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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
FIRST PRE - BOARD EXAMINATION 2023  
ENGLISH CORE (301)**



CLASS: XII  
DATE: 19.01.2023

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.  
MAXIMUM MARKS: 80 Marks

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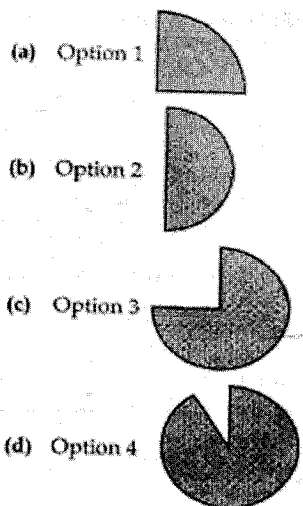
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- i) Which of these is the other name for Royal Bengal Tiger?  
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- ii) In which of these neighbouring countries of India, the Royal Bengal Tiger is not found?  
a) China   b) Bangladesh   c) Bhutan   d) Sri Lanka
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a) Tiger   b) Tigress   c) Tigris   d) Tigers
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a) yellow   b) light orange   c) white   d) dark brown
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a) are slow runners   b) do not attack stealthily  
c) are poor swimmers   d) run fast, attack stealthily & are good swimmers.
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a) India   b) China   c) Nepal   d) Bangladesh
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a) 2010   b) 2017   c) 2019   d) 2020
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- x) Which pair of countries has approximately same number of maximum tigers?  
 a) Nepal and Bangladesh      b) Bhutan and Bangladesh  
 c) China and Nepal              d) Bangladesh and India
- xi) Pick out the option that correctly states the reason for reduction in the population of the tigers:  
 a) poaching      b) epidemic      c) climatic changes      d) soil erosion

### SECTION B - Creative Writing Skills – 20 Marks

3. i. You are Secretary of the History Club of Vidya Mandir School, Bokaro. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing students of a proposed visit to some important historical sites in your city. 5

**OR**

You are Srinivas / Srinidhi of D.P. Public School, Nagpur. As Student Editor of your school magazine, draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board inviting articles and sketches from students of all classes.

- ii. You are Dhruv / Deepa. Your father, Shri. Dheeraj Sharma of Gurgram wants you to draft an invitation to be sent to friends and relatives on the occasion of your elder sister's marriage. Prepare the invitation giving necessary details in not more than 50 words. 5

**OR**

Your friend, P.V. Sathish, has invited you to attend the wedding of his brother, Jayan. You find that you have an important paper of pre – board exam on the day of the wedding. Thus, you cannot attend the event. Write in about 50 words a formal reply to the invitation expressing your regret. You are Ravinder / Reena of class XII M-10, Fort Road, Triplicane, Chennai.

- iii. You have read an advertisement in the newspaper for the post of a Software Engineer in Wipro Systems. You believe that you have the requisite qualifications and experience. Write an application in 120 -150 words for the post, emphasizing your strong points. Also write your resume. You are Saurav / Shika of 10, Mall Road, Chandigarh. 5

**OR**

Write a letter in 120 – 150 words, to the Editor of a national newspaper on how we can improve the living conditions in the slums. You are Karan / Karina, 25 Strahans Road, New Delhi.

- iv. Our performance in the Tokyo Olympics has told us that we do not pay enough attention to athletics and outdoor games. It is time we revised our attitude. Sports should be an important part of school's daily routine. Write an article in 120 – 150 words on 'Importance of Outdoor Games'. You are Sreeja / Thomas. 5

OR

Due to heavy rainfall, the river near your town started overflowing its banks. As a result, your town was flooded. It led to a great loss of life and property. Many N.G.O.s came forward to help the people with food, shelter and medicines. Write a report in 120 – 150 words for a local newspaper on the tragedy and rescue efforts. You are Raghav / Ritika.

**SECTION C – LITERATURE- 40 Marks**

4. (i) Read the following extract and choose the most appropriate option for each question. 6×1=6

