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## ENGLISH (Communicative)

*Time allowed : 3 hours ]*

*[ Maximum Marks : 100*

### **General Instructions :**

*This paper consists of four sections —*

*Section A — Reading            20 marks*

*Section B — Writing            30 marks*

*Section C — Grammar        20 marks*

*Section D — Literature        30 marks*

1. *Attempt all questions.*
2. *Do **not** write anything in the question paper.*
3. *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
4. *Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
5. *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
6. *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

### **SECTION - A (Reading)**

**20 marks**

**A.1** Read the following poem carefully :

**(8 marks)**

#### **A GREEN CORNFIELD**

The earth was green, the sky was blue;  
I saw and heard one sunny morn  
A skylark hang between the two,  
A singing speck above the corn.  
A stage below in gay accord,  
White butterflies danced on wing,  
And still the singing skylark soared,  
And silent sank and soared to sing.

The cornfield stretched a tender green  
To right and left beside my walks;  
I knew he had a nest unseen  
Somewhere among the million stalks.

And as I paused to hear his song  
While swift the sunny moments slid,  
Perhaps his mate sat listening long,  
And listened longer than I did.

**A.1.1** Read the following summary. Complete it by writing the missing word against the correct blank number in your answer sheet: (1/2×10=5 marks)

The poet's intense (a) ..... for nature is (b)..... in the poem. She looked (c) ..... from a cornfield and saw a (d) ..... soaring in the sky and (e) ..... The butterflies (f) ..... about in the cornfield. The poet knew that the skylark's (g) ..... was hidden (h) ..... the stalks. She (i) ..... that its (j) ..... too was listening intently to the song.

**A.1.2** Complete the following statements on the basis of your reading of the poem. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number: (1×3=3 marks)

- (1) The colours mentioned in the poem are .....
- (2) One sunny morning the poet .....
- (3) The phrase 'gay accord' in the second stanza means .....

**A.2** Read the passage given below : (12 marks)

1. Why is it that there are very few women players in our orchestras ? If one could reply flatly - sex discrimination: they don't want women in orchestras - that would be a definite answer. But one can't say that. As a matter of fact there are, if not many, a few women playing today in symphony orchestras. Nevertheless, it is true that male orchestral players are in an overwhelming majority. Why is that ? I'm afraid, there is no one answer. There are physical reasons why women don't perform well on certain instruments. The average woman is not likely to possess sufficient lung power and sheer muscular strength to play the tuba just as an average woman's hands are not likely to be large enough to finger a double bass satisfactorily. But what about the other instruments ?

2. I think social and family pressures have been very strong in keeping women out of orchestras. Think of the prejudice that existed half a century ago against the so-called ‘nice’ girls going on stage. The stage was won out for the simple reason that it had to have women to play feminine roles in plays and operas, and was willing to offer a young woman more money than she could make in any other profession. Moreover, on stage, she was appearing as an individual, as a center of attraction. This was gratifying to both her and her family. To this day, while the average parents are reconciled to seeing their daughter become an opera singer or concert artist, they don’t like the idea of seeing her submerging her personality to become the member of a chorus of the orchestra.
  
3. Another reason why we have so few women orchestral musicians is that so few of them play wind instruments well enough. They don’t play well enough because they haven’t had the proper training; and the reason for that lies in the history of orchestral music. You will find that famous European families of bassoon players or clarinetists taught their sons to play the family instrument. Their sons; but never their daughters. If they had any other pupils, those were also boys; not girls. And to this day, while women vote, hold public office and practise many other professions, without shocking our Sensibilities, in this particular field, the orchestra, our attitude towards women still remains the same.
  
4. However, this prejudice is rapidly crumbling, and is likely to disappear entirely in a few years. For this we have to thank our high-school bands and orchestras, which offer instruction, practice, and experience in playing all orchestral instruments to boys and girls alike.

**A.2.1** Complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number: (1×8 = 8 marks)

- I. The reasons why there are only very few women orchestra players —
  - (a) Physical reasons
    - (i) .....
    - (ii) .....
  - (b) Social reasons
    - (i) .....
    - (ii) .....

