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- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains **11** questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

**ENGLISH (Elective)-(C)**

*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

*The Question paper is divided into **three** sections :*

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| <b>Section A - Reading</b>             | <b>20 marks</b> |
| <b>Section B - Writing and Grammar</b> | <b>40 marks</b> |
| <b>Section C - Literature</b>          | <b>40 marks</b> |

**General Instructions :**

- (i) *All the questions are **compulsory**.*
- (ii) *You may attempt any section at a time.*
- (iii) *All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.*

**SECTION - A****20****(Reading)****1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 10**

1. Generosity is one of the most admired attributes any person can exhibit. Whether a child donates his hard-earned allowance to a disaster-relief effort or a business-man donates millions of dollars to charity, we feel appreciation and admiration for those who are generous. But admiration and appreciation aren't the only benefits of generosity. In addition to the heartfelt joy experienced whenever you help meet the needs of others, Solomon promises that those who are generous will never lack anything, and your prosperity will always increase. He tells us that those who give generously to others will gain back even more than they give. Sounds impossible ? Psychologists tell us that the two greatest motivating forces in a person's life are his desire for gain and his fear of loss. Solomon assures us that generosity directly impacts both. If you could wave a magic wand that would guarantee that you would never lack your material needs, and that you would experience an ever-increasing prosperity, how much would that wand be worth ? Solomon puts that wand in your hand; all you have to do is to become truly generous.
2. What does Solomon mean, when he talks about generosity ? Collectively, the words he chooses imply that a generous person is one who freely gives a significant portion of what he has to meet the needs of others, and that he does so with no expectation of receiving anything in return. Although he's speaking primarily of being generous financially and materially, generosity isn't limited to that. Being generous means being focused on meeting the genuine needs of other people, whether with money, deeds, or emotional support or assistance.
3. A lot of people think that you have to be rich to be generous. Nothing could be further from the truth. One of the most generous people I have known was a janitor I worked with in college. He scrubbed toilets five nights a week and took care of his bedridden wife during the day. He was generous with everything he had : his time, his kind words, his thoughtfulness and his considerate acts. I once asked him if there was anything he needed.

“Heavens, no !” he replied. “Everything I have ever needed has always been abundantly provided.” To this day, I have never met a happier man. As Solomon promised, he never lacked anything; and just as he refreshed others, he was himself refreshed.

4. And those who are not generous ? Solomon says they will fall into poverty. Not necessarily financial or material poverty, but poverty of the soul. They are never satisfied with whatever they have and constantly need more. They become emotionally bankrupt. Generosity starts in the heart. It always takes action, and it is never passive.

**1.1** On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions very briefly :

**1x6=6**

- (a) How do we feel towards people who are generous ?
- (b) What according to Solomon are the rewards of generosity ?
- (c) Who is a truly generous person ?
- (d) Why does Solomon disapprove of lack of generosity ?
- (e) How did the janitor mentioned in Para 3 practise generosity ?
- (f) What is the author's attitude to the janitor ?

**1.2** Choose the meanings of the words given below from the given options :

**1x4=4**

(a) Attributes (Para 1)

- (i) qualities (ii) acts (iii) desires (iv) sides

(b) Prosperity (Para 1)

- (i) power (ii) reputation (iii) wealth (iv) fame

(c) Genuine (Para 2)

- (i) legal (ii) urgent (iii) main (iv) real

(d) Scrubbed (Para 3)

- (i) shined (ii) cleaned (iii) dusted (iv) closed

**2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 10**

The Internet is so far one of the greatest inventions of all time. The Internet has made it possible for us to do lots of things. People can shop in online stores, communicate with family and friends via Skype or Facebook, watch the latest videos on YouTube, blog and make money from it, and so much more.

The Internet has proven to be very useful and has come with lots of advantages. The Internet has made it easy for people to communicate with others because it is cheap and convenient. The **only** costs incurred are those paid to the Internet service provider. If you want to talk to someone who is in another part of the globe, you can just fire up Skype or any other communication app and hold a video chat.

