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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT
HALF YEARLY EXAMINATION 2023
COMMUNICATIVE ENGLISH 101**



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2. Politeness is said to be one of the important characteristics of a civilized person. Politeness is the art of choosing among your thoughts. It must be implemented in every walk of life. When we deal with people elder to us we are polite. But, an honest polite person is polite with everyone, people of lower status, workers and even children. Not only with humans but also with animals we must be polite as they are our helpers.

3. Politeness is a skill. Like any other skill, you can master it with practice. The greatest enemy of politeness is ego. To be a polite person, you have to sacrifice your ego. It is difficult for an egoist to be polite. You have to imply politeness in your thinking, speech and actions. Actions work more than words. Polite actions will give fine results. Politeness will reduce your stress and boost you to be productive. Apart from your present benefits, you protect your future. Being polite makes you mentally healthy. In our daily life we come across many incidents with people nearby and ourselves.

4. Different rules of behaviour have to be observed, accordingly as we are in the street or in the drawing room, at home or at school, in the company of friends or of strangers. There is also to be considered the great diversity of social etiquette which distinguishes one country from another.

5. Politeness, besides being a duty that we owe to others, is a valuable possession for ourselves. It costs nothing, and yet may in many cases bring much profit. The great advantage of this excellence of conduct was very clearly expressed by Dr. Johnson, when he said that the difference between a well-bred and an ill-bred man is that one immediately attracts your liking, the other your dislike.

1. Answer the following questions:

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- i. Why is politeness called as limited part of benevolence?
- ii. It is difficult for an egoist to be polite. Why?
- iii. What are the 2 benefits of being polite?

2 What is the tone of the following context:

“You have to apply politeness in your thinking, speech, and actions.”?

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- (a) egoistic
- (b) imperative
- (c) rude
- (d) angry

3 How does the culture of different countries vary?

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- (a) in social etiquette
- (b) in social behaviour
- (c) in social laws
- (d) in social drawbacks

4 Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of ‘well-bred’ as implied in the passage:

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- (a) ill-bred
- (b) refined
- (c) excellence
- (d) profit

5 What is politeness for us?

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- (1) duty (2) right (3) obligation (4) valuable possession
- (a) option (1) only
 - (b) options (1) and (2)
 - (c) options (1) and (4)
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6 Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following:

- i. 'insignificant' (Paragraph 1)
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II Read the passage and answer the following questions:

Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal

1. Data from satellite sources assembled by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) World Environment Situation Room confirms that the wildfires in Australia in the last two months of 2019 and the first six weeks of 2020 were far from normal. 2019 was the second hottest year on record since 1880, and Australia recorded its warmest temperatures ever in December 2019.
2. "Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second. One million species are in near-term danger of extinction. Our planet is burning," says United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.
3. "The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years," says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database in Geneva. "For those who think Australia is always burning, graphs clearly show that these fires were exceptional."
4. "This service, accessible via the UNEP's World Environment Situation Room, is provided for all countries at national and provincial levels. It identifies trends in wildfire activity since 2003, when the data first became available and monitoring began. We have sliced and diced the satellite-based data on wildfires worldwide from 2009 to the present day. We analyse the wildfires' data by month, type of land cover, protected area, province and nation to produce information products," Peduzzi adds.
5. The problem is not simply fossil fuel emissions. It's fossil fuels – period. The solution is clear: Our Acceleration Agenda calls on governments to: Commit to no new coal." says United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

(Source: UN Environment)

Choose the correct option to answer the questions based on the above passage.

(a) What do the reports confirm about the 2019-20 Australian fires?

- (i) the fires were not normal
- (ii) the fires were normal
- (iii) the fires were natural
- (iv) data inconclusive

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(b) What was the difference in the recorded temperatures in 2019 from the 1880s?

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(c) What comparison has been made between the rising sea temperatures and Hiroshima?

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- (i) ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of three Hiroshima bombs a second
- (ii) ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second
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(d) Choose the option that lists the CORRECT answers for the following:

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(2) “The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years.” Whose statement is this?

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(e) Choose the option that lists the CORRECT statement.

- (i) Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP’s Global Renaissance Information Database
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(f) How can you say that the UN is concerned about the rising numbers of coal plants?

