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**ENGLISH**

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**SECTION-A**

**(READING COMPREHENSION)**

1. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and summarise it with a suitable title :

Sustainable development is the crying need of the hour for ensuring the future of humanity on this planet. The understanding has to dawn, that we have delayed the efforts already, as global warming knocks on our doors. It is only one of the signals from the nature, that the time to act sensibly is imminent and ticking away.

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Turn Over

A glance at our growth story will showcase myriad of pot holes. The process has widened the gulfs in our society and alienated segments from reaping the fruits of development. It has turned a blind eye to deletion of fossil fuels and the heavy accumulation of green house gases. It is time to switch over to sustenance in our activities and in our attitude.

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The melting glaciers, erratic rainfall patterns, threats of disappearing nations by a rising sea level and increasing regularity of diseases is for real. It is disturbing enough to shake us out of our slumber and instill a mission-mode readiness in our efforts. A determined global effort is needed to shift to the use of renewable energy regime. An

environment friendly and sustainable regime is needed which will not add burden on the future generations for our deeds.

The understanding requires the nations to inculcate an 'eco-eco' ideology which calls for an 'ecology-economy' equilibrium.

Sustainability does not come at the price of growth and development and human endeavour can deliver them simultaneously. They can co-exist and enrich each other to the benefit of coming generations.

A major breakthrough in our efforts can happen only if we adopt an attitudinal change. The mentality of 'robbers' loot has to give way for sharing of resources—whether land, water or minerals. Resources should become a perpetual tool and not exhaustible reserves if the

development is pragmatic. Such efforts would require involvement of people at every stage of planning, execution and evaluation and paradigm shift is essential in our centrally dictated use of resources and sense of ownership could infuse miracles and bring about a turnaround in the conservation of resources for future generation.

With a sense of ownership, responsibility towards the use of resource will be generated. The tribal will be integrated into forest management and fishermen as coastal eco-force. While each citizen will develop energy efficient outlook, every farmer will take care to enrich fields. Participation of people will accelerate the pace of efforts which appear isolated and insufficient when planned by the authority.

2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

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Poets, philosophers, authors and intellectuals have burnt many a grey cells in effort to sum up the ever eluding concept of 'happiness'. The very subjectivity of the concept gives it myriad interpretations. Each interpretation charts an entirely different course for the follower. No living being would ever deny their craving for this entity called 'happiness' and would agree that sum total of their efforts are directed to this end. But how many can claim to have achieved this target ? Is it actually an 'end' or rather a mirage which is ever inviting and ever alluring ? Is this pursuit, which characterises every life on this planet, an undecipherable segment of life or is it the life itself ? The attempts to decode this pursuit of happiness have generated epic volumes of literature and varied schools of thought. Defining the

ends of this chose itself becomes a challenge. The journey from cradle to grave is often spend in efforts to 'realize' and make happiness 'happen'. The concept of happiness cannot be isolated from the social milieu which lends it different interesting flavors.

The sharp shrill cry of a new born is laden with purity. Unaware of the social conditioning awaiting his formative years, the child has an innate treasure of happiness. It is this blessing, which every individual arrives with, that gets lost in this journey of life. It is this source of true happiness—a pure soul—which gets covered by malice and negatives as the interactions in social set up increase. And then begins a society dictated pursuit of something which each individual had within himself. A pursuit where we keep linking happiness to different objects, goals, needs, desires, wants, events or ambitions and thereby involve ourselves in a meaningless chose.

As the child steps into the school, his first laboratory of social interaction, we begin to rob him of his blessing of being happy. Academic targets are set and happiness is caged. A student is conditioned to feel happy only in the event of proving his superiority over his peers. Whether in sports or studies, victory is emphasised by parents and teachers, to the extent that happiness becomes directly linked to achievements. We try to give 'social' meanings to the concept of happiness for a child. He is conditioned to feel happy only when he achieves something over his peers, From an individual soul based concept, happiness becomes a comparative society based notion. The celebrations are reserved for 'victories' rather than learning and participation of the child. This sets in motion, the pursuit of happiness, which society professionally keep linking to different goals a person must chose.

Questions :

(i) All living beings crave for :

- (A) Poets
- (B) Authors
- (C) Happiness
- (D) Philosophers



(ii) What is Happiness ?

(iii) Where is the journey of life spent from cradle to grave ?

(iv) The cry of a new born baby is full of :

- (A) Noise
- (B) Sharpness
- (C) Shrii
- (D) Purity

(v) ..... has an inborn treasure of happiness.

