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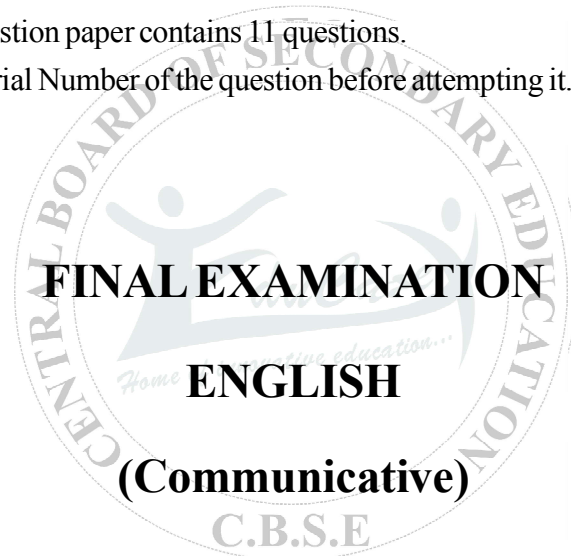
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- Please check that this question paper contains 5 printed pages.
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Time allowed : 3 hours

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)**
- Rabindranath Tagore**
- 1) *Rabindranath was a born poet who began composing when he was barely seven years old. But he wrote great poetry after the 'Great Illumination' which gave him a new insight into the universe. It happened when he was just eighteen, He describe this experience akin to lifting of an ancient mist from sight. Rabindranath Tagore was born in Calcutta on 7th May, 1861. He was lucky in the moment of his birth. The second half of the 19th century was the period of full flowering of the Indian Renaissance. It was an age when, in contact with the English, India was struggling to come out of hibernation, isolation and backwardness.*
- 2) *The English arrived and brought along with them the revival of learning. Those were stirring times when men of genius like Tagore could make their presence felt. Humanist to the core, he was a nationalist who dreamt of India as a nation free from superstitions. He strove to develop scientific spirit among Indians. At the age of seventeen he was sent to England for higher study. On his return from England he was married to Mirnalini Devi in 1883. He became the Secretary of Adi Brahma Samaj, of which his father was a great leader. He was a tireless critic of the caste system and upheld the dignity of every caste. He was a true humanist.*
- 3) *In 1901 Tagore made a great contribution in the field of education. At Bolpur his father established an Ashram called Shantiniketan. Here, Rabindranath founded his open-air school which later on developed into a famous university, Vishwa Bharti. Tagore composed Jan Gana Mana, the national song, on the eve of reunification of Bengal.*
- 4) *Guru Dev, as Tagore was affectionately called, won the Nobel Prize in 1913 for his Gitanjali and was knighted in 1915. However, Tagore renounced the knighthood in 1919 in protest against the Jalianwala Bagh massacre. At the age of 80, the end of fruitful life came in 1941. As a humanist poet and true nationalist, he will always be remembered.*
- On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions : (1 x 8 = 8)**
- (a) 'Jana Gana Mana' was composed by (1)
- (i) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee (ii) Mahatma Gandhi
(iii) Subramaniam Bharti (iv) Rabindranath Tagore
- (b) In 1913 Rabindranath Tagore won (1)
- (i) Bharat Ratna (ii) Nobel Prize (iii) Padma Shree (iv) Padma Vibhusan
- (c) Tagore rejected his knighthood in protest against (1)
- (i) Rowlatt act (ii) Jalianwala Bagh Massacre
(iii) Sedition act (iv) Non-cooperation Movement
- (d) Rabindranath founded a famous university (1)
- (i) Vishwa Bharti (ii) Shanti Niketan (iii) Sedition Act (iv) Vishwa Shanti
- (e) Tagore was affectionately called _____. (1)
- (f) What is the correct order of the information given below : (1)
- (i) Knighted for Gitanjali (ii) Great contribution in field of education
(iii) Won the Nobel prize (iv) married to Mirnalini Devi
- (g) At the age of eighteen he was sent for higher studies. (True / False). (1)
- (h) He was sent for higher studies to _____. (1)
- (i) France (ii) England (iii) America (iv) U.S.S.R.

