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**SET : D**

**ENGLISH (Core)**

**[ For all Groups I, II, III ]**

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(Only for Fresh/Re-appear/Improvement/Additional Candidates)

*Time allowed : 3 hours ]*

*[ Maximum Marks : 80*

- Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **14** questions.



- The **Code No.** and **Set** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.
- Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.
- Don't leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.
- Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.
- Candidates must write their Roll No. on the question paper. Except Roll No. do not write anything on question paper and don't make any mark on answers of objective type questions.



- Before answering the questions, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.**

### General Instructions :

- (i) This question paper is divided into **four** Sections : **A, B, C** and **D**.
- (ii) **All the sections are compulsory.**
- (iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.
- (iv) Stick to the word-limit wherever prescribed.

### SECTION - A

(Reading Skills)

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

The journey of a seed is really a long journey to become a seed again. Seeds germinate only in favourable conditions of soil, water, minerals etc. A seed first changes into a seedling which is just above the ground. Then it changes into a sapling which is called a young tree. These two nursery stages of a plant are usually found in a plant nursery. Then after showing a few leaves and a tender stem, it attains a height of two to three feet and its chances of survival increase. It is usually seen that many plants die at their juvenile stage. Every plant grows into a mature tree when it starts showing buds which slowly bloom into flowers. These flowers grow further towards maturity and become fruits which are



relished by us. There is a huge variety of fruits and flowers around us. Almost all of them have seeds inside them. There are different ways of seeds getting mature. Some of them ripe inside the fruit and vegetables while some of them get ready when they are dried. But all of them are ready to give birth to a plant as and when they get favourable conditions of environment.

**Questions :**

1 × 4 = 4

(i) When do the seeds germinate ?

- (a) only in soil
- (b) only in water



- (c) only in minerals
- (d) only in favourable conditions

(ii) What is called a young tree ?

- (a) seedling
- (b) sapling
- (c) both of them
- (d) none of them

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(iii) When a plant starts showing its flowers it is called .....

- (a) a huge tree
- (b) a small tree
- (c) a mature tree
- (d) an old tree

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(iv) Where are the seeds usually found ?

- (a) inside fruit
- (b) inside almirah
- (c) inside the stem
- (d) inside the leaves

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**OR**

Girls are the real pearls of a house in our society. They take care of everything and everybody in a house. They are connecting link of the house where they live. They are the thread which keeps the beads of a rosary intact with each other. They play the role of a sister, daughter, daughter-in-law and a mother. These changing roles make them perfect to adjust themselves in any of situations which they come across at any stage. In the house of their parents they take care of the household chores. They take care of housekeeping, dusting, mopping and cooking also. Not only this, they lead the tally of result in academics; in any

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type of exam, any competition top positions are occupied by them only. Their percentage of marks in exam is always better than that of boys. This is the reason that they are occupying top positions in jobs also. There is hardly any field remaining where we do not find girls doing better than boys. Even after their marriage they take care of not one but two houses. They maintain all the trends and traditions in a family. May God bless them long life to spread the art of living in every society.

**Questions :**

1 × 4 = 4

(i) 'Girls are pearls' reflects a figure of speech named :

- (a) Simile
- (b) Metaphor



- (c) Rhyme scheme
- (d) Personification

(ii) What is the thread compared to in the passage ?

- (a) girls
- (b) boys
- (c) men
- (d) women



(iii) Where are the girls found in tally of results ?

- (a) at bottom
- (b) in the middle
- (c) at top position
- (d) nowhere

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(iv) After marriage girls take care of how many houses ?

- (a) two houses
- (b) one house

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- (c) more than two houses
- (d) None of the above

2. Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it using headings and sub-headings. Supply an appropriate title also :

4 + 1 = 5

Paper wastage is a direct loss to the trees. If we keep on wasting papers at the same pace, we shall need more and more trees. Use of paper is related to almost all the fields of our day to day working. We need a print out for every type of receipt. We need print outs for our notes. We need print out for any type of



billing. We demand to write everything on paper. Usually, it is seen that all such and other print outs are taken on one side of the page. Even the Ph. D. thesis is printed one sided. Most of the decisions in the court are written one sided. So, in all the above cases and others if both the sides of a paper are used there will be a saving of 50% paper. Not only this, paper once used for one document which are to be put in record; can be used for another one from the other side means one side can be used for one type of assignment and other side for another. Print outs which are needed for once only can be reused with other blank side for some rough work or correction work. Therefore, we must say Save Trees, Save Paper, Save Earth.



### SECTION - B

(Grammar/Writing Skills)

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3. Attempt any **two** from each sub-part :

(a) Fill in the blank with the *correct form of verbs* given in the brackets :

1 × 2 = 2

- (i) Our next generation ..... (depend) only on electronic gadgets.
- (ii) Some of us ..... (learn) English language for 12 years.
- (iii) We ..... (already watch) this movie.



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(b) *Change the narration* of the following sentences :

1 × 2 = 2

(i) The teacher said to me, "Have you done your work ?"

(ii) He says, "I shall be late for school."

(iii) My friend said to me, "Do good, have good."

(c) *Change the voice* of the following sentences :

1 × 2 = 2

(i) He knows me well.

(ii) Can you help me in this matter ?

(iii) It is time to learn the lessons.

(d) *Supply suitable articles* wherever necessary :

1 × 2 = 2



(i) Many people read ..... Gita everyday.

