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SECTION - A

(Reading Skills)

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- 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
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as embodying the primeval element of nature that purifies everything. Water is regarded as a cleanser for body and mind.

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Que	Questions: $10 \times 1 = 10$								
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	(c)	Nashik	(d)	All of these					
(ii)) What was obtained during the churning of the ocean as per the Puralore?								
	(a)	magical deer	(b)	giant tree					
	(c)	nectar	(d)	All of these					
(iii)	Wha	at does the word 'Kumbh	' sym	abolize ?					

(b) A fish

(d)

Human body

- (iv) What is regarded as a cleanser for body and mind?
 - (a) hymns

(a) Human greed

(c) Human vanity

(b) water

(c) milk

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- (ix) How can you call 'Mahakumbh' as a 'Parliament of Sanatan Dharma'?
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OR

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 - (b) environmental
 - (c) lifestyle factors
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 - (c) They enhance our energy level.
 - (d) All of these
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 - (a) 30-50%
- (b) 20-40%
- (c) 30-40%
- (d) 30-60%
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- (b) red meat
- (c) vegetables
- (d) whole grains

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SECTION - B

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3.	Atte	Attempt any <i>two</i> from each sub-part :								
	(a)	Fill	in th	ne blanks with con	rrect for	m of the verbs given in the brackets	: 2			
		(i)	Let's wait till he (finish) his work.							
		(ii)	I never (know) him to be angry.							
		Cho	ose	the correct option	n:					
		(iii)	If it	t (rain) w	e shall g	get wet.				
			(a)	rained	(b)	rains				
			(c)	is raining	(d)	had rained				
	(b)	Fill	in th	ne blanks with <i>co</i>	rrect mo	dal :	2			
		(i)	You	ı not liş	ght a ma	atch; the room is full of gas.				
		(ii)	Ве	vigilant lest you .	•••••	be robbed.				
		Cho	Choose the correct option :							
		(iii)	Не	said that he	be 1	twenty-six next birthday.				
			(a)	would	(b)	will				
			(c)	could	(d)	can				
	(c)	Fill	Fill in the blanks with correct article:							
		(i)	(i) Wisdom is the gift of God.							
		(ii)	Не	can play	flute.					
		Cho	ose	the correct option	n:					
		(iii)	Ral	bindranath Tagor	e is	Shakespeare of India.				
			(a)	an	(b)	a				
			(c)	No article	(d)	the				
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(d) Change the *voice* of the following sentences:

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- (i) Did he lend you any money?
- (ii) Your love fills my heart.

Choose the correct option:

- (iii) Why are you beating the boy?
 - (a) Why was the boy being beaten by you?
 - (b) Why the boy is being beaten by you?
 - (c) Why is the boy being beaten by you?
 - (d) Why the boy was being beaten by you?
- (e) Change the following sentences into indirect speech:

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- (i) The captain said to his soldiers, "Get ready to open fire at the enemy."
- (ii) He said to me, "Your friend has been teaching me English since morning."

Choose the **correct** option:

- (iii) He said to me, "Are you singing a song?"
 - (a) He told me that I am singing a song.
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 - (c) He asked me if I was singing a song.
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SECTION - C

(Creative Writing Skills)

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4. Attempt any **one** from (a), (b) and (c) given below:

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(a) You are Raman/Rekha, Secretary of the Career Counselling Cell of your school. Write a notice in about **50** words, informing the students of class 9th-12th about an upcoming session on 'How to Succeed in Life' by Anand Mishra, a renowned You Tube Influencer.

(b) You are Aruna/Aman, Project Coordinator at Sewa Sadan NGO for children with special needs. You are looking for educators, proficient in sign language, to teach students with hearing impairment. Draft an advertisement in about **50** words to be published in the local newspaper inviting applications for the same.

OR

Compentency Based Question:

- (c) Draft an attractive and effective poster on the topic: 'Equality for All'.
- **5.** Attempt any **one** from (a) and (b) given below:

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(a) You are Karuna Das/Tarun Mehta, an aspiring novelist. You recently saw the following advertisement from a publishing house, and are interested in applying. Write an application to the manager expressing your interest in the internship, and stating your suitability for the position.

SITUATION VACANT

VOICES, a leading fiction publishing house in India, is looking for interns. Candidate must have editing, research and report writing skill. Bachelor Degree required, age or gender no bar, paid position for 2 months. Apply within ten days to manager or contact: XXXXXXXXXX

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the editor of a National Daily Expressing your views on 'Impact of Social Media on Modern Youth'. You are Rani/Raj, 415, Main Street, Kanpur.
- **6.** Attempt any **one** from (a) and (b) given below:

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(a) ABC School, Bhiwani, recently organized a drawing and painting competition on the topic 'Road Safety'. You are Rohit/Ruhi, Editor of the school magazine. Write a report in about **100** words for your school magazine.

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(b) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on the topic 'Power of Positive Thinking'.

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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- **7.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) The wagon had hardly stopped at the front steps when the ironmaster asked the valet whether the stranger was still there. He added that he had heard at Church that the man was a thief. The valet answered that the fellow had gone and that he had not taken anything with him at all. On the contrary, he had left behind a little package which Miss Willmansson was to be kind enough to accept as a Christmas present.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Who does the 'stranger' refer to here?
 - (a) the ironmaster (b) the peddler
 - (c) Edla
- (d) the valet
- (ii) What did the ironmaster hear about the stranger at Church?
 - (a) that he was a policeman.
 - (b) that he was suffering from cancer.
 - (c) that he was a thief.
 - (d) that he was a true patriot.
- (iii) What did the valet reply to the ironmaster?
 - (a) that the man was sleeping inside the room.
 - (b) that the man had taken some jewels with him.
 - (c) that the man was very angry.
 - (d) that the man had taken nothing with him.

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(iv) For whom had the stranger left behind the Christmas present?

(a) Edla

(b) the ironmaster

(c) the crofter

(d) the valet

(v) Name the chapter from which the passage has been taken:

(a) The Interview

(b) The Rattrap

(c) The Last Lesson (d) Going Places

OR

(B) "Why do I refuse to be interviewed? Because it is immoral! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault, and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it."

