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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

India is a vast country inhabited by people speaking different languages. Languages have, therefore been a very controversial issue right since India became free. Different political leaders and educationists have been expressing different opinions on the subject. Even today the issue remains as unresolved as it was half a century ago.

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Turn Over

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English was introduced in our schools and colleges by the Britishers. It gradually took firm roots in the soil of our hands. English played an important role in the freedom struggle. The contribution of English in this respect cannot be undermined. It was believed that after the departure of the English from India, English would also be discarded. But, in reality, this language has continued to occupy an important place in the country. It was laid down by our Constituent Assembly that Hindi, our national language, would replace English within 15 years. All felt that the common language of the country must be some Indian Language. But circumstances took such a shape that English had to be recognized as the second official language of the country. Advanced knowledge in various sciences and the latest researches can come to India through the medium of English. We cannot read every book through translation in Hindi or any other regional language. By depriving ourselves of this language, we shall

be missing the glorious works of Shakespeare, Shelly, Keats and Byron. English has a literature of love and freedom, nature and adventure. Even some renowned Indians have produced their best work through the medium of this language. Authors like Nehru, Aurobindo Ghosh, Mulk Raj Anand etc. wrote their books in English. English is an important international language.

Recently, some southern states in India have been expressing fears regarding the imposition of Hindi on them. The government has assured them that English would continue to stay and to be used along with Hindi. English is, therefore, essential for national unity. There is little doubt that English has come to stay in this country as an important language. Almost every new private school being opened in the country is an English medium school.

English has come to be recognized not only as a mark of education but also as a mark of status and prestige.

The lovers of English will, however, have to accept a subdued place for English in the changing state of affairs. It is being increasingly realized that English should be developed and taught more as a library language than as a language of literature and rich thought. Moreover, English can no longer continue to remain the only language of opportunity. Only recently the Central Government allowed the use of regional languages as a medium of examination in all competitive examinations for Class I and II posts. This shows that English may never have its pre-1947 status in times to come. It will, however, have to be used along with Hindi and the regional languages of the country for all times to come.

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2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

While there is no denying that the world loves a winner, you must recognize the signs of stress in your behaviour and be healthy enough to enjoy your success. Stress can strike anytime, in a fashion that may leave you unaware of its presence in your life. While a certain amount of pressure is necessary for performance, it is important to be able to recognize your limitations. For instance, some individuals accept competition healthily. Others collapse into weeping wrecks before an exam or on comparing marks sheets and finding that their friends have scored better.

Stress is a body reaction to any demands or changes in its internal and external environment. Whenever there is a change in the external environment such as temperature, pollutants, humidity and working conditions, it leads to stress. In these days of competition, when a

person makes up his mind to surpass what has been achieved by others, leading to an imbalance between demands and resources. it causes psychological stress. It is a part and parcel of everyday life. Stress has different meaning, depending on the stage of life you are in. The loss of a toy or a reprimand from the parents might create a stress shock in a child. An adolescent who fails an examination may feel as if everything has been lost and life has no further meaning. In an adult, the loss of his or her companion, job or professional failure may appear as if there is nothing more to be achieved. Such signs appear in the attitude and behaviour of the individual as muscle tension in various parts of the body, palpitation, and high blood pressure, indigestion, and hyperacidity. Ultimately the result is self-destructive behaviour such as eating and drinking too much, smoking excessively or relying on tranquilizers. There are

other signs of stress such as trembling, shaking nervous blinking, dryness of throat and mouth, and difficulty in swallowing.

A person under stress reacts in different ways and the common ones are fright, fight and flee depending upon the nature of the stress and capabilities of the person. The three responses can be elegantly chosen to cope with the stress so that stress does not damage the system and become distressed. When stress crosses the limit, peculiar to an individual, it lowers his capacity. Frequent crossings of the limit may result in chronic fatigue in which a person feels lethargic, disinterested, and is not easily motivated to achieve anything. This may make the person mentally undecided, confused, accident prone as well. Sudden exposure to unnerving stress may also result in a loss of memory. Diet, massage, food supplements, herbal medicines, hobbies, relaxation techniques and dance movements are excellent stress busters.

Questions :

- (i) Success is only enjoyed by a
- (ii) There are some weeping wrecks who :
- (A) Dislike competition
 - (B) Enjoy fashion
 - (C) Fear examination
 - (D) Score better
- (iii) Change in the body's internal and external environment leads to :
- (A) Tiredness
 - (B) Imbalance
 - (C) Competition
 - (D) Stress
- (iv) Psychological stress is the result of
- (v)• Reprimand from the parents to a child can be

- (vi) Stress in an adult can be the result of
- (A) Loss of health
 - (B) Reprimand from the parents
 - (C) Loss of a companion
 - (D) Failure in exams
- (vii) Muscle tension is a problem associated with
- (viii) Difficulty in swallowing leads to :
- (A) Shaking
 - (B) Stress
 - (C) Indigestion
 - (D) Palpitation
- (ix) Massage is a
- (x) Loss of memory is a symptom of :
- (A) Confusion
 - (B) Stress
 - (C) Lethargy
 - (D) Low performance
- 1×10=10

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. Your friend Abid has invited you to attend the wedding of his sister, Tabassum. You find that you have a paper of board examination on the day of the wedding. Thus you cannot attend the event.