(ii) My father is ..... University professor.

(iii) He is ..... teacher who teaches us English language.

(e) Fill in the blanks with *suitable modal auxiliary* given in the brackets : 1 × 2 = 2

(i) My mother ..... read without spectacles even at the age of 80.

(will, used to, dare)

(ii) We ..... develop a habit of reading.

(shall, must, needn't)

(iii) ..... God bless you with good thinking !

(May, Would, Can)






4. Attempt any **two** of the following :

3 × 2 = 6

- (a) Your school is organizing an Interschool 'On the Spot-Painting' competition. Draft a notice to be circulated at district level giving necessary details.
- (b) You are Chinku/Chinky living at 245 Shiv Nagar Colony, Ambala. You want a teacher for teaching English to your son studying in 10th class. Draft a suitable advertisement giving your conditions.
- (c) Design a poster on 'Girl Education'.

5. Attempt any **one** of the following :

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- (a) Write a report on 'Celebration of Diwali Mela' in your school.
- (b) Write a paragraph  about **100** words on Mobile – Its merits and demerits.

6. You are Sumit/Sumita living at 25-A, Park Colony, Jahajpur, Hisar. Your colony is facing a problem of supply of polluted and dirty water for a long time. On behalf of the residents of your colony, write a letter to the Chairman, Jal Board Nigam, Panchkula Complaining about the same and requesting to resolve it as soon as possible.

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### SECTION - C

(A) Main Reader [ Prose ]

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

But I was not finished. I still wondered if I would be terror-stricken when I was alone in the pool. I tried it. I swam the length up and down. Tiny vestiges of the old terror would return. But now I could frown and say to that terror.



"Trying to scare me, eh ? Well, here's to you ! look !" And off'd go for another length of the pool.

**Questions :**

1 × 5 =

- (i) Who is 'I' in the above passage ?
- (ii) What did he try ?
- (iii) Who was trying to scare him ?
- (iv) Which pool is he talking about ?
- (v) Who is the author of these lines

OR



He had the ability to look cheerful all times even after having had a hand in a flop film. He always had work for somebody – he could never do things on his own – but his sense of loyalty made him identify himself with his principal completely and turn his entire creativity to his principal's advantage. He was tailor-made for films.

**Questions :**

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Who is 'he' in the above lines ?
- (ii) What is the name of his principal ?
- (iii) What is the special feature in his character ?



- (iv) What could he not do ?
- (v) Name the author of these lines.

8. Answer the following in about **80-100** words :

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How did Edla bring about a change in the life of Peddler ?

**OR**

Write a character-sketch of Rajkumar Shukla.

9. Answer any **five** of the following in **a sentence** or **two** :

2 × 5 = 10

- (i) What are some of the positive views on interviews ?



- (ii) What were the options that Sophie was dreaming of ? Why does Jansie discourage her ?

- ~~(iii)~~ What were the main hazards of working in the glass bangles industry ?

- (iv) Where were the ragpickers living at Delhi ? How many ragpickers were living there ?

- (v) What special news was running on the Bulletin Board that day ?

- (vi) What was the change that peddler felt in himself at last ? What did he do them ?

- (vii) How was Gandhi able to influence lawyers ?



## SECTION - C

## (B) Main Reader [ Poetry ]

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10. Read the stanza given below and answer the questions that follow :

*Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear*

*The thought of so much childish longing in vain.*

*The sadness that lurks near the open window there,*

*That waits all day in almost open prayer*

*For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a stopping car;*

*Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass,*

*Just one to inquire what a farmer's prices are.*

**Questions :**

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) What is the childish longing here ?
- (iii) Why have the cars been said selfish ?
- (iv) What lurks near the open window ?
- (v) How many cars pass from there – just one or thousand ?

OR

*I saw my mother beside me, doze, open mouthed,  
her face ashen like that of a corpse and realized  
with pain that she was as old as she looked*

**Questions :**

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the poet and the poem.
- (ii) Who saw the mother beside her ?



- (iii) Where were they sitting ?
- (iv) 'Like that of a corpse' – is a simile or a metaphor.
- (v) What was the condition of her mother ?

**11.** Answer any **two** of the following briefly :

3 × 2 = 6

- (i) What is suggested by the image 'massive weight of uncle's wedding band' ?



- (ii) What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth ?
- (iii) What is the central idea of the poem 'An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum' ?

## SECTION - D

(Supplementary Reader)

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12. Answer any **one** of the following in about **80-100** words :

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What is the end of the story 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy' ? How did Jo want it to end ?



OR

Why did the king decide to kill 99 tigers ? Explain.

13. Answer any **three** of the following briefly :

2 × 3 = 6

- (i) How did Charley reach the third level ?
- (ii) How did the wizard help Roger Skunk in changing the smell ?



(iii) Where did Evans go after his escape ?

(iv) What happens to Mr. Lamb in the end ?

14. Write the **correct** answers of the following questions in your answer-sheet : 3

(i) The name of the programme that takes high school students to the end of the earth is :

(a) students for ice

(b) students on ice

(c) students of ice

(d) students in ice

(ii) All the servants in Sadao's household were :

(a) happy to see the enemy

(b) surprised to see the enemy

(c) Both (a) and (b)

(d) none of the above

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(iii) Who told Bama that untouchability is a crime ?

- (a) her mother
- (b) her sister
- (c) her brother
- (d) all of the above

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