

Code No. 1/2/1

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ENGLISH (Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- This paper consists of four sections —*
 - Section A — Reading 20 marks*
 - Section B — Writing 30 marks*
 - Section C — Grammar 20 marks*
 - Section D — Literature 30 marks*
- Attempt all questions.*
- Do not write anything in the question paper.*
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
- Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
- Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

SECTION A — (Reading)

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- A1.** Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

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More years ago than I care to remember, I became a member of a very special kind of “pyramid club.” A teenager on summer break from high school in Ottawa, Canada, I got the urge to see more of my country. I hitchhiked, landing a few odd jobs along the way — picking apples or chopping firewood for a meal and permission to bed down in some farmer’s barn. Finally I ran out of money and jobs.

It was late in the evening when a very old car chugged up the road; it stopped when I thrust out my thumb. The driver was a middle-aged man in worn work clothes — a local farmer. When he came to where he was turning off, he put his hand in his pocket and pulled out a two-dollar note. “Here,” he said. “Take this.”

Two dollars was a useful amount of money back then. A chocolate bar or a soft drink was about five cents; a hot dog, ten; a hamburger, 25. “No, thank you,” I protested. “I am fine.” “Take it,” he said. “It’s a loan. You can pay me back by giving two dollars to a young person a few years from now - when you have It and they don’t.”

I have never forgotten that man. Over the years, I have returned the loan many times over, periodically raising the amount to account for inflation. Each time I asked the recipient to pass it on to some other young person when he was able, along with instructions on how to pay it back. I wonder how many others have benefited from the unique pyramid club that farmer started, all those years ago, with two dollars.

A1.1 Complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet. 1×4=4

- (a) During summer break, the author _____ .
- (b) When the author thrust out his thumb, _____ .
- (c) The author accepted the two dollars when _____ .
- (d) The author not only kept the driver’s word but also raised _____ .

A1.2 Answer the following questions in your answer sheet : 2×2=4

- (a) How did the author raise money during the trip ?
- (b) What was the instruction given by the author whenever he gave money to somebody ?

A2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : 12

1 A forgotten hilly district in northern Orissa, known more for its rough roads and grinding poverty, has produced at least 22 world-class hockey players for India and dozens who play at the national level. On the Athens Olympic team were three men from Sundergarh — Captain Dilip Tirkey, fellow defender William Xalco and midfielder Ignace Tirkey. Ignace’s younger brother plays in the national junior team.

2 The hockey hour is upon the villagers and a local tournament is about to begin. The prize is a fattened goat — or khasi — after which the tournament is named and it is through hundreds of events like this that Sundergarh’s most unusual heritage stays alive. An hour before the match, the field is overrun by dozens of little boys — all wannabe Dilips between five and eight years, their faces shining and their sweaty little bodies a blur as they run barefoot on the rocky ground. Some have barely entered the village school but they know their hockey. In this tribal belt a child’s first toy is a hockey stick. Not just the number of bullocks he owns judges an eligible groom, but also by the goals he scores. Weddings are solemnized with an over field face-off between families.

3 In 2003, the 1500 tribal villages of Sundergarh hosted over 200 hockey tournaments. “We play hockey at the drop of a hat,” laughs former Olympian, Michael Kindo. “And sometimes, even when the hat doesn’t drop.” Nobody can pinpoint exactly when and how hockey came to Sundergarh. But scholars believe that it was the Christian missionaries who introduced it as they swarmed into the tribal region in the 1860s. Whenever schools were set up, they included hockey as an extra-curricular activity. This sport was introduced, as everything required for the sport was available in the forests. Even today, youngsters in the interiors of the district make their own hockey sticks by bending a bamboo shoot, binding one end to create a curve and slow heating it over fire. Youngsters in Lulkidihi village, which has produced the largest number of stars, make a ball by wrapping cloth around a wood apple.

4 Kindo believes there is a very good reason Sundergarh has taken to the sport — because members of the 36 tribes that make up the district have the build, temperament and even, he says, the DNA. These descendants of ancient hunter-gatherers are said to have immense stamina, keen eyesight and patience. “We tribals are short, but we have strong legs and can stay bent over a stick for hours,” says Kindo. In a sport that focuses on a small, fast-moving ball, the sharper the eyesight the better.

5 However, only about 5 percent of the state’s budget is set apart for sports. Facilities at the government run Panposh Academy are dismal. Kindo hopes to have more stadia, local and civic tournaments. Hockey is to Sundergarh what cricket is to rest of India — a passion, an aspirational sport that helps the tribals get jobs and earn a living.

