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SECTION-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) and give a suitable title (1 mark). (10)

Good health is the foundation of a happy life. It is often said that health is wealth because without good health, even the greatest riches cannot give true happiness. Health does not simply mean the absence of disease, but it also includes physical fitness, mental peace, and emotional balance. To maintain good health, one must follow healthy habits in everyday life.

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A balanced diet plays the most important role in keeping the body fit. Food rich in proteins, vitamins, minerals, and carbohydrates provides the required energy for daily work. Junk food, oily snacks, and excess sugar harm the body and should be taken in limited amounts. Along with good food, regular exercise is also necessary. Simple activities like walking, jogging, yoga, or cycling keep the body active and prevent many lifestyle diseases.

Equally important is mental health. In today's world, stress and anxiety are common, and they affect overall well-being. Meditation, reading, listening to music, and spending time with family and friends help in maintaining inner peace. Good sleep is another essential factor for both physical and mental health.

Thus, health is a combination of good food, proper exercise, sound sleep, and mental happiness. By taking small but consistent steps, everyone can achieve a healthy and fulfilling life.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end:

(1×10=10)

The transportation industry is undergoing a major transformation with the rise of electric vehicles (EVs). Unlike traditional vehicles that rely on fossil fuels, EVs run on electricity, producing zero direct emissions. This shift is crucial for combating air pollution and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, which contribute to climate change.

Electric vehicles offer several advantages. They are quieter, require less maintenance, and are more energy-efficient compared to conventional vehicles. Governments around the world are promoting EV adoption through incentives, subsidies, and investment in charging infrastructure. Major automakers are also committing to

manufacturing more electric models, signalling a long-term shift in the automotive industry.

However, challenges remain. The production of batteries requires significant resources and can have environmental impacts. Charging infrastructure is still limited in many areas, making long-distance travel difficult. Additionally, the initial cost of EVs is higher than traditional cars, though this is gradually decreasing as technology advances.

Despite these challenges, the transition to electric vehicles represents a vital step toward sustainable transportation. As technology improves and awareness grows, EVs are expected to become more accessible and widely adopted. By embracing electric mobility, societies can reduce pollution, conserve natural resources, and move toward a cleaner, greener future.

Questions :

(i) What are the advantages of Electric Vehicles (EVs)?

(ii) How are Governments promoting EV adoption?

(iii) What powers electric vehicles?

(iv) A challenge of EVs is:

(a) Lack of roads

(b) Battery production impact

(c) Excessive noise

(d) Air pollution

(v) Use the word 'crucial' in your own sentence.

(vi) By embracing societies can reduce pollution and conserve natural resource.

(vii) The word "adoption" in the passage means:

(viii) EVs run on electricity, producing zero direct emissions.

(True/False)

(ix) Write the antonym of word "Conventional".

(x) In 'combating air pollution', the word 'combating' is a;

(a) Noun

(b) Verb

(c) Adjective

(d) Adverb

SECTION-B**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

- Q.3. Your institution has decided to organise an Eco-Friendly day to create awareness about the sustainable environment. Draft a poster giving all necessary details. (30-50 words) (4)

OR

-  You are a start-up entrepreneur, you need a receptionist for your digital marketing business. Draft an advertisement stating your requirements regarding age, qualification, experience, salary, etc. (30-50 words)

4. You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals cause traffic jams as well as accidents.

Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper drawing attention of the Municipal Chairman for the redressal of the problem.

(120-150 words)

(6)

OR

There is a dire need to impart moral education in schools. Write a letter to the Director Education requesting him to introduce moral education as a compulsory subject in the schools. Suggest ways to introduce books in schools that are secular in nature to promote brotherhood and harmony. (120-150 words)

5. Write an email to your friend who has been ill and asking about his/her health and wishing him/her speedy recovery. (50-80 words) (4)

6. Failure and success are part of life. Failures show us our weaknesses and help us to achieve success by conquering them. Write an article on "Failure is a Stepping Stone to Success. You are the student Editor of your school magazine. (6)

OR

In order to promote the book reading habit amongst school children, your school organized a "Book Week". As a Head Boy/Head Girl of the school, you were actively involved in making all the arrangements. Write a report of the event for the local newspaper. (150-200 words)

7. Read the following passage and edit it by picking errors: (8)

The road to success is no a bed of roses (1). Only those who wade on hazards and hurdles can achieve successful (2), (3). Set yourself clear goals and define precisely what you wants to do (4). Goals provide direction for your behaviour and guide your actions and thoughts (5). Specific goals are better than general ones. Let every parts of your body is full of that idea (6), (7). Winners do not do different things, they does things differently (8).

