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**FINAL EXAMINATION**

**ENGLISH**

**C.B.S.E**

**(Communicative)**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

## General Instructions :

- This question paper consists of three sections :

SECTION A :	Reading	20 MARKS
SECTION B :	Writing and Grammar	30 MARKS
SECTION C :	Literature	30 MARKS
- All questions are compulsory.
- You may attempt any section at a time.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

- Q.1) Read the passage carefully. (8)**
- 1) Article 370 of the Indian constitution gave special status to Jammu and Kashmir—a state in India, located in the northern part of the Indian subcontinent, and a part of the larger region of Kashmir, which has been the subject of dispute between India, Pakistan, and China since 1947 — conferring it with the power to have a separate constitution, a state flag and autonomy over the internal administration of the state. The government of India revoked this special status in August 2019 through a Presidential Order and the passage of a resolution in Parliament.
  - 2) The article was drafted in Part XXI of the Constitution : Temporary, Transitional and Special Provisions. The Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir, after its establishment, was empowered to recommend the articles of the Indian constitution that should be applied to the state or to abrogate The Article 370 altogether. After consultation with the state's Constituent Assembly, the 1954 Presidential Order was issued, specifying the articles of the Indian constitution that applied to the state.
  - 3) This article, along with Article 35A, defined that the Jammu and Kashmir state's residents live under a separate set of laws, including those related to citizenship, ownership of property, and fundamental rights, as compared to resident of other Indian states. As a result of this provision, Indian citizens from other states could not purchase land or property in Jammu & Kashmir,
  - 4) On 5 August 2019, President Ram Nath Kovind issued a constitutional order superseding the 1954 order, and making all the provisions of the Indian constitution applicable to Jammu and Kashmir. Following the resolutions passed in both houses of the parliament, he issued a further order on 6 August declaring all the clauses of Article 370 except clause 1 to be inoperative
  - 5) In addition, the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act was passed by the parliament, enacting the division of the state of Jammu and Kashmir into two union territories to be called Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and Union territory of Ladakh. The reorganisation is scheduled to take place on 31 October 2019.
- On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions : (1 x 8 = 8)**
- (a) Article 370 gave special status to \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
    - (i) Kashmir (ii) Jammu (iii) Jammu & Kashmir (iv) Kashmir & Laddakh
  - (b) Find the odd one \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
    - (i) India (ii) Pakistan (iii) China (iv) Bhutan
  - (c) President Ram Nath Kovind issued a constitutional order superseding the 1954 order on \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
    - (i) 31st Oct. 2019 (ii) 5th Aug. 2019 (iii) 6th Aug. 2019 (iv) 5th Sep. 2019
  - (d) The reorganisation is scheduled to take place on \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
  - (e) Reorganisation Act was passed, enacting the division of the state of Jammu & Kashmir into three union territories. (True / False) (1)
  - (f) The government of India withdraw the special status in \_\_\_\_\_ (1)
  - (g) The article was drafted in part XXI of the constitution : \_\_\_\_\_ provisions. (1)
    - (i) Special (ii) Temperory (iii) Transitional (iv) All three
  - (h) Jammu & Kashmir - a state in India, located in \_\_\_\_\_ part of India. (1)

- Q.2) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows. (12)**
- IS MEDIA BOON OR BANE ?**
- 1) Everything in this modern age is powered by media from the moment we wake up until we sleep at night. Have we ever asked ourselves how all of this affects our reasoning, our power to choose and our lifestyle.
  - 2) Mass media plays a very *prominent* role in our lives. Therefore, there are various effects of mass media on society at large. The wide reach offered by mass media is phenomenal. It can target both local and global audience. Over the years, mass media has played an important role in making people understand the meaning of democracy. We also come to know about the strengths and weaknesses of the economy of our country, the various problems faced by the nation, achievements of the nation in different sectors, through the prompt and precise reporting of different forms of media. In a country like ours, where there are many castes, religions and languages spoken, media has even more tough responsibility of conveying the true news to the citizens. Media plays a very important role in shaping the personality of people. Media has done much good to society by exposing various *scams, scandals, frauds, embezzlements* and many other cases of corruption, leading to *initiation* of inquiries and other processes of prosecution against the *perpetrators* of these crimes.
  - 3) However media does have some shortcomings; growing consumerism and materialism have *adversely* impacted our media. At times, the information reported may not be *authentic* from every angle. Hence, there may be a