- Q.2) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follows. (12)**
- 1) *Apropos the article 'Children of a Lesser God' in the context Of the "Public hearing on child labour, organised by the campaign against child labour." It is obvious that more heat than light has been generated on the issue of child labour. One has to find out as to why children are forced to work as labourers because it is a highly debatable topic with no actual and evident cause of the situation. Is choice or compulsion ?*
- 2) *Leaving aside bonded labour, none will like his/her children to work as labourers. All would like their children to attend school and be educated. And ultimately, it is for the children to pursue studies and not run away from school. However, more often most of the children working as labour in towns and cities are school dropouts because they have found study to be too difficult. I have come across many children who are unwilling to study despite being provided free tuitions. They consider studying to be the most difficult work. They repent only when it is too*

- late. After all one can take a child to school, but can not force him to study.
- 3) The government is guilty only to the extent that it has failed to provide free and compulsory education to all children between the ages of 6 and 14 years and provide suitable facilities within walking distance of all families. Providing free meals to children has also not succeeded.
- 4) In case, the children do not study and are not gainfully employed, they become vagabonds and indulge in anti-social activities, thereby becoming a problem for the family and for the society. Under these circumstances, it is better for the children to be employed i.e. occupied in their traditional profession or at some other place.

2.1) **On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in about 30-40 words each :** (2 x 4 = 8)

- (a) Why does the writer say that the issue of child labour has generated more heat than light? (2)
- (b) Why can't the parents and authorities be totally blamed for child labour? (2)
- (c) To what extent is the Government guilty? (2)
- (d) Why should the children work in case they do not study? (2)

2.2 **On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following** (1 x 4 = 4)

- (a) The synonym of 'follow' as given in paragraph 2 is _____
- (i) Stop (ii) Repent (iii) Unwilling (iv) Pursue (1)
- (b) The synonym of 'unsettled life' as given in paragraph 4 is _____ (1)
- (c) The antonym of 'unclear' as given in paragraph 1 is _____
- (i) Doubtful (ii) Obvious (iii) Vague (iv) Compulsion (1)
- (d) The antonym of 'be happy / satisfaction' as given in paragraph 2 is _____ (1)

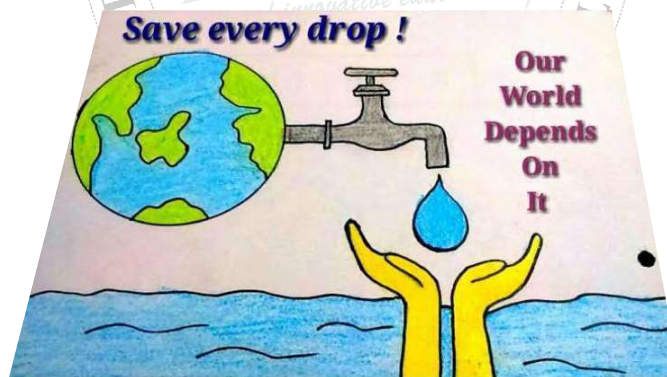
SECTION B - WRITING & GRAMMAR

(30 Marks)

- Q.3) (a) Social networking sites have become the latest fad among school going children. The craze has very bad impact on the youngsters. Considering its gravity, you want to express your concern by writing a letter to the Editor of Hindustan Times, of about 100-120 words. You are Nakul / Neelima of Sant Tukaram Nagar, Nagpur - 25.

OR

- (b) You are Satish / Savi. You are concern about the acute water shortage that India is likely to face during summers. Water is essential for life on the planet. Wherever there is water there is life. Look at the visual given below and write an article giving your views on, 'Why it is Important to Save Water'. Suggest ways to save water.