- A. Aunt Jennifer's finger fluttering through her wool  
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.  
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band  
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.
1. Why are Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering? It is because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) she can't sit still                      b) she has grown weak with age  
c) she is nervous and insecure        d) both (b) & (c)
  2. Why is the aunt finding even an ivory needle hard to pull?  
a) because her fingers are shaking.  
b) because she had a nervous breakdown.  
c) because of the massive weight of her marriage ring.  
d) because she had forgotten the art of embroidery.
  3. What does the uncle's character reflect in the poem?  
a) Male chauvinism and patriarchy    b) A man's physical strength.  
c) Male ego.                                d) A male's view of the world.
  4. For Aunt Jennifer, what do the tigers symbolize?  
a) freedom & cowardice        b) indifference  
c) negligence                      d) freedom & strength
  5. What is Aunt Jennifer's mood in the above lines?  
a) Aunt Jennifer is in a state of anxiety and nervousness.  
b) Aunt Jennifer is in a state of extreme happiness.  
c) Aunt Jennifer is in a state of self-contentment.  
d) Aunt Jennifer is in a state of bliss.
  6. Why was the weight of Uncle's wedding band 'massive'?  
a) Uncle has given her a heavy gold wedding band.  
b) Uncle's wedding band was a beautiful weight to carry.  
c) Heavy wedding bands were common in those days.  
d) The marriage weighed Aunt Jennifer down.

OR

- B. Life is what it is about;  
I want no truck with death.  
If we were not so single-minded  
about keeping our lives moving,  
and for once could do nothing,  
perhaps a huge silence  
might interrupt this sadness  
of never understanding ourselves  
and of threatening ourselves with death.

1. What does the poet mean by 'I want no truck with death'?  
a. He wants to race with a truck        b. He wants to drive a truck  
c. He wants to run over the dead        d. He wants no association with death.
2. Why are humans upset?

- a. due to their money                      b. due to their property
- c. due to their misdeeds                  d. due to their hard work
- 3. What are humans afraid of according to the poet?
- a. life    b. death    c. truck    d. fishermen
- 4. Who has been referred to as 'single-minded'?
- a. animals    b. trees    c. humans    d. fish
- 5. What according to the poet makes people sad?
- a. because they are not single - minded
- b. because they have not understood themselves
- c. because they don't like to be advised
- d. because they all speak in different languages
- 6. What should interrupt the sadness lurking around humans according to the poet?
- a. money    b. wealth    c. silence    d. selfishness

4 (ii) Read the following extract and answer the following questions:

4 × 1 = 4

- A. **Derry** : I just .....wanted to come in. Into the garden.  
**Mr. Lamb** : So you did. Here we are, then.  
**Derry** : You don't know who I am.  
**Mr. Lamb** : A boy. Thirteen or so.  
**Derry** : Fourteen. (Pause) But I've got to go now. Good bye.  
**Mr. Lamb** : Nothing to be afraid of. Just a garden. Just me.  
**Derry** : But I'm not ..... I'm not afraid. (Pause) People are afraid of me.

1. Who was Derry?
- (a) A disappointed boy who didn't want to live
- (b) A disabled boy who was not loved by anyone
- (c) A frustrated boy who had lost hope in life
- (d) A boy with burnt face having negative attitude towards life
2. Which character trait of Derry's matches the words 'People are afraid of me'.
- (a) arrogance    (b) courage    (c) illusion    (d) inferiority complex
3. Why were people afraid of Derry?
- (a) because of his burnt face.    (b) because of his lame leg
- (c) because he was an introvert.    (d) because he had an outgoing personality
4. Why did Mr. Lamb used to spend much of his time in the garden?
- (a) because he kept himself busy in attending to his trees, crab apples, listening to the buzzing of the bees and reading books in his garden.
- (b) because he liked his garden very much.
- (c) because he didn't want anyone to enter his garden.
- (d) because his house was too small.

OR

- B. I was walking home from school one day, an old bag hanging from my shoulder. It was actually possible to walk the distance in ten minutes. But usually it would take me thirty minutes at the very least to reach home. It would take me from half an hour to an hour to dawdle along, watching all the fun and games that were going on, all the entertaining novelties and oddities in the streets, the shops and the bazaar.

1. Who is 'I' in the above lines?
- (a) Zitkala – Sa    (b) Bama    (c) Gertrude Simmons    (d) Native American Woman
2. How long would it take Bama to reach home?
- (a) thirty minutes    (b) ten minutes    (c) twenty minute    (d) forty minutes
3. What does the narrator mean by novelties and oddities?
- (a) new and strange
- (b) strange and new
- (c) new
- (d) strange
4. Which class was Bama studying in?

**4 (iii) Read the following extract and choose the most appropriate option for each question.****6×1 =6**

**A.** I started for school very late that morning and was in great dread of a scolding, especially because M. Hamel had said that he would question us on participles, and I did not know the first word about them. For a moment I thought of running away and spending the day out of doors. It was so warm, so bright! The birds were chirping at the edge of the woods; and in the open field back of the sawmill the Prussian soldiers were drilling.

