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Max. Marks: 80

INSTRUCTIONS :

- i. The question paper is divided into four sections: (A), (B), (C) and (D). All questions are compulsory.
- ii. Write the number of each question clearly.
- iii. Q. Nos. 4 to 13 and 19 to 24 are MCQ type and have four alternatives of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the correct answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
- iv. Q. Nos. 15 to 18, 29, 30, 35, 36, 38 and 39 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:

Climate change is no longer a distant threat; it is a present-day reality. Rising global temperatures, melting glaciers, and unpredictable weather patterns are clear indicators of the crisis. The primary cause of this phenomenon is human activity, particularly the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation, and industrial pollution. These actions release greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, trapping heat and altering the earth's climate system.

The effects of climate change are already visible. Many regions are experiencing severe floods, prolonged droughts, and devastating cyclones. Agriculture, which depends heavily on stable weather, is suffering, putting food security at risk. Moreover, millions of people are being displaced from coastal regions due to rising sea levels.

Addressing this challenge requires collective responsibility. Governments must adopt renewable energy, industries must reduce emissions, and individuals must practice sustainable habits like recycling and conserving energy. Young people, in particular, have an important role to play by raising awareness and pushing for eco-friendly policies.

While the task is difficult, it is not impossible. With global cooperation and commitment, humanity can slow down the impact of climate change and ensure a safer planet for future generations. (186 words)

1. What is the main cause of climate change? 1
2. Mention two visible effects of climate change. 1
3. How is agriculture affected? 1

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

4. Young people, in particular, have an important role to play by _____. 1

- Particularly the burning of fossil fuels.
- Industries must reduce emissions.
- a safer planet for future generations.
- Spreading awareness and demanding eco-friendly policies.

Give the meaning of the word in the context of the passage from the alternatives given below :

5 Crisis

- serenity
- extremity
- boon
- comfort

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6. Adopt

- relinquish
- forsake
- surrender
- endorse

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

7. A period of unusually low rainfall, longer and more severe than a dry spell.

- drought
- flood
- cyclone
- renewable energy

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8. not damaging the natural environment.

- raising awareness
- global temperature
- important role to play
- eco-friendly

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Read the following passage carefully :

Good health is the foundation of a happy life. In today's fast-paced world, many people ignore fitness due to busy schedules. Lack of exercise, unhealthy diets, and stress lead to obesity, diabetes, and heart disease. Regular physical activity strengthens muscles, improves immunity, and reduces mental stress.

A balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, proteins, and whole grains is essential for energy and growth. Adequate sleep is equally important for recovery and concentration. Mental fitness through meditation, hobbies, and relaxation techniques also contributes to overall well-being. Modern lifestyle diseases can be prevented by adopting simple habits like walking, eating mindfully, and avoiding junk food. Schools and workplaces should promote fitness programs to create awareness. Ultimately, health is wealth, and fitness must be a priority for a productive and happy life. (129 words)

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, choose a suitable title and choose the para-wise main topics and sub-topics, from the alternatives provided, using the format given below :

Title : 9

I : 10

A : 11

II : 12

A : 13

- 9..... 1
- Limitations of Health.
 - Health and Fitness.
 - Advantages of Health.
 - Disadvantages of Health.
- 10..... 1
- Daily Routine.
 - Sports.
 - Physical Activity.
 - Mental Fitness.
- 11..... 1
- boosts immunity and reduces stress.
 - Builds muscles.
 - Causes laziness.
 - Uses of Health.
- 12..... 1
- Unhealthy eating.
 - Work pressure.
 - Balanced diet.
 - Healthy lifestyles.
- 13..... 1
- Skipping meals.
 - Sleeping late .
 - Exercising, eating mindfully, avoiding junk food.
 - Awareness programs.

14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraph. 3

(Section B)
(Writing Skills)

Attempt any one of the following : 3

15. The Cultural Committee of Arya Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School, Chennai, is organising an Inter-Class Dance Competition. Draft a suitable notice inviting students to participate in the Competition giving relevant details. You are Rusham/Rushal Wadkar, the General Secretary of the school. (30-40 words)

OR

15. You are Rohan / Rhea, a graduate in English Literature. You are looking for a part-time job as a Content Writer in a reputed firm. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of The Times of India, Delhi, with the necessary details. Contact number:- 9922334455

E-mail : seebarnes@gmail.com. (30-40 words)

Attempt any one of the following :

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16. Recently, the N.S.S. Unit of your school organised a Cleanliness and Tree Plantation Drive as part of the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. As the secretary of the N.S.S. Unit write a report about the event for the school magazine. You are Amit/Amita D'Souza, Secretary of the N.S.S. Unit of Holy Trinity Higher Secondary School, Pune. (70-80 words)

