) Which word in the passage is the adjectival form of 'tolerate'?

**Section B – (Writing)**

5. Your school celebrated 'Teacher's Day' on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Write a short paragraph describing how you celebrated it giving all the relevant details in 80 words.

6. With the onset of the rainy season, the condition of the road has become miserable. Write a letter to the editor of the newspaper in about 120 words on why this is becoming a yearly affair. Give suggestions on what can be done about this. You are Ram/Rama, 12 Pant Nagar, Agra.

7. You are Ankit/Ankita. You visited the arctic region as a part of an expedition. The melting of ice-caps and the rising water level alarmed you and made you realise the intensity of global warming. On your return, you decided to write an article for a youth magazine on your concerns regarding the effect of global warming. Write the article in about 150 words.

**Section C – (Grammar)**

8. Choose the appropriate options from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.

The tiny hand of my son, held tightly (a) ..... mine a minute ago was now clenched tight. I looked down (b) ..... the curly head of the sturdy boy aged three. He stood (c) ..... me, seriously watching the antics (d) ..... the green parrot as (e) ..... jumped (f) ..... the perch to the floor of the cage and climbed up (g) ..... the roof. The parrots (h) ..... wicked black eyes and tiny tongues that fascinated us.

- (a) (i) on (ii) within (iii) over (iv) around
- (b) (i) from (ii) under (iii) at (iv) for
- (c) (i) away (ii) side (iii) nearer (iv) beside
- (d) (i) of (ii) in (iii) off (iv) to
- (e) (i) it (ii) we (iii) those (iv) they
- (f) (i) from (ii) around (iii) to (iv) at
- (g) (i) again (ii) to (iii) from (iv) through
- (h) (i) have (ii) are (iii) had (iv) some

9. Read the newspaper headline and complete the news item from the given options.

- (a) **Quake Jolts Delhi** An earthquake ..... Delhi and its satellite towns late on Wednesday night.
  - i. jolted
  - ii. have jolted
  - iii. are jolting
  - iv. jolts
  
- (b) **Canara Bank Revises Deposit Rates** Canara Bank ..... interest rates on its domestic term deposit.
  - i. revise
  - ii. has revised
  - iii. will be revised
  - iv. has been revised
  
- (c) **Sub-Junior Judo** Haryana and Manipur ..... the boys and girls titles, respectively, in the National Sub-Junior Championship.
  - i. have won
  - ii. has won
  - iii. are winning
  - iv. will win
  
- (d) **24 Die in Pak Bomb Blast** Taliban suicide bomber hit the house of a military commander ..... 24 people, most of them soldiers.
  - i. dying
  - ii. killed
  - iii. have killed
  - iv. killing

10. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you.

tongue / great / the gift / is a / of the / thing The gift of the tongue is a great thing.

- (a) miracles / great / can perform / orator / an
- (b) hands of / weapon / is / in the / it / a powerful / politicians
- (c) gathering to/ can persuade/ of thinking / an orator / large / his way
- (d) forcefully / has the / speaker / and convincingly / ability to / a good / speak

11. 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. Underline the correct word supplied by you. The first one has been done for you as an example.

	Incorrect	Correct
One day as the girl was played in the courtyard,	played	<u>playing</u>
the ball bounced very high that it flew through the	(a) .....	.....
neighbour's window. Unfortunately, a ball	(b) .....	.....
fell on a crystal vase right over the window sill	(c) .....	.....
and shattered it from pieces. An old lady stormed	(d) .....	.....
out and complaining so long and loud that the	(e) .....	.....
other neighbours began to come from of their houses	(f) .....	.....
and the little girl was so frightened that she hidden in	(g) .....	.....
a nearby shed. Only then the old man come out did the	(h) .....	.....
the lady shut up.		

12. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows.

Interviewer: What are your qualifications?

Candidate: I have done Hotel Management from the National Institute of Hotel Management.

Interviewer: Do you have any work experience?

Candidate: I have worked in a hotel reception for a year. Interviewer: Can you speak any foreign language?

Candidate: I can speak English fluently. I also know French and German.

The interviewer asked the candidate (a) \_\_\_\_\_. The candidate replied that (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the National Institute of Hotel Management. To the interviewer's enquiry as to whether he had any experience, the candidate said that (c) \_\_\_\_\_ in a hotel reception for a year. The interviewer then wanted to know whether he could speak any foreign language and the candidate informed him that (d) \_\_\_\_\_ French and German.