1. The author of 'The Last Lesson' was a \_\_\_\_\_ novelist and short story writer.  
a. Spanish b. German c. French d. Austrian
2. Franz was late and wanted to skip going to school as he dreaded \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. beating from M. Hamel b. scolding from the teacher  
c. taunts from his classmates d. scolding from parents
3. What would have M. Hamel questioned Franz about?  
a. adjectives b. writing skills c. the previous days' activities d. participles
4. Which of the outdoor activities were tempting Franz more than attending school that day?  
a. chirping of the birds b. the drill practice by Russian soldiers  
c. both (a) and (b) d. children playing outside
5. Who was Mr Hamel?  
a. Principal b. French teacher c. Village Sarpanch d. Franz's father
6. What did Franz think for a moment?  
a. teaching a lesson to his teacher b. pranking M. Hamel  
c. bunking the class d. joining the Civil movement

**OR**

**B.** On Saturday they made their weekly pilgrimage to watch United. Sophie and her father and little Derek went down near the goal - Geoff, as always, went with his mates higher up. United won two-nil and Casey drove in the second goal, a blend of innocence and Irish genius, going round the two big defenders on the edge of the penalty area, with her father screaming for him to pass, and beating the hesitant goalkeeper from a dozen yards. Sophie glowed with pride. Afterwards Geoff was ecstatic. "I wish he was an Englishman," someone said on the bus. "Ireland'll win the World Cup," little Derek told his mother when Sophie brought him home. Her father was gone to the pub to celebrate.

1. Sophie's family's 'visit to watch United' was a 'pilgrimage' because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Football lovers always watch the game with great devotion  
b. Sophie's family used to meet football players after the match  
c. Sophie's family occasionally watched the football match  
d. It was a weekly ritual of Sophie's family to watch the football match
2. 'Sophie glowed with pride'. This means that Sophie \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. was full of adulation for the game.  
b. had fantasized about their association.  
c. was proud of Danny Casey witnessing the crowd's adulation.  
d. had interest in Danny Casey.
3. 'I wish he was an Englishman.' This indicates Sophie's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. hope for Danny Casey. b. doubt about the footballer's race.  
c. surprise. d. joy.
4. 'Ireland 'll win the world cup.' This implies that Sophie thinks \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Danny Casey's team will win the world cup b. Danny belongs to Ireland.  
c. Casey belongs to England d. champion Danny cannot win the world cup.

5. How did their favourite team win the match?  
 a. because they dribbled the ball well.      b. because they were united.  
 c. they planned well.      d. because of the goal made by Casey.
6. When do Sophie and her family go to watch the football match?  
 a. Sunday morning      b. Sunday evening      c. Sunday afternoon      d. Saturday
- 5. Answer any five questions in about 40 – 50 words.** **5×2 =10**
- What sort of TV programs does Umberto Eco watch after dinner and why?
  - Why does Jansie discourage Sophie from dreaming?
  - How does the writer describe the make-up room of the Gemini Studios?
  - What made the Lieutenant Governor drop the case against Gandhiji?
  - Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character? What might the poet be suggesting through this difference?
  - Why do the people who run the roadside stand wait for the squeal of brakes so eagerly?
- 6. Answer any two questions in 40 – 50 words.** **2×2 = 4**
- Who was Annan? How did he justify the strange behaviour of the elder?
  - How did Mr. Lamb keep himself open to everyone?
  - Who was Sadao? Where was his house situated?
- 7. Answer any one question in 120 – 150 words.** **1×5 =5**
- Through the poem, 'A Roadside Stand', Robert Frost underlines his sympathy for the rural people in opposition to the uncaring and pitiless rich urban elite. Justify.
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**\*\*\*\*END OF THE QUESTION PAPER\*\*\*\***



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2. The biological name of this Big Cat is Panthera Tigris, which comes under the Felidae family under Mammalia category
3. No two Bengal tigers look alike! Every Bengal Tiger has a unique stripe pattern. A tiger's colour ranges from yellow to light orange, with stripes from dark brown to black. Some of the Bengal tigers are white in colour. The tail is orange in colour with black rings. Unlike the other white tigers that have blue eyes, Bengal Tigers have yellow irises. They live for 10 to 15 years.
4. Being fierce in nature, Royal Bengal Tigers are not much friendly in nature and live a solitary life, except in winters when they can be seen in group of 3 or 4. Bengal Tigers are fast runners and good swimmers. Tigers attack their prey in a stealth mode. They are usually spotted in swamps, mangroves and grasslands.
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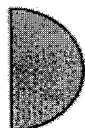
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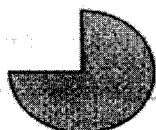
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(b) Option 2



