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ENGLISH LANGUAGE – I

TIME: 3hours
Max Marks:80

INSTRUCTIONS:

- i) The question paper is divided into 4 sections – A, B, C, D. All questions are compulsory.
- ii) Write the number of each question clearly.
- iii) Questions 4 to 13 and 19 to 24 have four alternatives and only one of them is the right answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- iv) Questions 15 to 18 and 30 and 37 have an internal choice.
- v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- vi) Figures to the right indicate marks.

SECTION A
(Reading Skills)

Read the following passage carefully:

There are four methods of managing waste: recycling, landfilling, composting and incinerating. Each method has its strengths and weaknesses. Let's take a quick look at each. Recycling is the process of turning waste into new materials. For example, used paper can be turned into paperboard, which can be used to make book covers. Recycling can reduce pollution, save materials, and lower energy use. Yet, some argue that recycling wastes energy. They believe that collecting, processing, and converting waste uses more energy than it saves.

Landfilling is the oldest method of managing waste. In its simplest form, landfilling is when people bury garbage in a hole. Over time the practice of landfilling has advanced. Garbage is compacted before it is thrown into the hole. In this way more garbage can fit in each landfill. Large liners are placed in the bottom of the landfills so that toxic garbage juice doesn't get into the ground water. Sadly, these liners don't always work. Landfills may pollute the local water supply. Not to mention that all of that garbage stinks.

As landfill spaces increase, interest in composting grows. Composting is when people pile up organic matter, such as food waste, and allow it to decompose. The product of this decomposition is compost. Compost can be added to the soil to make the soil richer and better for growing crops. While composting is easy to do onsite somewhere, like home or school, it's hard to do after the garbage gets all mixed up. This is because plastic and other inorganic materials must be

removed from the compost pile or they will pollute the soil. There's a lot of plastic is garbage which makes it hard to compost on a large scale.

One thing that is easier to do is burning garbage. There are two main ways to incinerate waste. The first is to create or harvest a fuel from the waste, such as methane gas, and burn the fuel. The second is to burn the waste directly. The heat from the incineration process can boil water, which can power steam generators, which then produce electricity that can be distributed on the power grid. (358 words)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer questions 1, 2 & 3 briefly in 10-15 words and questions 4,5,6,7 & 8 by choosing the best alternative from those provided:-

- 1) What are the benefits of recycling? 1
- 2) Why are landfills not a good option while managing garbage? 1
- 3) What makes it difficult to compost on a large scale? 1

Complete the following sentence by choosing the correct alternative from those given below:-

- 4) The first is to create or harvest _____ 1

- One thing that is easier to do is burning garbage.
- There are two main ways to incinerate waste.
- In this way more garbage can fit in each landfill
- a fuel from the waste, such as methane gas, and burn the fuel.

Choose the correct meaning of the word from the alternatives given below:-

5. Toxic 1

- Remedial
- Curative
- Beneficial
- Venomous

6. Compost 1

- Component
- Humus
- Element
- Ingredient

The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below:-

7. A site at which refuse is buried under layers of earth/ The material so disposed of. 1
- Landfill
 - Pollution
 - Waste
 - Methane
8. Reduced to ashes by burning, thoroughly consumed. 1
- Recycle
 - Decompose
 - Incinerate
 - Stink

Read the following passage carefully:

Business communication refers to the type of communication that is intended to help a business achieve a fundamental goal, through information sharing between employees as well as people outside the organization. It is a process of creating, sharing, listening and understanding messages between different groups of people through different modes of communication. The dominating forms of business communication comprising of external communication and internal communication. External communication transmits information through the organization using letters, telephone calls, press handouts etc. The two modes of external communication are outward communication and inward communication. Information is given to customers, suppliers, clients, banks, government departments, media and the general public with the help of outward communication. On the contrary, inward communication carries information from the external public in the form of letters, fax, reports, brochures, personal visits, etc.

Internal communication takes place within the organization. In this kind of communication, information pertaining to instructions, new ideas, orders and suggestions get transmitted. A business organization follows a hierarchical structure for its smooth functioning. A hierarchy is a system arranging people according to their merit/status. This structure in an organization helps its members communicate well, decide upon and perform well. It creates trust relations and also increases job satisfaction. (201 Words)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, give it a suitable title and write the para-wise topics using the format given below:

Title: -----9-----
I: ----- 10 -----
A: ----- 11 -----
B: ----- 12 -----
II: ----- 13 -----

9. _____ 1
o Nature of Communication
o Business communication
o Business and success
o Platforms of communication

10. _____ 1
o Medium of communication
o Types of communicators
o Forms of business communication
o Organizational communication

11. _____ 1
o External communication
o Outward communication
o Inward communication
o Mass communication

12. _____ 1
o Suggestive communication
o Internal communication
o Telephonic communication
o Written communication

13. _____ 1
o Functioning of a business organization
o Status of a business organization
o Limitations of a business organizations
o Structure of a business organization.

