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Time allowed : 3 hours] [Maximum marks: 50

*Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as possible.*

*Marks allotted to each question are indicated
against it.*

Special Instructions:

- (i) *You must write question paper series in the circle at top left side of title page of your answer-book.*
- (ii) *While answering your questions you must indicate on your answer-book the same question no. , as appears in your question paper.*
- (iii) *Do not leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.*
- (iv) *All the questions are compulsory.*

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(v) *The question paper is divided into three sections A, B, and C. All the sections are compulsory.*

(vi) *Observe word limit wherever prescribed.*

Section - A (Reading)

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

(i) The defence mechanism of human body is a gift of nature provided to human beings. The power of our body to fight against various disease producing agents is known as defensive mechanism. This defensive mechanism depends upon various factors which can be categorised mainly into two types - common factors and special factors.

(ii) Amongst the common factors, the most important is the health of human beings. We all know if we are having a good health, our body automatically remains protected against the diseases. For keeping good health one should have nutritious balanced diet. A balanced diet is that which contains carbohydrates, fat, proteins and vitamins in appropriate amount.

- (iii) The skin of our body saves us against many organisms producing diseases, provided that it is intact. In case there are cuts or abrasions on it, the micro-organisms penetrate the body through those cuts and abrasions and can cause diseases. Therefore a cut or an abrasion should never be left open. In case there is no bandage, etc. available, it may be covered by clean cloth.
- (iv) Some bacteria are residing on and inside the human body. They are our friends and are useful for us. They do not cause any disease and by their presence they do not allow disease causing organisms to settle on those places. For example, the micro-organisms, present in human saliva secrete a chemical which does not allow diptheria causing bacteria to grow inside the oral cavity.
- (v) The human body secretes a variety of fluids which are killers for disease causing micro-organisms. For example gastric juice (acidic in nature) secreted by our intestinal tract kills all organisms which enter our body through food. There are few automatic activities of our body known as 'reflex phenomenon' which protect the body against many infections. This reflex phenomenon includes sneezing,

coughing and vomiting. Fever is also one of the most important constituents of the defence mechanism of our body which helps to kill micro-organisms that enter our body.

(A) Choose the correct option to answer following questions : - 4 × 1

(i) One should have nutritious balanced diet because

- (a) it has food items for various tastes
- (b) it keeps one healthy
- (c) it is recommended by dietician
- (d) it has all essential items

(ii) The defence mechanism of human body is important as

- (a) it protects us from diseases.
- (b) it checks deterioration of body.
- (c) it saves us from depression.
- (d) it builds our body.

(iii) In order to check the micro-organisms' penetration in the human body

- (a) we must cover the whole body.
- (b) we must apply ointment.
- (c) we must use antiseptic solution.
- (d) we should keep cuts and abrasions covered.

(iv) Gastric juice secreted by our intestinal tract- kills all extraneous organisms as.....

(a) it flows very fast.

(b) it is acidic in nature.

(c) it prevents their multiplication.

(d) it is natural stimulant.

(B) Find the words from the given choices that have the same meaning $3 \times 1 = 3$

(i) Complete:

(a) Incomplete

(b) Intact

(c) Connected

(d) Clear

(ii) Scratch-

(a) abuse

(b) attack

(c) observe

(d) abrasion

(iii) Mouth-

(a) skin covering

(b) clean cloth

(c) oral cavity

(d) stomach.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :- $3 + 2 = 5$

(i) Effective speaking depends on effective listening. It takes energy to concentrate on hearing and to concentrate on understanding what has been heard. Incomplete listeners fail in a number of ways. First, they may drift. Their attention drift from what the Speaker is saying.

Second they may counter. They find counter arguments to whatever a speaker may be saying. Third, they compete. Then they filter. They exclude from their understanding those parts of the message which do not readily fit in their own frame of reference. Finally, they react. They let personal feelings about speaker or subject override the significance of the message which is being sent.