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) Name the writer of the chapter from which this passage has been taken:

- (a) Rudyard Kipling
- (b) Lewis Caroll
- (c) Christopher Silvester
- (d) Mukund Padmanabhan
- (ii) Who is the speaker here?
 - (a) Mark Twain
- (b) Rudyard Kipling
- (c) H. G. Wells
- (d) Saul Bellow
- (iii) What demerits of the interview are discussed in the passage?
 - (a) that it is a crime.
 - (b) that it is an immoral act.
 - (c) that it is an assault on a person.
 - (d) All of the above

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(ii)

(v)

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- **10.** Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) Those who prepare green wars,

Wars with gas, wars with fire,

Victory with no survivors,

Would put on clean clothes

And walk about with their brothers

in the shade, doing nothing.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the poem from which the stanza has been extracted:
 - (a) A Roadside Stand
 - (b) Keeping Quiet
 - (c) A Thing of Beauty
 - (d) My Mother at Sixty-Six
- (ii) What types of wars are discussed here?
 - (a) green wars
 - (b) wars with gas
 - (c) wars with fire
 - (d) all of these
- (iii) 'Victory with no survivors' implies that
 - (a) nobody will be requested to celebrate victory.
 - (b) nobody will be left to celebrate victory.
 - (c) nobody will be allowed to celebrate victory.
 - (d) None of these

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- (iv) What does the phrase 'put on clean clothes' mean here?
 - (a) to be dressed in a fashionable way
 - (b) to attend a seminar with zeal
 - (c) to make peace with fellow human beings
 - (d) All of these
- (v) Which poetic device is used in the expression 'Clean Clothes'?
 - (a) alliteration
- (b) simile
- (c) metaphor
- (d) hyperbole

OR

(B) When aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the poem and its poet:
 - (a) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers by Adrienne Rich
 - (b) A Thing of Beauty by John Keats
 - (c) Keeping Quiet by Pablo Neruda
 - (d) A Roadside Stand by Robert Frost
- (ii) What does aunt feel in her married life?
 - (a) Gratification
 - (b) Oppression
 - (c) Terror
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

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		(iii)	Wha	t do the tigers syn	nboliz	ze?	
			(a)	Patriarchal subju			
			(b)	Aunt's desire for	powe	er and freedom	
			(c)	Both (a) and (b)			
			(d)	Neither (a) nor (b))		
		(iv)	Wha	t is the rhyme-sch	eme	of the stanza?	
			(a)	aabb	(b)	abab	
			(c)	aaab	(d)	abbb	
		(v)	Wha	t will be the tiger's	attit	tude after her death?	
			(a)	They will feel very	sad		
			(b)	They will remain	prou	d and unafraid	
			(c)	They will apprecia	ate h	er	
			(d)	None of these			
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11.	Ans	wer an	y two	of the following q	uesti	ions in about 30-40 wor	
							$2 \times 3 = 6$
	(a)	What	is the	e central idea of th	e po	em 'My Mother at Sixty-S	Six' ?
	(b)	Justif	y the	following statemen	it:		
		"A thi	ng of	beauty is a joy fore	ver."		(A Thing of Beauty)
	(c)	How o	do the	e 'greedy good-doe	rs' de	eceive the poor people?	
							(A Roadside Stand)
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12.	Ans	swer any one question of the following in about 100-120 w	rords: 5
	(A)	Justify the title of the chapter 'The Tiger King'.	
		OR	
	(B)	Evaluate the character of Dr. Sadao as a doctor as well as a	a patriot. (The Enemy)
13.	Ans	swer any <i>three</i> of the following questions in about 30-40 w	yords each: $3 \times 2 = 6$
	(i)	How did Charley come to know that Sam had found the t	hird level ? (The Third Level)
	(ii)	Why do you think the writer considered her program success? (Journey to the success)	'Students on Ice' a the End of the Earth)
	(iii)	Why does Derry say the following statement: "	(On the Face of It)
	(iv)	What was the advice that Annan gave to Bama? Did she fo	,

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SECTION - B

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3.	Atte	Attempt any <i>two</i> from each sub-part :							
	(a)	Fill in the blanks with <i>correct form of the verbs</i> given in the brackets: 2							
		(i)	(i) I (not sleep) well last night.						
		(ii)	They (play) since four'o clock.						
		Choose the <i>correct</i> option :							
		(iii)	If it (rain) we shall get wet.						
			(a) rained (b) rains						
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			(d) He told me that I was singing a song.						
	(c)	Fill	in the blanks with correct modal:	2					
		(i)	You not light a match; the room is full of gas.						
		(ii)	Be vigilant lest you be robbed.						
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			(c)	could	(d)	can		
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		(i)	The	ey did not ope	en the gate.			
		(ii)	You	ar love fills m	y heart.			
		Cho	ose 1	the correct o	option :			
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OR

- (b) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on the topic 'Power of Positive Thinking'.
- **5.** Attempt any **one** from (a), (b) and (c) given below:

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(a) You are Raman/Rekha, Secretary of the Career Counselling Cell of your school. Write a notice in about **50** words, informing the students of class 9th-12th about an upcoming session on 'How to Succeed in Life' by Anand Mishra, a renowned You Tube Influencer.

OR

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OR

Compentency Based Question:

- (c) Draft an attractive and effective poster on the topic: 'Equality for All'.
- **6.** Attempt any **one** from (a) and (b) given below :

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a) You are Karuna Das/Tarun Mehta, an aspiring novelist. You recently saw the following advertisement from a publishing house, and are interested in applying. Write an application to the manager expressing your interest in the internship, and stating your suitability for the position.

SITUATION VACANT

VOICES, a leading fiction publishing house in India, is looking for interns. Candidate must have editing, research and report writing skill. Bachelor Degree required, age or gender no bar, paid position for 2 months. Apply within ten days to manager or contact: XXXXXXXXXX

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OR

(b) Write a letter to the editor of a National Daily Expressing your views on 'Impact of Social Media on Modern Youth'. You are Rani/Raj, 415, Main Street, Kanpur.