OR

16. A fire broke out in a crowded marketplace in your city last evening, causing panic and heavy losses to shopkeeper. As a Staff Reporter of an Indian Express, Mumbai. Write a report giving details of the incident, rescue operations, and statements from eyewitnesses to be published in the newspaper. (70-80 words)

Attempt any one of the following :

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17. The Government of India has recently announced plans to regulate deepfake content on social media platforms, stressing the urgent need to curb misuse of AI-generated videos and misinformation. Write a Letter to the Editor of a National Daily, expressing your concern over the dangers of deepfakes, their impact on society, and suggesting steps to promote responsible use of technology. You are Vinoba Bhave . Your address is House No. 123/A, Vista do Rio Colony, Thane, Maharashtra. (100-150 words)

OR

17. The state receives abundant rainfall every year however during summers many areas are severely impacted because of water scarcity. Write a letter requesting the Sarpanch of Raichur to construct water tanks to help in rainwater harvesting in your village. You are Neha/ Nikhil Joshi, Flat No. 12/C, Verdo Campos Apartments, Raichur, Karnataka. (100-150 words)

18. Write an essay in about 200-250 words on any one of the following topics : 10

- Education beyond Classrooms.
- Mental Health awareness among Teenagers.
- Technology Makes Us Lazy – Agree or Disagree?
- A Day without Electricity.
- Importance of Reading in the Digital Age.

(Section C)

(Grammar)

Rewrite the sentence by selecting the correct alternative from the options given below each sentence according to the instructions given in the brackets:

19. Yesterday evening, while I _____ (walk) along the beach, I _____
(see) a group of children playing football. 1

(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below and rewrite the sentence.)

- have walked / had seen
- was walking / saw
- walked / was seeing
- had walked / have seen

20. When we were children, we _____ play in the fields all evening.
(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal of obligation from the alternatives provided below)

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- must
- used to
- might
- should

21. They are watching a movie.
(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence in Passive Voice.)

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- A movie watches them.
- A movie is being watched by them.
- A movie has been watched by them.
- A movie was watched by them.

22. It is too dark to see anything.
(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so ... that').

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- It is so dark that we cannot see anything.
- It is very dark to see anything.
- We cannot see anything because it is dark.
- It is too dark to see anything.

23. Mount Everest is the highest mountain in the world.
(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using Positive Degree of comparison.)

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- Mount Everest is one of the highest mountain in the world.
- Mount Everest is higher than any other mountain in the world.
- Mount Everest is higher than most other mountain in the world.
- No other mountain in the world is as high as Mount Everest.

24. She will miss the bus if she does not hurry.
(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using 'Unless') :

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- She will miss the bus unless she hurries.
- She will not miss the bus unless she hurries.
- Unless she misses the bus, she will hurry.
- Unless she will hurry, she will miss the bus.

(Section D)

(Textual)

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

"Driving from my parent's
home to Cochin last Friday
morning, I saw my mother, beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that of a corpse."

25. What comparison does the poet make to describe her mother's face? 1
26. Name and explain the figure of speech in the last line. 1

A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
Pass into nothingness.

27. How is a thing of beauty a joy forever? 1
28. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line. 1

Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each:

29. Why has the mother's face been compared to a late winter's moon? 2
30. Give a general description of the slum children? 2
31. Describe how people are harming the Earth according to the poet. 2
32. What images of nature does the poet use in the poem? 2

Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words:

33. Why was Franz surprised when he entered the classroom on the day of the last lesson? 2
34. Why did Saheb feel unhappy working at the tea stall? 2
35. What was the author's first experience with water that created fear in him? 2
36. What did the peddler convey in his letter to Edla? 2

Answer the following questions in about 50-60 words:

37. What lessons can present-day humans learn from the history of Antarctica in order to ensure the survival of mankind and the planet? Illustrate with reference to Journey to the End of the Earth. 4
38. Dr. Sadao's decision to save the life of an enemy soldier highlights the conflict between professional duty and patriotic loyalty. How does his choice reflect the triumph of humanity over prejudice? Discuss with reference to The Enemy. 4

OR

38. Charley's journey to the "third level" at Grand Central Station blurs the line between reality and imagination. How does this reflect the theme of escapism in the lesson? 4

39. The Tiger King wasted his energy and position in pursuing a selfish goal instead of serving his people. What lesson can youngsters today learn from his failure about using their talents and opportunities wisely? 4

OR

39. Kings are remembered for their service to the people and preservation of their kingdoms. In what ways did the Tiger King, driven by his fear of death, neglect his true duty as the ruler of Pratibandapuram? 4