A2.1 Fill in the summary using a word for each blank : ½×6=3

Hockey (a) _____ in the hearts of the people of the village so much so that a game of hockey is played at the drop of a hat. A hockey stick very often (b) _____ a child’s first toy. It is also (c) _____ to note that hockey plays an important role even in (d) _____ an eligible groom. The tribals who constitute Sundergarh owe it to the missionaries who (e) _____ the game there. (f) _____ there are a number of international and national players, very little money is being set apart for hockey in the sports budget.

A2.2 Complete the following sentences : 1×2=2

- (a) Hockey caught on more than other sports as _____ .
(b) Sundergarh is known more for its _____ than hockey.

A2.3 Answer the following questions :

- (a) How do the youngsters make hockey sticks and balls ? 2
(b) What are the qualities that the tribals have that contribute to being good at hockey ? 2

A2.4 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : 1×3=3

- (a) came in large numbers (para 3)
- (b) a person's nature and character (para 4)
- (c) sad/depressing (para 5)

SECTION B — (Writing) 30

B1. You are Malavika, a teacher of Crescent Public School, Mumbai. You had gone to Delhi during the holidays, but were unable to return on the reopening day of the school. The unexpected floods caused the cancellation of your train. You are planning to fly down at the earliest. Draft a telegram to the Principal of your school in not more than 25 words. Copy the format in your answer sheet. 5

TELEGRAM

Receiver's name :	
Receiver's address :	
Sender's name	
(Not to be telegraphed) Sender's address :	

B2. The students of St. Martin’s School are being taken on a picnic to ‘Green Resort’. You are Raghu. Your friend, Ravi, was absent on the previous day of the picnic when a few instructions were given. Using the information given below, draft a message to your friend in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

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- reach school at 9 a.m.
- carry your lunch, water bottle, sweater
- be in uniform but can wear comfortable sandals
- do not carry more than Rs. 50
- expected back at 6 p.m.

B3. You overheard the following conversation. This makes you wonder why so many youngsters are keen to go abroad. Write an article in not more than 200 words as to how this condition has arisen and how this can be dealt with. Use ideas from the unit on ‘Education’ along with your own ideas.

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Manu : How did you perform in the GATE exam ?

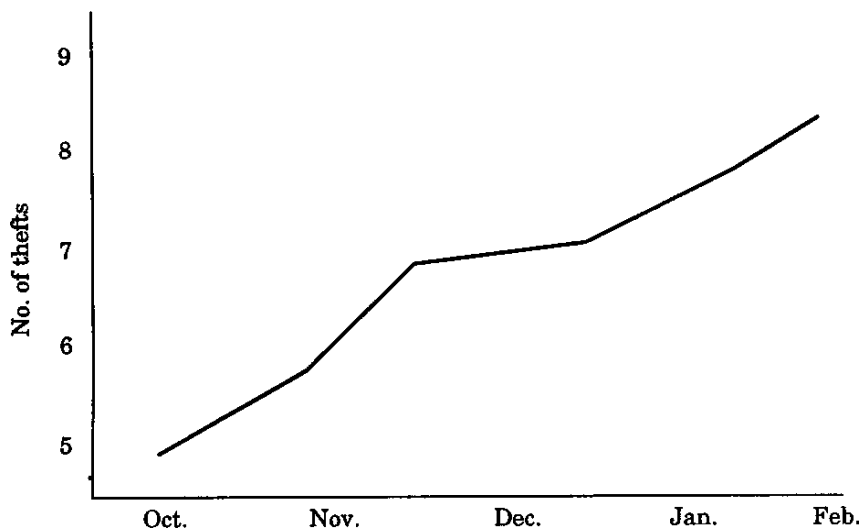
Puneet : I expect a good rank.

Manu : I hope to join the Michigan University for the next session.

Puneet : I am also looking forward to joining a reputed university.

B4. Several thefts have taken place in your colony recently. The residents of the colony held an urgent meeting regarding the issue. After the meeting, you decided to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the increase in such incidents and the precautions to be taken. Using the following information and your own ideas, write the letter in not more than 150 words. You are Adarsh, the President of the Association.

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FOR THE BLIND CANDIDATES ONLY

Several thefts have taken place in your colony recently. The residents of the colony held an urgent meeting regarding the issue. After the meeting, you decided to write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about the increase in such incidents and the precautions to be taken. Write the letter in not more than 150 words. You are Adarsh, the President of the Association.