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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- **7.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) "Why do I refuse to be interviewed? Because it is immoral! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault, and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it."

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the writer of the chapter from which this passage has been taken:
 - (a) Rudyard Kipling
 - (b) Lewis Caroll
 - (c) Christopher Silvester
 - (d) Mukund Padmanabhan
- (ii) Who is the speaker here?
 - (a) Mark Twain
 - (b) Rudyard Kipling
 - (c) H. G. Wells
 - (d) Saul Bellow

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- (iii) What demerits of the interview are discussed in the passage?
 - (a) that it is a crime.
 - (b) that it is an immoral act.
 - (c) that it is an assault on a person.
 - (d) All of the above
- (iv) Which attitude of the speaker towards interview is not reflected here?
 - (a) dismissive
- (b) scornful
- (c) appreciative
- (d) gloomy
- (v) Which word in the passage means opposite to 'admirable' or 'pleasant'?
 - (a) assault
- (b) punishment
- (c) immoral
- (d) vile

OR

(B) The wagon had hardly stopped at the front steps when the ironmaster asked the valet whether the stranger was still there. He added that he had heard at Church that the man was a thief. The valet answered that the fellow had gone and that he had not taken anything with him at all. On the contrary, he had left behind a little package which Miss Willmansson was to be kind enough to accept as a Christmas present.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Who does the 'stranger' refer to here?
 - (a) the ironmaster
- (b) the peddler
- (c) Edla
- (d) the valet

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- **9.** Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **100-120** words :
 - (A) Discuss the character of Subbu, focusing on his diverse intellectual and creative abilities.
 - (B) "The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children."

Discuss the above statement in context of the chapter 'Lost Spring : Stories of Stolen Childhood'.

(C) Write a brief character-sketch of the peddler.

(The Rattrap)

- 10. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) When aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by. The tigers in the panel that she made Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the poem and its poet:
 - (a) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers by Adrienne Rich
 - (b) A Thing of Beauty by John Keats
 - (c) Keeping Quiet by Pablo Neruda
 - (d) A Roadside Stand by Robert Frost
- (ii) What does aunt feel in her married life?
 - (a) Gratification
 - (b) Oppression
 - (c) Terror
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

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(b) Aunt's desire for power and freedom

(c) Both (a) and (b)

(d) Neither (a) nor (b)

(iv) What is the rhyme-scheme of the stanza?

(a) aabb

(iii)

(b) abab

(c) aaab

(d) abbb

(v) What will be the tiger's attitude after her death?

(a) They will feel very sad

(b) They will remain proud and unafraid

(c) They will appreciate her

(d) None of these

OR

(B) Those who prepare green wars,

Wars with gas, wars with fire,

Victory with no survivors,

Would put on clean clothes

And walk about with their brothers

in the shade, doing nothing.

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 $5 \times 1 = 5$ Questions: Name the poem from which the stanza has been extracted: (i)

- - A Roadside Stand (a)
 - **Keeping Quiet** (b)
 - (c) A Thing of Beauty
 - My Mother at Sixty-Six (d)
- (ii) What types of wars are discussed here?
 - green wars (a)
 - (b) wars with gas
 - wars with fire (c)
 - all of these (d)
- 'Victory with no survivors' implies that (iii)
 - nobody will be requested to celebrate victory. (a)
 - nobody will be left to celebrate victory. (b)
 - (c) nobody will be allowed to celebrate victory.
 - None of these (d)
- What does the phrase 'put on clean clothes' mean here? (iv)
 - to be dressed in a fashionable way (a)
 - to attend a seminar with zeal (b)
 - to make peace with fellow human beings (c)
 - All of these (d)
- Which poetic device is used in the expression 'Clean Clothes'? (v)
 - alliteration (a) (b) simile
 - (d) hyperbole (c) metaphor

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11.	1. Answer any <i>two</i> of the following questions in about 30-40 words each :						
			$2 \times 3 = 6$				
	(a)	How do the 'greedy good-doers' deceive the poor people?					
			(A Roadside Stand)				
	(b)	What is the central idea of the poem 'My Mother at Sixty-	Six' ?				
	(c)	Justify the following statement :					
	()	"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."	(A Thing of Beauty)				
12.	Ans	wer any one question of the following in about 100-120 we	ords: 5				
	(A)	Evaluate the character of Dr. Sadao as a doctor as well as a	patriot. (The Enemy)				
			(2100 21001109)				
		OR					
	(B)	Justify the title of the chapter 'The Tiger King'.					
13.	Ans	wer any three of the following questions in about 30-40 we	ords each :				
		8 4	$3 \times 2 = 6$				
	(i)	What was the advice that Annan gave to Bama? Did she for	llow it ?				
	(-)		nories of Childhood)				
	(ii)	How did Charley come to know that Sam had found the tl	hird level ?				
	()	220.7 424 22242 29 2022 20 2220 7 2244 20 424 20 424 20 424	(The Third Level)				
	(iii)	Why do you think the writer considered her program 'S	Students on Ice' a				
		success? (Journey to the	he End of the Earth)				
	(iv)	Why does Derry say the following statement:					
		" I'm afraid of me."	(On the Face of It)				

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[Maximum Marks : **80**

- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **13** questions.
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- Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.
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- Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.
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General Instructions:

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- (ii) All the sections are compulsory.
- (iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.
- (iv) Stick to the word-limit wherever prescribed.