Services such as Skype have helped people from geographically segmented countries to interact and share ideas. As such, people are able to share their thoughts and views on matters affecting the globe. The Internet acts as a common global platform where people explore ideologies and cultures without limitation.

The Internet is **swamped** with information about anything and everything. There are multiple **search** engines that have made it easier for the Internet users to find information. For example, it is now common for people to look for free advice from the Internet on all sorts of issues. The premise here is that whatever problem you are experiencing, someone somewhere has experienced it and probably solved it.

You can also get the latest news, breakthroughs in all fields including medicine and even research publications at the click of a button. The Internet is basically a globally accessible repository of knowledge, and the best part is everyone gets to chip in.

Today it is possible to carry out financial transactions online. You can transfer funds, pay taxes and utility bills or book movie tickets over the Internet in the comfort of your office or home.

The growth of e-commerce has made it possible for people to shop for most things online. This has seen the emergence of retail giants. They sell consumer goods globally. Such a feat was virtually impossible before the Internet.

The Internet has undoubtedly tremendous advantages for everyone but it is not an unmixed blessing. It has its own downside.

Unwanted and useless emails are a nuisance. These emails obstruct the recipient endlessly. They are illegal and can cause frustration because they make it hard for people to access their emails accounts. Besides malicious programmes like Trojan, Virus and other malwares attack a computer with the sole intent of causing harm.

The fact that the Internet has become a market place has also seen a rise in fraud cases. Credit/debit card details are particularly vulnerable. This calls for extreme caution when transacting online. Make sure to use a reliable payment processor instead of sending your details directly to an individual or business.

Just like everything else, people also get addicted to the Internet. This may sound bizarre, but some people spend more than their fair amount of time on the Internet. This affects their social interactions a great deal. The Internet addiction has been known to be a major cause of obesity and has, in some cases, led to some diseases like carpal tunnel syndrome.

- 2.1** On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using recognizable abbreviations, wherever necessary. Use a format you consider suitable. Supply a suitable title. **6**
- 2.2** Write a summary of the above passage in about **80** words. **4**

## SECTION - B

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## (Writing and Grammar)

3. Draft an advertisement in **50-60** words to be published in the classified columns of a local daily for the sale of your flat as you are shifting to another city. Give all the relevant details like location, size, floor, price etc. You are Madan/Mohini. Your contact number is 981xxxxxxx. 4

OR

You are Principal of A.N. Public School. You have decided to organize a three-day tour to Mysore. Draft a notice in **50-60** words inviting the interested students to submit their names along with consent letters from their parents. Give all the relevant details.

4. You are Manager, Messrs A.P. Stationers. You have received a bulk order for the supply of stationery items from the Principal, New Modern School, Kolkata. However, you are not in a position to execute the order by the deadline specified by him as your hands are full with orders from other institutions. Write a polite letter requesting for some more time to enable you to meet the requirements. **(120-150 words)** 6

OR

The main park in your locality is in a state of utter neglect. The gardening staff is seldom seen doing their assigned duties with the result that the greenery is fast disappearing. Besides, the main gate to access the park is broken allowing free passage to stray animals. Complaints to the concerned authorities have not yielded any positive results. Write a letter in **120-150** words to the editor of a local daily to draw the attention of concerned department to the problem. Also give concrete suggestions. You are Praful/Pratibha, 24 Govindpuri, Jaipur.

5. Last year your school organised a ten-day tour to Nainital. Twenty students of your school along with two teachers went on the tour. You were all greatly excited. The cool weather of Nainital, boating in the Naini Lake, a visit to Tiffin Top, Naina Devi Temple and other places were an unforgettable experience. As Head Boy/ Head Girl write a report in **150-200** words for the school magazine. You are Yash/Yogita. **10**

OR

Yoga is becoming more and more popular. It is generally believed that it is very helpful in maintaining physical and mental health. Write a speech in **150-200** words to be delivered in the morning assembly on "Importance of Yoga for students." You are Rishi/Ritika.

