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PRACTICE PAPER FOR SUMMATIVE ASSESSMENT – I

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STD:- IX

Sub: - English

Time:- 3 Hours

Marks:- 70

INSTRUCTIONS:

This paper consists of 3 sections.

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| ➤ SECTION 'A' READING | – 20 Marks |
| ➤ SECTION 'B' WRITING AND GRAMMAR | – 25 Marks. |
| ➤ SECTION 'C' LITERATURE | – 15 Marks |
| NOVEL / LONG READING TEXT | – 10 Marks |

1. The paper is divided into three sections – A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary. Read the instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit.
4. Please write the correct serial number in the answer sheet before attempting it.

SECTION 'A' READING

Q.1) Read the following passage carefully:

Sponsored Festivals

This is the high noon of the Age of Sponsorship. For several years now, we have become used to all kinds of events being sponsored. In many newspapers, every possible feature, barring the editorials, is sponsored. Even the daily weather report is. Student organizations, which were once content to hold low-key festivals in their college, now find corporate sponsors and get massive media exposure for such events. Ganesh Chaturthi, the festival was once an affair confined to individual homes. Today, in Mumbai it provides competition for rival sponsors as the size of the idols grows in height and girth every year and the festivities are held with greater gusto and noise. During Dusshera, Mumbai reverberates to the beat of drums. Thousands of young people spend nights dancing to the various versions of the traditional Gujarati 'garba' dance-including the mutant-"disco garba". It is one of those strange twists of irony that dance, which actually liberated women and gave them a legitimate reason to dance their hearts out, has now become a highly sponsored event in which there is no place for traditional 'garba' dancers. In the past, the dancing was free of both self consciousness, as it was a women's dance, and commerce as it was held in the courtyard.

Thus each year something precious is being lost –and the worst part of it is that the majority of us are not even aware of it.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

(5M)

- 1.1) It is called the age of sponsorship as
- a) there's too much money in the market
 - b) newspapers , festivals in colleges are all commercialized
 - c) common man loves the paraphernalia
 - d) money attracts the common man
- 1.2) The role Garba played in the lives of the women in the past was to
- a) help them get rid of their inhibitions
 - b) provide a stage for their talent
 - c) root them in tradition
 - d) prove commercially viable for them
- 1.3) Today Ganesh Chaturthi is a festival that
- a) is confined to individual homes
 - b) provides an opportunity for sponsors to invest money
 - c) is held with great fanfare
 - d) has a few sponsors
- 1.4) 'Mutant ' in para 4 means
- a) crazy
 - b) unimaginable
 - c) dangerous
 - d) adapted or changed
- 1.5) According to the author the greatest tragedy of sponsorship is
- a) the loss of money
 - b) the focus on unnecessary expenditure
 - c) the common man is being duped
 - d) the loss of the essence of our culture without realizing it

Q.2) Read the following passage carefully:

The tree was young and strong and it took a long time to kill. It took two workmen with axes, two days, including tea breaks. Which without conscious irony, they took in the shade of the leafy branches of the tree they were chopping down. It was a Gulmohar I had planted 13 years ago, along with several other saplings, when Bunny and I moved into the National media centre. The NMC is built on a little over 22 acres and many hundreds of the local babul trees that used to cloak that part of the Haryana countryside like smoke from evening chullas must have been cut down to make way for the brick and cement of our colony. I'm not a tree hugger but still felt that some restitution was due. So Bunny and I planted several saplings.

The two gulmohars at the rear were foot high saplings when we put them in the soil. In a few years their branches aflame with scarlet flowers in summer, rose above the first floor window, flooding the room with afterglow and screening from view the ugly scars of new construction in what had once been open fields behind our house. I felt the smugness of satisfaction, of having done the right thing. I'd given back, in however small a way, a little bit of what we take away from the earth everyday, everywhere.