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SECTION - A

(Reading Skills)

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- 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - 1. Kumbh Melas are held on the banks of sacred rivers including the Ganga in Haridwar, the Godavari in Nashik and the Triveni Sangam, the confluence of three rivers in Prayagraj. These are the places where, according to a Puranic lore, the divine ambrosia spilt from the celestial Kumbh (pitcher) obtained during the churning of the ocean in a fight between gods and demons, is believed to have fallen.
 - 2. Metaphorically, the Kumbh typifies the human body that contains the nectar of wisdom. So it must be purified since it is the means to fulfill one's dharma. Hindus do not regard rivers as just sources of water but
 - as embodying the primeval element of nature that purifies everything. Water is regarded as a cleanser for body and mind.
 - 3. A holy dip undertaken with faith during an auspicious planetary occurrence is said to brush off negative energy, exonerate sins, fulfill wishes and render salvation. Shuchita, purity of body, mind and soul, is essential for spiritual growth. While the body is cleansed by water, the mind by true knowledge and the soul is uplifted by selfless service and meditation.
 - 4. Mahakumbh exemplifies the Vedic ideal of 'Unity in Diversity' by bringing together all the proponents of different Sanatan traditions. It is called the 'Parliament of Sanatan Dharma' that offers multiple perspectives on religion, culture and spirituality.

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Qu	estio	ns:				$10 \times 1 = 10$
(i)	At v	what places are th	e drops of n	ectar believed to h	ave fallen ?	
	(a)	Haridwar	(b)	Prayagraj		

(ii) What was obtained during the churning of the ocean as per the Puranic

(d) All of these

(a) magical deer(b) giant tree(c) nectar(d) All of these

(iii) What does the word 'Kumbh' symbolize?

(a) Human greed (b) A fish

(c) Human vanity (d) Human body

(iv) What is regarded as a cleanser for body and mind?

(a) hymns (b) water

(c) milk (d) None of these

(v) What results does a person enjoy through a holy dip undertaken with faith?

(a) His wishes are fulfilled

(b) His negative energy is brushed off

(c) His sins are washed away

(d) All of these

(c) Nashik

(vi) What does the term 'Shuchita' mean?

(vii) How does the soul get uplifted?

(viii) Which ideal is exemplified through 'Mahakumbh'?

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- (ix) How can you call 'Mahakumbh' as a 'Parliament of Sanatan Dharma'?
- (x) Which word in paragraph means the same as 'legend'?

OR

- 1. A healthy diet and regular exercise are the basis of well-being but highly affect people going through cancer. Lifestyle choices build the immune system, boost energy levels and maintain mental health. Cancer is a disease with multiple causes, including genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors.
- 2. According to a study by the National Library of Medicine, food and lifestyle changes alone can prevent 30-40% of all malignancies. Excess cancer risk is influenced by a number of factors, including red meat consumption, low fiber intake, consumption of sweets and refined wheat products that impair glucose metabolism.
- 3. If not treating cancer, proper nutrition would lessen the severity of treatment's side effects, including fatigue and nausea; physical activity would enhance strength and contribute to a quality of life. Healthy living can also prevent recurrences in some cancer survivors by promoting ideal body weight and lowering inflammation.
- 4. Although intake of high fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins, accompanied by regular physical activity, may prevent or reduce the risk of developing certain cancers, it does not reverse cancers once developed. That is why, medical procedures, such as surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy or immuno therapy is essential to achieve effective cancer treatment.

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Questions :

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- (i) Which factors influence excess cancer risk?
- (ii) How can proper nutrition help cancer patients?
- (iii) Can proper diet and exercise revert the cancers once developed?
- (iv) What are the medical procedures for cancer treatment?
- (v) Find one word from paragraph which means the same as 'Hereditary'.
- (vi) Cancer is a disease with multiple causes including
 - (a) genetic
 - (b) environmental
 - (c) lifestyle factors
 - (d) All of these
- (vii) How do our lifestyle choices help us?
 - (a) They build our immune system.
 - (b) They help us maintain our mental health.
 - (c) They enhance our energy level.
 - (d) All of these
- (viii) To what extent, can all malignancies be prevented with a change in our food and lifestyle?
 - (a) 30-50%
- (b) 20-40%
- (c) 30-40%
- (d) 30-60%
- (ix) Which thing can not reduce the risk of developing certain cancers?
 - (a) fruits
- (b) red meat
- (c) vegetables
- (d) whole grains

(6)

- (x) Which of the following words means the same as 'repetition' or 'reappearance'?
 - (a) metabolism (b) inflammation
 - (c) recurrence (d) consumption
- **2.** Read the following passage given below and based on the understanding of the passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations and give a suitable title to the passage: 4 + 1 = 5
 - 1. Do you think hibiscus is just a vibrant garden flower? Perhaps it is the time to think again. Hibiscus sabdariffa, a tropical floral shrub, might also have some health advantages. The seeds, petals, leaves and stems of hibiscus have been utilized for generations in traditional medicine and food preparation. It has a sweet tart fruity flavour that is ideal for tea.
 - 2. Hibiscus tea can support a healthy way of living. According to one study, it can reduce blood pressure in both high and non-high blood pressure
 - subjects. Its ability to lower blood pressure is almost identical to that of blood pressure lowering drugs which helps in strengthening our heart and preventing cardiovascular diseases.
 - 3. These days high cholesterol is one of the major health concerns amongst the old and the young generations. Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol that causes high cholesterol was also discovered to be considerably decreased by drinking hibiscus tea in a study. When compared to other teas, hibiscus tea's antioxidant concentration rocketed to the top, even knocking the well-known green tea off the top charts.
 - 4. Research indicates that hibiscus tea can considerably lower people's high sugar levels. That is why, it is a great beverage for people with diabetes. It may help people lose weight and avoid becoming obese. However, more investigations and studies are required to know the results concisely.