(c) Option 3



(d) Option 4



- x) Which pair of countries has approximately same number of maximum tigers?  
a) Nepal and Bangladesh   b) Bhutan and Bangladesh  
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- xi) What is meant by the word 'cadaver' in para 3  
a) carcass   b) corpse   c) carrion   d) carnage

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**Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:**

$$10 \times 1 = 10$$

- i) The first green corridor in India was created in:  
a) New Delhi    b) Chennai    c) Mumbai    d) Pune
  - ii) The organization which is framing a proposal to airlift cadaver organs is:  
a) Union Health Ministry  
b) Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization  
c) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization  
d) State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization
  - iii) The onerous task that the author is talking about in paragraph 1 is:  
a) finding organ donors.  
b) finding doctors capable of performing transplants.  
c) to carry the harvested organ in the shortest possible time.  
d) to arrange the requisite facilities for the transplant.
  - iv) Most of the people do not go for the heart transplant as:  
a) it is cheap.                                  b) it is very painful.  
c) it may cause slight discomfort.      d) the cost is prohibitive.
  - v) Most states refer organ transplant cases to big hospitals because:  
a) they don't have well trained experts.  
b) the patients don't trust local doctors.  
c) the state hospitals are very crowded.  
d) they don't have a proof of harvested organs.
- vi) Organ retrieved from a body, saved a child of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

- a) two    b) three    c) eight    d) nine
- vii) Apart from Chennai, where were other green corridors created?  
 a) Delhi & Pune                      b) Pune & Mumbai  
 c) Mumbai & Delhi                  d) Delhi, Pune & Mumbai
- viii) How much does a heart transplant cost a patient in a private hospital?  
 a) Rs.15-20 lakhs    b) Rs.20 lakhs    c) Rs. 20 - 25 lakhs    d) 40 - 45 lakhs
- ix) Pick out the word / phrase from the passage which is similar in meaning to 'save' in para 1.  
 a) onerous    b) preserve    c) harvest    d) consent
- x) Pick out the word / phrase from the passage which is opposite in meaning to 'destroyed' in para .  
 a) enabled    b) created    c) transplanted    d) accomplished
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### SECTION B - Creative Writing Skills – 20 Marks

3. i. As Principal of Sardar Patel Vidyalaya, Lucknow, draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing students of the change in school timings with effect from the 1st of February, 2023. State valid reasons for the change. 5

**OR**

As Sports Secretary of G.D.G. Public School, Pune, draft notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board informing the students about the sale of old sports goods of your school. You are Rohini/Rohit.

- ii. You are the Principal of Zodiac Senior Secondary School, Ooty. The school has completed 25 years of its meritorious services to the society. The Silver Jubilee Celebrations are to be held on Sunday, the 27th January, 2023. Mrs. M. Kamath, the founder Principal will preside. Draft a suitable invitation in about 50 words to be sent to important dignitaries of the city and the parents of students. 5

**OR**

Draft a formal reply in about 50 words accepting an invitation to be present on the occasion of the wedding of Ankush S/o Mr. & Mrs. Shankar of 24, Green Park Road, Kanpur. You are Vikram Gaur of Raja Ki Mandi, Agra.

- iii. You are Anand/Arti of 14, Model Town, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in 'The Hindu' for the post of Head Chef in a 5-Star Hotel. Apply for the job with complete biodata. Write in 120-150 words. 5

**OR**

Write a letter to the Editor of National Herald, New Delhi about water scarcity in your locality suggesting ways to improve the position of water supply in 120 -150 words. You are Ramnath/ Reema of 25, Mellows Road, Ghaziabad.

- iv. India is standing at the threshold of joining the developed nations but that is not possible till we achieve complete literacy in the country. The contribution of students may be very significant in achieving our goals. Write an article in 120-150 words on 'The Role of the Students in Removing Illiteracy'. You are Sreeja / Thomas. 5

**OR**

You are Ramesh/Rani, Sports Secretary, Government Senior Secondary School, Chandigarh. Last Monday an Inter-school Twenty-Twenty Cricket match was played on your school ground. Write a report in 120-150 words for a local newspaper on the match. You are Ramesh/Ridhi.

### SECTION C – LITERATURE -40 Marks

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  5. What according to the poet makes people sad?
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**OR**

- B. Aunt Jennifer's finger fluttering through her wool  
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 Derry : Fourteen. (Pause) But I've got to go now. Good bye.  
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a. beating from M. Hamel      b. scolding from the teacher  
c. taunts from his classmates      d. scolding from parents
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a. adjectives   b. writing skills   c. the previous days' activities   d. participles
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a. chirping of the birds      b. the drill practice by Russian soldiers  
c. both (a) and (b)      d. children playing outside
5. Who was Mr. Hamel?  
a. Principal   b. French teacher   c. Village Sarpanch   d. Franz's father
6. What did Franz think for a moment?  
a. teaching a lesson to his teacher      b. pranking M. Hamel  
c. bunking the class      d. joining the Civil movement

**OR**

**B.** On Saturday they made their weekly pilgrimage to watch United. Sophie and her father and little Derek went down near the goal- Geoff, as always, went with his mates higher up. United won two-nil and Casey drove in the second goal, a blend of innocence and Irish genius, going round the two big defenders on the edge of the penalty area, with her father screaming for him to pass, and beating the hesitant goalkeeper from a dozen yards. Sophie glowed with pride. Afterwards Geoff was ecstatic. "I wish he was an Englishman," someone said on the bus. "Ireland'll win the World Cup," little Derek told his mother when Sophie brought him home. Her father was gone to the pub to celebrate.

1. Sophie's family's 'visit to watch United' was a 'pilgrimage' because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Football lovers always watch the game with great devotion  
b. Sophie's family used to meet football players after the match  
c. Sophie's family occasionally watched the football match  
d. It was a weekly ritual of Sophie's family to watch the football match
  2. 'Sophie glowed with pride'. This means that Sophie \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. was full of adulation for the game.  
b. had fantasized about their association.  
c. was proud of Danny Casey witnessing the crowd's adulation.  
d. had interest in Danny Casey.
  3. 'I wish he was an Englishman.' This indicates Sophie's \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. hope for Danny Casey.      b. doubt about the footballer's race.  
c. surprise.      d. Joy.
  4. 'Ireland 'll win the world cup.' This implies that Sophie thinks \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. Danny Casey's team will win the world cup.      b. Danny belongs to Ireland.  
c. Danny belongs to England      d. champion Danny cannot win the world cup.
  5. How did their favourite team win the match?  
a. because they dribbled the ball well.      b. because they were united.  
c. they planned well.      d. because of the goal made by Casey.
  6. When do Sophie and her family go to watch the football match?  
a. Sunday morning   b. Sunday evening   c. Sunday afternoon   d. Saturday
- 5. Answer any five questions in about 40 – 50 words.**
- a. Why do the people who run the roadside stand wait for the squeal of brakes so eagerly?

**5×2 =10**

- b. Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character? What might the poet be suggesting through this difference?
- c. What made the Lieutenant Governor drop the case against Gandhiji?
- d. How does the writer describe the make-up room of the Gemini Studios?
- e. Why does Jansie discourage Sophie from dreaming?
- f. What sort of TV programs does Umberto Eco watch after dinner and why?
6. **Answer any two questions in 40 – 50 words.** 2×2 = 4
  - a. Who was Sadao? Where was his house situated?
  - b. How did Mr. Lamb keep himself open to everyone?
  - c. Who was Annan? How did he justify the strange behaviour of the elder?
7. **Answer any one question in 120 – 150 words.** 1×5 =5
  - a. Asokamitran has used humour and satire effectively in 'Poets and Pancakes'. Discuss.
  - b. Through the poem, 'A Roadside Stand', Robert Frost underlines his sympathy for the rural people in opposition to the uncaring and pitiless rich urban elite. Justify.
8. **Answer any one question in 120 – 150 words.** 1×5 =5
  - a. The author, Tishani Doshi, calls her two-week stay in Antarctica, 'a chilling prospect'. How far do you think is she justified? What other features of the Antarctic environment are highlighted?
  - b. 'Marginalized sections are plagued by inequality'. Bring out the truth of the statement with reference to the chapter, 'Memories of Childhood.'

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**INDIAN SCHOOL MUSCAT  
FIRST PRE - BOARD EXAMINATION 2023  
ENGLISH CORE (301)**



CLASS: XII  
DATE: 19.01.2023

TIME ALLOTTED : 3 HRS.  
MAXIMUM MARKS: 80 Marks

**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This paper is divided into three sections: A, B & C. All the sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
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**SECTION A - Writing Skills – 20 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below:

**Donated Organs and their Transportation**

1. Once an organ donor's family gives its consent and the organs are matched to a recipient, medical professionals are faced with the onerous challenge of transporting organs while ensuring that the harvested organ reaches its destination in the shortest possible time. This is done in order to preserve the harvested organs which involves the police especially the traffic police department.
2. The traditional method of transporting organs by road is referred to as a 'green corridor'. The first green corridor in India was created by Chennai Traffic Police in September 2008 when they accomplished their task of enabling an ambulance to reach its destination within 11 minutes during peak hour traffic. That organ saved a nine-year-old girl whose life depended on the transplant. Similarly, such given corridors have been created by traffic police of various cities such as Pune, Mumbai, Delhi etc.
3. Experts point out the lack of a robust system to transport organs to super- speciality hospitals in least possible time. National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), the country's apex organ donation agency, is now framing a proposal to airlift cadaver organs and will send a report to the Union Health Ministry. "Cadaver organs have a short life and so transplant should be done within a few golden hours." Director (NOTTO) expressed, "Therefore, we are preparing a proposal for airlifting organs at any given moment."
4. Most states do not have well trained experts to retrieve or perform transplant procedures. Also, there is an acute shortage of advanced healthcare facilities to carry out a transplant. So, it is referred to other big centres in metropolitan cities. Organs retrieved from Aurangabad, Indore, Surat and Pune are sent to Mumbai as these cities do not have super- speciality healthcare centres, informed officials.
5. In India about fifty thousand to one lakh patients are suffering from acute heart failure and need heart transplant at any point of time. In a private set-up, a heart transplant costs 15-20 lakhs, which is followed up by post-operative medication of about Rs. 30000 per month lifelong. Moreover, the risk factor is a great hindrance.

**Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:**

**10×1=10**

- i) The first green corridor in India was created in:
  - a) New Delhi
  - b) Chennai
  - c) Mumbai
  - d) Pune
- ii) The organization which is framing a proposal to airlift cadaver organs is:
  - a) Union Health Ministry
  - b) Regional Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization
  - c) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization
  - d) State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization
- iii) The onerous task that the author is talking about in paragraph 1 is:
  - a) finding organ donors.
  - b) finding doctors capable of performing transplants.
  - c) to carry the harvested organ in the shortest possible time.
  - d) to arrange the requisite facilities for the transplant.
- iv) Most of the people do not go for the heart transplant as:
  - a) it is cheap.
  - b) it is very painful.
  - c) it may cause slight discomfort.
  - d) the cost is prohibitive.
- v) Most states refer organ transplant cases to big hospitals because:
  - a) they don't have well trained experts.
  - b) the patients don't trust local doctors.
  - c) the state hospitals are very crowded.
  - d) they don't have a proof of harvested organs.
- vi) Organ retrieved from a body, saved a child of \_\_\_\_\_ years.
  - a) two      b) three      c) eight      d) nine
- vii) Apart from Chennai, where were other green corridors created?
  - a) Delhi & Pune                      b) Pune & Mumbai
  - c) Mumbai & Delhi                  d) Delhi, Pune & Mumbai
- viii) How much does a heart transplant cost a patient in a private hospital?
  - a) Rs.15-20 lakhs      b) Rs.20 lakhs      c) Rs. 20 - 25 lakhs      d) 40 - 45 lakhs
- ix) Pick out the word/phrase from the passage which is similar in meaning to 'save' in para.1.
  - a) onerous      b) preserve      c) harvest      d) consent
- x) Pick out the word/phrase from the passage which is opposite in meaning to 'destroyed' in para 2.
  - a) enabled      b) created      c) transplanted      d) accomplished
- xi) What is meant by the word 'cadaver' in para 3.
  - a) carcass      b) corpse      c) carrion      d) carnage

**2. Read the passage given below:**

1. Royal Bengal Tiger is the largest, fiercest, and powerful member of the Big Cat family in India. Royal Bengal Tigers, also known as Indian Tiger and Bengal Tiger constitute a large population of the tiger family in the world. It is the national animal of India and is found mostly in India, China, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Burma.
2. The biological name of this Big Cat is Panthera Tigris, which comes under the Felidae family under Mammalia category.
3. No two Bengal tigers look alike! Every Bengal Tiger has a unique stripe pattern. A tiger's colour ranges from yellow to light orange, with stripes from dark brown to black. Some of the Bengal tigers are white in colour. The tail is orange in colour with black rings. Unlike the other white tigers that have blue eyes, Bengal Tigers have yellow irises. They live for 10 to 15 years.

4. Being fierce in nature, Royal Bengal Tigers are not much friendly in nature and live a solitary life, except in winters when they can be seen in group of 3 or 4. Bengal Tigers are fast runners and good swimmers. Tigers attack their prey in a stealth mode. They are usually spotted in swamps, mangroves and grasslands.
5. Royal Bengal Tigers have very sharp memories; they never forget faces. Their memory is sharper than humans and other animals.
6. We can find the largest number of Royal Bengal Tigers in India, As per the latest tiger censuses report 2017, there are 3786 Royal Bengal Tigers in India. India has more than 75% of the total tiger population in the world. Along with India, neighbouring countries to India holds a somewhat decent population of Royal Bengal Tiger in the world. The latest census of the tigers in India and neighbouring countries are shown in the table.

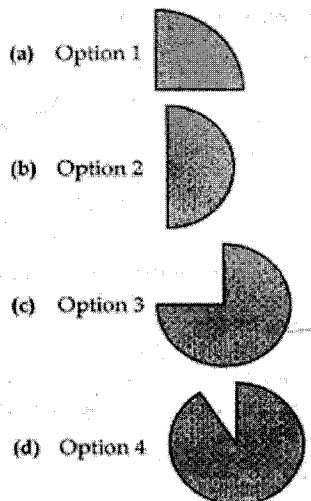
S. No.	Name of Country	Minimum	Maximum
1	Bangladesh	300	460
2	Bhutan	80	460
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4	India	2500	3800
5	Nepal	150	250

7. To know about the latest tiger population is always government's concern, as they want to save this majestic animal from getting extinct. India has lost 97% of its Royal Bengal Tiger population in the last century. The main reason is hunting, poaching, urbanization, habitat loss and illegal wild life trade. Poaching means to illegally trade the tiger made products like tiger skin, tiger made jewellery, etc. These skin and jewellery are sold for millions in the international market. Poaching has reduced the number of tigers to just 3,800 from 1,00,000 in the starting of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

**Based on your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten of the questions given below by choosing the most appropriate option:**

**10×1=10**

- Which of these is the other name for Royal Bengal Tiger?  
a) Chinese tiger   b) Nepalese Tiger   c) Indian Tiger   d) Burmese Tiger
- In which of these neighbouring countries of India, the Royal Bengal Tiger is not found?  
a) China   b) Bangladesh   c) Bhutan   d) Sri Lanka
- The biological name of Bengal Tiger is *Panthera* \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) Tiger   b) Tigress   c) Tigris   d) Tigers
- The stripes of the Bengal Tiger are of \_\_\_\_\_ colour.  
a) Yellow   b) Light orange   c) White   d) Dark brown
- Pick out the characteristic(s) of Bengal Tigers. They \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) are slow runners   b) do not attack stealthily  
c) are poor swimmers   d) run fast, attack stealthily & are good swimmers.
- The largest population of Bengal Tigers is found in \_\_\_\_\_.  
a) India   b) China   c) Nepal   d) Bangladesh
- When was the last survey of tigers conducted according to the passage?  
a) 2010   b) 2017   c) 2019   d) 2020
- The number of tigers in \_\_\_\_\_ ranges from 80 to 460.  
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- From the pictorial representation, choose the option that correctly states the approximate percentage of total tigers in the world which are found in India?



- x) Which pair of countries has approximately same number of maximum tigers?
- a) Nepal and Bangladesh    b) Bhutan and Bangladesh  
c) China and Nepal            d) Bangladesh and India
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- a) poaching    b) epidemic    c) climatic changes    d) soil erosion

**SECTION B - Creative Writing Skills – 20 Marks**

3. i. You are Ravi/Rachna. As President of the Cultural Forum of your school, you have organized an Inter-school Orchestra Competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of your school. Write a notice in not more than 50 words, informing the students of your school about this competition. 5

**OR**

You are Rohit / Roopali. As President of the Students' Council of St. Francis Sr. Secondary School, Bangalore you have invited a visiting Russian Ballet troupe to give a performance in your school on the occasion of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. Write a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students about this event.

- ii. The Literary Club of your school is putting up the play 'Waiting for Godot'. As Secretary of the club, draft an invitation inviting the famous writer Vikram Seth to be the guest of honour at the function. Write the invitation in not more than 50 words. You are Govind/Gauri. 5

**OR**

You are Anushka. You have been invited to participate in a seminar on 'Fundamental Rights of Children', organized by the Lions Club of your district. Respond to the invitation by writing a letter to the Secretary of the club in not more than 50 words.

- iii. Easy Call Centre in New Delhi needs some call executives for its UK shift. Write a job application to apply for the post. The prerequisites for the job are – graduation in any stream, English proficiency. Write the letter in 120-150 words giving your biodata. 5

**OR**

People have adapted to wearing face masks as a 'new normal'. But most of them do not know how to dispose of them properly. Spread awareness regarding the disposal of protective masks by writing a letter to the Editor of a popular newspaper in 120 – 150 words.

