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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2022-23  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE-184**



CLASS :IX

DATE: 15.02.2023

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.

MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

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**SECTION A - READING**

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**1. Read the passage given below.**

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2. There is no way to strictly limit the effects of plastic bags on the environment because there is no disposal method, that will really help to eliminate the problem. While reusing them is the first step, most people don't do that. These bags are not durable enough to survive numerous trips to the store. The best a citizen can do is to reuse them.

3. The biggest problem with this is that once they have been soiled they end up in the trash, which then ends up in the landfill or is burned. Either of these solutions is not good for the environment. Burning emits toxic gases that harm the atmosphere and increase the level of VOCs in the air while landfills hold them indefinitely as a part of the plastic waste problem throughout the globe.

4. One of the greatest problems is that an estimated 300 million plastic bags end up in the Atlantic Ocean alone. These bags are very dangerous for the sea life, especially for those of the mammal variety. Any hunting mammal can easily mistake the size, shape and texture of the plastic bag for a meal and find its airway cut off. Needless deaths from plastic bags are increasing every year.

5. The environmental balance of the waterways is being thrown off by the rate of plastic bags finding their way into the mouths and intestinal tracts of sea mammals. As one species begins to die off at an abnormal rate, every other living organism in the waterways is also impacted.
6. The indefinite period of time that it takes for the average plastic bag to break down can be literally hundreds of years. Every bag that ends up in the woodlands of the country threatens the natural progression of wildlife. Because the breakdown rate is so slow the chances that the bag will harmlessly go away are extremely slim. Throughout the world plastic bags are responsible for the suffocation deaths of woodland animals as well as for inhibiting soil nutrients. The land litter that is made up of plastic bags has the potential to kill over and over again. It has been estimated that one bag has the potential to unintentionally kill one animal every three months due to unintentional digestion or inhalation.
7. While it's a noble thought to place the plastic bags in the recycling bin every week, studies have proven that there are very few recycling plants that actually recycle them. Most municipalities either burn them or send them off to the landfill after sorting. This is because it can be expensive to recycle this type of plastic. It doesn't melt down easily and is often not fit to be reused in its original form.
8. The premise of recycling these bags is nice. Yet funding for the upgrading of the recycling units just has not happened and thus less than 1% of all bags are sent to recycling plants worldwide. Most are left to become a pollution problem in one way or another.
9. There are always alternatives to plastic bags and the search for better and more alternatives continues. Paper bags are a possible option, but they also take their toll on the environment. The use of trees to increase the production of paper products will also have a negative environmental effect.
10. Reusable plastic bags are being introduced to regions that want to outlaw the plastic bags altogether. These are stronger and more durable and can be used for three to five trips to the store. Of course, the reusable cloth bag is fast becoming a favourite among the environmental supporters. While so far no bag is without its issues, these are the bags that are currently recommended for use to help protect environmental concerns.

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any TEN questions given below.**

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- i. People object to the banning of plastic bags because they are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. durable      b. convenient      c. easily disposable      d. useful
- ii. The environmental balance of the waterways is being thrown off because \_\_\_\_\_.  
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- iii. What do most municipalities do to the plastic bags?  
a. send them off to the landfill      b. recycle them  
c. clean and send them for reuse      d. leave them undestroyed

- iv. The best option to replace plastic bags is \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. paper bags      b. reusable plastic bags      c. cloth bags      d. box bags
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- a. reuse      b. replace      c. reinstatement      d. restore
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c. trees are cut to make them      d. they are reusable
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- viii. Why is it not good to burn the plastic?
- ix. How are mammals affected by plastic bags?
- x. Why do most municipalities not recycle plastic?
- xi. Which are better alternatives to plastic bags?
- xii. Find a word from the passage which mean the same as the following '*choking*' in para 6.

## 2. Read the passage given below.

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction- a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake's - claimed to be the only one such post office in the world is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

This post office lets you avail yourself of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique - along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'

The post office's houseboat has two small rooms - one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

But for the locals, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in the Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using a special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post office.