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		411	two from each	sub-part:						
(a)	Fill	in th	in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in the brackets:							
	(i)	Why you always (take) tea ?								
	(ii)	My	friend	(not come	e) yet.					
	Cho	Choose the correct option:								
	(iii)		: (rain)		get wet.					
		(a)	rained	(b)	rains					
		(c)	is raining	(d)	had rained					
(b)	Fill	in th	ne blanks with	correct arti	icle :	2				
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	(ii)									
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(d	d) Change the <i>voice</i> of the following sentences:							
	(i)	She	e thought ove	r it.				
	(ii)	You	ar love fills m	y heart.				
	Cho	ose	the correct o	ption :				
	(iii)	Wh	y are you bea	ating the boy	7 ?			
		(a)	Why was th	e boy being	beaten by you	ı?		
		(b)	Why the boy	y is being be	eaten by you?)		
		(c)	Why is the 1	boy being be	aten by you ?)		
		(d)	Why the boy	y was being	beaten by you	ı ?		
(e)	Fill	in tł	ne blanks witl	h <i>correct mo</i>	dal :		2	
	(i)	You	ı no	ot light a ma	atch; the roon	ı is full of gas	s.	
	(ii)	Ве	vigilant lest y	ou	be robbed.			
	Cho	oose	the correct o	ption :				
	(iii)	Не	said that he	be	twenty-six ne	xt birthday.		
		(a)	would	(b)	will			
		(c)	could	(d)	can			
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SITUATION VACANT

VOICES, a leading fiction publishing house in India, is looking for interns. Candidate must have editing, research and report writing skill. Bachelor Degree required, age or gender no bar, paid position for 2 months. Apply within ten days to manager or contact: XXXXXXXXXX

OR

- (b) Write a letter to the editor of a National Daily Expressing your views on 'Impact of Social Media on Modern Youth'. You are Rani/Raj, 415, Main Street, Kanpur.
- **5.** Attempt any **one** from (a) and (b) given below:

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(a) ABC School, Bhiwani, recently organized a drawing and painting competition on the topic 'Road Safety'. You are Rohit/Ruhi, Editor of the school magazine. Write a report in about **100** words for your school magazine.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on the topic 'Power of Positive Thinking'.
- **6.** Attempt any **one** from (a), (b) and (c) given below:

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(a) You are Raman/Rekha, Secretary of the Career Counselling Cell of your school. Write a notice in about **50** words, informing the students of class 9th-12th about an upcoming session on 'How to Succeed in Life' by Anand Mishra, a renowned You Tube Influencer.

OR

(b) You are Aruna/Aman, Project Coordinator at Sewa Sadan NGO for children with special needs. You are looking for educators, proficient in sign language, to teach students with hearing impairment. Draft an advertisement in about **50** words to be published in the local newspaper inviting applications for the same.

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Compentency Based Question:

(c) Draft an attractive and effective poster on the topic: 'Equality for All'.

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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- **7.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) The wagon had hardly stopped at the front steps when the ironmaster asked the valet whether the stranger was still there. He added that he had heard at Church that the man was a thief. The valet answered that the fellow had gone and that he had not taken anything with him at all. On the contrary, he had left behind a little package which Miss Willmansson was to be kind enough to accept as a Christmas present.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Who does the 'stranger' refer to here?
 - (a) the ironmaster (b) the peddler
 - (c) Edla
- (d) the valet
- (ii) What did the ironmaster hear about the stranger at Church?
 - (a) that he was a policeman.
 - (b) that he was suffering from cancer.
 - (c) that he was a thief.
 - (d) that he was a true patriot.
- (iii) What did the valet reply to the ironmaster?
 - (a) that the man was sleeping inside the room.
 - (b) that the man had taken some jewels with him.
 - (c) that the man was very angry.
 - (d) that the man had taken nothing with him.

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(iv) For whom had the stranger left behind the Christmas present?

(a) Edla

(b) the ironmaster

(c) the crofter

(d) the valet

(v) Name the chapter from which the passage has been taken:

(a) The Interview

(b) The Rattrap

(c) The Last Lesson (d) Going Places

OR

(B) "Why do I refuse to be interviewed? Because it is immoral! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault, and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it."

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

(i) Name the writer of the chapter from which this passage has been taken:

- (a) Rudyard Kipling
- (b) Lewis Caroll
- (c) Christopher Silvester
- (d) Mukund Padmanabhan
- (ii) Who is the speaker here?
 - (a) Mark Twain
- (b) Rudyard Kipling
- (c) H. G. Wells
- (d) Saul Bellow

(iii) What demerits of the interview are discussed in the passage?

- (a) that it is a crime.
- (b) that it is an immoral act.
- (c) that it is an assault on a person.
- (d) All of the above

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			(c)	app	reciat	ive		(d)	gloo	my						
		(v)	Whic			in '	the	pass	sage	means	op	posite	e to	'adm	irablo	e' or
			(a)	assa	ault			(b)	puni	ishment						
			(c)	imm	oral			(d)	vile							
8.	Ansv	wer an	y fou	r of t	the fo	llow	ing c	quest	ions	in about	t 30)-40 w	vords	each	: 4×	2 = 8
	(i)	How v	was G	andł	niji tre	eate	d at	the l	nouse	of Raje	ndr	a Pras	sad?		(In	digo)
	(ii)	How nation				-	roon	n in	the	Gemini	. St			ne ex	_	
	(iii)	What	do yo	u kn	ow al	bout	Jan	sie ?)					(Goi	ng Pl	aces)
	(iv)	What last cl								he black	кbо	ard b		dism:		
	(v)	Which	h incid	lent	in Do	ugh	las'	early	life 1	nade hir	m s	cared	of wa	iter?		
														(De	еер И	/ater)
9.	Ansv	wer an	y one	of th	ne foll	lowii	ng qi	uesti	ons i	n about	10	0-120	word	ls:		5
	(A)	Write	a brie	f cha	racte	r-sk	etch	of th	e ped	ldler.				(Tł	ne Ra	ttrap)
	(B)	Discu creati				er o	f Su	ıbbu,	, focu	ising on	ı hi	s dive	erse i	ntelle	ctual	and
	(C)	"The t	true c	hara	cter o	of a s	socie	ty is	revea	aled in h	ow	it trea	ats its	s chile	lren.'	1
		Storie						teme	nt in	context	of	the cl	napte	r 'Los	t Spi	ring:
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- **10.** Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) Those who prepare green wars,

Wars with gas, wars with fire,

Victory with no survivors,

Would put on clean clothes

And walk about with their brothers

in the shade, doing nothing.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the poem from which the stanza has been extracted:
 - (a) A Roadside Stand
 - (b) Keeping Quiet
 - (c) A Thing of Beauty
 - (d) My Mother at Sixty-Six
- (ii) What types of wars are discussed here?
 - (a) green wars
 - (b) wars with gas
 - (c) wars with fire
 - (d) all of these
- (iii) 'Victory with no survivors' implies that
 - (a) nobody will be requested to celebrate victory.
 - (b) nobody will be left to celebrate victory.
 - (c) nobody will be allowed to celebrate victory.
 - (d) None of these

- (iv) What does the phrase 'put on clean clothes' mean here?
 - (a) to be dressed in a fashionable way
 - (b) to attend a seminar with zeal
 - (c) to make peace with fellow human beings
 - (d) All of these
- (v) Which poetic device is used in the expression 'Clean Clothes'?
 - (a) alliteration
- (b) simile
- (c) metaphor
- (d) hyperbole

OR

(B) When aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
The tigers in the panel that she made
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the poem and its poet:
 - (a) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers by Adrienne Rich
 - (b) A Thing of Beauty by John Keats
 - (c) Keeping Quiet by Pablo Neruda
 - (d) A Roadside Stand by Robert Frost
- (ii) What does aunt feel in her married life?
 - (a) Gratification
 - (b) Oppression
 - (c) Terror
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

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		(iii)	Wha	t do the tigers syn	ıboliz	ze ?				
			(a)	Patriarchal subjugation						
			(b)	Aunt's desire for	powe	er and freedom				
			(c)	Both (a) and (b)						
			(d)	Neither (a) nor (b))					
		(iv)	Wha	t is the rhyme-sch	eme	of the stanza?				
			(a)	aabb	(b)	abab				
			(c)	aaab	(d)	abbb				
		(v)	Wha	t will be the tiger's	attit	tude after her death?				
			(a)	They will feel very	y sad					
			(b)	They will remain	prou	d and unafraid				
			(c)	They will apprecia	ate h	er				
			(d)	None of these						
11.	Ans	wer an	v tipe	of the following a	nesti	ions in about 30-40 wor	rds each :			
	71110	wer arr	y care	or the following q	acon	ions in about 50 10 wor	$2 \times 3 = 6$			
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	(a)		-	following statemen						
		"A thi	ng of	beauty is a joy fore	ever."		(A Thing of Beauty)			
	(b)	How o	do the	e 'greedy good-doe:	rs' de	eceive the poor people?				
							(A Roadside Stand)			
	(c)	What	is the	e central idea of th	ie po	em 'My Mother at Sixty-	Six' ?			
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12.	Ans	swer any one question of the following in about 100-120 words:	5
	(A)	Justify the title of the chapter 'The Tiger King'.	
		OR	
	(B)	-	e Enemy)
13.	Ans	swer any <i>three</i> of the following questions in about 30-40 words each	: 3×2 = 6
	(i)	Why does Derry say the following statement:	
		" I'm afraid of me." (On the l	Face of It
	(ii)	What was the advice that Annan gave to Bama? Did she follow it? (Memories of C	hildhood)
	(iii)	,	o ird Level)
	(iv)	Why do you think the writer considered her program 'Students of success? (Journey to the End of th	

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General Instructions:

- (i) This question paper is divided into **four** Sections: **A, B, C** and **D**.
- (ii) All the sections are compulsory.
- (iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.
- (iv) Stick to the word-limit wherever prescribed.

SECTION - A

(Reading Skills)

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- 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - 1. A healthy diet and regular exercise are the basis of well-being but highly affect people going through cancer. Lifestyle choices build the immune system, boost energy levels and maintain mental health. Cancer is a disease with multiple causes, including genetic, environmental and lifestyle factors.
 - 2. According to a study by the National Library of Medicine, food and lifestyle changes alone can prevent 30-40% of all malignancies. Excess cancer risk is influenced by a number of factors, including red meat consumption, low fiber intake, consumption of sweets and refined wheat products that impair glucose metabolism.
 - 3. If not treating cancer, proper nutrition would lessen the severity of treatment's side effects, including fatigue and nausea; physical activity would enhance strength and contribute to a quality of life. Healthy living can also prevent recurrences in some cancer survivors by promoting ideal body weight and lowering inflammation.
 - 4. Although intake of high fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins, accompanied by regular physical activity, may prevent or reduce the risk of developing certain cancers, it does not reverse cancers once developed. That is why, medical procedures, such as surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy or immuno therapy is essential to achieve effective cancer treatment.

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Questions: $10 \times 1 = 10$

- (i) Which factors influence excess cancer risk?
- (ii) How can proper nutrition help cancer patients?
- (iii) Can proper diet and exercise revert the cancers once developed?
- (iv) What are the medical procedures for cancer treatment?
- (v) Find one word from paragraph which means the same as 'Hereditary'.
- - (a) genetic
 - (b) environmental
 - (c) lifestyle factors
 - (d) All of these
- (vii) How do our lifestyle choices help us?
 - (a) They build our immune system.
 - (b) They help us maintain our mental health.
 - (c) They enhance our energy level.
 - (d) All of these
- (viii) To what extent, can all malignancies be prevented with a change in our food and lifestyle?
 - (a) 30-50%
- (b) 20-40%
- (c) 30-40%
- (d) 30-60%
- (ix) Which thing can not reduce the risk of developing certain cancers?
 - (a) fruits
- (b) red meat
- (c) vegetables
- (d) whole grains

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- (x) Which of the following words means the same as 'repetition' or 'reappearance'?
 - (a) metabolism
- (b) inflammation
- (c) recurrence
- (d) consumption

OR

- 1. Kumbh Melas are held on the banks of sacred rivers including the Ganga in Haridwar, the Godavari in Nashik and the Triveni Sangam, the confluence of three rivers in Prayagraj. These are the places where, according to a Puranic lore, the divine ambrosia spilt from the celestial Kumbh (pitcher) obtained during the churning of the ocean in a fight between gods and demons, is believed to have fallen.
- 2. Metaphorically, the Kumbh typifies the human body that contains the nectar of wisdom. So it must be purified since it is the means to fulfill one's dharma. Hindus do not regard rivers as just sources of water but

as embodying the primeval element of nature that purifies everything. Water is regarded as a cleanser for body and mind.