Righteousness invites its own revenge. The roots of one of the trees had spread, crushing the sewage system. The handyman gave us the choice of either cutting down the tree or its roots would endanger the foundations of the house.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option (5M) from the ones given below:

- 2.1) The irony in the first para is that the

- a) The tree was planted by the author but cut by the workmen
 - b) The workmen chopped the tree that gave them shade.
 - c) It took 13 years for the tree to grow
 - d) The author was not passionate about trees yet he planted them
- 2.2) When the colony was settled, the author decided to
- a) make the outskirts greener
 - b) plant a few saplings around the house
 - c) sulk in depression
 - d) start a movement
- 2.3) The feeling the newly grown gulmohar trees evoked in the author was of
- a) remorse
 - b) pride
 - c) self – satisfaction
 - d) regret
- 2.4) The writer had to get the tree felled because
- a) he was being righteous
 - b) the house was in danger of being destroyed
 - c) the tree had grown too tall
 - d) the sewage system was damaged
- 2.5) Being righteous means
- a) Doing things the correct way
 - b) Being aware of your rights
 - c) Following your heart
 - d) Conscious of the ways of the world

Q.3) Read the following poem carefully:

YOUNG, GIFTED BUT BLACK

When Mebula Ramsandra
Was three years old
His mother told him, that if he wanted
To be a big strong man
He'd have to drink all his milk ---
And he did.
When Mebula Ramsandra
Was five years old
His teacher told him
That if he wanted
To go to a grammar school
He'd have to try harder with his homework ---
And he did.
When Mebula Ramsandra
Was fifteen years old
His lecturer told him
That if he wanted to be a lab technician
He'd have to go to University ---
And he did.
So ten years later
When Mebula Ramsandra
Was twenty-five years old

A big, strong, clever, educated postgraduate -----
The man on the other end of the telephone said
If he wanted to work for him,
He'd have to be big, strong, clever, educated postgraduate ----- and
White.

**On the basis of reading the above poem, complete the summary by filling (5M)
in the appropriate word. Supply only one word for each blank. Write only
the answers in your answer sheet.**

A young Mebula Ramsandra was advised by his mother to consume
(a) _____ if he wanted to be big and strong. At the age of five his teacher
warned him that if he didn't put in (b) _____ work, he wouldn't be able to go
to Grammar School. When he was in his teens, he was told that he would
have to go to University to be a lab (c) _____. After ten years his job
application was rejected because he was (d) _____. Surely the man on the
other side of the telephone was (e) _____.

Q.4) Read the following passage carefully:

Many animals are able to communicate with each other very well-but none of
them can talk as we do. That is, no animals use words.

Birds cry out and make sounds that other birds understand. Smells,
movements, and sounds are used for communication by animals, through
which they express joy or anger or fear.

Human speech is a very complicated process, which no animal can perform.
One reason is that in a very special way we use a whole series of organs to
produce the sounds we want to make when we utter words. The way our
vocal cords are made to vibrate, the way the throat, mouth and nasal cavities
are adjusted, the way the lips, teeth, lower jaw, tongue, and palate are moved
– just to make vowel and consonant sounds, is something animals can't do.
They cannot produce a whole series of words to make a sentence. And there
is another, perhaps more important reason why animals can't talk. Words are
only labels for objects, actions, feelings expressions and ideas. For example,
the word 'bird' is a label for a living, flying object. Other words describe its
colour, shape, flying and singing. Still other words would be used to tell what
the speaker thinks or feels about the bird or its actions.

For human beings, therefore, the use of words means the use of labels or
symbols, and then organizing them in a certain way to communicate
something. This requires a degree of intelligence and logical thinking that no
animals have. So, they can't talk the way people do.

**On the basis of reading the above passage, complete the following (5M)
sentences:**

1. While human beings use words to communicate, birds and animals are
different since they use _____ for communication.
2. Though birds and animals cannot communicate like human beings, they
are capable of _____.
3. The complicated process of human speech requires a very special way of
using _____ .