- i. Before 2011, this post office was called \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - b. Nehru park post office
  - c. British post office
  - d. Floating post office
- ii. The seal used in the floating Post Office is unique because \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara
  - b. it is used by the local people
  - c. there is no date and address on it
  - d. it is available throughout the country
- iii. The seal bears the design of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. aeroplane
  - b. bus
  - c. ship
  - d. shikara
- iv. Floating Post Office is fastened on which edge of the Dal Lake?
  - a. eastern
  - b. northern
  - c. western
  - d. southern
- v. In which year flood struck floating Post Office?
  - a. 2014
  - b. 2004
  - c. 1994
  - d. 1894
- vi. The monthly deposits per month in floating post office is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 4-5 crore
  - b. 3-4 crore
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  - d. 1-2 crore
- vii. \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed to be the only one such in the world.
  - a. the museum of the state postal department
  - b. the shop that sells postage stamps
  - c. floating post office situated on dal lake
  - d. the shop that sells cards
- viii. John Samuel, who renamed it floating Post Office, was a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. postman
  - b. postmaster
  - c. chief postmaster
  - d. chief postman
- ix. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. have the design a houseboat
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  - c. have the design of dal lake
  - d. have the design of local handicrafts
- x. In the post office's houseboat there is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. an office, museum and a shop
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  - d. an office and a gift shop
- xi. Which of the following statement is true:
  - a. floating Post Office, dal lake – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world
  - b. floating post office, dal lake is the largest post office in the world
  - c. floating post office, dal lake is the oldest post office in the world
  - d. floating post office, dal lake is the busiest post office in the world
- xii. The word 'fastened' in para 1 means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. loose
  - b. secured
  - c. quickly
  - d. unlocked

**SECTION B – GRAMMAR & WRITING****20**

3. One day you were commuting in a DTC bus. Unfortunately, your wallet was left at home. The conductor gave you the ticket for free. You are moved by his gesture. Describe him in 100-120 words. 5

**OR**

You recently visited the city of Jaipur, famous for its Hawa Mahal, the palace and forts. Shopping in Jaipur is also exciting as there are many things to buy. Write a description of the place in 100 -120 words.

4. Complete the story in 100 -120 words which begins as the following

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*There was a joint family of six members including grandparents. It was the 75th birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate .....*

**OR**

Your sister and you decided to give your mother a day off from the kitchen on her birthday. Write a diary entry on how you managed to run the kitchen without your mother's assistance in about 100 -120 words. You are Pradeep/Pradeepa.

5. Attempt ANY TEN questions from the twelve given below.

10x1=10

- a. Change the following dialogue into indirect speech.

*Anand: I think someone has taken my shoes.*

*Binu: How can you be so sure?*

Anand said to Binu that he thought someone had taken his shoes. Binu asked him \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. Fill in the blank with suitable verb.

Rohan \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the movie before he read the review.

- c. Fill in the blank with suitable form of the word given in the bracket.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed concern over \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) respiratory problems among children due to air pollution.

- d. Fill in the blank with a suitable modal.

I thought he \_\_\_\_\_ (should, would, will, shall) be at school.

- e. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate determiner.

(Any/Some) \_\_\_\_\_ books are missing from the library.

- f. Change the following dialogue into indirect speech.

Ravi said, "I played this game last week".

- g. Public speaking \_\_\_\_\_ a skill.

i. are      ii. have      iii. has      iv. is

- h. Some of the rice \_\_\_\_\_ still left.

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- l. He said, "I have been a great mentor."
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### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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#### 6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

5x1=5

- i. "What'll I do if I have a nightmare?" she asked. I often have nightmares and then Grannie takes me into her bed – I can't stay in the dark – it all gets whispery.
- a. Who is the speaker in these lines?
  - b. Who is being addressed here?
  - c. What happens when the speaker has nightmares?
  - d. Why can't the speaker stay in the dark?
  - e. Where is Grannie right now?

**OR**

- ii) Your highness, when my brother was pursuing his ancient trade, a wall fell on him and killed him. This merchant is to blame.
- a. Who makes this plea? To whom?
  - b. What was the 'ancient trade' mentioned here?
  - c. Who had been killed and how?
  - d. Was the merchant really to be blamed?
  - e. The merchant said that his wall fell because \_\_\_\_\_.
    - i. the thief had tried to break in
    - ii. the wall was old and weak
    - iii. the bricklayer had not built it right
    - iv. the hole made in it was too big

#### 7. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

5x1=5

- i) Two roads diverged in a yellow wood  
 And sorry I could not travel both  
 And be one traveller, long I stood  
 And looked down one as far as I could  
 To where it bent in the undergrowth
- a. What does the poet mean by 'yellow wood'?
  - b. Why did he feel like travelling both the roads?
  - c. '....long I stood'. What did the speaker do while standing for a long time?
  - d. Explain: 'And be one traveller'
  - e. What does the poem speak about?
    - i. about the plight of roads
    - ii. about the people

iii. about two woods

iv. about the choices made by people

**OR**

ii. Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign

Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes

Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon

Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie

a. What should we remember?

b. What uniforms is the poet talking about?

c. Where do our brothers walk?

d. Where shall we all lie at the end of our life?

e. Who is the speaker in this poem?

**8. Answer ANY FOUR questions in 40-50 words each.**

**4x3=12**

i. What did Margie write in her diary?

ii. Why does the intruder intend to kill Gerrard?

iii. Who were Abdul Kalam's school friends? What did they later become?

iv. How does the wind make fun of the weaklings?

v. What did Saint Peter ask the old lady for? What was the lady's reaction?

**9. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each.**

**2x3=6**

i. How did the mother distract the child's mind from the toy seller?

ii. How, according to the king, had justice come full circle?

iii. Describe the physical appearance of Lushkoff when Sergei observes him in his yard.

**10. Attempt ANY ONE out of two questions given below in 100-120 words each.**

**1x6=6**

How does the poem justify that people in all countries of the world are essentially the same?

**OR**

Give an account of the awards, accolades and recognition that Bismillah Khan earned as a talented musician.

**11. Attempt ANY ONE out of two questions given below in 100-120 words each.**

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Iswaran is a fascinating storyteller. Discuss.

**OR**

Describe how the Guru saved his disciple from execution.

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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### **SECTION B – GRAMMAR & WRITING**

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- 3.** Write a descriptive paragraph, in about 100-120 words, about the house of your dreams. You can invent your own details. **5**

**OR**

Write a descriptive paragraph, in about 100-120 words, on 'Republic Day Celebration'. Take the information given below in the input.

(country celebrated its Republic Day- could not go to India Gate - had to sit in front of TV - surprised at the smart uniforms - young brave children seemed to be happy on the elephants- received bravery awards-colorful artists- dances of their states with a message)

- 4.** Read the given line and complete the story in 100 -120 words. **5**  
*When Amit woke up in the morning and looked at his face in the mirror, he did not recognize the face looking back at him. This is not me he cried aloud.....*

**OR**

It was your first time traveling in a local train in Mumbai. Record the events you experienced in your diary in about 100-120 words.

**5. Attempt ANY TEN questions from the twelve given below.**

**10x1=10**

- a. Change the following dialogue into indirect speech.  
*Anand: I think someone has taken my shoes.*  
*Binu: How can you be so sure?*  
Anand said to Binu that he thought someone had taken his shoes.  
Binu asked him \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Fill in the blank with suitable verb.  
Rohan \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the movie before he read the review.
- c. Fill in the blank with suitable form of the word given in the bracket.  
The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed concern over \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) respiratory problems among children due to air pollution.
- d. Fill in the blank with suitable modal.  
I thought he \_\_\_\_\_ (should, would, shall) be at school.
- e. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate determiner.  
(Any/Some) \_\_\_\_\_ books are missing from the library.
- f. Change the following dialogue into indirect speech.  
Ravi said 'I played this game last week.'
- g. Public speaking \_\_\_\_\_ a skill.  
i. are      ii. have      iii. has      iv. is
- h. Some of the rice \_\_\_\_\_ still left.  
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**6. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.****5x1=5**

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- b. Who is being addressed here?
- c. What happens when the speaker has nightmares?
- d. Why can't the speaker stay in the dark?
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**OR**

ii) Your highness, when my brother was pursuing his ancient trade, a wall fell on him and killed him. This merchant is to blame.

