

SET – 4

Series : GBM/C

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Candidates must write the Code on the title page of the answer-book.

- Please check that this question paper contains **8** printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains **11** questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

ENGLISH (Elective)-(C)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

The Question paper is divided into **three** sections :

Section A – Reading 20 marks

Section B – Writing and Grammar 40 marks

Section C – Literature 40 marks

General Instructions :

- (i) All questions are **compulsory**.
- (ii) You may attempt any section at a time.
- (iii) All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION – A

20 Marks

READING

1. Read the passage given below : 10
 1. Do you worry about giving up your Smartphone ? Are you more interested in what's happening online than in your house ? Do you struggle to recall your last good face-to-face chat ? If you have answered yes to any one question, then you are a digital slave-or turning into one.

2. Technology, it's said, makes your life simpler. Instead, we have allowed it to bring in new stresses. Added to the stresses of buying a home, getting good grades, getting promoted, health issues, are the new stresses of our times : How many 'likes' did I get ? Let's take a selfie; why am I not travelling the world ? Why hasn't he/she started 'following' me ? People in fact, have sought psychological help because of online abuse. Things are getting worse every day. How does one get relief from these new pressures ? There are ways to help yourself.
3. You know the feeling : you want to speak to a close friend and there's a lot to catch up on. But the thought of calling seems like a chore after a long day. Get over it. Schedule a quick 'coffee meet up'. You won't regret it. In fact, if you stop meeting people face-to-face thinking you are 'connected', you may get a rude jolt when you do need them. There's nothing better than a face-to-face talk. You cannot rely on the social media to replace personal interactions.
4. Your smartphone is not making you smarter. 'Kids are chained to their phones these days. It's obvious that they have picked this up from watching adults. It's becoming tough to separate people from their smart phones, ultimately impacting our everyday behavior and conversations.'
5. 'Staring at our phones 24 × 7 has given rise to unpredictable behavior, cyber sickness, Facebook sadness and internet addiction disorder.
6. You are always tired because your phone takes up your head space. You have no patience to deal with real people problems anymore. All the fight and irritation comes out on your posts. Mobile addicts have forgotten how to have real conversations. They find it easier to converse through text messages. They are simply lost in their own 'me-myself' world, where they are just posting their observations and opinions.
7. All over the world, psychologists are talking about the failure of multitasking. It's not human to do everything, think everything and performing at his/her best all the time.' Our over-dependence on technology is changing our brain's chemical reactions. "We've become an irritable, impatient, selfish generation, and will see far more cases of digital strokes (when the brain starts forgetting information with too much technological dependence)."

8. What can be the solution ? To be practical, gadgets in themselves, aren't bad; it's our overdependence on them that's harmful. It has become necessary to incorporate cyber mindfulness (being aware of your online activities and your digital behaviour) in our lives. We must consciously choose to disconnect, for some time at least, as a daily ritual.

(1.1) Answer the following questions very briefly :

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- (a) What can make you a digital slave ?
- (b) Name atleast two usual stresses of life.
- (c) Why do people sometime need psychological help ?
- (d) Which is better-social media or personal interactions ?
- (e) What happens in a 'me-myself' world ?
- (f) Why is multitasking considered a major failure ?

(1.2) Choose the meaning of the words given below from the options that follow :

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- (a) Recall (Para 1)
 - (i) answer
 - (ii) remember
 - (iii) stable
 - (iv) sack
- (b) Stresses (Para 2)
 - (i) tensions
 - (ii) sadness
 - (iii) regrets
 - (iv) travels
- (c) Posting (Para 6)
 - (i) to put on line
 - (ii) to get a posting
 - (iii) to send a mail
 - (iv) to transfer
- (d) Gadgets (Para 8)
 - (i) gifts
 - (ii) goals
 - (iii) devices
 - (iv) dangers

2. Read the following passage carefully :

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Modern food has become our enemy. We have become so addicted to taste and presentation, that we eat food for its entertainment value not for its nutritional value. Each restaurant boasts of a new cuisine which is a mixture of refined flour, oil and sugar. Pasta, noodles, white rice, white bread and maida based products like pizzas, burgers, naan and romali roti are the main options in Italian, Chinese, Indian or Mexican cuisines. The vegetarian dishes are either overcooked or have a lot of cornstarch and fat. Such dishes cannot achieve perfect health. You might achieve some weight loss but you will lose your health.

I have been providing solutions to people suffering from obesity and its related problems like high cholesterol, hypertension, diabetes, osteoarthritis and asthma. I realized that by following a health plan for these disorders, people lost excess weight automatically. This means that weight loss can be a natural by-product of a health plan; you don't have to eat less to lose weight but to choose your food correctly. In fact the link between the ideal body weight and health is so crucial that if one were to concentrate completely on achieving good health one would automatically achieve some amount of weight loss.

Food influences almost every aspect of your being. It influences your nails, hair, skin, hormones and bones. The vegetables that you eat will affect the texture of your skin.