<p>4)</p> <p>2.1)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(d)</p> <p>2.2)</p> <p>(a)</p> <p>(i)</p> <p>(b)</p> <p>(c)</p> <p>(d)</p>	<p>misinterpretation of a situation. News can be <i>manipulated</i> to influence the minds of the audiences. Media bias can occur due to various issues. A journalist or an editor may give personal preference to an issue. A particular event or a celebrity may receive undue importance and set wrong ideals before the youth. Unnecessary <i>sensationalism</i> of an issue may project incorrect information to the public.</p> <p>There is the danger that comes when making money is more important than quality of information flow. It clearly <i>hampers</i> the honest and unbiased functioning of the organisation. For long term solutions, we will have to bank on the educational institutions to educate, train, <i>groom</i> and prepare the youth to be more <i>discerning</i> viewers rather than passive spectators or participants in order to avoid any irresponsible influence or working of the media.</p> <p><b>On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each :</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(2 x 4 = 8)</b></span></p> <p>When does a case of misinterpretation of a situation arise in media ? <span style="float: right;">(2)</span></p> <p>What can hamper the honest and unbiased functioning of a media organization ? <span style="float: right;">(2)</span></p> <p>What sets a wrong ideal before the youth ? <span style="float: right;">(2)</span></p> <p>What 'good' has media done for society ? <span style="float: right;">(2)</span></p> <p><b>On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(1 x 4 = 4)</b></span></p> <p>The synonym of 'curse' / 'disadvantage' as given in the passage is _____ <span style="float: right;">(1)</span></p> <p>(i) boon                      (ii) bane                      (iii) manipulate                      (iv) perpetrators</p> <p>The synonym of 'unfavorably' as given in paragraph 3 is _____ <span style="float: right;">(1)</span></p> <p>The antonym of 'unreliable' as given in paragraph 3 is _____ <span style="float: right;">(1)</span></p> <p>(i) Incredible                      (ii) Fake                      (iii) Authentic                      (iv) Corrupt</p> <p>The antonym of 'partial' as given in paragraph 4 is _____ <span style="float: right;">(1)</span></p>
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**SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR** **(30 Marks)**

<p>Q.3)</p>	<p>(a) You bought a new 'VIP' washing machine from M/s. Vedom Electronic, Commercial Street, Nagpur, last week. Now you find that the machine makes an unbearable noise and the motor tears away delicate fabrics. Write a letter in about 100-150 words to the dealer complaining about the same and requesting him to change the machine as early as possible. You are Reet / Vrinda, Vrindavan Colony, Nagpur. <span style="float: right;"><b>(8)</b></span></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b></p> <p>(b) You are Ravi / Rajni, the student Incharge of your school. Recently, you found students using polythene bags to carry eatables, etc. You decide to spread awareness, against the environmental hazards caused by polythene. Write an article in about 120-150 words.</p>
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<p>Q.4)</p>	<p>(a) <b>Develop the story with the help of the visual input given below and write the story in 150-200 words.</b></p>
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<p>(b)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OR</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>(10)</b></span></p> <p><b>Construct the story in about 150-200 words. Begin with words ....</b></p> <p>There had been many robberies in our area in the recent weeks. The burglar was very clever and nearly always struck around 3:00 AM at night, when most people in our locality were in their .....</p>
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**Q.5) Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. (4)**

Today a good many varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. Green tea is popular (a) \_\_\_\_\_ China and the Far East. In Japan, the tea ceremony (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a traditional way of greeting guests, (c) \_\_\_\_\_ is a social occasion. Indians (d) \_\_\_\_\_ real tea-lovers.