6. The energy and enthusiasm of the youth of the country can be effectively used to bring about a welcome change in the society. The youth can contribute a lot by taking part in activities like adult literacy campaigns, cleanliness drives, tree plantation, visiting old age homes etc. Write an article in **150-200** words on "Harnessing Youth Energy." You are Ram/Rani. **10**

OR

Successful men have often talked about the positive effects of failure. Our failures do unnerve and demoralize us but also act as a great teacher. They tell us where we have gone wrong and what we should do to overcome obstacles in our way. Write an article in **150-200** words on "Positive effects of failure". You are Raman/Roshni.

7. (A) Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. **3**
- (a) is/each/a/one of us/person/unique
  - (b) proud/we/abilities/our/should/of/be.
  - (c) compare/should not/ourselves/we/with others.

**(B)** You are suffering from recurrent sore throat. You visit an E.N.T. specialist who suggests a minor surgery. Frame six questions you would like to ask the doctor. You may use the following clues : **3**

- (a) cause
  - (b) why medication will not help/why surgery necessary
  - (c) duration of treatment
  - (d) cost
  - (e) precautions
  - (f) any complications after surgery
- (C)** The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the error and the correction in your answer book against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied.  **$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$**

|                                           | Error     | Correction |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| But to beat men on the dowry              | (a) _____ | _____      |
| game, girls of India should remember that | (b) _____ | _____      |
| they have numbers on her side.            | (c) _____ | _____      |
| There are more boys in that country       | (d) _____ | _____      |
| than girls. So it is boys which           | (e) _____ | _____      |
| should be running towards girls           | (f) _____ | _____      |
| if they want to get marry. It is          | (g) _____ | _____      |
| they who should infact pay a price.       | (h) _____ | _____      |

**SECTION - C**  
**(Literature)**

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8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : 10

(A) “Hope” is the thing with feathers -

That perches in the soul -

And sings the tune without the words -

And never stops - at all -

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1
- (b) To what does the poet compare hope ? 1
- (c) Where does hope dwell ? 1
- (d) What is remarkable about the tune of hope ? 1
- (e) Explain : And never stops - at all. 1

(B) And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep

Steady thy laden head across a brook,

Or by a cider-press, with patient look;

Thou watchest the last oozy hours by hours.

- (a) What is being described in the first two lines ? 1
- (b) Why does the person crossing the brook have to keep his head steady ? 1
- (c) What is a cider-press ? 1
- (d) What is the person sitting by the side of the cider-press doing ? 1
- (e) Name the figure of speech used in ‘like a gleaner thou dost keep/Steady thy laden head across a brook.’ 1

9. Answer the following in **50-60** words : **4**

How does Sergeant Major Morris' warning turn out to be true ?

**OR**

Do you think Lord Weston responded sensibly to the situation ? Give a reasoned answer.

10. (A) Answer **any two** of the following in **80-100** words each : **5+5=10**

- (a) Despite Mr.Verma's irrational and eccentric behaviour Rakesh continues to sincerely perform his duties as a son and doctor. Comment.
- (b) What values are highlighted by Ruskin Bond in "What's Your Dream"? How important are these values ?
- (c) What distinction does Robert Lynd make between mosquitoes and wasps, and bees ?

- (B) Answer the following in **120-150** words : **6**

What is the attitude of the children to Marian ? How is Freda different from them ?

**OR**

What are Nehru's views on danger ? Why should we look at danger positively ?

11. Answer the following in **150-200** words : **10**

Describe the circumstances leading to Griffin's tragic death.

**OR**

The reader feels relieved at the end of the novel, 'The Invisible Man' but cannot help feeling a sense of sadness and waste. Comment.

**OR**

Do you think Dunstan Cass deserved the end he met ? Give a reasoned answer.

**OR**

What kind of life did Silas lead in Raveloe before the coming of Eppie into his life ?

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