- iv. Increase in the number of vehicles causes pollution and traffic jams. Write an article in 120-150 words for 'The Indian Express', New Delhi, highlighting the urgent need to solve these man-made problems, giving suitable suggestions. You are Madhav/Madhuri.

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OR

A major bus mishap which left several people seriously injured took place at Nicholas Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai. Luckily no life was lost. Collect the information from the eyewitnesses and send a report in 120-150 words to 'The Chennai Times'. You are Vinod/Vinodhini, a reporter.

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3. What would have M. Hamel questioned Franz about?  
a. adjectives b. writing skills c. the previous days' activities d. participles
4. Which of the outdoor activities were tempting Franz more than attending school that day?  
a. chirping of the birds b. the drill practice by Russian soldiers  
c. both (a) and (b) d. children playing outside
5. Who was Mr Hamel?  
a. Principal b. French teacher c. Village Sarpanch d. Franz's father
6. What did Franz think for a moment?  
a. teaching a lesson to his teacher b. pranking M. Hamel  
c. bunking the class d. joining the Civil movement

OR

B. On Saturday they made their weekly pilgrimage to watch United. Sophie and her father and little Derek went down near the goal - Geoff, as always, went with his mates higher up. United won two-nil and Casey drove in the second goal, a blend of innocence and Irish genius, going round the two big defenders on the edge of the penalty area, with her father screaming for him to pass, and beating the hesitant goalkeeper from a dozen yards. Sophie glowed with pride. Afterwards Geoff was ecstatic. "I wish he was an Englishman," someone said on the bus. "Ireland'll win the World Cup," little Derek told his mother when Sophie brought him home. Her father was gone to the pub to celebrate.

1. Sophie's family's 'visit to watch United' was a 'pilgrimage' because \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. football lovers always watch the game with great devotion  
b. Sophie's family used to meet football players after the match  
c. Sophie's family occasionally watched the football match  
d. it was a weekly ritual of Sophie's family to watch the football match
2. 'Sophie glowed with pride'. This means that Sophie \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. was full of adulation for the game.  
b. had fantasized about their association.  
c. was proud of Danny Casey witnessing the crowd's adulation.  
d. had interest in Danny Casey.

3. 'I wish he was an Englishman.' This indicates Sophie's \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. hope for Danny Casey.      b. doubt about the footballer's race.  
c. surprise.                      d. joy.
4. 'Ireland 'll win the world cup.' This implies that Sophie thinks \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. Danny Casey's team will win the world cup      b. Danny belongs to Ireland  
c. Casey belongs to England      d. Champion Danny cannot win the world cup
5. How did their favourite team win the match?
- a. because they dribbled the ball well.      b. because they were united.  
c. they planned well.                      d. because of the goal made by Casey.
6. When do Sophie and her family go to watch the football match?
- a. Sunday morning      b. Sunday evening      c. Sunday afternoon      d. Saturday
- 5. Answer any five questions in about 40 – 50 words. 5×2 =10**
- a. What sort of TV programs does Umberto Eco watch after dinner and why?  
b. Why does Jansie discourage Sophie from dreaming?  
c. How does the writer describe the make-up room of the Gemini Studios?  
d. What made the Lieutenant Governor drop the case against Gandhiji?  
e. Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character? What might the poet be suggesting through this difference?  
f. Why do the people who run the roadside stand wait for the squeal of brakes so eagerly?
- 6. Answer any two questions in 40 – 50 words. 2×2 = 4**
- a. Who was Annan? How did he justify the strange behaviour of the elder?  
b. How did Mr. Lamb keep himself open to everyone?  
c. Who was Sadao? Where was his house situated?
- 7. Answer any one question in 120 – 150 words. 1×5 =5**
- a. Through the poem, 'A Roadside Stand', Robert Frost underlines his sympathy for the rural people in opposition to the uncaring and pitiless rich urban elite. Justify.  
b. Asokamitran has used humour and satire effectively in 'Poets and Pancakes'. Discuss.
- 8. Answer any one question in 120 – 150 words. 1×5 =5**
- a. 'Marginalized sections are plagued by inequality'. Bring out the truth of the statement with reference to the chapter, 'Memories of Childhood.'  
b. The author, Tishani Doshi, calls her two-week stay in Antarctica, 'a chilling prospect' How far do you think is she justified? What other features of the Antarctic environment are highlighted?

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