14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs.

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**SECTION B
(WRITING SKILLS)**

Attempt any one of the following:

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15. You are Dia/Dinesh Naik, Member of the Writing Club of St. Paul's Higher Secondary School, Margao. Your school is going to publish the Annual Magazine next month. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting students to submit articles. (About 30-40 words)

OR

15. You are Alita/Elton Mascarenhas, the owner of an independent house in E-Block, Sector 4, Vasco - Goa. You plan to sell off your house as you are moving to a different country. Draft an advertisement giving all the relevant details for the classified columns of 'The Navhind Times'. (About 30-40 words)

Attempt the following:

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16. You are Akshay/Akshata Gawas, the General Secretary of St. Antony's Higher Secondary School, Bicholim. Your school recently celebrated the 'World Animal Day' by organizing a set of activities for the students. Write a report about the event for your school magazine. (About 70-80 words)

Attempt the following:

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17. You are Anthony/Alisha Fernandez, residing at Villa De Goa, Bicholim-Goa. Irregular water supply is affecting the lives of the locals in your area. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Navhind Times' highlighting the matter and suggesting ways to improve the situation. (About 100-150 words)

Write an essay of about 200-250 words on any one of the following topics:

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18. Embrace Upcycling for a Greener Planet

18. Don't judge the book by its cover – Elaborate the statement.

18. The Importance of Mental and Physical Fitness

18. Dengue — A Cause of Concern

18. If I could change one thing in the Education System, I would change...

SECTION C
(GRAMMAR)

Choose the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given within brackets:

19. They _____ be there by now.

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the modal of 'Possibility')

- Should
- Could
- Ought to
- Must

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20. The waiter filled the glasses with water.

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the Passive Voice)

- The waiter was filled the glasses with water.
- The water were filled in the glasses by the waiter.
- The glasses filled with the water by the waiter.
- The glasses were filled with water by the waiter.

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21. If we quit, we will lose.

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using 'Unless')

- Unless we lose, we won't quit.
- Unless we quit we will lose.
- Unless we quit, we will not lose.
- Unless we lose, we will quit.

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22. The White peacock is more beautiful than any other bird .

(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence using the Superlative Degree Of comparison)

- The white peacock is one of the most beautiful birds.
- The white peacock is the most beautiful bird.
- The white peacock was one of the most beautiful bird.
- The white peacock is the most beautiful bird compared to all the other birds.

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23. The building was too weak to stand the storm.
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence by removing 'too' and using 'so...that')

- The building is so weak that it cannot stand the storm.
- The building was so weak that it couldn't stand the storm.
- The building was so weak that it could stand the storm.
- The building is so weak that it can stand the storm.

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24. The children _____ outside in the garden.
(Choose the best alternative from those provided below to rephrase the sentence by choosing the verb in the right tense)

- Has been playing
- Are playing
- Had been played
- Is playing

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SECTION D (TEXTUAL)

Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow in about 10-15 words each:

Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whisperings
She launches away, towards the infinite,
And the laburnum subsides to empty.

25. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line

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26. What makes the Laburnum subside to emptiness?

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And forever, by day and night, .I give back life to my own origin,
And make pure and beautify it;

27. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line

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28. What does 'my own origin' refer to?

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Answer the following questions in 25 - 30 words:

29. How does the poet describe the Laburnum tree top?

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30. Why does the rain descend on the Earth?

OR

30. The poetess's mother laughed at the snapshot. What did this laugh indicate?

Answer the following questions in 25 - 30 words:

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31. How did the sparrows express their sorrow on the death of Kushwant Singh's grandmother?
32. What were the arrangements made by the narrator and the crew members to encounter the stormy sea on January 2, 1977?
33. Why was Tut's demise considered to be a big event by royal standards?
34. What does Yang and Yin represent in Chinese paintings?
35. Why was Tut's corpse CT scanned?
36. What is meant by the term 'outsider art'?

OR

36. What preparations did the narrator and his wife do for the round-the-world voyage?

Answer any three of the following questions in about 40-50 words. 12

37. In the end, Aram and Mourad decide to return the horse to its owner. Do you agree with the decision. Justify.

Or

37. If you were to be Mrs. S's daughter would you go back to the address given by your mother? Elucidate
 38. Comment on the concept of 'arranged marriage with reference to the lesson 'Ranga's Marriage'.
 39. As Doctor Weil, how would you help Albert Einstein cope with school related stress? Express your opinions with reference to 'Albert Einstein at School'.
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