- 3. A holy dip undertaken with faith during an auspicious planetary occurrence is said to brush off negative energy, exonerate sins, fulfill wishes and render salvation. Shuchita, purity of body, mind and soul, is essential for spiritual growth. While the body is cleansed by water, the mind by true knowledge and the soul is uplifted by selfless service and meditation.
- 4. Mahakumbh exemplifies the Vedic ideal of 'Unity in Diversity' by bringing together all the proponents of different Sanatan traditions. It is called the 'Parliament of Sanatan Dharma' that offers multiple perspectives on religion, culture and spirituality.

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Qu	estio	ns:			$10 \times 1 = 10$
(i)	At v	what places are the	e drops of n	ectar believed to have fall	en ?
	(a)	Haridwar	(b)	Prayagraj	

(ii) What was obtained during the churning of the ocean as per the Puranic

All of these

All of these

(d)

(d)

(a) magical deer (b) giant tree

(iii) What does the word 'Kumbh' symbolize?

Nashik

(c) nectar

(c)

(a) Human greed (b) A fish

(c) Human vanity (d) Human body

(iv) What is regarded as a cleanser for body and mind?

(a) hymns (b) water

(c) milk (d) None of these

(v) What results does a person enjoy through a holy dip undertaken with faith?

(a) His wishes are fulfilled

(b) His negative energy is brushed off

(c) His sins are washed away

(d) All of these

(vi) What does the term 'Shuchita' mean?

(vii) How does the soul get uplifted?

(viii) Which ideal is exemplified through 'Mahakumbh'?

- (ix) How can you call 'Mahakumbh' as a 'Parliament of Sanatan Dharma'?
- (x) Which word in paragraph means the same as 'legend'?
- **2.** Read the following passage given below and based on the understanding of the passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations and give a suitable title to the passage: 4 + 1 = 5
 - 1. Do you think hibiscus is just a vibrant garden flower? Perhaps it is the time to think again. Hibiscus sabdariffa, a tropical floral shrub, might also have some health advantages. The seeds, petals, leaves and stems of hibiscus have been utilized for generations in traditional medicine and food preparation. It has a sweet tart fruity flavour that is ideal for tea.
 - 2. Hibiscus tea can support a healthy way of living. According to one study, it can reduce blood pressure in both high and non-high blood pressure subjects. Its ability to lower blood pressure is almost identical to that of blood pressure lowering drugs which helps in strengthening our heart and preventing cardiovascular diseases.
 - 3. These days high cholesterol is one of the major health concerns amongst the old and the young generations. Low-density lipoprotein cholesterol that causes high cholesterol was also discovered to be considerably decreased by drinking hibiscus tea in a study. When compared to other teas, hibiscus tea's antioxidant concentration rocketed to the top, even knocking the well-known green tea off the top charts.
 - 4. Research indicates that hibiscus tea can considerably lower people's high sugar levels. That is why, it is a great beverage for people with diabetes. It may help people lose weight and avoid becoming obese. However, more investigations and studies are required to know the results concisely.

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SECTION - B

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3.	3. Attempt any <i>two</i> from each sub-part :										
	(a) Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in the bra										
		(i)	She found that the baby (cry) bitterly.								
		(ii)	I wish I (win) the election.	I wish I (win) the election.							
		Choose the correct option :									
		(iii)	If it (rain) we shall get wet.								
			(a) rained (b) rains								
			(c) is raining (d) had rained								
	(b)	Cha	nge the following sentences into indirect speech:	2							
		(i)	The captain said to his soldiers, "Get ready to open fire at the enemy."								
		(ii) He said to me, "Your friend has been teaching me English morning."									
		Choose the correct option :									
		(iii)	He said to me, "Are you singing a song?"								
			(a) He told me that I am singing a song.								
			(b) He asked me if I am singing a song.								
			(c) He asked me if I was singing a song.								
			(d) He told me that I was singing a song.								
	(c)	Fill:	in the blanks with correct modal:	2							
		(i)	You not light a match; the room is full of gas.								
		(ii)	Be vigilant lest you be robbed.								
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		Cho	ose	the correct o	ption :			
		(iii)	Не	said that he .	be t	wenty-six n	ext birthday.	
			(a)	would	(b)	will		
			(c)	could	(d)	can		
	(d)	Cha	nge		2			
		(i)	Wh	ich shirt do y	ou like ?			
		(ii)	You	ır love fills my	y heart.			
		Cho	ose	the correct o	ption :			
		(iii)	Wh	y are you bea	ting the boy	. 5		
			(a)	Why was the	e boy being	beaten by yo	ou ?	
			(b)	Why the boy	is being be	aten by you	5	
			(c)	Why is the b	_			
			(d)	Why the boy				
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			(c)	No article	(d)	the		
					SECTI	ON - C		
				(C:	reative Writ	ting Skills)		[M. M. : 15
4.	Atte	mpt	any	one from (a) a	and (b) given	below:		5
	(a)	com	peti	tion on the to magazine. W	opic 'Road S	Safety'. You	are Rohit/R	ng and painting Ruhi, Editor of the s for your school
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OR

- (b) Write a paragraph in about **100** words on the topic 'Power of Positive Thinking'.
- **5.** Attempt any **one** from (a), (b) and (c) given below:

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(a) You are Raman/Rekha, Secretary of the Career Counselling Cell of your school. Write a notice in about **50** words, informing the students of class 9th-12th about an upcoming session on 'How to Succeed in Life' by Anand Mishra, a renowned You Tube Influencer.

OR

(b) You are Aruna/Aman, Project Coordinator at Sewa Sadan NGO for children with special needs. You are looking for educators, proficient in sign language, to teach students with hearing impairment. Draft an advertisement in about **50** words to be published in the local newspaper inviting applications for the same.