SECTION-C

(Literature)

8. (a) Read the following extract from a poem and answer the questions given at the end:

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and the bottomless sea,

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of the globe.

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(1×4=4)

Questions:

(i) What is the origin of 'rain' as described in the above lines?

(ii) How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem?

(iii) Name the poem and its poet.

(iv) Identify any two poetic devices.

(b) Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

(3×2=6)

(i) What is the meaning of the line "Both wry with the laboured ease of loss"?

(A Photograph)

(ii) Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet?

<https://www.jkboseonline.com> (The Laburnum Top)

(iii) What according to the poem is involved in the process of growing up?

(Childhood)

9. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each: (3×3=9)

(i) Give three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school.

(The Portrait of a Lady)

 How does the story suggest that optimism helps to endure "The Direst Stress"? (We're not afraid to Die...)

(ii) What does the notice "The World's Most Dangerous Animal" at a cage in the Lusaka, Zambia, signify? (The Ailing Planet)

(iv) Explain the statement, "King Tut is one of the first mummies to be scanned__in death, as in life".

(Discovering Tut-The Saga Continues)

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10. Answer the following questions in 150-200 words: (7)

Did the Boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were Afraid?

(The summer of the beautiful white horse)

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" I have done something: Oh God! I've done something real at last".

Why does Andrew say this? What does it mean? (Birth)

11. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words: (6)

'Mother's Day' is a satirical and humours portrayal of the status of the woman—a house wife. **Comment.**

OR

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1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) and give a suitable title (1 mark). (10)

Social media has become an essential part of modern life. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and X (Twitter) allow people to share ideas, information, and experiences instantly across the world. It helps in building communication, spreading awareness, and connecting people from different backgrounds. Many businesses and organizations also use social media to promote their products and services, making it an important tool for marketing and education.

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However, social media has its negative sides too. Excessive use can lead to addiction, distraction from studies, and reduced real-life interactions. People often compare themselves with others, which can cause stress, anxiety, and low self-esteem. The spread of fake news and cyberbullying are also serious concerns that affect both mental health and social harmony.

To use social media wisely, one must maintain a balance. It should be used for learning, staying informed, and positive communication rather than for wasting time or spreading hate. Parents and teachers should guide students to use social media responsibly and safely.

In conclusion, social media is a powerful tool that can either connect or divide society. Its impact depends on how wisely and responsibly it is used. When used correctly, it can educate, empower, and inspire people across the world.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end:

(1×10=10)

In today's fast-paced world, sleep is often ignored, but it is one of the most essential aspects of good health. Sleep is not merely a period of rest; it is a vital process during which the body repairs tissues, strengthens the immune system, and restores energy. It also plays a crucial role in maintaining mental health, memory and concentration.

Modern lifestyles, excessive use of digital devices, and stress have led to a significant increase in sleep-related problems. Many people sleep less than the recommended seven to eight hours per night, which can cause fatigue, poor decision-making, and reduced productivity. Chronic sleep deprivation may even increase the risk of serious health issues such as heart disease, diabetes, and depression.

Quality sleep depends on proper habits and a healthy environment.

Avoiding screens before bedtime, maintaining a regular sleep schedule,

keeping the bedroom dark and quiet, and practicing relaxation

techniques such as meditation can improve sleep quality. Naps during

the day can also help rejuvenate the mind and body.

Sleep affects not only physical and mental health but also overall

well-being. Students, professionals, and elderly people all benefit from

sufficient and uninterrupted sleep. Recognizing sleep as a priority

rather than a luxury is essential in modern life.

In conclusion, good sleep is a foundation for a healthy, productive, and

balanced life. By valuing and practicing proper sleep habits, individuals

can enhance their performance, creativity, and overall happiness.

