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**ENGLISH**  
**(Language and Literature)**

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum marks : 100

General Instructions:

a. This paper consists of four sections.

Section A – Reading 20 marks

Section B – Writing 20 marks

Section C – Grammar 15 marks

Section D – Text Books 45 marks

b. All questions are compulsory.

c. Marks are indicated against each question.

**SECTION – A (Reading)**

**20 marks**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

**(12 marks)**

Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the Central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq km. It lies north of Almora in Utrakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides the 300 – km wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peak on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 ft.). Then there are also

Nilkanth, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At sunrise and sunset, when the colour changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.

When Gandhi ji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guesthouse of the tea estate. It was renamed "Anashakti Ashram" after the book.

Kausani is the birth place of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surrounding inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forest and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttranchal is the abode of Gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

- 1.1. Answer the following questions briefly: **(9 marks)**
- (a) Where is Kausani situated? (2)
  - (b) What is the most striking aspect of Kausani? (1)
  - (c) Which is the most famous peak on view from Kausani? What is so significant about this peak? (2)
  - (d) When does the view of peaks become most memorable? (1)
  - (e) How can we say the Gandhi ji was greatly charmed by the natural beauty of Kausani? Give two reasons. (2)
  - (f) What are its tea gardens found mixed with? (1)

- 1.2 Find the word/phrase in the passage which means the same as the following : **(3 marks)**
- (i) hill's sharp tops para 2 (1)
  - (ii) extended para 3 (1)
  - (iii) home/dwelling para 4 (1)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: **(8 marks)**

A gentleman was repeatedly picking up starfish along a beach in Mexico. He was throwing them into the sea. When asked why he was doing so he said, "I am throwing these starfish back into the ocean because they came in with the high tide and now the tide has receded, they will die here, stranded." But there must be thousand on every beach. You can't possibly make a difference", asked the other man. The man smiled, lifted yet another starfish and as he threw it back into the sea, said, "made a difference to that one."

The story shows that it is not the big things only that really count in life. In fact all great people build their character by doing small day-to-day good actions. Gandhi ji, once, was standing

in the open compartment door of a speeding train. He was lost in his thoughts when one of his 'chappals' slipped from his foot and fell down. The moment he realized it was gone, he dropped the other one too. On being asked why he did so he replied, "One chappal is of no use to me, nor to him who finds the dropped one. So he might as well have the full pair." This incident shows that nothing was too insignificant for Gandhi ji.

- (a) What was the gentleman doing with the starfish at the shore? Why? (2)
- (b) Did he make any difference? What was that? (2)
- (c) Did he Gandhi ji do when he realized that one of his 'chappals' fell down from his feet his foot? (1)
- (d) What explanation did he offer for his act? (2)
- (e) What does it shows about Gandhi ji's attitude (1)

### SECTION – B (Writing)

**20 Marks**

3. You are Ishita/Mudit , living at B-123, Bank Colony, New Delhi. You have come to know that your friend, Varsha is not happy in her new school. Write a letter advising her to keep patience, devote time to studies and make new friends. OR (8 marks)

A lot of garbage is thrown on the main road near the bus stop outside your colony causing bad smell. It becomes worse when it rains. Write a letter to the Municipal commissioner, asking him to take urgent action in the matter. You are sahobit/Shobhna of 15, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi.

4. A number of festivals are celebrated in different pars of India in a variety of ways. Write an article, in not more than 80 words, on 'India, a Country of Festivals's. (8 marks)

**OR**

Crime is reported to be increasing especially in Delhi. This is a reflection on the law and order situation. You want to create awareness about it. Using the hints given below write a paragraph in not more than 80 words.

Murders – kidnappings – crime against the old – crime against women – theft of vehicles – police force not sufficient in proportion to population

5. Your school organized a Social Science Exhibition displaying several models and charts related to the evolution of man, means of transport and communication, art, dances of India, etc. Write a report in about 60 words for your school magazine. You are Piyush/Priyanka, Head Boy/Head Girl of your school. (4 marks)

## SECTION – C (Grammar)

15 marks

6. In the passage given below, 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.

Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown: (8 x ½ = 4 marks)

'Appu Ghar is oldest and one of most popular amusement parks Delhi. It has different types rides including water-based ones. There is maximum crowd weekends. Located in Pragati Maidan, it is right the heart of the capital is easily reachable even the Metro train.

e.g is the oldest  
(a)  
(b)  
(c)  
(d)  
(e)  
(f)  
(g)  
(h)

7. Read the following and fill in the blanks with the correct from the words given in brackets. Correctly number and write the answer in your answer sheet. (8x1/2 = 4 marks)

A mini bus (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) school children (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (overturn) in East Delhi on Monday killing a teacher and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (serious) injuring several students. Some children (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (suffer) injuries on their faces and the condition of two girls (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (be) critical. The injured (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (admit) to various hospitals. The police said that the mini bus (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (carry) twenty five students when the incident (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (take) place.

8. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence: (4 marks)

Rajeev : Where are you going?  
Pradeep : I am going to the airport.  
Rajeev : Why are you going there?  
Pradeep : My mother is to arrive from U.S.A at 7:30 a.m.  
Rajeev asked Pradeep (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Pradeep replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_.  
Rajeev further inquired (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Pradeep told him (d) \_\_\_\_\_  
From U.S.A. at 7:30 a.m.

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. (3x1 = 3 marks)

Examples:

Of / Assam/nor-east/situated in/ India/ is / the  
Assam is situated in the north-east of India.

- (1) Big rivers/and /thick/ it/ blue hills/ forests/ has  
(2) Assam/ flows/ through/ Brahmaputra/ The great  
(3) There/ many/ live/ animals/ wild

### SECTION – D (Text Books)

45 Marks

10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5 marks)

All through the night, Lencho thought only of his one hope: the help of God, whose eyes, as he had been instructed, see everything, even what is deep in one's conscience. Lencho was an ox of a man, working like an animal in the fields, but still he knew how to write. The following Sunday, a daybreak, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail.

- (a) What did Lencho think all through the night? (1)  
(b) Why did he pin his hopes on God alone? (2)  
(c) Why has he been called 'an ox of a man'? (1)  
(d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'an inner sense of right and wrong'? (1)

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answer correctly. (5 marks)

In finished my poem and it was beautiful ! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments, and to several other classes as well. Since then I've been allowed to talk and haven't been assigned any extra homework. On the contrary, Mr. Keesing always making jokes these days.

- (a) Why does Anne say that the poem was beautiful? (1)  
(b) How did Mr. Keesing react to it? (1)  
(c) What changes came in Mr. Keesing's behavior towards Anne after he had read the poem? (2)

(d) Which word in the passage means the same as ‘given a particular job to somebody’?(1)

12. Answer the following question in about 80 words:

(6 marks)

Which two obligations, according to Nelson Mandela, does every man have in life? How could a man not fulfill these obligations in a country like South Africa? **OR**  
Describe the narrator’s experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm.

13. Answer the following question in 30-40 words:

(4 marks)

Why does Ivan Lomov come to meet Stepan Chubukov? What does Chubukov think he has come for? How do you know? **OR**  
What did the letter from Wanda’s father say?

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answer correctly. (4 marks)

Belinda paled, and she cried Help ! Help !  
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,  
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,  
And little mouse Blink strategically mousehold.

- (a) Why did Belinda cry for help? (1)
- (b) Who are Mustard and Ink? (1)
- (c) What did they do? (1)
- (d) Where did the mouse slip away? (1)

**OR**

He given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of the day I had rued.

- (a) What type of mood the poet was in ? (1)
- (b) What does the poet say has changed his mood? (1)
- (c) What was the result? (1)
- (d) What is the rhyme scheme in the stanza? (1)

15. Answer any two of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each on the basis of the lines given below : (8 marks)

- (a) Stalking the length of his cage,  
Ignoring visitors.

What is the tiger doing? Why is he ignoring the visitors? (3)

- (b) (----- a mermaid, drifting blissfully)

Who is Amanda? What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid? (3)

- (c) ----- no sun bury its feet in shadow -----

What does the poet mean by the sun's feet? What picture do these words create in mind?

(3)

16. Answer the following question in about 100 words:

(8 marks)

“Griffin was rather a lawless person.” Do you agree? Give a reasoned answer.

**OR**

Mr. Herriot, a veterinary surgeon is tactful as well as full of common sense. Do you agree? Justify your answer giving instances from the story you have read.

17. Answer the following question in 30 - 40 words:

(4 marks)

How did Bholi react when her father caught her by the hand to take her to school? Why?

**OR**

“But there was one thing I could do – collect things.” What collection did Ebright make? When did he start making collection?

18. Answer the following question in 20 – 30 words:

(3 marks)

Why did Matilda's husband go out into the cold night minutes after returning from the ball? Was he successful in his purpose?

**OR**

Why was the twentieth century called the 'Era of the book'?