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DATE-07/10/25

TIME: 3 hours

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 are MCQ type and have four alternatives of which only one is the correct answer. Choose the right answer and write it against the appropriate question number in your answer book.
 - iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
 - v) Figures to the right indicate marks.
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SECTION - A
(READING SKILLS)

The avocado, often called the "alligator pear" due to its shape and rough skin, is a fruit that has gained global popularity for its unique taste and numerous health benefits. Native to Central America, it is now cultivated in many tropical and Mediterranean regions. Unlike most fruits, avocados are rich in healthy fats, particularly monounsaturated fats, which are beneficial for heart health. These fats help reduce bad cholesterol levels while maintaining good cholesterol, thereby lowering the risk of cardiovascular diseases.

In addition to healthy fats, avocados are an excellent source of fiber, which aids digestion and helps maintain a healthy weight by promoting a feeling of fullness. They also contain essential vitamins such as vitamin K, vitamin E, vitamin C, and several B vitamins. Potassium, a mineral found in abundance in avocados, is known to regulate blood pressure and support nerve and muscle function.

Another remarkable feature of avocados is their antioxidant properties. They contain lutein and zeaxanthin, two antioxidants that are crucial for eye health as they protect against harmful light waves. Regular consumption of avocados can also enhance skin health, as the fruit's natural oils nourish and hydrate the skin.

Despite their high-calorie content, avocados can be a part of a balanced diet, especially when consumed in moderation. They are versatile and can be enjoyed in salads, sandwiches, smoothies, or simply on toast. Thus, this superfood not only pleases the palate but also strengthens overall well-being. (238 words Readers Digest)

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

1. Why are avocados considered beneficial for heart health? 1
2. Which antioxidants in avocados support eye health? 1
3. Mention two ways avocados can be consumed. 1

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

4. Regular consumption of avocados can also enhance _____ as the fruit's natural oils nourish and hydrate the skin. 1

- ✓ Liver health
- ✓ Skin health
- ✓ Brain health
- ✓ Gut health

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

5. abundance 1

- ✓ scarcity
- ✓ plenty
- ✓ shortage
- ✓ lack

6. remarkable 1

- ✓ ordinary
- ✓ noticeable
- ✓ insignificant
- ✓ unimportant

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

7. essential 1

- ✓ reduce
- ✓ crucial
- ✓ strength
- ✓ function

8. used in many ways 1

- ✓ cultivated
- ✓ protect
- ✓ versatile
- ✓ enhance

Read the following passage carefully:

An ecosystem is a community of living organisms interacting with each other and their physical environment. Ecosystems can be broadly classified into two main types: **terrestrial ecosystems** and **aquatic ecosystems**. Terrestrial ecosystems are land-based and include forests, grasslands, deserts, and tundras. Forest ecosystems are rich in biodiversity and provide oxygen, timber, and habitat for countless species. Grasslands, dominated by grasses, support grazing animals and regulate soil fertility. Deserts, though harsh and dry, are home to specially adapted plants like cacti and animals such as camels. Tundras, located in polar regions, have extremely low temperatures, little vegetation, and are inhabited by hardy animals like reindeer and polar bears.

Aquatic ecosystems, on the other hand, are water-based and are divided into freshwater and marine ecosystems. Freshwater ecosystems include rivers, lakes, and ponds. They supply drinking water, irrigation, and serve as habitats for fish, amphibians, and insects. Marine ecosystems, which cover more than 70% of Earth's surface, include oceans, seas, and coral reefs. These ecosystems play a crucial role in regulating global climate and are a primary source of food, oxygen, and livelihood for humans. Coral reefs, often called the "rainforests of the sea," are especially rich in biodiversity. Both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems are essential for maintaining ecological balance and supporting life on Earth. (212 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. _____

- Living Organisms
- Types of Ecosystems
- Physical Environment
- Climate

10. _____

- Polar region
- Terrestrial ecosystems.
- Habitat
- Low temperature

11. _____

- Oxygen
- Grazing animals
- Forest, grassland, desert, tundras
- Soil fertility

12. _____
- Aquatic ecosystem
 - Drinking water
 - Coral reefs
 - livelihood

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13. _____
- Amphibians
 - Global climate
 - Freshwater and Marine Ecosystem
 - Ecological balance