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(g) UNEP's World Environment Situation Room has been tracking the world temperatures since.... 1

(i) 2003

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(h) The data from four different sources shows that the global surface temperatures have been _____. 1

(i) steady

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(iv) normal

(i) Which word in the passage means the same as "collect"? 1

(i) assemble

(ii) extinction

(iii) exceptional

(iv) provincial

(j) Which word in the passage is opposite to the meaning of 'vague/murky'? 1

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SECTION B WRITING SKILLS

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II

I You are Mohan/Mohini, Secretary, Social Activities Club of ABC school, Gokulpuri. The club has decided to launch a cleanliness drive in a slum colony near your school during the Winter Holidays. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing class IX students of your school about the drive and urge them to volunteer their names for the programme. Give all the necessary details. 4

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V (a) You are Meenu/ Manav of #015, Sunshine Apartments, Bandra, Mumbai. You took part in the MUN conducted in your school recently. Write a letter to your friend describing your experience in not more than 120 words. 7

OR

(b) You are Manvi/Madhav a resident of # 201, Purva apartments, Juhu, Mumbai. Write a letter to your grandfather, informing him about your future study plans, in not more than 120 words. 7

V

- (a) Write a paragraph describing a journey, imaginary, or you have undertaken, in not more than 150 words. You can use the following cues: 8

destination.... excitement..... travel arrangements..... packing.....mode of travel.....scenery.....vivid description of the places.....overall experience.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph describing your experience of visiting a zoo in not more than 150 words. You can use the following cues: 8

general description of a zoo.... your excitement.....location.....
kind of animals and birds... cages.... natural habitat.....
food habits..... special instructions/rulesyour overall experience.....

SECTION C GRAMMAR

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- VI **Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below.** 5

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There is a story about		
Birbal not being allow to attend	(a) _____	_____
the king's free lunch. The reason were	(b) _____	_____
which he was not dressed properly.	(c) _____	_____
This happened in spite of the high intellectual abilities.	(d) _____	_____
So, the advice is that "Don't judge the book by its cover."	(e) _____	_____

- VIII **Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.** 5

- (a) studied /to find /different /approach to life /religions /correct /a /he
(b) coloured bus/children/we saw/full of/a yellow/excited
(c) healthy person/germs/a/carry/may/of/in/body/typhoid/his/cholera/dysentery/etc.
(d) person/does not/such/usually/a/disease/suffer/the/from
(e) people/however/who/intocontact/carrier/come/with/are/the/catching/danger/the/dis ease/ in/of

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(c) I come from haunts of coots and hern;
I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern,
To bicker down a valley

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| (i) From where does the brook emerge? | 1 |
| (ii) How does it emerge? | 1 |
| (iii) What makes the brook ‘sparkle’? | 1 |
| (iv) How is the movement of brook here? | 1 |

X Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in about 30- 40 words each. 6x2=12

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| i. Did Private Quelch’s day to day practices take him closer towards his goal?
How can you make out? | 2 |
| ii. How is the journey of the brook similar to human life? | 2 |
| iii. Why did the poet not use the first road? | 2 |
| iv. What was the story that went around the new suburb where the Hoopers bought a house? | 2 |
| v. What message does the story “How I Taught My Grand Mother to Read” convey? | 2 |
| vi. What order did come from the headquarters to Mr. Chuck Hooper? How was that a tribute to Duke? | 2 |
| vii. The grandmother was a wonderful student. Justify? | 2 |

XI **Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 120 words.** **1x6=6**

- (a) 'Private Quelch's excessive knowledge proved to be a virus that infected him.' Evaluate. 6
- (b) 'The choice we make has far reaching consequences.' Explain in reference with the poem 'The Road Not Taken'. 6

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SECTION B WRITING SKILLS

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III

- a) Outlook Magazine is organizing a contest 'Write 2 Win' for students of classes IX and X. Students are required to write two pages on the most interesting news or book that they have read. The last date for receiving entries is 20 January. You are V.S. Raghavan, the Secretary of the Book Club of GIS school Mumbai. In not more than 50 words write a Notice for the school notice board informing students about the competition and asking them to contact you for the rules and other details about the competition. 4

IV

- (a) Write a letter to your friend Rudra inviting him/her to spend the summer vacation at your place in Mumbai in not more than 120 words. You are Sakshi/Saksham, a resident of # 201, Purva apartments, Juhu, Mumbai 7

OR

- (b) You are Manvi/Madhav of #015, Sunshine Apartments, Bandra, Mumbai. Write a letter to your grandfather, informing him about your future study plans, in not more than 120 words.

V

- a) Write a paragraph describing a bustling market place, in not more than 150 words. You can use the cues given below:

Setting vibrant colours.....aroma in the air.....various sounds.....display of items..... people

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OR

- b) Ramesh, a student of ABC Public School, went on trekking during his NCC camp to Himachal Pradesh. Write a paragraph about his trekking experience in not more than 150 words. You can use the following cues:

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Base camp at Raison in Manikaran.....trekking from Raison to Jana...virgin Greenery...Beas river bank walk.... thrilling-reached Pinni via Bringta bridge... crossed dense forests and hills... required a rare courage to cross....saw rare birds...nature in full glory...fascinating... reached Manikaran ...hot springs...rare scenes still fresh.