(a) (i) on (ii) at (iii) in (iv) for  
 (b) (i) am (ii) were (iii) are (iv) is  
 (c) (i) and (ii) it (iii) both (iv) this  
 (d) (i) is (ii) were (iii) am (iv) are

**Q.6) The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each of the indicated lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. (1 x 4 = 4)**

	Error	Correction
As the schoolboy, Sachin Tendulkar scored	e.g. the	a
a century in almost every innings he plays.	(a) _____	_____
His record partnership for 664 with his	(b) _____	_____
friend Vinod Kambli on Harris Shield inter-school	(c) _____	_____
match was still fresh in the hearts	(d) _____	_____
and minds of every cricket fan.		

**Q.7) Rearrange the following words into meaningful sentences. (4)**

(a) determined / to / was / her / she / pursue / music / interest / in  
 (b) noticed / girl / playing / she / piano / and / a / play / decided / too / to  
 (c) most / father / her / teachers / and / of / discouraged / the / but / her  
 (d) one / finally / became / the / of / she / musicians / of / world / the / greatest

**SECTION C - LITERATURE**

**(30 Marks)**

**Q.8) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow - (4)**

Coorgi homes have a tradition of hospitality, and they are more than willing to recount numerous tales of valour related to their sons and fathers. The Coorg Regiment is one of the most decorated in the Indian Army, and the first Chief of the Indian Army, General Cariappa, was a Coorgi. Even now, Kodavus are the only people in India permitted to carry firearms without a license.

(a) Which Regiment is the most decorated regiment ? (1)  
 (b) Who was the first Chief of the Indian Army ? (1)  
 (c) Which word in the passage means the same as 'brigade' ? (1)  
 (i) valour (ii) recount (iii) regiment (iv) decorated  
 (d) The tales that are popular in Coorgi homes are of : (1)  
 (i) the Indian Army (ii) the Kodavus (iii) General Cariappa (iv) tales of valour

**OR**

Money is external.  
 He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,  
 The epistemology of loss, how to stand up  
 Knowing what every man must one day know  
 And most know many days, how to stand up.

(a) "The Ball Poem" is written by-----  
 (b) 'He' here stands for  
 (i) the poet (ii) the boy (iii) boy's friend (iv) boy's father  
 (c) What is the boy learning ?  
 (i) About life (ii) About worldly things (iii) About loss (iv) All of these  
 (d) Find the word from the stanza that means 'nature' or 'knowledge'.

**Q.9) Answer ANY FIVE of the following questions in 30 - 40 words each : (2 x 5 = 10)**

(a) What happened when the young seagull dived at the fish picked up by his mother ? (2)  
 (b) How does the poet personify the fog ? What are the similarities between the fog and cat ? (2)  
 (c) Describe guesses that were made by Think - Tank about the books found on earth. (2)  
 (d) How did Custard prove that he was a brave dragon ? (2)

(e)	Why would you not agree with Lencho calling the postal officials 'a bunch of crooks' ?	(2)
(f)	Why was the arrival of the stranger in a village inn an unusual event ? Give two reasons.	(2)
<b>Q.10)</b>	<b>Answer the following question in 100 - 150 words.</b>	<b>(8)</b>
(a)	At the beginning of his speech, Mandela mentions "an extraordinary human disaster". What does he mean by this? What is the "glorious human achievement" he speaks of at the end ?	
	<b>OR</b>	
(b)	The poem 'Fire and Ice', carries with it very deep thematic ideas. Elaborate on these darkest traits of humanity. What does poet want to say ?	
<b>Q.11)</b>	<b>Answer the following in 100 - 150 words.</b>	<b>(8)</b>
(a)	In life, people who easily trust others are sometimes made to look foolish. One should not be too trusting. Describe how Oliver Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer.	
	<b>OR</b>	
(b)	Love and affection can transform even a criminal. Explain how it is true in case of Hari Singh in 'The Thief's Story' ?	

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