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- (i) This question paper is divided into four sections- A, B, C and D.
(ii) All questions are compulsory. Marks are indicated against each question.

SECTION - A (Reading)

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

The youth is the most Precious resource on earth. As a teacher, my advice to children is that they should try and excel in their education. Whenever they get time, Saturday, Sunday or other holidays, they should go to the nearest village with their teachers and educate at least five people. They must learn to nurture nature and help in creating a knowledgeable society.

In life there are going to be many problems. The challenge is to defeat all problems and succeed. We all face failures. But we should remember that the difficulties make us grow, so when your hopes, dreams and goals are dashed, search among the wreckage. You may find a golden opportunity hidden in the ruins. I'd like to narrate an incident. I was given the leadership of the SLV-3 Project in 1973 and Prof. Satish Dhawan, my Senior told me, "I've given you a project a team and the money required. Now, you have to do the job. Defeat the problems. After appointing you the project director, even the chairman of ISRO (Indian Space Research Organization) works for you." The entire space Community was geared up for this task. In 1979, it tookoff in the early hours and the first stage worked beautifully. Then, it couldn't achieve its objectives as the control system malfunctioned. There was a Press conference at Sriharikota, where Prof. Dhawan took responsibility for not achieving the goals of the mission.

Remember, I was the mission director. I worked hard on figuring out what went wrong. After a year on July 18, 1980, we had a successful launch.

- (a) What does the writer advise the children to do on holidays? ② 2
- (b) How should we face Problems? ② 2
- (c) How do the difficulties make us grow? ① 2
- (d) Why did Prof. Dhawan take responsibility for failure of SLV-3? ② 2

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

The Commonest form of forgetfulness, I suppose, occurs in the matter of Posting letters. So Common is it that I am always reluctant to trust a departing visit or to post an important letter. So little do I rely on his memory that I put him on his oath before handing the letter to him. As for myself, anyone who asks me to post a letter is a poor Judge of character. Even if I carry the letter in my hand I am always past the first Pillar-box before I remember that I ought to have posted it. Weary of holding it in my hand, I then put it for safety into one of my pockets and forget all about it. After that, it has an unadventurous life till a long chain of circumstances leads to a number of embarrassing Questions being asked, and I am compelled to produce the evidence of my guilt from my pocket. This, it might be thought, must be due to a lack of interest in other people's letters; but that can not be the explanation, for I forget to post some even of the few letters that I myself remember to write.

As for leaving articles in trains and In taxis, I am no great delinquent in such matters. I can remember almost anything except books and walking-sticks and I can often remember even books. Walking sticks I find it Quite impossible to keep. I have an old fashioned taste for them, and I buy them frequently but no sooner do I pay a visit to a friend's house or go a journey in a train, than another stick is on its way into the world of the lost. I dare not carry an Umbrella for fear of losing it. To go through life without ever having lost an umbrella has even the grimmest-Jawed Umbrella carrier ever achieved this?

- (a) What happens when one goes for posting letters? ② 2
- (b) What happens when the author goes for posting letters? ② 2
- (c) When does the writer produce the evidence of his guilt? ① 2

- (d) Why does the author buy walking sticks so frequently? 2
- (e) Choose the correct option and write in your answer book: 1×2=2
- (i) Find the word from passage which means to **happen** - (2)
- (A) trust (B) evidence (C) occur
- (ii) Find the word from passage which is opposite in meaning of **'uncommon'** - (2)
- (A) Oath (B) Common (C) Weary
- (f) Select the correct option and write in your answer book - 1×2=2
- (i) In given passage, the word **'reluctant'** means -
- (A) rely (B) departing (C) unwilling
- (ii) The opposite of the word **'adventurous'** given in the passage is -
- (A) unadventurous (B) impossible (C) embarrassing

SECTION - B (Writing)

3. You are Ankit/Ankita, a resident of Basant Bihar, Dehradun. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police, Distt. Dehradun complaining about frequent cases of theft and chain-snatching in your locality. 8

OR

You are Nitin/Neena of Upper Market, Almora. Your cousin is fond of Junk food. He / She avoids eating home-cooked food which is not good habit. Write a letter advising him/her to avoid Junk food and its harmful effect on health.

4. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following in about 60 words. 4
- (a) Air Pollution (3)
- (b) Value of Games and Sports
- (c) My Hobby
5. On the basis of hints given below, write a paragraph in about 80 words on 'A Picnic'. 8
- Hints :** A Pleasure trip outdoors ___ choice of the place ___ with friends ___ day and time ___ preparation ___ the journey ___ its surroundings ___ how you enjoyed it ___ back home. (5)

SECTION - C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of **Non-finites** given in brackets:

$\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$

- (a) She agreed _____ (marry) the poor shepherd.
- (b) People worship the _____ (rise) sun.
- (c) _____ (bark) dogs seldom bite. ✓
- (d) It is easy _____ (advise) others!

7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using sentence connectors given in brackets :

$1 \times 2 = 2$

- (a) I was playing. I lost my purse. (While)
- (b) You are my friend. I will do anything for you. (since)

Join the following pairs of sentences as directed :

$1 \times 2 = 2$

- (a) The train is late. We know it. (Begin with, We know)
- (b) Where will you meet me? Let me know. (Begin with, Let me)

Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in the brackets :

$1 \times 3 = 3$

When I _____ (return) home yesterday. I _____ (see) an old friend of mine waiting for me. I _____ (not see) him for the last ten years.

Complete the following sentences using modals :

$1 \times 2 = 2$

- (a) ~~may~~ we go home, Sir? _____
- (b) You _____ obey your parents.

(a) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:

$1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) a lot/water/drink/of/should/we/everyday
- (ii) ~~for~~ bathing/need/we/water/cleaning/and

(b) Transform the following sentences into passive voice :

$1 \times 2 = 2$

- (i) Sita sings a song.
- (ii) He has eaten an apple.

SECTION - D (Text Book)
(Prose)

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

With satisfied expression he regarded the field of ripe corn with its flowers, draped in a curtain of rain. But suddenly a strong wind began to blow and along with the rain very large hailstones began to fall. These truly did resemble new silver coins. The boys exposing themselves to the rain, ran out to collect the frozen pearls.

"It's really getting bad now," exclaimed the man. "I hope it passes quickly," It did not pass quickly. For an hour the hail rained on the house, the garden, the hillside, the cornfield, on the whole valley. The field was white, as if covered with salt.

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| (a) Why did Lencho look satisfied? | 1 |
| (b) What happened all at once? | 1 |
| (c) What did Lencho hope for? | 1 |
| (d) What were Lencho's feelings when the hail stopped? | 1 |
| (e) Which word in the passage means 'to look like'? | 1 |

13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

The Buddha answered: "I want a handful of mustard-seed." And when the girl in her joy promised to procure it. The Buddha added, "The mustard-seed must be taken from a house where no one has lost a child, husband, parent or friend."

Poor Kisa Gotami now went from house to house, and the people pitied her and said, "Here is mustard-seed; take it!" But when she asked, "Did a son or daughter, a father or mother, die in your family?" They answered her, "Alas! the living are few, but the dead are many. Do not remind us of our deepest grief." And there was no house but some beloved one had died in it.

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| (a) What did the Buddha ask the girl to do? | 1 |
| (b) Why did Gotami go from house to house? | 1 |
| (c) What question did Gotami ask at each house? | 1 |
| (d) How did the people react to Gotami's question? | 1 |
| (e) Which word in the passage means - 'father and mother'? | 1 |

14. Answer the following question in about 80 words :
What legends did Rajvir tell about discovery of tea?

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OR

How did Mandela's hunger for freedom' change his life?

15. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words :
Why does Lomov decide to Marry?

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OR

What Justification did Lomov give to Natalya and Chubukov to prove that he is the rightful owner of Meadows?

(Poetry)

16. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitor.

- (a) How is 'he' in the cage? 2
(b) How does he react to the visitor? 1
(c) Who is the poet of this poem? 1

OR

I would not intrude on him,
A dime, another ball, is worthless now
He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions.

- (a) Name the poem and the Poet. 2
(b) What does the boy sense? 1
(c) What kind of a world it is ? 1

17. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

(5) 3×2=6

- (a) What does Robert Frost want to say in the poem, 'Fire and Ice'?
- (b) What picture of Amanda do you form in your mind?
- (c) Where did Belinda live and what pets did she have?

(Supplementary Reader)

18. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

Who was Anil? How did he help in the thief's reformation?

(6) 8

OR

The course of the Loiseis' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.

19. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words :

How differently did Bholi's parents bring up Bholi and other sisters?

(3) 4

OR

Who was the hack driver? What really hurt the feelings of the narrator?

20. Answer the following question in about 20-30 words :

Why is Mrs. Pumphrey worried about Tricky?

(3) 3

OR

What was Horace Danby's hobby and how did he pursue it?