Write in about **50** words a formal reply to the invitation expressing your regret. You are Arshan, A-16, R.R. Lalchowk.

Or

You are Iniran, a resident of Jammu. You have lost your cellphone while travelling from Nehru Park to Lalchowk

Draft an advertisement in not more than **50** words for publication in print and social media giving specifications and other details

4. You are Sahil/Toiba, the Sports Secretary of your school. Write a letter to Globe Enterprises, New Delhi, a leading firm dealing in sports goods, requesting them to supply their trade catalogue. You may mention the items you intend to buy and ask for a discount on the catalogue prices. (120-150 words)

Or

You are Bitu/Nisha staying at 53, Gojar Nagar, Jammu. Last summer you bought a colour TV from the "Clear Vision" of Gojar Nagar with a warranty of 2 years. Now you discover that the picture gets blurred now and then. Even the sound has become defective.

Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem and requesting him to get the defect rectified. Also request him to replace it, if needed against the warranty that goes with it. (120-150 words) (6)

5. Draft an application for the post of an accountant in Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Co., Hyderabad, in response to their advertisement that appeared in The Times of India, dated 1st August, 2021. Prepare a resume to be enclosed. You are Mudasir/Shabnum. (120-150 words)

Or

You are Rabia, a commerce graduate from Kashmir University. You are seeking a suitable job. You came across an advertisement in Greater Kashmir, inviting young and dynamic fresh graduates as Sales Assistants in a reputed company. Apply for the said job to Box No. 5826, c/o Greater Kashmir, Press Colony, Srinagar. Prepare a resume to be enclosed. (120-150 words) (6)

6. You are Fayaz/Ankita. You have to deliver a speech on the topic, "Education gives one power," in a webinar organized by your school. Write your speech in **200–250** words.

Or

Last week as you were coming back from school, you happened to see a huge plastic bag full of leftovers of food being flung into the middle of the road from a speeding car. You wondered how people can be so devoid of civic sense.

Write an article in **200–250** words on why we lack civic sense and how it can be inculcated in children at a very young age. You are Aina/Zara.

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7. Edit the following passage :

I heard M Hamel say to me, "I won't scolds you, little Franz, you must feel bad enough. See how it is! Everyday we have said to ourself, Bah. I've plenty on time. I'll learn it tomorrow. Now those fellows out there will have the right to say to you, 'How is it; you pretend to be Frenchmen, and yet you can either speak or write your

own language ?' Because you are not the worst, poor little Franz. We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with."

"Your parents were not anxious enough to have you learn. They prefer to put you to work on a farm or in the mills, so as to have a little more money. And I ? I have been to blame also. Have I not often sent you to water my flowers instead of learning your lessons ? And when I wanted to go fishing, did I not just give you a holiday ?" <https://www.jkboseonline.com>

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Section-C

(Literature)

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

(a) A thing of beauty is a joy forever

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness, but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health and

quiet breathing.

Questions :

- (i) List any *two* things of beauty mentioned above.
 - (ii) What does the phrase, 'Pass into nothingness' mean ?
 - (iii) What are the effects of beautiful things on man's spirit ?
 - (iv) A bower refers to
- (b) V.S. Naipaul 'feels that some people are wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves'. Lewis Carroll, the creator of "Alice in wonderland," was said to have had 'a just horror of the interviewer' and he never consented to be interviewed. It was his horror of being lionized which made him thus repel would be acquaintances, interviewers and the persistent petitioners for his autograph and he would afterwards relate the stories of his success in silencing all such people with much satisfaction and amusement.

Rudyard Kipling expressed an even more condemnatory attitude towards the interviewer. His wife, Caroline, writes in her diary for 14 October, 1892 that their day was 'wrecked by two reporters from Boston'.

Questions :

- (i) Name the chapter and its writer.
- (ii) What are V.S. Naipaul's views about interviews ?
- (iii) What would lionize Lewis Carroll ?
- (iv) What did the reporters from Boston do to Rudyard Kipling ? 1×8=8

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions in **30-40** words :

- (i) Explain the metaphor of the 'Rattrap' in the context of the story by Selma Lagerlof.
- (ii) Why has Rajkumar Shukla been described as being resolute ?
- (iii) Why did Gandhiji not accept Andrew's help during the Champaran Movement ?
- (iv) What does the narrator's mother looklike ? What kind of images has been used to signify her aging (My Mother at Sixty-Six).
- (v) In his letter to Charley, Sam writes, 'Then I got to believing you were right ?' What could have made Sam begin to believe ?
- (vi) What happened on the seventh day after Dr. Sadao had typed the letter ?
- (vii) Why does Jo Call the Skunk's mommy stupid ? 2×5=10

10. Answer the following question in 120-150 words :

How different from usual was the atmosphere at school on the day of the last lesson ?

Or

How, in your opinion, can Mukesh realize his dream ?

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

With respect to the events in the story, should Wizard hit Mommy ?

Who would you support, Wizard or Mommy ? Justify your choice.

Or

The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica. How is the study of this region useful to us ?

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