- (c) Women won out on stage because
- (i) .....
- (ii) .....

II. The high school bands have to be thanked because .....

III. Lack of training has resulted in .....

**A.2.2** Find words from the passage which mean the same as the phrases given below. Write your answers in the answer sheet against the correct blank number : (1×4=4 marks)

- (a) make a distinction / a difference ..... Para 1
- (b) breaking / falling off ..... Para 4
- (c) satisfying / to please ..... Para 2
- (d) learning ..... Para 3

**SECTION - B (Writing)**

**30 marks**

**B.1** Reuben is the head boy of City Public School, Lucknow. He was given the following letter and told to put up a notice on the school notice board. Including details from the letter write the **notice in not more than 50 words**. Do not give any extra information. Put the notice in a box. (5 marks)

Arpana Clinic,  
Rajaji Street,  
Lucknow.  
20 February, 2005

The Principal,  
City Public School,  
Lucknow.

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter and accept your invitation to speak to the children on dental care. Your effort to make children aware of dental hygiene should be appreciated.

The 25th of this month would be a convenient day for me. I will speak to them for an hour and make it interesting through demonstrations and slides. I hope you will inform them of the same.

Thank you very much,

Yours faithfully,

Dr. Celine

**B.2** Read the following notes from the note-pad of Mr. Philip, the Secretary of Fine Arts Club of Indira Nagar. He tells his assistant to type out a message to be sent to the President of the club. Taking relevant information from the note-pad write the message. Put the message in box.

**Your answer should not be in more than 50 words.**

(5 marks)

- Meeting to be held
- At the Guest House at 4 P.M.
- Discuss the club's annual celebration
- Decide the date, the chief guest and other details

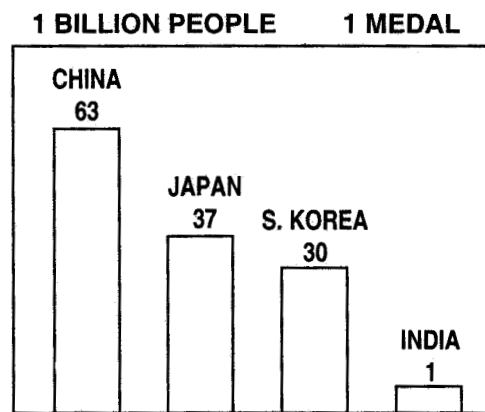
**B.3** You are Ravi / Reshma. You happened to see the following lines in a newspaper.

(10 marks)

“We all mourn and groan about the loss of the quality of life through the destruction of our ecology, and yet each one of us, in our comfortable little ways contribute daily to that destruction. It is time now to awaken in each one of us the respect and attention our beloved mother deserves.” Says Ed Asner, an Environmental supporter.

You decide to write an article in the school magazine titled “Save the Planet, Earth”. Using ideas from the unit on ‘Environment’ and your own ideas, write the article in about **200 words**.

**B.4** The given histogram throws light on India's poor performance in the Athens Olympics. As Rama/Raju, write a letter **in not more than 150 words** to be included in the letters to the editor column of the Daily Express. Making use of the hints given below and your own ideas, write the reasons for the poor performance. Give suggestions on how India can perform better.



Hints :

Lack of initiative - satisfied with being mediocre

Government apathy

Dearth of trained personnel

Economic reasons

(10 marks)

#### **FOR THE BLIND**

India had to be content with silver in the Athens Olympics.

Making use of the hints above and your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a local daily on the reasons for India's poor performance.

Give suggestions on how we can perform better.

**SECTION - C (Grammar)**

**20 marks**

- C.1** Using information from the note-pad of a reporter complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each space. Do not add any new information. Write the answer against the correct blank number. (5 marks)

N.B.I. looted ..... hold employees at pistol point ..... shoot watchman ..... a customer alerts police ..... culprits leave with loot.

The National Bank of India (a) ..... According to Mr. Sharma, the Manager, three men entered the bank and (b) ..... Ganesh, the watchman (c) ..... when he tried to prevent them (d) ..... the police, but before they arrived the (e) .....

