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- Please check that this question paper contains 14 questions.
- Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer script during this period.

**FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum marks : 100

**General Instructions :**

- The paper is divided into four sections : A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 12

- 1 My own recollection is that I did not have high regard for my ability. I used to be astonished whenever I won prizes and scholarships. But I very jealously guarded my character. When I merited, or seemed to the teacher to merit, a rebuke, it was unbearable for me. I remember having once received corporal punishment. I did not so much mind the punishment, as the fact that it was considered my desert. I wept piteously. That was when I was in the first or second standard. There was another such incident during the time when I was in the seventh standard. Dorabji Edulji Gimi was the headmaster then. He was popular among the boys, as he was a disciplinarian, a man of method, and a good teacher. He had made gymnastics and cricket compulsory for boys of the upper standards. I disliked both. I never took part in any exercise, cricket or football, before they were made compulsory. My shyness was one of the reasons for this aloofness, which I now see was wrong. I then had the false notion that gymnastics had nothing to do with education.
- 2 Today I know that physical training should have as much place in the curriculum as mental training. I may mention, however, that I was none the worse for abstaining from exercise. That was because I had read in books about the benefits of long walks in the open air, and having liked the advice, I had formed a habit of taking walks, which has still remained with me. These walks gave me a fairly hardy constitution. The reason for my dislike for gymnastics was my keen desire to serve as nurse to my father. As soon as the school closed, I would hurry home and begin serving him. Compulsory exercise came directly in the way of this service. I requested Mr. Gimi to exempt me from gymnastics so that I might be free to serve my father. But he would not listen to me.
- 3 Now it happened that one Saturday, when we had school in the morning, I had to go from home to the school for gymnastics at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. I had no watch, and the clouds deceived me. Before I reached the school the boys had all left. The next day Mr. Gimi, examining the roll, found me marked

(b) Pick out words from the passage which mean the same as :

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(i) reprimand (para 1)

(ii) cheated (para 3)

(iii) pain (para 3)

(iv) preserved (para 4)

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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I believe we can change the world if we start listening to one another again. I believe that if we turn to one another, if we begin talking with each other — especially with those we call stranger or enemy — then this world can reverse its darkening direction and change for the good. And I know with all my heart that the only way the world will change is if many more of us step forward, let go of our judgments, become curious about each other, and take the risk to begin a conversation.

Our twenty-first-century world is descending into aggression, fear, and separation. War, genocide, violence, slavery, pandemics, poverty, natural disasters — all these are commonplace in this new century, despite most people's deep longing to live together in peace.

What are we going to do about this ? What role do we choose to play ? Do we withdraw and hope at least to live a satisfying private life ? Or do we turn to one another and do what we can to bring forth a healthy future ?

To support you who aspire to restore hope to the future, we need to think about two new conversations. "What is my role in creating change ?" It is about how the world always *only* changes



absent. Being asked the reason for absence, I told him what had happened. He refused to believe me and ordered me to pay a fine – one or two annas (I cannot now recall how much). I was convicted of lying! That deeply pained me. How was I to prove my innocence ? There was no way. I cried in deep anguish. I saw that a man of truth must also be a man of care. This was the first and last instance of my carelessness in school.

- 4 But though I was none the worse for having neglected exercise, I am still paying the penalty of another neglect. I do not know whence I got the notion that good handwriting was not a necessary part of education, but I retained it until I went to England. When later, especially in South Africa, I saw the beautiful handwriting of lawyers and young men born and educated in South Africa, I was ashamed of myself and repented of my neglect. I saw that bad handwriting should be regarded as a sign of an imperfect education. I tried later to improve mine, but it was too late. I could never repair the neglect of my youth. Let every young man and woman be warned by my example, and understand that good handwriting is a necessary part of education. I am now of opinion that children should first be taught the art of drawing before learning how to write. Let the child learn his letters by observation as he does different objects, such as flowers, birds, etc., and let him learn handwriting only after he has learnt to draw objects. He will then write a beautifully formed hand.

(a) On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following questions :

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| (i)   | What kind of a person was Dorabji ?   | 2 |
| (ii)  | Why did Gandhiji dislike gymnastics and cricket ?   | 1 |
| (iii) | Why did Gandhiji want exemption from gymnastics ?   | 1 |
| (iv)  | What did Gandhiji think about handwriting initially ?<br>What made him change his opinion ? | 2 |
| (v)   | What, according to Gandhiji, is the right method of teaching good handwriting to children ? | 2 |

when a few individuals step forward. It doesn't change from leaders or top-level programmes or big ambitious plans. It changes when we, everyday people gathering in small groups, notice what we care about and take those first steps to change the situation.

The second new conversation is : "Can I be fearless ?" Fear is everywhere these days, and it's only increasing. Fear destroys human capacity; therefore, we are called to be fearless. Fearless doesn't mean that we are free of fear. It means we learn how to face our fear so that it stops controlling us. If we don't learn how to move past our fears, we will not be able to host conversations or become active on behalf of this troubled, still beautiful world.

Singer Harry Belafonte said, "The last source of truth and hope is the people themselves." Do you know this to be true ? If not, I encourage you to begin one of these conversations. In conversation, you'll discover that other people are just as concerned, caring, and eager for change as are you.

We can change the world if we just start listening to one another again.

*Margaret J. Wheatley*

- (a) Make notes on the passage given above in any format using recognizable abbreviations. Give a suitable title to the passage. 5
- (b) Write a summary based on the notes you have made in about 80 words. 3

## SECTION B — WRITING

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3. You are Kamal/Kavya, the Sports Secretary of the school. Write a notice in 50–80 words for your school notice board, informing the students about a camp for training students in yoga.

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OR

The Indian Army issued an appeal to the youth of the country to join it for a challenging and adventurous career. As Secretary of Social Science Club, draft a poster in 50–80 words prompting the youth to join the Indian Army.

4. You are Sonam/Sohil, living at 36, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi. You want to use your summer vacation to gain firsthand experience as an office assistant in a shopping mall. Write an application for the post of an office assistant giving your complete bio-data to the Manager, Crown Plaza, B.C., Part I, New Delhi.

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OR

You are Aarti/Atul. You came across an advertisement, 'based on laser technology to help ladies look best'. You feel strongly about the dangers inherent in the use of synthetic chemicals and over-exposure of skin to laser beams. Write a letter in 125–150 words to the Editor of The Hindustan Times, highlighting the possible dangers to the users and suggesting action against the exploiters.

5. You are Rahul/Rekha who reads the following headlines commenting on the measures taken by the metropolitan cities of our country to give them a 'clean' look by removing the poor without eradicating poverty. You are upset at the manner in which these steps have been taken. You also mention the steps that could have been taken to safeguard their homes and livelihood and comment on our responsibilities towards keeping the cities clean. Write an article in about 200 words.

POOR BANISHED FROM PUBLIC PLACES

COPS ASK HAWKERS, VENDORS TO PACK UP

NO BUSINESS ON ROADS

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OR

Shahid/Aisha of Class XII has just read a book called, *Four Ways to Decide What Career is Right* which talks about some tips you can follow while choosing a career. He/She has jotted down some points in his/her diary. Later, when asked to give a speech on choosing a career, he/she decides to use the following notes to write the speech. Write the speech in about 200 words.

Notes :

- Know yourself – What do you enjoy the most ?
- Explore career options based on your interests
- Look for options to turn hobbies into careers
- Look for options/degrees to enhance skills
- Follow your dreams, not your friend's

### SECTION C — GRAMMAR

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6. Rearrange the following sentences sequentially to make complete sense. 1×5=5
- (a) Set a daily goal of writing two hundred, five hundred and even one thousand words.
  - (b) Then set aside a regular time, like early morning and be disciplined.
  - (c) To start off on a writing career you need to follow a pattern.
  - (d) Don't worry about making what you write perfect.
  - (e) Just focus on getting the story out.



7. Jatin is worried at the depleting tiger population in India. He meets Valmiki Thapar, the 'tiger man' of India and discusses some of the issues involved with tiger conservation. Construct five sets of dialogues based on the cues given below. The first one has been done as an example for you.

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- *poachers – removing selling vital organs/skin/teeth/bones/paw*
- *some corrupt forest officers in connivance with poachers*
- *villagers using poison to kill them – to protect livestock*
- *steps to be taken to protect the tiger*
- *stricter laws and heavy fines to be levied*

*Jatin : Good morning sir, thank you for your time. I would be grateful if you could tell me why the tiger population is depleting at such a rapid rate*

*Valmiki Thapar : Well, there are many reasons for this.*

8. The following passage has ten errors. Identify the error in each line and write them along with their corrections. The first has been done as an example.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$$

**Incorrect    Correct**

Asthma can made exercising a struggle and	made <u>make</u>
everyday activity the challenge. But it is often	(a) _____
overlooked, especially in adult. In one recent	(b) _____
study it were found that more than four thousand	(c) _____
men and women has undiagnosed asthma. According	(d) _____
with experts undiagnosed asthma could make life more	(e) _____
difficult and could even being deadly. Your doctor may	(f) _____
prescribe an inhaled asthma medication to seeing if it	(g) _____
help or he may perform what's known as a spirometry test.	(h) _____
Both these test will help him to gauge your lung function	(i) _____
and see who medicine would be effective in treating you.	(j) _____



9. Sha'ini/Subodh is working for the Department of Tourism and has been asked to conduct a survey on the preferences and facilities provided for the foreign tourists visiting India. Prepare a questionnaire on this topic taking help from the cues given below : 5

reasons for visiting India  
choice of places  
cities  
monuments  
impression of cities visited  
impression of hotels  
people  
facilities  
any suggestions  
weather

#### SECTION D — LITERATURE

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10. Choose either of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow : 7

They'll soon forget their haunted nights; their cowed  
Subjection to the ghosts of friends who died,  
Their dreams that drip with murder; And they'll be proud  
Of glorious war that shatter'd all their pride ...

- (a) Who does 'they' refer to in the first line ? Who is the speaker ?  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}$   
(b) Why have the nights been described as 'haunted' ? Who or what will haunt them ? 1+1  
(c) What does 'cowed subjection' mean ? 2  
(d) Explain the paradox in the last line. 2

OR

Seasons of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
 Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun :  
 Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
 With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eves run;

- (a) Which is the season being described in the first line ? 1
- (b) Mention any four qualities of the season mentioned here. 2
- (c) Pick out the literary device in these lines and explain. 2
- (d) What are the other activities that take place during this season ?  
 (atleast four) 2

11. Answer any *two* of the following in about 50 words each : 4×2=8

- (a) How does the narrator feel on seeing his old mother ? What are the changes that he observes in her ?
- (b) What is the relation between Hamlet and the theme of the poem, 'Curtain' ?
- (c) Mention any two symbols used in the poem, 'Ars Poetica'. What do these symbols convey ?

12. Answer the following in 80 – 100 words. 5

Why is Alexander called an 'adventurer' ? What are the qualities of an adventurer that Alexander exhibits ?

**OR**

What is the contradiction between the second and third wish made by Mr. White in the play, 'Monkey's Paw' ? Why does he make the two wishes ?

13. Answer any *two* of the following in about 50 words each. 4×2=8

- (a) Why does Iona feel happy in the company of the young men even though they were insensitive to his feelings ?
- (b) Compare and contrast the characters of Robichon and Quinquart as depicted in the story, 'The Judgement of Paris'.
- (c) Why did Lisa's friend consider her to be cold and aloof ?

14. Answer the following in 100 – 125 words.

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How is the statement, 'Man proposes and God disposes' related to the theme of the story, 'A Room 10' x 8' ' ?

**OR**

The Censors of Piety have to submit a report to King Asoka about the work that they have done to spread Dharma amongst the people. Write the report.