Questions :

- (i) What is the primary role of sleep as described in the passage?
- (ii) What is a potential long term health risk of chronic sleep deprivation?
- (iii) Which practice is recommended to improve sleep quality?
- (iv) What is one benefit of taking naps during the day?
 - (a) Increases stress levels
 - ~~(b)~~ Rejuvenates the mind and body
 - (c) Causes fatigue
 - (d) Reduces immune system strength

- (v) Use the word 'Chronic' in your own sentence.
- (vi) Naps during the day can also help the mind and body.
- (vii) The word "fatigue" in the passage means:
- (viii) Avoiding screens before bed time is good for health.
(~~T~~True/False)
- (ix) Write the synonym of word "rejuvenate".
- (x) In 'modern life-style', the word 'life-style' is a;
- (a) Noun
- (b) Verb
- (c) Adjective
- (d) Adverb

SECTION-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

 You are the Sports Secretary of Goodwill Public School Srinagar.

Draft a notice for your school notice-board asking the students for participation in various events to be held on the Annual Sports Day of the school. Invent the details. (30-50 words) (4)

OR

As a social activist, design a poster to be displayed at different important places of the city, encouraging and reminding people to "Save Trees-Save Earth" campaign. (30-50 words)

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(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

The other day we heard someone smilingly refer to poets as dreamers.

No, it is accurate to refer to poets as dreamers but it is not discerning to infer as this person did, that the dreams of poets are just as practical as people who build bridges, or look into microscopes are

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just as close to reality and truth. Where they differ from the logician and the scientist is in the temporal sense alone; they are ahead of their time, whereas logicians and scientists are abreast of their time. We must not be superficial that we fail to discern the practicableness of dreams. Dreams are the sun rise streamers heralding a new day of scientific progress another forward surge. Every forward step man takes in any field of life is first taken along the dreaming paths of imaginations. Robert Foulton did not discover his steam boat with full steam up, straining at a hawser at some Hudson river dock, first he dreamed the steam boat and then scientific wisdom converted a picture in the mind into a reality of steel and wood. It is how most of the inventions and discoveries first cropped-up as a dream in the mind and then shaped into reality.

The automobile was not dug out of the ground like a nugget of gold; first men dreamed the automobile and afterwards, the practical minded engineers caught up with what had been created by winging fantasy. He who looks deeply with a seeing eye into the poetry of yesterday finds there all-the cold scientific magic of today and much we shall not enjoy until some tomorrow. If the poet does not dream so clearly that blue print of this vision can immediately be drawn and the practical conversions immediately effected, he must not for that reason be smiled upon as merely the mental host for a sort of harmless madness. For the poet, like the engineer, is a specialist. His being turned to the life to tomorrow, cannot be turned simultaneously to the life of today. To the scientist he says, "Here, I give you a flash of the future." The wise scientist thanks him and takes that flash of the future and makes it over into the fibre of today. So in a way poets

and researchers and scientists are complementary to each other. One weaves dreams with threads of gold and silver fascinating people to carve for it and the scientists pick up the dreamy vision and brings out the stuff in reality to the utmost fun, joy and satisfaction of many.

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2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

Although, tigers are in the news, many of them are still webbed into man-animal conflicts. There is only one way to stop poaching and that is to ensure that the poor tribals, who hunt the tigers, are able to make living by other means. Once poaching stops, illegal trade in tiger skin, bones and other parts will become impossible for the rich mafia that runs the racket in the world's smuggling capitals. Also, tigers are losing their habitat because people are destroying their forests—from

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felling trees for firewood or timber to large-scale destruction for mining, industries, roads or buildings. There should be strict policies that forbid giving away lush tiger forests in the name of development.

But, what about villagers who depend upon forests ? Today, most of us may live in big cities, but even these big cities were once built by cutting down forests. To protect our forests, we must help these villagers earn a decent livelihood. India's tiger tourism should help most of them get jobs around the forests.

In India, forests are the source of 300 rivers and perennial streams. Forest cover is essential for attracting rainfall and preventing soil erosion. If forests are destroyed, it will affect the food we grow and the water we drink. Therefore, protecting forests must be a priority. Finally, we have to accept that wild animals do not understand the

boundaries, we set for them. Cats are territorial and as they grow up, need their own unique space. So if there are tigers in a forest, they will move out every now and then to create their own territories. We have to build and connect our forests for the such wandering tigers. Otherwise, tigers straying into villages will continue to be killed out of fear.

