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THIRD PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION
ENGLISH

CLASS: X

Sub. Code: 101

Time Allotted: 3 Hrs

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Max. Marks: 80

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- I. The question paper is divided into three sections :
SECTION A : Reading 20 MARKS
SECTION B : Writing and Grammar 30 MARKS
SECTION C : Literature 30 MARKS
- II. All questions are compulsory.
- III. You may attempt any section at a time.
- IV. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION A: READING

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1. Maharana Pratap ruled over Mewar only for 25 years. However, he accomplished so much grandeur during his reign that his glory surpassed the boundaries of countries and time turning him into an immortal personality. He along with his kingdom became a synonym for valour, sacrifice and patriotism. Mewar had been a leading Rajput kingdom even before Maharana Pratap occupied the throne. Kings of Mewar, with the cooperation of their nobles and subjects, had established such traditions in the kingdom, as augmented their magnificence despite the hurdles of having a smaller area under their command and less population. There did come a few thorny occasions when the flag of the kingdom seemed sliding down. Their flag once again heaved high in the sky thanks to the gallantry and brilliance of the people of Mewar.

2. The destiny of Mewar was good in the sense that barring a few kings, most of the rulers were competent and patriotic. This glorious tradition of the kingdom almost continued for 1500 years since its establishment, right from the reign of Bappa Rawal. In fact only 60 years before Maharana Pratap, Rana Sanga drove the kingdom to the pinnacle of fame. His reputation went beyond Rajasthan and reached Delhi. Two generations before him. Rana Kumbha had given a new stature to the kingdom through victories and developmental work. During his reign, literature and art also progressed

extraordinarily. Rana himself was inclined towards writing and his works are read with reverence even today. The ambience of his kingdom was conducive to the creation of high quality work of art and literature. These accomplishments were the outcome of a longstanding tradition sustained by several generations.

3. The life of the people of Mewar must have been peaceful and prosperous during the long span of time; otherwise such extraordinary accomplishment in these fields would not have been possible. This is reflected in their art and literature as well as their loving nature. They compensate for lack of admirable physique by their firm but pleasant nature. The ambience of Mewar remains lovely and thanks to the cheerful and liberal character of its people.

4. One may observe astonishing pieces of workmanship not only in the forts and palaces of Mewar but also in public utility buildings. Ruins of many structures which are still standing tall in their grandeur are testimony to the fact that Mewar was not only the land of the brave but also a seat of art and culture. Amidst aggression and bloodshed, literature and art flourished and creative pursuits of literature and artists did not suffer. Imagine, how glorious the period must have been when the Vijaya Stambha which is the sample of our great ancient architecture even today, was constructed. In the same fort, Kirti Stambha is standing high, reflecting how liberal the then administration was which allowed people from other communities and kingdoms to come and carry out construction work. It is useless to indulge in the debate whether the Vijaya Stambha was constructed first or the Kirti Stambha. The fact is that both the capitals are standing side by side and reveal the proximity between the king and the subjects of Mewar.

5. The cycle of time does not remain the same whereas the reign of Rana Sanga was crucial in raising the kingdom to the acme of glory, it also proved to be his nemesis. History took a turn. The fortune of Mewar – the land of the brave, started waning. Rana tried to save the day with his acumen which was running against the stream and the glorious traditions for some time.

- 1.1 Answer any eight of the following questions briefly. **8****
- a) Who is the earliest king of Mewar mentioned in the passage? **1**
 - b) What was Rana Kumbha's contribution to the glory of Mewar? **1**
 - c) What does the writer find worth admiration in the people of Mewar? **1**
 - d) How could art and literature flourish in Mewar? **1**
 - e) How did the rulers show that they cared for their subjects? **1**
 - f) What does the erection of Vijaya Stambha and Kirti Stambha in the same fort signify? **1**

- g) How is the proximity of the kings revealed? 1
- h) The antonym of the word ‘increasing’ is.....(para5) 1
- i) Find a word from the passage which mean the same as ‘*surprising*’. (para 4) 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow. 12

1. Education is the beginning of empowerment. It is a key to happy and satisfactory life for the special children, who are cruelly segregated from the society. In India, there are around 35 million disabled children but less than one per cent have access to education. The most pressing need is to bestow the precious gift of education on them and let them be the bearers of torch towards the path of progress.

2. Special children, without education, are a burden on their families as well as society. The crude discrimination between normal and abnormal children leads to severe psychological disorders, giving birth to frustration which we all know, is not healthy for any progressing nation. Several NGOs are working towards the upliftment and betterment of such children, but again a grave problem that is faced by the volunteers is lack of motivation in such children and even their families. Those who are from the well-to-do families may not find themselves in this menace, but those belonging to the lower economic section feel that the effort to obtain education is simply wastage of time and energy not to say anything about money.

3. Another factor which is hindering the path of education for such children is the lack of opportunities or facilities available in schools. Even if the parents do send such children to school, the schools themselves are sadly lacking the facilities to cater to their needs. The government has started the ‘Integrated System of Education’ that enables the disabled to study with normal children in normal circumstances with few facilities for them. Yet again we find psychological barriers amongst impaired children that they cast themselves in a hard mould. Special schools have also been established by the government and NGOs to meet specific needs of such children but their number is pitifully low as compared to the normal schools.

