

ENGLISH

Time Allowed - 3 Hours
Marks - 80

Maximum

Candidates are required to answer the questions in their own words as far as practicable.

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) This question paper has 28 questions. All Questions are compulsory.
- (v) This question paper contains four sections. Section-A: MCQ, Section-B : Reading Skills, Section- C : Creative Writing Skills, Section-D : Literature.
- (vi) Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each



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part Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.

- (vii) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- (viii) All questions given in section a (Multiple Choice Questions) are to be attempted on OMR sheet provided with Answer book.

SECTION-A
(Multiple Choice Questions)

Answer the following MCQs by selecting the correct option :

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1. The most common form of closing a letter to a close relative is :
 - a) Yours sincerely
 - b) Yours affectionately
 - c) Yours faithfully
 - d) Yours truly
2. Which of the following is not a part of a classified advertisement?
 - a) Heading
 - b) Subscription
 - c) Date



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d) Salutation

3. What is the byline in article writing?

a) Title of the article

b) Name of the writer

c) Date of publishing

d) Summary of the article

4. What is the general purpose of writing a report?

a) To inform, persuade, and influence

b) To hide information

c) To entertain the audience

d) To confuse the audience

5. In the poem "A Thing of Beauty," what does the phrase "A Thing of beauty is a joy forever" mean?

a) Beauty is only material

b) Beauty is temporary

c) Beauty fades

d) Beauty is eternal

6. How the tigers are described in the poem "Aunt Jennifer's Tigers?"

a) Meek and timid

b) Bright, fearless, and gallant

c) Dependent and submissive

d) Old and tame

7. What does the poet wish at the end of "The Roadside Stand"?

a) That poor villagers should die peacefully



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- b) That should get wealth suddenly
 - c) That villagers should be relocated to cities
 - d) That government should provide help
8. What will actually happen according to Pablo Neruda if everyone keeps quiet at the same time?
- a) The world will end
 - b) People will become restless
 - c) There will be peace and harmony
 - d) Nature will be destroyed
9. What according to M. Hamel is the most beautiful language in the world?
- a) German
 - b) French
 - c) English
 - d) Spanish
10. Who is Geoff in the story "Going Places"?
- a) Sophie's brother
 - b) Sophie's classmate
 - c) Sophie's teacher
 - d) Sophie's father
11. What percentage of land was reserved for indigo cultivation under the sharecropping system?
- a) One tenth
 - b) One fourth
 - c) One third
 - d) Half



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12. What is the genre of "Deep Water"?

- a) Short story
- b) Autobiographical
- c) Travelogue
- d) Biography

13. Where does Charley want to go after discovering the 'Third Level'?

- a) To Galesburg, Illinois
- b) To Chicago
- c) To Washington
- d) To London

14. Which is the driest, and the windiest continent in the world?

- a) South Africa
- b) Europe
- c) Australia
- d) Antarctica

15. What did the students learn about e-vehicles from their field trip?

- a) They use conventional fuel
- b) They make a lot of noise
- c) They are not safe
- d) They are pollution free

16. Derry hates to be called _____?

- a) Dennis
- b) Derek
- c) Daniel
- d) Danny



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SECTION – B
(Reading Skills)

17. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

- (i) It is strange but true that the best things in life come free. What are those 'best' things? Not cars, bungalows, money, gadgets or comforts. One has to pay dearly for all these things, but these are not the best things as they are not perennial. They do not provide happiness. Nor do they provide us contentment. Rather these things make us more and more unhappy, greedy and dishonest. The best things in life are health, happiness and contentment, and all the elements of nature— air, water, rain or sunshine. These things cannot be sold or bought. They are acquired, inborn or enjoyed freely.
- (ii) Let us take health, first of all. It is strange that most of the rich people are unhealthy. They spend a lot of money. They go to gyms, consult doctors and health- instructors, but in vain. It is simple because they are devoid of those things which matter in life the most-internal happiness and contentment. Most of them remain stressed, and stress becomes the cause of several ailments. It is, however, equally true that many poor persons also remain unhealthy because of their greed and dissatisfaction in life. Happiness and contentment are inter-dependent. Those who are contented are almost always happy. Both these things can be had free of cost.
- (iii) No money is needed for them. If you have faith in yourself if you are well-adjusted in life if you are free from common vices, you are sure to be happy and contented. And if you are truly happy and contented, you are physically and mentally healthy. If one enjoys air and sunshine which come free and freely to us, one is bound to be healthy. A regular walk in the morning and in the evening is enough to keep one healthy. God has given us many things free of cost. Fresh air in the morning is health-giving, and so is sunshine. Those who confine themselves in narrow, AC chambers and do not enjoy the bounties of nature can never remain healthy for long. Therefore, it is truly said that the best things in life are free.

On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions:

- (a) Complete the following statements : 2 x 1 = 2



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(i) Most of the rich people are unhealthy because.....

(ii),two things are enough to keep one
Healthy.

(b) Answer the following questions briefly : $3 \times 1 = 3$

(i) Why are most of the rich people unhealthy?

(ii) Who are almost always happy?

(iii) What would happen to the person who confines himself in narrow
AC chambers?