The fact that the right kinds of fats are essential to achieve good health comes as a surprise to many people. Fat is the raw material for many hormones that influence various functions in your body. Most people try to cut calories by going on fat free diets. While eating less fat is not a bad idea, going on a fat free diet has its own set of problems. Some fats influence vital aspects of your body right from blood pressure to pain sensitivity as in arthritis. For example, PUFA based oils increase pain in arthritic patients. Omega-3 based oils such as flax seed oil and MUFA based oils like sesame oil, mustard oil, groundnut oil increase pain and inflammation of the joints. It is primarily composed of fat. The right fat intake (walnuts, almonds, tulsi seeds) would naturally influence your concentration, memory and ability to calculate and comprehend life better. The brain is the vital organ that regulates the body and makes living possible. If you deprive your body of the right fats, you might fall prey to depression and other mental disorders. Fat is as essential to your health as vitamins, proteins and carbohydrates are. Therefore, while embarking upon any weight loss program, remember health is so much more than just weight loss, at the same time achieving ideal body weight in a healthy way does provide a basis for achieving perfect health.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, using headings and sub-headings. Also use recognizable abbreviations, where necessary. Supply an appropriate title to it. 6
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about eighty words. 4

Writing & Grammar

3. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of a national daily for the job of receptionist in a five-star hotel. Give necessary details like qualifications required, how to apply and other requirements. Write in 50-60 words. **4**

OR

As principal of a reputed school, you wish to invite the Manager Apex Book Publication House to a literary fair in your school. Draft an invitation giving all necessary details in 50-60 words.

4. Several celebrations turn tragic due to inadequate safety measures, for example, on Diwali we have incidents of burning, on New Year we have incidents of drunken driving etc. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your anguish over it and suggest measures that can be taken to counter it. You are Ram/Rama, 30 Mall Road, Meerut. (120-150 words) **6**

OR

You are Amit/Amita. You placed an order for some gym equipment after reading an advertisement. On delivery you discovered certain defects in the goods received. Write a letter of complaint to the manager of the company, Star Sports Equipment at their office address, 31 Nelson Road, Agra, giving details of the defects and what you would like him to do. (120-150 words).

5. Your school, India International School, Delhi, hosted 'Literary Week'. The event saw several activities like creative writing, short play, debating, painting etc. As Cultural Secretary, write a report on the event for the school magazine. You are Mohana/Mohan. (150-200 words) **10**

OR

Many students have become addicted to violent video games and are spending a lot of time on them. Write a speech to be given in the morning school assembly, stating reasons for this phenomenon, its impact and measures that could be taken to control this. You are Mohan/Mohini. (150-200 words)

6. Some stray dogs have created a havoc in your city. A recent incident reported an old lady being mauled by them. Public anger resulted in the killing of many stray dogs. Write an article for a newspaper writing about the problem and its possible solutions. You are Amit/Amita. (150-200 words). 10

OR

We have recently come across many incidents where freedom of speech has been misused. This has caused a lot of anger and hurt among people. Write an article on the topic, 'Responsible use of Freedom of Speech'. You are Rita/Rahul (150-200 words)

7. (a) Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences : 1 × 3 = 3

- (i) have / huge / responsibility / social / a / Bollywood actors
- (ii) popularity / be / positively / their / should / used / society / for
- (iii) should / every / before / they / word / speaking / weigh

- (b) Your country has won just a silver medal in badminton in the recently held Olympics. You are Rohit/Radha, a journalist, working for a sports magazine. You have been asked to interview the silver medalist, Ms. P.V. Sindhu. Using the information given below, write a set of three more exchanges. 1 × 3 = 3

- e.g. With what hopes did you go to Rio ?
I hoped to win a medal for my country.
- (a) training for it
 - (b) any nervousness before the match
 - (c) feelings after the match

- (c) The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the error and the correction in your answer-book against the correct blank number. 1 × 4 = 4

	Error	Correction
The most important factor of a	(a)	
student's life was time. His	(b)	
future dreams depending on it.	(c)	
We are responsibility for giving	(d)	
him good education		

SECTION – C

40 Marks

Literature

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : **10**

(a) No doubt they'll soon get well; the shock and strain
have caused their stammering, disconnected talk.

...these boys with old, scared faces, learning to walk.

(i) Who are 'they' ? **1**

(ii) What has caused them shock and strain ? **1**

(iii) What is the state of their mind ? **1**

(iv) Why are they called boys ? **1**

(v) Why are they learning to walk ? **1**

(b) Steady thy laden head across a brook,
Or by a cider-press, with patient look,
Thou watchest the last oozings hours by hours.

(i) Name the poem and the poet. **1**

(ii) Who does 'Thou' refer to ? **1**

(iii) What is 'Thou' doing near the cider-press ? **1**

(iv) What does 'last oozings' refer to ? **1**

(v) Why does the person need to be steady while crossing the brook ? **1**

9. Answer the following in **50-60** words : **4**

(a) Greed often leads to drastic consequences. Yet one feels tempted easily. What made Mr. and Mrs. White cling on to the monkey's paw despite the warning ?

OR

(b) Being in a place of authority one must behave in a reasonable and rational manner. How does Lord Weston display an utter lack of it ?

10. (a) Answer any **two** of the following in **80-100** words each : **5 + 5**
- (i) In the lesson 'The Last Letter', what do you think was Nehru's purpose of writing a letter to his daughter ? What message did he convey to her ?
- (ii) In the lesson 'I can Play Schools', do you think the author is trying to give a message to the parents ? What do the parents generally not realise about their children ? Do you see any feeling of remorse ?
- (iii) Who do you think should have won the contest-Robichon or Quinquart ? Why ?

- (b) Answer the following in **120-150** words : **6**

In the lesson 'What's Your Dream ?' the boy wanted a room of his own. What does the room signify and how does the beggar help him in understanding this ?

OR

How according to Nehru are the present times different from the past ? Explain with reference to the lesson 'The Last Letter'.

11. Answer the following in **150-200** words : **10**

Write a character sketch of Silas Marner.

OR

What made Silas Marner leave Lantern Yard ?

OR

The central character in 'The Invisible Man' gives a warning to society. How ?

OR

Attempt a character sketch of Mr. Kemp.