4. There is an urgent need to strike at the roots of this neglect to enable the disabled.

2.1 Answer any four of the following questions briefly: 8

- a) Who are special children? 2
- b) Why is education important for ‘special children’? 2
- c) Why should the discrimination between normal and ‘special’ children be avoided? 2

- d) What is the hindrance on the path of education for 'special' children? 2
- e) What is the difference in mentality between the rich and the poor in educating special children? 2

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words 2

- a) Integrated System of Education enables the disabled to study with _____ 1
- b) It is not healthy for a progressing nation if _____. 1
- c) Special schools have been established by the government and NGOs to _____. 1

2.3 Find a word in the passage which conveys similar meaning as the following. (any 2) 2

- a) set apart (para 1) 1
- b) serious (para 2) 1
- c) blockade (para 3) 1

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR 30

3. a) You are Ashok / Asha, the librarian of Springdale Public School. Write to the Manager of Goyal Publisher, Gandhi Marg, Kanpur ordering four English books that you urgently require for your library.(100-120 words) 8

OR

b) You are Anshuman/Rashi staying at Sector 8, Kalyan Nagpur, New Delhi. Last month you bought a video-camera from the 'Modern Electronic House', Hyderabad against a warranty of 2 years. Now you discover that there is something wrong with the working of its system. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem. Also request him to replace it as it is well within the warranty period.(100-120 words)

4. Write a short story in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. 10

a) Grandfather a passionate stamp collector...grandson shown the stamps...forgotten and neglected....clearing of his belongings...posted on facebook for potential buyers... purchased by auction house... boy rich by a few millions.

OR

b) The boat capsized but I managed to survive. I walked on and on.....

5. Fill in **any four** of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer –sheet against the correct blank numbers. 4

Three years ago, fresh (a) _____ of school, I (b) _____ the intimidating task of choosing a career (c) _____ college started. My uncle, (d) _____ of the elders of the family, suggested (e) _____ I do a summer job in a multinational company followed by a month of social service with an NGO.

- a) (i) from (ii) out (iii) in (iv) when
- b) (i) in (ii) was (iii) have (iv) had
- c) (i) for (ii) after (iii) before (iv) as
- d) (i) are (ii) was (iii) one (iv) who
- e) (i) when (ii) that (iii) which (iv) as

6. In the following passage one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word, in **any four** sentences of the given paragraph, along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in the space provided. 4

Walking very beneficial to us eg. walking / is / very

- a) We should get up early the morning
- b) and go for a walk. Those are
- c) used to for morning walks, will find it
- d) impossible to remain bed in the
- e) morning. For them it not so much
an exercise but a pleasure.

7. Rearrange **any four** of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. 4

- a) is familiar \ properties \ most \ the neem \ medicinal \ to \ people \ for its
- b) \ it is \ distinctive curled \ star-shaped \ recognized \ leaves \ by its \ flowers \ and
- c) are pale \ tinge of rust \ the young \ and green \ with a \ leaves
- d) New Year's day \ to ward off \ are eaten \ leaves \ the \ on \ sickness
- e) cupboards \ are dried \ and cockroaches \ they \ and put in \ moths \ to keep out

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 4

All in a hot and copper sky,
The bloody Sun, at noon,
Right up above the mast did stand,
No bigger than the Moon.

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| a) How is the Sun different now from the Sun earlier? | 1 |
| b) Why is the ship unable to move at this moment? | 1 |
| c) Name the figure of speech used in the first line. | 1 |
| d) What was 'no bigger than the moon'? Why? | 1 |

OR

I could be well moved, if I were as you:
If I could pray to move, prayers would move me:
But I am constant as the northern star,
Of whose true fix'd and resting quality
There's no fellow in the firmament.

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| a) Who speaks these lines and to whom? | 1 |
| b) When are these lines spoken? | 1 |
| c) Name the poetic device used in the third line. | 1 |
| d) How does the speaker differ from the listener? | 1 |

9. Answer any four of the following Questions in 30-40 words each. 8

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| a) Why were the author and his friends attracted towards the two boys? | 2 |
| b) Why does the nightingale call the frog a 'Mozart in disguise'? | 2 |
| c) How had Sebastian Shultz entered the games? | 2 |
| d) Why does the poet D H Lawrence make an allusion to the albatross in the poem 'Snake'? | 2 |
| e) Why did Lavinia not want to return the Ouija board? | 2 |

10. Attempt any one out of the two following long answer type questions in 100-120 words.

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'He no longer thought of them in terms of envelopes and postcards. He saw the essential human worth of a letter.' As the village Postmaster, write a diary entry on the circumstances under which you were made to realize this pain and how your attitude changed.

OR

PatolBabu writes a letter to Nishikanto Ghosh to thank him for being instrumental in his getting a role in a film and shares his experience at the film shoot including the excitement and deep satisfaction that he derived from this role. Write this letter.

11. A. Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words. 10

The Diary of a Young Girl

11. A. i. What are Anne's views about the Laws that restrict the Jews' freedom?

OR

11.A. ii. Write the pen portrait of Mr. Van Dann

B. Answer the following question based on prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words.

Story of My Life

11.B. i Describe Helen Keller's early life before the advent of her teacher Miss Sullivan.

OR

11.B. ii. Give a character sketch of Alexander Graham Bell.

End of the Question Paper