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14. Write a summary of the above passage in about 70 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs. 3

SECTION B (WRITING SKILLS)

Attempt any one of the following: 3

15. The PTA of your school is organizing 'Road Safety Week'. Draft a notice to be displayed on the school notice board giving necessary details. You are Anjali/Anil Dutta, Cultural Secretary of Hamilton Higher Secondary School, Patna. (30-40 words)

OR

You want to sell Handmade cards, candles and paintings. Draft an advertisement for the classified columns of a local daily giving necessary details. You are Siddharth/Sunidhi Patel, Flat No. 9, Hill view Apartments, Vadodara. Email: sidd@gmail.com (30-40 words)

Attempt the following: 5

16. Recently your school organised a Workshop on 'Leadership and Personality Development' Write a report for your school magazine. You are Anika/Ankit, the Cultural Secretary of Rishi Valley Higher Secondary School, Varanasi. (70- 80 words)

Attempt the following: 8

17. There is an urgent need for waste segregation and recycling. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily explaining the problems that will be caused to the environment. Suggest solutions to the same. Your name is Sameer/Sameera Fadnis. Your address is House No.10, Sea View Colony, Vimanagar, Pune. (100-150 words)

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

- An Adventure in the Mountains
- The Charm of My Hometown
- A Street Market I Love Visiting
- How Traveling Changes Your Perspective
- The Importance of Gratitude in Life

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. By the time the train _____ (arrive), we _____ (finish) our lunch 1
(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below and rewrite the sentence.)

- arrives ,finished
- arrived ,was finished
- had arrived,had finished
- arrived, had finished

20. The box is too heavy to lift.(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence by replacing 'too' and using 'so...that') 1

- The box is so heavy that I cannot lift it.
- The box is heavy but I can lift it.
- The box is so heavy that I lifted it
- The box is very heavy to lift it

21.We _____ complete this project on time.(Rewrite the sentence by selecting a modal auxiliary of determination.) 1

- Can
- Shall
- May
- could

22. They will finish the work tomorrow.(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence in the Passive Voice.) 1

- The work was finished by them tomorrow.
- The work has been finished by them tomorrow.
- The work will be finished by them tomorrow.
- The work is finished by them tomorrow.

23. If the driver does not slow down, there may be an accident. (Rewrite the sentence using ' Unless') 1

- Unless the driver did not slow down, there may be an accident.
- Unless the driver will slow down, there may be an accident.
- Unless the driver slows down,there may be an accident.
- Unless the driver is not slowing down, there may be an accident.

24. Rohit runs faster than any other boy in the class.(Select the best alternative from those provided below and rewrite the sentence using the Positive Degree of Comparison.) 1

- Some boys in the class run as fast as Rohit.
- No other boy in the class runs as fast as Rohit.
- Rohit does not run as fast as other boys in the class.
- Every boy in the class runs as fast as Rohit.

SECTION D (TEXTUAL)

Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow:

*I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust layers of the globe,
And all that in them without me were seeds only, latent, unborn;*

25. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line. 1
26. How does the line "without me, were seeds only, latent, unborn" reflect the influence of rain on the world? 1

*"Then sleek as a lizard, and alert, and abrupt, she enters the thickness,
And a machine starts up of chitterings, And a tremor of wings, and trillings—"*

27. Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line. 1
28. Why does the poet compare the sound to a "machine"? 1

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

29. What contrast does the poet draw between the sea and human life in the poem "A Photograph" 2
30. What are the various activities that the Rain gets involved in after descending to the earth? 2

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

31. Explain the concept of Western Figurative painting. 2
32. What unforeseen problem did Carter encounter when he opened King Tut's Mummy? 2
33. How did the Grandmother get Kushwant Singh ready for school? 2
34. Why did the Captain get no replies to the Mayday calls? 2
35. Why did the plan to reach Australia change? 2
36. What were the results of the CT scan? 2

Answer the following questions in 50 to 60 words:

37. How does the story "The Summer Of A Beautiful White Horse " highlight the values of honesty and trust in the Gharoghianian family? 4

OR

37. Why did the narrator visit Mrs. Dorling's house after the war?

38. How did the Narrator play an important role in Ranga's marriage? 4
39. Einstein was different from the other students in his school. Explain. 4

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