(Fill in the blank)



(vi) Happiness is continuously linked to different objects by us.

(True/False)

(vii) The first laboratory of social interaction for a child is :

(A) Home

(B) Society

(C) School

(D) College

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(viii) Which of the following is caged for a child in a school ?

(A) Studies

(B) Academic targets

(C) Purity

(D) Happiness

(ix) Who links happiness to achievements for a child ?

(x) Give a suitable title to this passage.

1×10=10

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SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

3. As the Principal of Convent School, Jammu, draft a classified advertisement (50 words) for the post of Music Teacher in your school.

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Or

As the Principal of a Higher Secondary School, you have been invited to inaugurate a recently established public library in the area. Draft a reply and express your consent for the invitation.

(50 words) 4

4. Your colony has been facing irregular water supply for the last six months. Write a letter to the Chief Engineer of Jal Shakti Department and request him/her to solve the problem at the earliest.

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*Or*

As the Student Secretary of your school, write a letter to the Principal of your school requesting him to establish a 'Book Reading Club' in the school to develop the culture of reading among the students.

(120-150 words) 6

5. You have seen an advertisement in the newspaper for the post of Physical Education lecturer in Public School, Srinagar. Write an application along with your resume for the said post.

(120-150 words)

*Or*

Tata Motors, Jammu has advertised the post of Showroom Manager in the local newspapers. Write an application along with your resume for the said job.

(120-150 words) 6

6. You are the Student Editor of your school magazine. Write an article for it on 'Moral Education' : The Need of the Hour.

(200-250 words)

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Or

Regular morning walk and exercise are essential for maintaining good health. Write a speech on 'the importance of morning walk and exercise' to be delivered on the morning assembly. (200–250 words) 6

7. Edit the following passage :

Climate change was one of the most hotty contested environmental debates of our time. Will the West Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely? Would the Gulf Stream ocean current be disrupted? Will it be end of the world we know it. May be. May be not. Either way. Antarctica is a crucial element in this debate; not just because it is the only place in the world, which has never sustained a human population or therefore remains relatively 'pristine' in this respect; but more importantly, because it holds in its ice-cores half-million-year-old carbon records trapped on its layers of ice. If we want to study and examine the Earth's past, present and future, Antarctica is the place to go.

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1x8=

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE)

8. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

(a) Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.

Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallar.

The tall girl with her weighed-down head.

The paper-seeming boy, with rat's eyes.

The stunted, unlucky heir of twisted bones, reciting a

father's gnarled disease,

His lesson, from his desk. at back of the dim class

One unknotted, sweet and young. His eyes live in a dream,

Of squirrel's game, in tree room, other than this.

Questions :

- (i) What does 'the tall girl with her head weighed down' mean here ?
- ✓(ii) Who is the boy compared with in these lines ?
- ✓(iii) The boy has an inherited disability. (Yes/No)
- ✓(iv) Name the poem and its poet. 1×4=4

(b) Clouds were rising from the ocean now. The unexpected warmth of the past few days had at night drawn heavy fog from the cold waves. Sadao watched mists hide outlines of a little island near the shore and then come creeping up the beach below the house wreathing around the pines. In a few minutes fog would be wrapped about the house too. Then he would go into the room where Hana, his wife, would be waiting for him with the two children.

But at this moment the door opened and she looked out, a dark-blue Woollen haori over her Kimono. She came to him affectionately and put her arm through his as he stood, smiled and said nothing.

*Questions :*

- (i) What was the reason for the fog ?
- (ii) Where was Sadao's house situated ?
- (iii) How many children does Sadao's wife have ?
- (iv) What is 'Haori' ?

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Answer any five of the following questions in 30–40 words each :

- (i) What happens to a linguistic minority in a State ?
- (ii) What could be some of the reasons for the migration of people from villages to cities ?
- (iii) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water ?
- (iv) How was Gandhi able to influence lawyers ?
- (v) What do you infer from Sam's letter to Charley ?
- (vi) Why is Antarctica the place to go, to understand the earth's present, past and future ?
- (vii) Why is an adult's perspective on life different from that of a child ?

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2×5=10

10. Answer the following questions in 120–150 words :

Why should child labour be eliminated and how ? Discuss.

Or

The story "The Rattrap" focuses on human loneliness and the need to bond with others. Discuss.

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11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words

The story is a satire on the concept of abuse in power. Comment.

(The Tiger King)

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Discuss the character of Dr. Sadasu.

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