- a. Who makes this plea? To whom?
- b. What was the 'ancient trade' mentioned here?
- c. Who had been killed and how?
- d. Was the merchant really to be blamed?
- e. The merchant said that his wall fell because \_\_\_\_\_.
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  - ii. the wall was old and weak
  - iii. the bricklayer had not built it right
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And sorry I could not travel both

And be one traveller, long I stood

And looked down one as far as I could

To where it bent in the undergrowth

- a. What does the poet mean by 'yellow wood'?
- b. Why did he feel like travelling both the roads?
- c. '....long I stood'. What did the speaker do while standing for a long time?
- d. Explain: 'And be one traveller'
- e. What does the poem speak about?
  - i. about the plight of roads
  - ii. about the people
  - iii. about two woods
  - iv. about the choices made by people

**OR**

ii. Remember, no men are strange, no countries foreign

Beneath all uniforms, a single body breathes

Like ours: the land our brothers walk upon

Is earth like this, in which we all shall lie

- a. What should we remember?
- b. What uniforms is the poet talking about?
- c. Where do our brothers walk?
- d. Where shall we all lie at the end of our life?

e. Who is the speaker in this poem?

**8. Answer ANY FOUR questions in 40-50 words each. 4x3=12**

- i. Why was Margie doing badly in geography? What did the County Inspector do to help her?
- ii. Why does the intruder intend to kill Gerrard?
- iii. Who were Abdul Kalam's school friends? What did they later become?
- iv. How does the wind make fun of the weaklings?
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**10. Attempt ANY ONE out of two questions given below in 100-120 words each. 1x6=6**

Why is the poet deeply attached with the Lake Isle of Innisfree? Explain.

OR

Write a brief character sketch of Santosh Yadav.

**11. Attempt ANY ONE out of two questions given below in 100-120 words each. 1x6=6**

'Iswaran is a fascinating storyteller'. Discuss.

OR

Describe how the Guru saved his disciple from execution.

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2022-23  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE-184**



CLASS :IX  
DATE: 15.02.2023

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.  
MAXIMUM MARKS: 80

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i) *This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All three sections are compulsory.*
- ii) *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.*
- iii) *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if this limit is crossed.*

**SECTION A-READING**

**20**

**1 Read the passage given below.**

1. The effects of plastic bags on the environment are really quite devastating. While there are many objections to the banning of plastic bags based solely on their convenience, the damage to the environment needs to be assessed too.
2. There is no way to strictly limit the effects of plastic bags on the environment because there is no disposal method, that will really help to eliminate the problem. While reusing them is the first step, most people don't do that. These bags are not durable enough to survive numerous trips to the store. The best a citizen can do is to reuse them.
3. The biggest problem with this is that once they have been soiled they end up in the trash, which then ends up in the landfill or is burned. Either of these solutions is not good for the environment. Burning emits toxic gases that harm the atmosphere and increase the level of VOCs in the air while landfills hold them indefinitely as a part of the plastic waste problem throughout the globe.
4. One of the greatest problems is that an estimated 300 million plastic bags end up in the Atlantic Ocean alone. These bags are very dangerous for the sea life, especially for those of the mammal variety. Any hunting mammal can easily mistake the size, shape and texture of the plastic bag for a meal and find its airway cut off. Needless deaths from plastic bags are increasing every year.

5. The environmental balance of the waterways is being thrown off by the rate of plastic bags finding their way into the mouths and intestinal tracts of sea mammals. As one species begins to die off at an abnormal rate, every other living organism in the waterways is also impacted.
6. The indefinite period of time that it takes for the average plastic bag to break down can be literally hundreds of years. Every bag that ends up in the woodlands of the country threatens the natural progression of wildlife. Because the breakdown rate is so slow the chances that the bag will harmlessly go away are extremely slim. Throughout the world plastic bags are responsible for the suffocation deaths of woodland animals as well as for inhibiting soil nutrients. The land litter that is made up of plastic bags has the potential to kill over and over again. It has been estimated that one bag has the potential to unintentionally kill one animal every three months due to unintentional digestion or inhalation.
7. While it's a noble thought to place the plastic bags in the recycling bin every week, studies have proven that there are very few recycling plants that actually recycle them. Most municipalities either burn them or send them off to the landfill after sorting. This is because it can be expensive to recycle this type of plastic. It doesn't melt down easily and is often not fit to be reused in its original form.
8. The premise of recycling these bags is nice. Yet funding for the upgrading of the recycling units just has not happened and thus less than 1% of all bags are sent to recycling plants worldwide. Most are left to become a pollution problem in one way or another.
9. There are always alternatives to plastic bags and the search for better and more alternatives continues. Paper bags are a possible option, but they also take their toll on the environment. The use of trees to increase the production of paper products will also have a negative environmental effect.
10. Reusable plastic bags are being introduced to regions that want to outlaw the plastic bags altogether. These are stronger and more durable and can be used for three to five trips to the store. Of course, the reusable cloth bag is fast becoming a favourite among the environmental supporters. While so far no bag is without its issues, these are the bags that are currently recommended for use to help protect environmental concerns.

**10×1=10**

**Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any TEN questions given below.**

- i. People object to the banning of plastic bags because they are \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. durable      b. convenient      c. easily disposable      d. useful
- ii. The environmental balance of the waterways is being thrown off because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. the amount of plastic bags is decreasing the water level  
b. the breaking rate of these bags is slow  
c. many species of sea mammals are dying  
d. there are 300 million plastic bags lying in Atlantic Ocean
- iii. What do most municipalities do to the plastic bags?  
a. send them off to the landfill      b. recycle them  
c. clean and send them for reuse      d. leave them undestroyed
- iv. The best option to replace plastic bags is \_\_\_\_\_.



- a. paper bags      b. reusable plastic bags      c. cloth bags      d. box bags
- v. What is the first step to solve the problem of plastic waste?
- a. reuse      b. replace      c. reinstatement      d. restore
- vi. Why are the paper bags not good alternative of plastic bags?
- a. they are durable      b. they can not be recycled
- c. trees are cut to make them      d. they are reusable
- vii. Why do the people oppose the banning of plastic?
- viii. Why is it not good to burn the plastic?
- ix. How are mammals affected by plastic bags?
- x. Why do most municipalities not recycle plastic?
- xi. Which are better alternatives to plastic bags?
- xii. Find a word from the passage which mean the same as '*choking*' in para 6.

## 2. Read the passage given below.

Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction - a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal Lake's- claimed to be the only one such post office in the world is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

This post office lets you avail yourself of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique - along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'

The post office's houseboat has two small rooms - one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

But for the locals, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. 1-2 crore is deposited per month in the Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using a special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post office.

- i. Before 2011, this post office was called \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Jawahar park post office
  - b. Nehru park post office
  - c. British post office
  - d. Floating post office
- ii. The seal used in the floating Post Office is unique because
  - a. it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara
  - b. it is used by the local people
  - c. there is no date and address on it
  - d. it is available throughout the country
- iii. The seal bears the design of
  - a. aeroplane
  - b. bus
  - c. ship
  - d. shikara
- iv. Floating Post Office is fastened on which edge of the Dal Lake?
  - a. eastern
  - b. northern
  - c. western
  - d. southern
- v. In which year flood struck floating Post Office?
  - a. 2014
  - b. 2004
  - c. 1994
  - d. 1894
- vi. The monthly deposits per month in floating post office is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. 4-5 crore
  - b. 3-4 crore
  - c. 2-3 crore
  - d. 1-2 crore
- vii. \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed to be the only one such in the world.
  - a. the museum of the state postal department
  - b. the shop that sells postage stamps
  - c. floating post office situated on dal lake
  - d. the shop that sells cards
- viii. John Samuel, who renamed it floating Post Office, was a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. postman
  - b. postmaster
  - c. chief postmaster
  - d. chief postman
- ix. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. have the design a houseboat
  - b. have the design of snow-capped mountains
  - c. have the design of dal lake
  - d. have the design of local handicrafts
- x. In the post office's houseboat there is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. an office, museum and a shop
  - b. a museum, library and a prayer room
  - c. an office, gift shop and a library
  - d. an office and a gift shop
- xi. Which of the following statement is true:
  - a. floating Post Office, dal lake – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world
  - b. floating post office, dal lake is the largest post office in the world
  - c. floating post office, dal lake is the oldest post office in the world
  - d. floating post office, dal lake is the busiest post office in the world
- xii. The word 'fastened' in para 1 means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. loose
  - b. secured
  - c. quickly
  - d. unlocked

**SECTION B – GRAMMAR & WRITING****20**

3. Write a descriptive paragraph in about 100-120 words, on 'A Friendly Clown'.

**5****OR**

You recently visited the city of Jaipur, famous for its Hawa Mahal, the palace and forts. Shopping in Jaipur is also exciting as there are many things to buy. Write a description of the place in 100-120 words.

4. Your sister and you decided to give your mother a day off from the kitchen on her birthday. 5  
Write a diary entry on how you managed to run the kitchen without your mother's assistance in about 100-120 words. You are Pradeep / Pradeepa.

**OR**

Complete the story in 100-120 words which begins as the following:

*There was a joint family of six members including grandparents. It was the 75th birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate .....*

5. **Attempt ANY TEN questions from the twelve given below.** **10x1=10**

- a. Change the following dialogue into indirect speech.

*Anand: I think someone has taken my shoes.*

*Binu: How can you be so sure?*

Anand said to Binu that he thought someone had taken his shoes. Binu asked him \_\_\_\_\_.

- b. Fill in the blank with suitable verb.

Rohan \_\_\_\_\_ (watch) the movie before he read the review.

- c. Fill in the blank with suitable form of the word given in the bracket.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday expressed concern over \_\_\_\_\_ (grow) respiratory problems among children due to air pollution.

- d. Fill in the blank with suitable modal.

I thought he \_\_\_\_\_ (should, would, shall) be at school.

- e. Fill in the blank with the most appropriate determiner.

(Any/Some) \_\_\_\_\_ books are missing from the library.

- f. Change the following dialogue into indirect speech.

Ravi said, "I played this game last week."

- g. Public speaking \_\_\_\_\_ a skill.

i. are      ii. have      iii. has      iv. is

- h. Some of the rice \_\_\_\_\_ still left.

i. is      ii. are      iii. has      iv. have

- i. Nancy said, "I may leave tomorrow."

i. Nancy said that she might leave the next day.

ii. Nancy said that she might leave tomorrow.

iii. Nancy asked if she should leave the next day.

iv. Nancy informed me to leave tomorrow.

- j. Keshav said, "Rita is busy right now."

i. Keshav said Rita is busy.

ii. Keshav informed that Rita was busy then.

iii. Keshav said Rita had been busy.

iv. Keshav informed that Rita is busy.

- k. Vidushi said, "We went for a summer trip."

- i. Vidushi said that they went for a summer trip.
- ii. Vidushi said that they were on a summer trip.
- iii. Vidushi said that they had gone for a summer trip.
- iv. Vidushi said they went for a summer trip.
- l. He said, "I have been a great mentor."
- i. He said that he had been a great mentor.
- ii. He said that he was a great mentor.
- iii. He exclaimed that he was a great mentor.
- iv. He said that he has been a great mentor.

### SECTION C - LITERATURE

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**1x6=6**

How does the poem justify that people in all countries of the world are essentially the same?

**OR**

Give an account of the awards, accolades and recognition that Bismillah Khan earned as a talented musician.

11. **Attempt ANY ONE out of two questions given below in 100-120 words each.**

**1x6=6**

When does the child realize that he has lost his way? How have his anxiety and insecurity been described?

**OR**

Sue is a true and faithful friend. Comment.

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**