All of this is not as difficult as it may sound. Compared to the west, India's population density has always been very high. We have traditionally shared space with many species of wild carnivores in India, and only one of them—the Cheetah—is so far extinct mainly for this reason. In the west almost all big carnivores species are lost. Tigers survived in India because of our traditional tolerance. Tigers still have a great chance if we live up to that tradition.

Questions :

(i) Why are wild animals like tigers losing their habitat ?

(ii) To protect our forests, we must help the villagers

(Complete it)

(iii) Which word in the passage means—to kill animals illegally.

(iv) Which animal in India is almost extinct now ?

(A) Deer

(B) Tigers

(C) Cheetah

(D) Hippopotamus

(v) Most animals like Tiger straying into villages are killed out of

- (A) Revenge
- (B) Sympathy
- (C) Fear
- (D) Fun

(vi) What does it mean we say, "Tigers are territorial" ?

(vii) What measures should be taken to stop poaching ?

(viii) What will happen if forests are destroyed ?

(ix) In 'decent livelihood' the word 'decent' is a :

- (A) Noun
- (B) Verb
- (C) Adjective
- (D) Adverb

(x) Forest cover is essential for rainfalls and preventing soil erosion.

(True/False)

1x10=10

Section-B**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. As a Student Cultural Secretary, write a notice, to be pasted on school Notice Board, inviting names of the participants in inter-school debate contest next week. Mention the topic also. (30–50 words)

Or

As the Principal of a public school, draft an advertisement for the post of a music teacher on adhoc basis. Mention the age, qualification and experience, etc. for it. (30–50 words)

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4. The road leading to your school is very congested and full of potholes. Students and parents are after caught in traffic jams as a part of the road is also narrowed by the Rehri Cart Vendors etc. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper calling the attention of the Chief Engineer, traffic police and municipality for the redressal of the problem. (120–150 words)

Or

As a responsible habitant of the locality you live in, write a letter to the Superintendent Engineer of power and electricity department requesting him to save the student community, preparing for the exams, from the problem of abrupt, unscheduled and long power cuts in the locality which is telling upon their physical as well as mental health. (120–150 words)

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5. Write an e-Mail to your cousin congratulating him on securing M.B.B.S. seat by clearing the Entrance Examination. (50–80 words)

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6. As the Student Editor of your school magazine, write an article on "Hazards and Evils of eating too much junk food by the modern youth, especially the students".

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Or

On the eve of Annual Day Celebration, your school held a 'Blood Donation Camp' in collaboration with the medical college. Write a report of the event for the local newspaper.

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Read the following passage and edit it, picking errors and mistakes etc. :

As soon as I reached home, it ~~start~~ rains heavily. I was pleased for ~~reach~~ home safe and unwet. My mother asked me if I ~~will~~ like a cup of hot tea. "Why not", I said quickly and sat ^{on} ~~to~~ a near by chair. "What would you ~~liked~~ with tea ?" she asked me. I ~~only~~ smiled and said, "Anything ~~would~~ do. Better, if you will serve me ~~with~~ cakes and rusks, father brought yesterday." She smiled and nodded ~~his~~ head in positive. You see a hot cup of tea with some ~~snacs~~ is a wonderful idea.

1×8=8

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(Literature)

8. (a) Read the following extract from a poem and answer the question

given at the end :

All three stood still to smile through their hair

At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,

My mother's, that was before I was born

And the sea, which appears to have changed less

Washed their terribly transient feet.

Questions :

- (i) Who are 'All three' mentioned by the poet ?
- (ii) Where was poet's mother standing and why ?
- (iii) Why are girl's feet called, 'terribly transient' ?
- (iv) How did poet's mother look at that time ?

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(b) Answer any two of the following questions in **40–50** words each :

(i) What does the phrase 'strange to tell' mean ?

(The Voice of the Rain)

(ii) What is the bird's movement compared to and what is the basis for this comparison ?

(The Laburnum Top)

(iii) Pick out a few instances of humour and irony in the poem

'The Tale of Melon City'. <https://www.jkboseonline.com> **3×2=6**

3. Answer any *three* of the following questions in **40–50** words each :

(i) How do we come to know that the author's grandmother was a religious person ?

(The Portrait of a Lady)

(ii) What do you understand by the terms (a) outsider art (b) art brut

(c) raw art ?

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(iii) How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted?
(The Ailing Planet)

Explain briefly

(iv) Why was the author disappointed with Darchen ?

(The Silk Road)

(v) Why do you think Professor Gaitonde decided never to preside
over meeting again ?

(The Adventure)

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10. Answer the following question in 150–200 words :

'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war.

Comment.

Or

There lies a great difference between text-book medicine and the world of a practicing physician. Discuss in the light of A.J. Cronin's 'Birth'.

11. Answer the following question in **120-150** words :

Write the brief character sketch of 'Mrs. Annie Pearson'.

Or

Justify the title of the play "Mother's Day".

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1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

We have been brought up to fear insects. We regard them as unnecessary creatures that do more harm than good. Many continually wages a war on them, for they contaminate his food, carry diseases or devour his crops. They sting or bite without provocation; they fly

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uninvited into his room on summer nights, or beat against his lighted windows. We live in dread only of unpleasant insects like spiders, or wasps; but of quite harmless ones like moths also.

Reading about insects increases our understanding without dispelling our fears. Knowing that industrious ants live in a highly organised society, does nothing to prevent us from being filled with revulsion, when we find hordes of them crawling over a carefully prepared lunch. We hate them and waste no time in removing them quickly even if few of them are killed.

No matter how much we like honey or how much we have read about the uncanny sense of direction which bees possess, we have a horror of being stung ? Most of our fears are unreasonable, but they are difficult to erase. At the same time, however, insects are strangely fascinating. We enjoy reading about them, especially when we find

that, like the praying mantis, they lead perfectly horrible lives. We enjoy staring at them, entranced as they go about their business, unaware of our presence. Who has not stood in awe at the sight of a spider pouncing on a fly, or a column of ants triumphantly bringing home an enormous dead beetle.

These tiny insects are not without wisdom. Sometimes they exhibit a wonderful common sense and even scientific approach to their problems. For example, once a man found thousands of ants crawling up the trunk of a peach tree which produce Luscious fruit. One summer he found the leaves of the tree withering. Cluster of tiny insects, called aphids, were found on the underside of leaves, so this army of ants attacked them to obtain a sort of honey from them. The man tried but failed to check the infiltration of ants. He also bound the base of the tree with sticky tapes so that it became difficult for ants to reach

aphis. But after two or three days, he found the ants discovering a new route. They climbed the adjoining wall and then used the branches touching the wall as a ladder to reach the aphids. The ants had the wisdom to find out the answer to his scientific measure to stop them reaching the destination of choice.

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2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

It has been said that everyone lives by selling something. In the light of this statement, teachers live by selling knowledge, philosophers by selling wisdom and priests by selling spiritual comfort. Though, it may be possible to measure the value of material goods in terms of money, it is extremely difficult to estimate the true value of material of the services which people perform for us. There are times when we would willingly give everything we possess to save our lives, yet we might

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grudge paying a surgeon a high fee for offering us precisely his service. The conditions of society are such that skills have to be paid for the same way that goods are paid for at a shop. Everyone has something to sell.

Tramps (homeless and jobless persons) seem to be the only exception to this general rule. Beggars almost sell themselves as human beings to arouse the pity of passers-by. But real tramps are not beggars. They have nothing to sell and require nothing from others. In seeking independence, they do not sacrifice their human dignity. A tramp may ask you for money, but he will never ask you to feel sorry for him. He has deliberately chosen to lead the life he leads and is fully aware of the consequences. He may never be sure where the next meal is coming from, but he is free from the thousands of anxieties which

afflict other people. His few material possessions make it possible for him to move from place to place with ease. By having to sleep in the open, he gets far closer to the world of nature than most of us ever do. He may hunt, beg or steal occasionally to keep himself alive; he may even in times of real need, do a little work; but he will never sacrifice his freedom. We often speak with contempt for tramps and put them in the same class as beggars, but how many of us can honestly say that we have not felt a little envious of their simple way of life and their freedom care.

Questions :

- (i) Why may we feel a little envious of tramps sometimes ?
- (ii) As per the passage, Tramps are also like beggars.

(True/False)

(iii) In 'steal occasionally' the word 'occasionally' is :

- (A) Noun
- (B) Verb
- (C) Adjective
- (D) Adverb

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(v) Use the word 'grudge' in your own sentence.

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- (A) Steal
- (B) Hunt
- (C) Beg
- (D) Do all [(A), (B), (C)]

(vii) The passage remarks; skills have to be paid for in the same way (Complete it)

(viii) Give the synonym of 'dignity'.

(ix) To the ailing humanity, sometimes 'spiritual comforts' are sold to people by :

(A) Teachers

(B) Businessmen

(C) Philosophers

(D) Priests and religious minds

(x) Give the antonym of 'contempt' and then use it in your own sentence.

1×10=10

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You often feel unhappy when you see people wasting water ruthlessly. Draft a poster telling people; why and how to save water for future life on this planet. (30–50 words)

Or

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(Literature)

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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

- 1 Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

What is it that enables some people to gain whatever goal they set for themselves while others do not succeed ? What makes some men winners in the world and others the losers ? If we want to win, we must find the right answer to this very important question. Are there

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certain qualities or techniques which a person can use to achieve success regardless of his goal ? To confirm this we must carefully study the lives of successful men of the past as well as the present day. No doubt there are certain characteristics which are commonly found among all these great people. But an academic or college education is not necessarily one of them. Such an education could be really an asset. Remember, college education by itself is neither good nor bad. It all depends on what use you put it to. The important thing is, if you possess it, you can use it to your advantage. If you don't have it, there is no real cause to worry. Many around the globe have attained great success without any college education. For example, Thomas Edison had taken only three month's schooling. The great Abraham Lincoln was practically self-educated. Benjamin Franklin did

never attend any school. The Wright Brothers were not scientists but bicycle mechanics only. Success also does not necessarily depend upon one's birth, environment, wealth etc. H.G. Wells ~~was~~ born in poverty and had to fight ill-health continually.

The study of great, successful, self-made men all over the world, whether of the past or of the present, spotlights very common factors. They knew how to get along successfully with others? They knew how to sell themselves to strangers and friends, to their employers and employees, to their neighbours, families, in fact to every one with whom they came into contact daily. They knew how to sell their ideas, knowledge, talent and service. They knew how to get along with men, influence and motivate them.

Success depends to a great extent on what you do with your ideas, talent or gifts. Invariably it is not what you know but what you do about what you know. It is not what you have, but what is done about it spells the difference between success and failure. 10

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

To make our life meaningful one, we need to mind our thoughts, for our thoughts are the foundation, the inspiration and the motivating power of our deeds. We create our entire world by the way we think. Thoughts are the causes and the conditions are the effects.

Our circumstances and conditions are not dictated by the world outside; it is the world inside that creates outside. Self-awareness comes from the mind, which means soul. Mind is the sum total of the states of consciousness grouped under thoughts, wills and feelings.

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Besides self-consciousness we have the power to choose and think. Even when inactive on the bodily plane, we are all the time active on the thought plane. Hence, if we observe ourselves, we can easily mould our thoughts. If our thoughts are pure and noble, naturally actions follow the same. If our thoughts are filled with jealousy, hatred and greed, our actions will be same.

Thoughts or intent is more responsible and dynamic than act. If one performs a charitable act without thinking charitably, he is performing it just for the sake of gain and glory. Theosophy teaches us that every thought, no matter how fleeting, leaves a seed in the mind of the thinker. These small seeds together go to make up a large thought seed and determine one's character. Our thoughts affect the whole body. It is independent of brain and mind and will live upon its energy depending upon its intensity.

Trying to keep a thought from our mind can produce the very state we are trying to avoid. We can alter our environment to create the mood. For instance, when feeling sad and depressed, think of cheerful thoughts; And if we mix with people who are cheerful, we shall feel a change in our mood and thoughts. Every thought, we think, every act we perform, creates in us an impression, like everything else, is subject to cyclic law and becomes repetitive in our mind. So we alone have the choice to create our thoughts for positive results in our actions.

Let us choose the thought seeds of right ideas, noble and courageous aspirations that will be received by mind of the same nature. Right introspection will be required of us to determine what we really desire to affect. Let us reflect and send loving and helpful thoughts and lighten the load of the world's sufferings.

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- (ii) Even if we are inactive bodily, our thought process goes on ever.
(True/False)
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 - (B) Sleep for some time
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(Pick the correct one)

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(B) Brain

(C) Mind

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(x) Which word in the passage means; Happening in cycles ? $1 \times 10 = 10$

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