SECTION C GRAMMAR

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- VI **Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.**

5x1=5

- (a) studied /to find /different /approach to life /religions /correct /a /he
- (b) coloured bus/children/we saw/full of/a yellow/excited
- (c) healthyperson/germs/a/carry/may/of/in/body/typhoid/his/cholera/dysentery/etc.
- (d) person/does not/such/usually/a/disease/suffer/the/from
- (e) people/however/who/intocontact/carrier/come/with/are/the/catching/danger/the/disease/ in/of

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	Incorrect	correct
To be successful at life,	(a) _____	_____
one would be hard-working	(b) _____	_____
and has sound value system.	(c) _____	_____
If he turned rich, he	(d) _____	_____
should remained balanced.	(e) _____	_____

SECTION D
LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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- IX Read the given extracts and answer the following questions. (ANY TWO) 4+4=8

**(a) Then took the other, as just as fair
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,
Had worn them really about the same.**

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| i. How was the other road? | 1 |
| ii. Why did the second road present a better claim than the first? | 1 |
| iii. What is the rhyme scheme of the given lines? | 1 |
| iv. What does the poet mean by 'as just as fair'? | 1 |

(b) "I need to only draw your attention to the sheer waste of vitamin values "

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- X Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in about 30- 40 words each. 6x2=12**
- i. What is the message given by the brook? 2
 - ii. How did Marcy's feelings towards Duke change? 2
 - iii. How did the narrator react to the grandmother's proposal of teaching her? 2
 - iv. On what basis did the poet make his choice in the poem 'The Road Not Taken'? 2
 - v. Why did Corporal Turnbull assign permanent cookhouse duty to Private Quelch? 2
 - vi. The Sergeant wanted to seek his revenge. Did he succeed? 2
 - vii. What is the refrain used in the poem 'The Brook'? What does the poet want to emphasize with this? 2
- XI Answer ANY ONE of the following questions in about 120 words. 1x6=6**
- (a) 'Private Quelch's excessive knowledge proved to be a virus that infected him.' Evaluate. 6
 - (b) 'The Brook is a symbol of energy and determination to us. Discuss. 6

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1. Data from satellite sources assembled by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) World Environment Situation Room confirms that the wildfires in Australia in the last two months of 2019 and the first six weeks of 2020 were far from normal. 2019 was the second hottest year on record since 1880, and Australia recorded its warmest temperatures ever in December 2019.
2. "Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second. One million species are in near-term danger of extinction. Our planet is burning," says United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.
3. "The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years," says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database in Geneva.

“For those who think Australia is always burning, graphs clearly show that these fires were exceptional.”

4. “This service, accessible via the UNEP’s World Environment Situation Room, is provided for all countries at national and provincial levels. It identifies trends in wildfire activity since 2003, when the data first became available and monitoring began. We have sliced and diced the satellite-based data on wildfires worldwide from 2009 to the present day. We analyse the wildfires’ data by month, type of land cover, protected area, province and nation to produce information products,” Peduzzi adds.
5. The problem is not simply fossil fuel emissions. It’s fossil fuels – period. The solution is clear: Our Acceleration Agenda calls on governments to: Commit to no new coal.” says United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.

(Source: UN Environment)

Choose the correct option to answer the questions based on the above passage.

- (a) What do the reports confirm about the 2019-20 Australian fires? 1
- (i) the fires were not normal
 - (ii) the fires were normal
 - (iii) the fires were natural
 - (iv) data inconclusive
- (b) What was the difference in the recorded temperatures in 2019 from the 1880s? 1
- (i) 2019 recorded the wettest temperatures since 1880s
 - (ii) 2019 recorded the hottest temperatures ever
 - (iii) 2019 recorded the cooler temperatures than 1880s
 - (iv) 2019 recorded the warmest temperatures since 1880s
- (c) What comparison has been made between the rising sea temperatures and Hiroshima? 1
- (i) ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of three Hiroshima bombs a second
 - (ii) ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second
 - (iii) ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs an hour
 - (iv) ocean temperatures are rising at the equivalent of three Hiroshima bombs an hour
- (d) Choose the option that lists the CORRECT answers for the following: 1
- (1) “Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second”. Whose statement is this?
 - (2) “The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years.” Whose statement is this?

- (i) (1) is from United Nations Secretary and (2) is from the UN President
- (ii) (1) is from the UN President and (2) is from the UN General Secretary
- (iii) (1) is from United Nations Secretary and (2) is from the Director of UNEP
- (iv) (1) is from the UN General Secretary and (2) is from the UN President

(e) Choose the option that lists the CORRECT statement.

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- (i) Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Renaissance Information Database
- (ii) Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNO's Global Resource Information Database
- (iii) Pascal Peduzzi is the Manager of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database
- (iv) Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database

(f) How can you say that the UN is concerned about the rising numbers of coal plants?

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- (i) UNDP Secretary General António Guterres is calling for curb on new plants
- (ii) UN Secretary General António Guterres is calling for curb on new plants
- (iii) UN Executive Secretary António Guterres is calling for curb on new plants
- (iv) UN Secretary General Antony Guterres is calling for curb on new plants

(g) UNEP's World Environment Situation Room has been tracking the world temperatures since....

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- (i) 2003
- (ii) 2013
- (iii) 2000
- (iv) 2001

(h) The data from four different sources shows that the global surface temperatures have been _____.

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- (i) steady
- (ii) falling
- (iii) on the rise
- (iv) normal

(i) Which word in the passage means the same as "collect"?

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- (i) assemble
- (ii) extinction
- (iii) exceptional
- (iv) provincial

(j) Which word in the passage is opposite to the meaning of 'vague/murky'?

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- (i) assembled
- (ii) clear
- (iii) extinction
- (iv) provincial

II Read the passage and answer the following questions:

1. Politeness has been well defined as benevolence in trifles. It is the desire to put those whom we meet perfectly at their ease, and save them from every kind of petty discomfort and annoyance. The limited part of benevolence called politeness requires only an inclination to make them happy temporarily, while they are in our presence, and when this can be done without any sacrifice on our part or only with a slight sacrifice of personal comfort.

2. Politeness is said to be one of the important characteristics of a civilized person. Politeness is the art of choosing among your thoughts. It must be implemented in every walk of life. When we deal with people elder to us we are polite. But, an honest polite person is polite with everyone, people of lower status, workers and even children. Not only with humans but also with animals we must be polite as they are our helpers.

3. Politeness is a skill. Like any other skill, you can master it with practice. The greatest enemy of politeness is ego. To be a polite person, you have to sacrifice your ego. It is difficult for an egoist to be polite. You have to imply politeness in your thinking, speech and actions. Actions work more than words. Polite actions will give fine results. Politeness will reduce your stress and boost you to be productive. Apart from your present benefits, you protect your future. Being polite makes you mentally healthy. In our daily life we come across many incidents with people nearby and ourselves.

4. Different rules of behaviour have to be observed, accordingly as we are in the street or in the drawing room, at home or at school, in the company of friends or of strangers. There is also to be considered the great diversity of social etiquette which distinguishes one country from another.

5. Politeness, besides being a duty that we owe to others, is a valuable possession for ourselves. It costs nothing, and yet may in many cases bring much profit. The great advantage of this excellence of conduct was very clearly expressed by Dr. Johnson, when he said that the difference between a well-bred and an ill-bred man is that one immediately attracts your liking, the other your dislike.

1. Answer the following questions:

3x1=3

- i. Why is politeness called as limited part of benevolence?
- ii. It is difficult for an egoist to be polite. Why?
- iii. What are the 2 benefits of being polite?

2 What is the tone of the following context:

“You have to apply politeness in your thinking, speech, and actions.”?

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- (a) egoistic
- (b) imperative
- (c) rude
- (d) angry

- 3 How does the culture of different countries vary? 1
 (a) in social etiquette
 (b) in social behaviour
 (c) in social laws
 (d) in social drawbacks
- 4 Choose the option that correctly states the meaning of 'well-bred' as implied in the passage: 1
 (a) ill-bred
 (b) refined
 (c) excellence
 (d) profit
- 5 What is politeness for us? 1
 (1) duty (2) right (3) obligation (4) valuable possession
 (a) option (1) only
 (b) options (1) and (2)
 (c) options (1) and (4)
 (d) options (2) and (3)
- 6 Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following: 3x1=3
 i. 'insignificant' (Paragraph 1)
 ii. 'manners' (Paragraph 4)
 iii. 'be indebted' (Paragraph 5)

SECTION B WRITING SKILLS

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III

You are Mohan/Mohini, Secretary, Social Activities Club of ABC school, Gokulpuri. The club has decided to launch a cleanliness drive in a slum colony near your school during the Winter Holidays. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing class IX students of your school about the drive and urge them to volunteer their names for the programme. Give all the necessary details. 4

IV

- (a) You are Meenu/ Manav of #015, Sunshine Apartments, Bandra, Mumbai. You took part in the MUN conducted in your school recently. Write a letter to your friend describing your experience in not more than 120 words. 7

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend Rudra inviting him/her to spend the summer vacation at your place in Mumbai in not more than 120 words. You are Sakshi/ Saksham, a resident of # 201, Purva apartments, Juhu, Mumbai. 7

- V a) Write a paragraph describing a journey- imaginary, or you have undertaken, in not more than 150 words. You can use the following cues:

destination..... excitement..... travel arrangements..... packing.....mode of travel.....scenery.....vivid description of the places.....overall experience. 8

OR

- b) Write a paragraph describing a bustling market place, in not more than 150 words. You can use the cues given below: 8

setting vibrant colours.....aroma in the air.....various sounds.....display of items..... people

SECTION C GRAMMAR

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- VI **Fill in the blanks choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below.** 5

Delhi (a) the capital of India. People (b)..... to visit Delhi during summer. There (c) many historical buildings. Last year I, (d)Delhi. I also watched (e)..... Commonwealth Games 2010.

- (a) (i) was (ii) is (iii) are (iv) being
(b) (i) preferring (ii) preferred (iii) prefers (iv) prefer
(c) (i) are (ii) is (iii) will be (iv) having
(d) (i) visit (ii) visiting (iii) visited (iv) will visit
(e) (i) a (ii) an (iii) the (iv) some

- VII **The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided.** 5

	Incorrect	correct
There is a story about		
Birbal not being allow to attend	(a) _____	_____
the king's free lunch. The reason were	(b) _____	_____
which he was not dressed properly.	(c) _____	_____
This happened in spite of the high intellectual abilities.	(d) _____	_____
So, the advice is that "Don't judge the book by its cover."	(e) _____	_____

- VIII **Rearrange the following jumbled words to form meaningful sentences.**

- (a) studied /to find /different /approach to life /religions /correct /a /he 5
(b) coloured bus/children/we saw/full of/a yellow/excited
(c) healthyperson/germs/a/carry/may/of/in/body/typhoid/his/cholera/dysentery/etc.
(d) person/does not/such/usually/a/disease/suffer/the/from
(e) people/however/who/intocontact/carrier/come/with/are/the/catching/danger/the/disease/ in/of

SECTION D
LITERATURE TEXTBOOK

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IX Read the given extracts and answer the following questions. (ANY TWO)

4+4=8

(a) “I need to only draw your attention to the sheer waste of vitamin values “

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| (i) Who is ‘I’ here? | 1 |
| (ii) ‘Draw your attention’ whose attention is drawn here ? | 1 |
| (ii) What was he referring to in the above line ? | 1 |
| (iv) What was his role there? | 1 |

(b) “I could’ve asked somebody in this village but I was too embarrassed to do. I felt so very much dependent and helpless.”

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| (i) Who is the speaker? | 1 |
| (ii) What does she mean by ‘I could’ve asked somebody’? | 1 |
| (iii) Why would she feel embarrassed? | 1 |
| (iv) What is ‘being independent’ according to her? | 1 |

**(c) I come from haunts of coots and hern;
I make a sudden sally
And sparkle out among the fern,
To bicker down a valley**

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| (i) From where does the brook emerge? | 1 |
| (ii) How does it emerge? | 1 |
| (iii) What makes the brook ‘sparkle’? | 1 |
| (iv) How is the movement of brook here? | 1 |

X Answer ANY SIX of the following questions in about 30- 40 words each.

6x2=12

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| i. Did Private Quelch’s day to day practices take him closer towards his goal?
How can you make out? | 2 |
| ii. How is the journey of the brook similar to human life? | 2 |
| iii. Why did the poet not use the first road? | 2 |
| iv. What was the story that went around the new suburb where the Hoopers bought a house? | 2 |
| v. What message does the story “How I Taught My Grand Mother to Read” convey? | 2 |
| vi. On what basis did the poet make his choice in the poem ‘The Road Not Taken’? | 2 |
| vii. Why did Corporal Turnbull assign permanent cookhouse duty to Private Quelch? | 2 |

XI Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 120 words. 1x6=6

- a) “Firm determination and strong will-power can achieve even the impossible.” 6
How does this statement prove to be true in the case of Chuck Hooper?
- b) ‘The choice we make has far reaching consequences.’ Explain in reference with 6
the poem ‘The Road Not Taken’.

******END OF THE QUESTION PAPER******