4. Using words for communication requires intelligence and_____.
5. Pick out a word from the third paragraph that means 'to move from side to side very quickly and with small movements'

SECTION – B
WRITING AND GRAMMAR

- Q.5) You feel concerned about pandemic diseases like swine flu in the country. Using the hints given below, write a letter to the Editor of a national daily on the need to make people aware of such diseases and goad them to take preventive steps. You are Amit / Suman of 110 Model Town, Delhi. (150 words) (6M)**

Pandemic diseases

- Highly infectious
- Can be fatal
- Spread of swine flu
- Symptoms
- Timely detection
- prevention

- Q.6) Now a days the youth are taking upon themselves different roles and responsibilities. They also have varied interests. Imagine you are Ravi. Recently you came across the following pictures in a magazine. Using the information you gather from the picture and ideas of your own, write an article on, 'The Changing Role of Youngsters'. (120 words) (5M)**



- Q.7) Based on the hints given below write a short story with the line that begins: 'I was travelling(80-100 words) (4M)**

I was travelling in a train – met an old man, once an engine driver – told his story – could not stop the train – a young man got killed – felt guilty – resigned.

- Q.8) Choose the most appropriate option from the ones given below to complete the following passage. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole passage. (3M)**

Since the beginning of human existence, people (a) _____ over the world

have expressed their emotions and ideas (b) _____ the medium of dance. The word 'folk' means people. Folk dances express the moods and feelings of (c) _____ common people. Different regions (d) _____ India have their own dances. (e) _____ dance is accompanied by music and songs of the region to (f) _____ it belongs.

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| (a) | i) all ii) whole iii) much iv) more | (b) | i) in ii) into iii) through iv) of |
| (c) | i) the ii) a iii) an iv) some | (d) | i) at ii) of iii) for iv) from |
| (e) | i) Each ii) All iii) Whole iv) Many | (f) | i) what ii) which iii) who iv) whose |

Q.9) In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. (4M)
Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet.

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| Chocolates/ lift up your mood | eg. Chocolates can lift |
| when you eat chocolate, a | a. _____ |
| chemical called serotonin released | b. _____ |
| in/ brain making you feel food. | c. _____ |
| According research, chocolates may | d. _____ |
| Also effective in relieving persistent | e. _____ |
| Cough because/ soothes the throat. | f. _____ |
| Chocolates, however damage the teeth | g. _____ |
| because of sugar content. | h. _____ |

Q.10) Read the following conversation between a mother and daughter while (3M)
watching a cricket match. Complete the passage given below.

Mother: Who do you think will win the match?
 Daughter: Who is wearing blue?
 Mother: India
 Daughter: Who are the men in yellow?
 Mother: They are the Australians
 Daughter: They will surely win the match.
 Mother: Oh! Why do you feel so?
 Daughter: There are 11 of them against just two Indians.

The mother asked her daughter who a)..... The daughter enquired who the ones in blue were. The mother replied that they were Indians. The girl then wanted b) When the mother said that they were Australians, the daughter emphatically c) The mother why did she feel so? The daughter replied that there were 11 of them against just two Indians.

SECTION – C
LITERATURE
TEXTBOOK AND LONG READING TEXT

Q.11) Read the given extract and answer the following questions: (3M)

‘For a good cause if you are determined, you can overcome any obstacle. I will work harder than anybody but I will do it. For learning there is no age bar.’

- a) What is the main trait of the Speaker?
- b) Which is the ‘good cause’ in this case?
- c) What has the speaker acquired?

Q.12) Answer the following in 30 – 40 words each: (8M)

- a) Why do you think Charles Hooper’s appointment as Assistant National Sales Manager is considered to be a tribute to Duke?
- b) Mrs. Al Smith is a typical American. How?
- c) What filled Robert Frost with regret? Why?
- d) What are the guesses the poet makes with regard to the Solitary Reaper’s song?

Q.13) Answer any one of the following questions in 80 – 100 words: (4M)

“The Brook’s journey, though short, is eventful and significant.” How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons in support of your answer.

OR

How does Gaston make a hundred thousand francs and a Carot?

**Q.14) What, according to the narrator, should be packed in our boat of life? (5M)
Why? (100-120 words)**

Q.15) Give a brief character sketch of Montmorency in 100 words. (5M)