(c) Find the word from the given choices having similar meanings as :

$3 \times 1 = 3$

(i) Lasting a long time

(a) Comfort

(b) Perennial

(c) Gadgets

(d) Dearly

(ii) Satisfaction

(a) Acquired

(b) Inborn

(c) Ailments

(d) Contentment

(iii) Restrict

(a) Bound



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(b) Bounties

(c) Confine

(d) Vices

18. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

- (i) Despite all the research every one of us catches cold and most of us catch it frequently. Our failure to control one of the commonest of all ailments sometimes seems ridiculous. The problem of common cold is unusually difficult and much has yet to be done to solve it. It is known that a cold is caused by one of a number of viral infections that affect the lining of the nose and other passages leading to the lungs but the confusing variety of viruses makes study and remedy very difficult. It was shown in 1960 that many typical colds in adults are caused by one or the other of a family of viruses known as rhinoviruses, yet there still remain many colds for which no virus has as yet been isolated.
- (ii) There is also the difficulty that because they are so much smaller than the bacteria which cause many other infections, viruses cannot be seen with ordinary microscopes. Nor can they be cultivated easily in the bacteriologist's laboratory, since they only grow within the living cells of animals or plants. An important recent step forward, however, is the development of the technique of tissue culture, in which bits of animal tissue are enabled to go on living and to multiply independently of the body. This has greatly aided virus research and has led to the discovery of a large number of viruses. Their existence had previously been not only unknown but even unsuspected
- (iii) The fact that we can catch a cold repeatedly creates another difficulty. Usually, a virus strikes only once and leaves the victim immune to further attacks. Still, we do not gain immunity from colds. Why? It may possibly be due to the fact that while other viruses get into the bloodstream where anti-bodies can oppose them, the viruses causing cold attack cells only on the surface. Or it may be that immunity from one of the many different viruses does not guarantee protection from all the others. It seems, therefore, that we are likely to have to suffer colds for some time yet.



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(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes on it using a suitable format. Also, suggest a suitable title. 4

(B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. 3

SECTION – C

(Creative Writing Skills)

19. You are Reema / Rahul of GSSS Solan. You have lost your english notebook somewhere in the school playground. Put up a notice giving a description of the book and requesting the finder to return it to you. Write the notice in not more than 50 words.

Or

You are Alka / Arun , General Manager of P.K. Industries, Kangra. You need an accountant for your company. Draft an advertisement to be published in the Situation Vacant column of 'The Hindu' in not more than 50 words.

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20. The International Yoga Day was celebrated in your school. Various inter School competitions were organised on the occasion. Prepare a report on the event to be published in your School magazine. You are Saniya / Suryant.

Or



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You recently visited the flash flood hit area of District Mandi. Write a report to be published in a local newspaper, mentioning the plight of people affected by the floods. Sign yourself as Kriti / Kunal. 6

21. You are Akriti / Ayush, a resident of 459, Sainik Colony, Solan. Write a letter to the editor of 'The Tribune', drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to the deteriorating law and order in the city in 125-150 words

Or

You are Namrata / Naman of 14, New Town, Shimla. You have seen an advertisement in, 'The Times of India' for the post of Chief Chef in a 5-Star Hotel. Apply for the job with complete bio data . 6

22. Compulsory value-based education is the only remedy for inculcating values among the future citizens of the country. Write an article in 150-200 words on the need of compulsory 'Value-Based Education'.

Or

Educating women is an important step towards women empowerment. Write an article in 150-200 words for your school magazine, on the 'Importance of Educating Women'. You are Sanjay / Simi of GSSS Dehan.

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SECTION - D

(Literature)

23. Read the following stanza carefully and answer the questions that follow :

3 x 1 = 3



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Such the Sun, the Moon,
Trees old and young, sprouting a shady boon
For simple sheep; and such are daffodils
With the green world they live in; and clear rills
That for themselves a cooling covert make
'Gainst the hot season.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet.
- (b) List the things, mentioned in the stanza that give us joy.
- (c) What does the green world mean?

Or

The little old house was out with a little new shed
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.

- (i) Name the poem and the poet.
- (ii) Where was the new shed situated?
- (iii) Find words from the stanza which mean the same as :

(a) Pitifully

(b) Wilting

24. Answer any two of the following questions in about 30 words each :

2 x 2 = 4

- (i) Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?
- (ii) What do you mean by "Victory with no survivors"?
- (iv) What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of uncle's wedding



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band?

25. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20-30 words each :

2 x 2 = 4

- (i) What was unusual about M Hamel's dress that day?
- (ii) Why was Douglas determined to learn swimming?
- (iii) What work did the 'Office Boy' do in the Gemini Studios?

26. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 about words : 6

How did Gandhi's visit to Champaran shape his destiny as a leader of the masses ?

Or

How were the plights of Zitkala Sa and Bama similar ?

27. Answer the following questions in about 125-150 about words : 6

What did the astrologers foretell about the infant prince? What vow did the prince take and what did he do when he grew up to fulfil his vow?

Or



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How can the big things take care of themselves when the small things are taken care of ?

28. Answer any two of the following questions in about 20-30 words each :

$$2 \times 2 = 4$$

- (i) What does the third level refer to?
- (ii) Who is Dr Sadao? Where is his house located?
- (iii) What did the tiger king do to find the required number of tigers?



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Section wise Marks distribution and Blueprint of XII English Paper Session 2024-25

There will be 4 sections and 41 questions in all including all parts.

S.No	Section wise distribution	1 mark	2 mark	3 mark	4 mark	6 mark	Total
01	Section A - Multiple Choice Questions	16	-	-	-	-	16



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02	Section B – Reading Skills	8	-	1	1	-	10
03	Section C – Creative Writing Skills	-	-	-	1	3	4
04	Section D - Literature	3	6	-	-	2	11
	TOTAL QUESTIONS	27	6	1	2	5	41
	TOTAL MARKS	27	12	3	8	30	80



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