- Q.4) (a) **Write a story in 150-200 words with the outline given below :** (10)

Seven years old ---- lost my wallet in the school ---- searched everywhere ---- could not find anywhere ---- thinking about parents scolding ---- came back home ---- told about lost wallet ---- received a lecture ---- mother told father about carelessness ---- received another lecture from father ---- not pleasant to lose something then get scolding for losing it

OR

- (b) **Construct the story in about 150-200 words. Begin with words**

“Generally, with the examination round the corner, the stress level of both the wards and the parents are high and sometimes, it reaches the breaking point. The same thing happened with me but the picture was different with my parents, the date of my examination was declared. I was horrified.....but

Q.5) Fill in the blanks in the paragraph given below by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. (4)
 He will fly (a) _____ Madras (b) _____ 7th December. The plane (c) _____ reach Madras at 11.00 am. He (d) _____ stay at Hotel Plaza.

(a) (i) in (ii) on (iii) to (iv) after
 (b) (i) on (ii) in (iii) for (iv) from
 (c) (i) may (ii) can (iii) will (iv) could
 (d) (i) could (ii) will (iii) shall (iv) must

Q.6) In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it, in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1 x 4 = 4)

	Before	Word	After
Climate of Mumbai is a fluctuating one it is	e.g. one	as	it
a coastal area and the weather highly	(a) _____	_____	_____
influenced by the presence the Arabian Sea.	(b) _____	_____	_____
Generally May is hottest month of the year	(c) _____	_____	_____
and the average temperature between 32°C - 40°C	(d) _____	_____	_____

Q.7) Read the dialogue given below and then complete the report that follows. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. (4)

Asha : Hello, Aunt! How are you feeling today?
 Aunt : I am feeling much better now.
 Asha : What exactly had happened to you?
 Aunt : I had a bad case of food poisoning and high fever.
 Asha greeted Aunt and (a) _____ Aunt said (b) _____ Asha enquired (c) _____ to which Aunt informed her (d) _____ of food poisoning and high fever.

SECTION C - LITERATURE (30 Marks)

Q.8) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow - (1 x 4 = 4)
On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr De Klerk was first sworn in as second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of the Republic and its people.

(a) Zenani was the daughter of _____
 (i) Thabo Mbeki (ii) Mr De Klerk (iii) Nelson Mandela (iv) None of these

(b) _____ was sworn in as the first Deputy President.

(c) Mandela pledged to obey and uphold the constitution. (True/False)

(d) Give a synonym of 'oath' from the extract.

OR

*It sits looking
 over harbour and city
 on silent haunches
 and then moves on.*

(a) The fog spreads over the _____ and city on silent haunches like a cat.
 (b) The fog _____ after some time just as a cat does. (appears / disappears)
 (c) The poetic device in the extract is personification. (True/False)
 (d) Find the word with the same meaning of 'port' in the extract.

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

(a) What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it? (2)
 (b) What does Anne write in her first essay? (2)
 (c) How did the other pets : Mustard, Ink, Mouse react when they saw the pirate? (2)
 (d) Why did the thief return to his master even when he could have escaped? (2)
 (e) Why does Valli refuse to look out of the window on her way back? (2)
 (f) What was Horace Danby's hobby? How did he manage to fulfill it? (2)

Q.10)	<p>Answer the following question in 100 - 150 words. (8)</p> <p>(a) How does the poet advocate freedom of the tiger in the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' ? What is the ideal conditions for the tiger ?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) "The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain...." With this statement of the Buddha, find out the moral value that Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child.</p>
Q.11)	<p>Answer the following in 100 - 150 words. (8)</p> <p>(a) Griffin was a brilliant scientist but not a true one. What made him a bad scientist ? What does it show about his character ? How is the value of 'welfare for all' important in the life of a scientist ?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(b) Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishambar's greed ?</p>

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