- (ii) What can a listener do to be more effective ?
The first key to effective listening is the art of concentration. If a listener positively wishes to concentrate on receiving a message his chances of success are high. It may need determination. Some speakers are difficult to follow; either because of voice problems or because of the form in which they send a message, There is then a particular need for the determination of a listener to concentrate on what is being said.
- (iii) Concentration is helped by alertness. It is not simply physical fitness, but also positioning of the body, the limbs and the head. Some people also find it helpful to their concentration if they hold the head slightly to one side. One useful way for achieving this is intensive note making, by trying to capture the critical headings and sub-heading the speaker is referring to.

note taker looks up can be very positive, and the speaker's thinking is aided- he can see when a note taker is writing hard and then make effective use of pauses.

- (v) Posture too is important. Consider the less impact made by a less competent listener who pushes his chair backwards and slouch. An upright posture helps a listener's concentration. Effective listening skills have an impact on both the listener and the speaker.

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes on it, in points only, using recognizable abbreviations where necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words.

Section - B (Writing)

3. You are Umesh / Amisha of 65/4 Dehra, Kangra. You want to sell a part of your parental old house. Write a suitable advertisement to be published in a local newspaper.

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2. You are Raj / Rajni a student of G.S.S.S., XYZ. You have lost your geometry box some where in the school premises. Write a notice for your school notice board giving details of it and requesting the finder to return it to you.

or

You are Ashish / Asha of class XII. You have found a watch in the school playground. Write a notice inviting its rightful owner to claim the watch after furnishing necessary details about it.

4. You are Amrit / Amrita, the head boy / girl of G.S.S.S. Hamirpur, 'No Tobacco Day' was Organised by the N.S.S unit of your school last week. Write a report in about 125 words. 4

or

Your school organised a cleanliness drive on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. Students took the responsibility of keeping clean the class-rooms, playgrounds, assembly hall and even toilets. Write a report for your school magazine. Sign yourself as Ashutosh / Asha.

5. Write an application to your Principal requesting him to ensure the availability of NCERT books of all the subjects and magazines for various competitions like N.E.E.T and J.E.E. in the school library. 4

or

You bought an electric geyser from 'Gupta Electronics' of your town with a warranty of 2 years. Now you find that it is defective. It is giving electric shock while touching the tap and heating water very slowly. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem.

6. Write an article in about 150 words on 'Computer and its uses' as you realize that computer is very useful in our day to day life. 4

or

Write an article for a newspaper on 'Protecting the Environment' to create an awareness among the people in about 150 words.

Section-C (Literature)

7. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :- $3 \times 1 = 3$

Perhaps the Earth can teach us
as when everything seems dead
and later proves to be alive.

Now I'll count up to twelve
and you keep quiet and I will go.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) What can Earth teach us?
- (iii) What does the poet want us to do while he counts up to twelve

or

Answer the following by giving correct options:

- (i) The poetess in 'My mother at Sixty Six' says, her mother looked pale like a-
- (a) Corpse
 - (b) Ghost
 - (c) Malnourished child
 - (d) Anaemic person
- (ii) Who has written 'An elementary school classroom in a slum'?
- (a) Rudyard Kipling
 - (b) Pablo Neruda
 - (c) Kamla Das
 - (d) Stephen Spender
- (iii) Who was sitting at the back of dim class?
- (a) a tall girl
 - (b) an old man
 - (c) a teacher
 - (d) an unnoted young boy

8. Answer any **five** of the following questions in about 20 words each.

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- (i) What had been put up on the bulletin board.
- (ii) Who is Mukesh? What is his ambitions ?
- (iii) Is Saheb happy working at the tea stall?
- (iv) What is the misadventure that Douglas Speaks about?

- (v) What was Firozabad famous for?
- (vi) What did the Peddler do for a living?
- (vii) What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day

Answer the following question in about 125 words:5

The people in the story 'The last Lesson' suddenly realise how precious their language is to them. What shows you this? Why does this happen?

or

How did William Douglas develop fear of water and how did he overcome it?

10. Answer the following question in about 125 words:5
- 'The modern world is full of insecurity fear, war and stress'. What are the ways in which we attempt to overcome this.

or

'The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica'. How is the study of this region useful to us.

11. Answer any **five** of the following questions in about 20 words each: - 5×1=5

- (i) What did the chief astrologer predict about Tiger king?
- (ii) What is a First Day Cover?
- (iii) Why does Charley want to visit Galesburg?

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- (iv) How were the Himalayas formed?
- (v) Who was Sadao? Where was his house.
- (vi) Who was Hana? Where had Sadao met her?
- (vii) What will the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill.