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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

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

Every man or woman must be given work to his/her capacity and the state must satisfy its people's basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. If a state fails to provide jobs to its people or ensure the satisfaction of their basic needs, it is sure to be doomed one day.

Every eating mouth is blessed by God with two working hands.

Therefore, no excuse can explain in failure of this balancing system of production and consumption.

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Turn Over

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The most challenging problem India faces today is the problem of unemployment. With the massive increase in population, the number of unemployed has increased manifold. No wonder, we find millions of educated, and uneducated unemployed youth in the country. It is a pity that many of the uneducated unemployed youth are skilled workers. The conditions of the educated unemployed are more pitiable. Unemployment is one of the major causes of student unrest in the country. No country can make any progress when her youth remain idle and unemployed. It is rightly said, "An idle brain is a devil's workshop." The hordes of unemployed youth wander from pillar to post in search of jobs. There are fewer jobs but more job-seekers. We come across many teachers, engineers and even doctors who go without jobs. They have spent several years in degree and professional colleges and yet they are unable to get jobs. The condition of those who have passed B.A. and M.A. examination is even worse. They are not fit for doing any job other than the white collar ones. This is quite an unhappy situation. In these days of the high cost of living, unemployment is a matter of great concern for planners.

Two kinds of measures are being tried to cope with the situation. These are long-term measures and short-term measures. Long-term measures include reform in education, control over overpopulation, and an increase in production. Job-oriented courses are being introduced in schools and colleges in a big way. Short-term measures include the creation of more jobs through proper economic planning and improving fiscal policy. Self-employment schemes started by the government have not yielded much response. The government is keen to solve the problem. The problem is no doubt, big. But it must be solved, otherwise the writing on the wall is much clear.

Liberal loans should be given to those who want to run a small-scale industry. The cottage industry in India has a better scope for generating employment. Agro industry should be encouraged as about 70% of people live in villages. Subsidy and interest-free loans should be given to those who want to run small-scale industry.

Technical know-how should be made available to the people engaged in a cottage and small-scale industry. More and more young men and women should be encouraged to take up technical work. Job-oriented or vocational education is the only remedy. Let us hope that the youth of the country are given proper opportunities to work according to their worth.

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

For four days, I walked through the narrow lanes of the old city, enjoying the romance of being in a city where history still lives in its cobblestone streets and in its people riding asses, carrying vine leaves and palm as they once did during the time of Christ. This is Jerusalem, home to the Sacred sites of Christianity, Islam and Judaism. This is the place that houses the church of the Holy Sepulchre, the place where Jesus was finally laid to rest. This is also the site of Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Built by the Roman Emperor Constantine at the site of an earlier temple to

Aphrodite, it is the most venerated Christian Shrine in the world. And justifiably so. Here, within the Church, are the last five stations of the cross, the 10th Station where Jesus was stripped of his clothes, the 11th where he was nailed to the cross, the 12th where he died on the cross, the 13th where the body was removed from the cross and the 14th, his tomb.

For all this weighty tradition, the approach and entrance to the Church are nondescript. You have to ask for directions. Even to the devout Christian pilgrims walking along the Via Dolorosa way of Sorrows first nine stations look clueless. Then a courtyard appears, hemmed in by other buildings and a doorway to one side. This leads to a vast area of huge stone architecture. Immediately inside the entrance is your first stop. It's the stone of anointing : this is the place, according to Greek tradition, where Christ was removed from the cross. The Roman Catholics, however, believe it to be the spot where Jesus' body was prepared for burial by Joseph. What happened next ? Jesus was buried. He was taken to a place outside the city of

Jerusalem where other graves existed and there, he was buried in a cave. However, all that is long gone, destroyed by continued attacks and rebuilding; what remains is the massive and impressive Rotunda (a round building with a dome) that Emperor Constantine built. Under this, and right in the centre of the Rotunda, is the structure that contains the Holy sepulchre. "How do you know that this is Jesus' tomb?" I asked one of the pilgrims standing next to me. He was clueless, more interested, like the rest of them, in the novelty of it all and in photographing it, than in its history or tradition. At the start of the first century, the place was a disused quarry outside the city walls. According to the gospels, Jesus' crucifixion occurred at a place outside the city walls with graves nearby. Archaeologists have discovered tombs from that era, so the site is compatible with the biblical period. The structure at the site is a marble tomb built over the original burial chamber. It has two rooms, and you enter four at a time into the first of these, the Chapel of the Angel. Here the Angel

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is supposed to have sat on a stone to recount Christ's resurrection.

A low door made of white marble, partly worn away by pilgrims' hands, leads to a smaller chamber inside. This is the 'room of the tomb', the place where Jesus was buried. We entered it in a single file. On my right was a large marble slab that covered the original rock bench on which the body of Jesus was laid. A woman knelt and prayed. Her eyes were wet with tears. She pressed her face against the slab to hide them, but it only made it worse.

Questions :

(i) The old city refers to

(ii) Jerusalem is home of :

(A) Judaism and Islam

(B) Islam and Christianity

(C) Christianity only

(D) Islam, Christianity and Judaism

- (iii) The body of Christ was removed at cross no.
- (iv) The most venerated Christian Shrine is :
- (A) Aphrodite
 - (B) Jerusalem
 - (C) Sepulchre
 - (D) 10th Station
- (v) In order to enter the Church, a visitor has to ask for direction because
- (vi) The body of Jesus was prepared for burial by Joseph, according to :
- (A) Greek Tradition
 - (B) Rotunda
 - (C) Roman Catholics
 - (D) Holy Sepulchre

(vii) 'Its history or tradition', 'its' in the passage refers to

(viii) The tombs from the era of Jesus' crucifixion were explored by :

(A) Romans

(B) Archaeologists

(C) Pilgrims

(D) Greeks

(ix) The woman pressed her face against the slab in order to

(x) Number of people who can enter the door of the 'room of the tomb' at one time is :

(A) Four

(B) Five

(C) One

(D) Two

1×10=10

(10)

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are Rashid/Revathi, a student of class 12th, Govt. HSS, XY, you are interested in giving tuition in Maths to one or two students of Class VIII. Draft an advertisement in not more than **50** words for a local newspaper.

Or

Your school is celebrating its Annual Day on 15th October, 2021.

Write a formal invitation as Student Secretary to be sent to the parents and other invitees. (**50** words)

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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 price. (**120-150** words).

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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) 5

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 ?"

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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 <https://www.jkboseonline.com>
- (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 'Ratrap' 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 ?

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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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