SECTION C — (Grammar)

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- C1.** A scientist made the following observation. Use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words or phrases in each space. Do not add any new information. Write your answer in the answer sheet against the blank number. 1×5=5

Cetus — a constellation — south of Aries — not very bright — has a few bright stars — visible to naked eye — many invisible to modern viewers — due to pollution and bright light

Cetus is (a) _____ . It is not very bright but does (b) _____ . They can be (c) _____ . But because of (d) _____ most of them (e) _____ .

- C2.** In the paragraph below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Make sure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. ½×8=4

Tears produced the tear glands keep the eye	e.g. produced <u>by</u> the
moist and are normally drained the	(a) _____
nose. Onions a number of water-soluble volatile	(b) _____
substances containing sulphur. cutting the onion	(c) _____
these spread the air and cause irritation in the eyes.	(d) _____
The tear glands start secreting more and more	
tears wash out the irritants. The tears are	(e) _____
produced fast that they cannot be drained out	(f) _____
through nose and so run	(g) _____
down the eyes thus making cry.	(h) _____

- C3.** Rearrange the following to form meaningful sentences. Write each sentence in your answer sheet against the correct number. The first one has been done for you. ½×6=3

world / languages / there were/and dialects / some 300 different / in the /

Answer : There were some 300 different languages and dialects in the world.

- (a) communications / not matter / were slow/it did / between different / when the / parts of the world /
- (b) for a / people feel / our times / the need / but in / common language /
- (c) to the / put forward / solutions / problem / have been / various /
- (d) unconnected with / creation of / the first / an artificial language / was the / any existing language /
- (e) invention of a / natural language / based on / the second solution / synthetic language / was the /
- (f) governments of the / international language / almost unlikely /to an / world will agree / that the / it is /

C4. Using the information in the headlines fill in the blanks below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. 1×4=4

(a) WAGE REVISION DEMANDED

An N.G.O. urged the government to take measures to _____ of government employees.

(b) PASSENGER ATTACKS PILOTS WITH AXE

Two pilots on a commuter plane _____ just before the aircraft landed.

(c) S.I.B LAUNCHES LOAN PRODUCTS

The S.I.B. announced the _____ here today.

(d) NEPAL KING TO VISIT INDIA IN NOVEMBER

In November the _____ .

C5. Read the following conversation between a mother and daughter while watching a cricket match. Report it by completing the passage below. Write the answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. 1×4=4

Mother : Who do you think will win the match ?

Daughter : Who is wearing blue ?

Mother : India.

Daughter : Who are the men in yellow ?

Mother : They are the Australians.

Daughter : They will surely win the match.

Mother : Oh ! Why do you feel so ?

Daughter : There are 11 of them against just two Indians.

The mother asked her daughter who (a) _____. The daughter enquired who the ones in blue were. The mother replied that they were Indians. The girl then wanted (b) _____. When the mother said that they were Australians, the daughter emphatically (c) _____. The mother (d) _____. The daughter replied that there were 11 of them against just two Indians.

SECTION D — (Literature) 30

D1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 4

Neither stones nor prayers nor sticks
Insults or complaints or bricks
Stilled the frog's determination
To display his heart's elation.

(a) Why was the frog elated ? 1

(b) How did the others react ? Why ? 2

(c) How was it later 'stilled temporarily' ? 1

- D2.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 4
- Oh, lift me as a wave, a leaf, a cloud !
I fall upon the thorns of life ! I bleed !
A heavy weight of hours has chain'd and bow'd
One too like thee — tameless, and swift, and proud.
- (a) Why is the poet dejected and sad in these lines ? 2
(b) What request does he make to the West Wind ? 1
(c) 'One too like thee'. Who is referred to here ? 1
- D3.** Where did the second ghost take Scrooge ? How did he succeed in making him realize his mistakes ? Write your answer in 75 — 100 words. 5
- D4.** Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write each answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. 5
- He was my friend, faithful and just to me.
But Brutus says he was ambitious;
And Brutus is an honourable man.
He hath brought many captives home to Rome
Whose ransoms did the general coffers fill;
Did this in Caesar seem ambitious ?
- (a) Who is the speaker ? What is the occasion ? 2
(b) Why does he call Brutus honourable ? 1
(c) How does the speaker prove that Caesar was not ambitious ? 2
- D5.** The following lines are from 'The Letter'. Read them and answer the questions below. Write your answer in 50 - 75 words.
- But the postmaster now watched them as eagerly as though each contained a warm, beating heart. He no longer thought of them in terms of envelopes and post cards. He saw the essential human worth of a letter.
- What change has come over in the postmaster ? Which incident has brought about this change ? 4
- D6.** You are Cutie Pie. After your capture and imprisonment, you make a diary entry of your experiences in the glass prison. Make this entry in 150 — 175 words. 8