- C.2** Read the conversation between two friends and complete the dialogue in a suitable way. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1×4=4 marks)

*Tina* : Did you visit the book fair on Carmel Street ?  
*Rose* : No. Did you ?  
*Tina* : Yes (a) .....  
*Rose* : Are there (b) ..... ?  
*Tina* : There are books for all age groups.  
*Rose* : Any idea (c) ..... ?  
*Tina* : I'm not sure. But I guess it will go on for a month.  
*Rose* : Then I must (d) .....

- C.3** The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you. (1/2×8=4 marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
Dance <u>is</u> an art form is	e.g. is	as
well known, for dance as a	(a) .....	
therapy is not known in many.	(b) .....	
Dance therapy involves a synthesis	(c) .....	
of the grace and vigour on Indian	(d) .....	
classical and folk dance		
movements into a innovative	(e) .....	
holistic therapy. It brings over the	(f) .....	
inner feelings for the participants	(g) .....	
and can help them with develop a	(h) .....	
healthy personality.		

C.4 Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you. Write the answers against the correct number. (1/2×6=3 marks)

feared by / snakes are / in our / worshipped and / many / country /  
 Snakes are worshipped and feared by many in our country.

- (a) of the / are venomous / only / 300 out / species / 2700 known /
- (b) which is / yellow liquid / water / snake venom / 90% of / is a /
- (c) expelled / poison gland / that is / it is / from the / a substance /
- (d) of thick / are / connective / these glands / made / tissues /
- (e) forthousands/hasbeen/medical treatment/usedin/snake venom/ ofyears /
- (f) used it / in the / to treat / doctors / 12th century / leprosy /

C.5 Use the information in the headlines to complete the news items given below. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (1×4=4 marks)

- (a) HEAVY RAINS LASH CHENNAI  
 The heavy rain which (a) ..... threw normal life out of gear.
- (b) M.B.A. CLASSES TO BEGIN ON SEPT. 20th  
 The center coordinator informed (b) ..... Sept. 20th
- (c) THEATRE ACTIVIST BAGS TITLE  
 The 'kalabushan' title (c) ..... and scholar Utpal Singh.
- (d) 12 INJURED AS BUSES COLLIDE  
 About (d) ..... at the K.N.P. junction here today.

**SECTION - D (Literature)**

**30 marks**

D.1 Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in **one or two lines only**. (4 marks)

They clicked their tongues.  
 With every movement that the scorpion made  
 his poison moved in the mother's blood, they said.  
 May he sit still, they said.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. (1)
- (b) Who are 'they' ? (1)
- (c) Why do they hope that the scorpion would sit still ? (1)
- (d) What do these words tell us about them ? (1)

**D.2** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet **in one or two line only.** (4 marks)

Ah ! well a-day ! what evil looks  
Had I from old and young !  
Instead of the cross, the Albatross  
About my neck was hung.

- (a) Who is the speaker ? (1)
- (b) Why did the other sailors give him evil looks ? (2)
- (c) Why was the bird hung around his neck ? (1)

**D.3** How does the poem, 'Ode to the West Wind' reflect the poet's love for liberty ?  
Write your answer in **not more than 100 words.** (5 marks)

**D.4** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in **one or two lines only.** (5 marks)

'O judgment! thou art fled to brutish beasts,  
And men have lost their reason. Bear with me;  
My heart is in the coffin there with Caesar,  
And I must pause till it come back to me.'

- (a) Who is the speaker ? Who is he speaking to ? (1)
- (b) Explain 'brutish beasts'. (2)
- (c) What is the speaker trying to do ? Is he successful in his attempt ? (2)

**D.5** In the lesson, 'The Ultimate Safari', the little girl says, (4 marks)

"In the afternoon the man who led us came to our grandmother and told her the other people must move on."

- (a) Why did the others decide to move ? (2)  
Why were the grandmother and her children left behind ?
- (b) What decision did grandmother take ? (2)  
What does this tell us about her character ?

**Write your answer in not more than 75 words.**

**D.6** You are a scientist and were a member of the team which captured Cutie Pie.  
Make a diary entry on how excited you were on capturing him and how it upset you when he became sick and was forgotten.  
**Your answer should be in about 150 words.** (8 marks)