OR

Compentency Based Question:

- (c) Draft an attractive and effective poster on the topic: 'Equality for All'.
- **6.** Attempt any **one** from (a) and (b) given below:

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(a) You are Karuna Das/Tarun Mehta, an aspiring novelist. You recently saw the following advertisement from a publishing house, and are interested in applying. Write an application to the manager expressing your interest in the internship, and stating your suitability for the position.

SITUATION VACANT

VOICES, a leading fiction publishing house in India, is looking for interns. Candidate must have editing, research and report writing skill. Bachelor Degree required, age or gender no bar, paid position for 2 months. Apply within ten days to manager or contact: XXXXXXXXXX

OR

(b) Write a letter to the editor of a National Daily Expressing your views on 'Impact of Social Media on Modern Youth'. You are Rani/Raj, 415, Main Street, Kanpur.

SECTION - D

(Literature)

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- **7.** Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) "Why do I refuse to be interviewed? Because it is immoral! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault,

and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it."

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the writer of the chapter from which this passage has been taken:
 - (a) Rudyard Kipling
 - (b) Lewis Caroll
 - (c) Christopher Silvester
 - (d) Mukund Padmanabhan
- (ii) Who is the speaker here?
 - (a) Mark Twain (b) Rudyard Kipling
 - (c) H. G. Wells (d) Saul Bellow

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- (iii) What demerits of the interview are discussed in the passage?
 - (a) that it is a crime.
 - (b) that it is an immoral act.
 - (c) that it is an assault on a person.
 - (d) All of the above
- (iv) Which attitude of the speaker towards interview is not reflected here?
 - (a) dismissive
- (b) scornful
- (c) appreciative
- (d) gloomy
- (v) Which word in the passage means opposite to 'admirable' or 'pleasant'?
 - (a) assault
- (b) punishment
- (c) immoral
- (d) vile

OR

(B) The wagon had hardly stopped at the front steps when the ironmaster asked the valet whether the stranger was still there. He added that he had heard at Church that the man was a thief. The valet answered that the fellow had gone and that he had not taken anything with him at all. On the contrary, he had left behind a little package which Miss Willmansson was to be kind enough to accept as a Christmas present.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Who does the 'stranger' refer to here?
 - (a) the ironmaster (b) the peddler
 - (c) Edla
- (d) the valet

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(i)

(ii)

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last class? What did they mean?

What words did M. Hamel write on the blackboard before dismissing the

(The Last Lesson)

- **9.** Answer any **one** of the following questions in about **100-120** words :
 - (A) Discuss the character of Subbu, focusing on his diverse intellectual and creative abilities.
 - (B) "The true character of a society is revealed in how it treats its children."

Discuss the above statement in context of the chapter 'Lost Spring : Stories of Stolen Childhood'.

(C) Write a brief character-sketch of the peddler.

(The Rattrap)

- **10.** Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow:
 - (A) When aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
 Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.
 The tigers in the panel that she made
 Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

Questions: $5 \times 1 = 5$

- (i) Name the poem and its poet:
 - (a) Aunt Jennifer's Tigers by Adrienne Rich
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 - (c) Keeping Quiet by Pablo Neruda
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- (ii) What does aunt feel in her married life?
 - (a) Gratification
 - (b) Oppression
 - (c) Terror
 - (d) Both (b) and (c)

- (iii) What do the tigers symbolize?
 - (a) Patriarchal subjugation
 - (b) Aunt's desire for power and freedom
 - (c) Both (a) and (b)
 - (d) Neither (a) nor (b)
- (iv) What is the rhyme-scheme of the stanza?
 - (a) aabb
- (b) abab
- (c) aaab
- (d) abbb
- (v) What will be the tiger's attitude after her death?
 - (a) They will feel very sad
 - (b) They will remain proud and unafraid
 - (c) They will appreciate her
 - (d) None of these

OR

(B) Those who prepare green wars,

Wars with gas, wars with fire,

Victory with no survivors,

Would put on clean clothes

And walk about with their brothers

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 $5 \times 1 = 5$ Questions: Name the poem from which the stanza has been extracted: (i) (a) A Roadside Stand (b) **Keeping Quiet** A Thing of Beauty (c) (d) My Mother at Sixty-Six What types of wars are discussed here? (ii) (a) green wars (b) wars with gas wars with fire (c) all of these (d) (iii) 'Victory with no survivors' implies that nobody will be requested to celebrate victory. (a) (b) nobody will be left to celebrate victory. nobody will be allowed to celebrate victory. (c) None of these (d) (iv) What does the phrase 'put on clean clothes' mean here? to be dressed in a fashionable way (a) to attend a seminar with zeal (b) to make peace with fellow human beings (c) All of these (d) Which poetic device is used in the expression 'Clean Clothes'? (v) alliteration simile (a) (b)

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(d) hyperbole

(c)

metaphor

11.	Ans	(16) wer any <i>two</i> of the following questions in about 30- 4	2201/(Set : D) 40 words each :
			$2 \times 3 = 6$
	(a)	How do the 'greedy good-doers' deceive the poor peo	ople ?
	()	3 3 3	(A Roadside Stand)
	(b)	What is the central idea of the poem 'My Mother at	,
	(c)	Justify the following statement:	J
	()	"A thing of beauty is a joy forever."	(A Thing of Beauty)
12.	Ans	wer any one question of the following in about 100 -:	120 words : 5
	(A)	Evaluate the character of Dr. Sadao as a doctor as w	ell as a patriot. (The Enemy)
		OR	
	(B)	Justify the title of the chapter 'The Tiger King'.	
13.	Ans	wer any three of the following questions in about 30)-40 words each :
			$3 \times 2 = 6$
	(i)	Why do you think the writer considered her progressives? (Journ	gram 'Students on Ice' a ney to the End of the Earth)
	(ii)	Why does Derry say the following statement:	
		" I'm afraid of me."	(On the Face of It)
	(iii)	What was the advice that Annan gave to Bama? Did	she follow it ? (Memories of Childhood)
	(iv)	How did Charley come to know that Sam had found	d the third level ?
	, ,	-	(The Third Level)