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**ENGLISH**

**Time : 2.30 Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 80**

**Section-A**

**(Reading Comprehension)**

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

Today, the problem of educated unemployment is causing worry to the national leaders and the government. The number of graduates

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and post-graduates who come out of colleges and universities is increasing day by day. With the result that the problem of educated unemployment is taking a serious turn. Even doctors and engineering graduates are wandering from place to place in search of job. Both the professions are also reaching the saturation point. It is feared that there is something basically wrong with our planning. Govt. has recently announced a new education policy. It might take the government some time before it can improve its educational system and Economic Planning. It is high time that the educated unemployed were given doles or allowance to make their both ends meet. The

results of unemployment are often tragic. Most of the unemployed  
indulge in anti-social and anti-national activities. Their economic  
distress compels them to do so. Therefore, so long, as no suitable  
solution of the problem is found, the educated unemployed should  
be given immediate relief.

The problem of educated unemployment is an ulcer to India's body  
politics. It is a national blot on the fair name of our economists and  
planners. It shows the failure of the government to build a socialistic  
pattern of society. Frustration among the jobless educated youth is  
bound to have the way for violence and destructive activities.

For every problem in the world, education stands as the strongest solution. Education is the basic right of any citizen and it should be provided with minimum fees. Right from equal educational facilities to skill-based and computer knowledge, the education system in India can and should be improved.

Career guidance to job seekers who are educated should be given by career guidance experts. As every job role requires a special skill set, so every job seeker should be given training in those skills.

India may give doles to their educated unemployed youths till suitable jobs are provided to them in order to give economic relief to the unemployed young persons.

5+5=10

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

Did these prejudices prevail only among the meanest and lowest of the people perhaps they might be excused, as they have few, if any, opportunities of correcting them by reading, travelling or conversing with foreigners; but the misfortune is, they, infect the minds, and influence the conduct even of our generation, gentlemen; of those, I mean, who have every little to this appellation but an exemption from prejudice, which however, in my opinion, ought to be regarded as the characteristic mark of gentleman; for let a man's birth be ever so high, his station ever so exalted, or his fortune ever so large, yet if he is not free from national, social and other prejudices, I should make bold to tell him, that he has a low and vulgar mind, and had no just claim to the character of a gentleman. And in fact, you, will

always find that those are most apt to boast of national or social merit, who have little or no merit of their own to depend on; than which to be sure, nothing is more natural; the slender vine twists around the sturdy Oak, for no other reason in the world but because it has not strength sufficient to support itself. Should it be alleged in defence of national prejudice; that it is the natural and necessary growth of love to our country and that therefore the former cannot be destroyed without hurting the latter.

I answer, that this is a gross fallacy and delusion. That it is the growth of love to our country, I will allow; but that it is the natural and necessary growth of it, I absolutely deny Superstition and enthusiasm too are the growth of religion; but whoever took it in his hand to affirm that they are the necessary growth of the noble

principle ? They are, if you will, the bastard sprouts of this heavenly plant.; but not its natural and genuine branches, and may safely enough be lopped off, without doing any harm to the parent stock: nay, perhaps, till, once they are lopped off, this goodly tree can never flourish in perfect health and vigour.

*Questions :*

(i) The prejudices prevail only among :

- (A) High profile society
- (B) Bureaucrats and Govt. Officials
- (C) The meanest and lowest people
- (D) Different castes and social groups

(ii) The prejudices infects the :

- (A) Physical health

(B) The minds

(C) The vision of an individual

(D) Dealings of an individual with others

(iii) An individual should be free from social as well as national prejudices. (Yes/No)

(iv) Synonym of 'vulgar' is .....

(v) The antonym of 'exalted' is .....

(vi) Are Superstitions necessary part of religion ? (Yes/No)

(vii) Why is national prejudice more condemnable among the educated ?

(viii) Use the word 'deny' as noun in a sentence.

(ix) 'Birth' gives birth to social prejudice. (True/False)

(x) Give the passage a suitable 'Title'. 1×10=10



**Section-**

**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. You are Rivan Choudhuri and you are a part of the 'Traffic Week Campaign' led by your school. Design a poster, encouraging people for saving petrol, giving suggestions. (50 words)

*Or*

As General Manager, Leap Forward Solutions, Srinagar, you need a salesman with experience for electrical items. Draft an advertisement for 'Situation Vacant' Column of a local newspaper stating your requirements in detail. (50 words)

4. Your friend Ali is in love with a Harijan girl. Write a letter to your friend giving your views on inter-religion/intercaste marriages. You are A.N. Chowdhuri, 125-Mani Road Kuchha Danga, Udhampur. (120–150 words)

*Or*

A room of your school collapsed when there was a function going on. Sugam, Head girl, took command of the situation, provided first-aid to the injured and called ambulance. Imagine you are the Principal of JNM-Public School, write a letter to the Director of Schools, recommending your student's name for a bravery award. (120–150 words).

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5. Write an email to your aunt who has been ill and asking about her health and wishing her better health.

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6. Sales of readymade garments have touched an all-time high in the festive season this year in your city. Write an article for a newspaper giving an analysis of the trend.

*Or*

Write a newspaper report on traffic jamming in your city, a common affair in the early hours of the day, causing lot of hardships for school going children, highlighting wrong driving as the main cause of this mess.

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7. Eight grammatical errors in the following passage have been underlined. Write down the correct forms only against the respective underlined words.

The last time, I see Shahid is on 27 October, at his brother house in Amherst. He was intermittently able for converse and there was moments when we talked just as we have in the past. He was aware, as he had long been, of his approaching end he had made her peace with it.

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**Section-C**

**(Literature)**

8. Read the extract given below and answer any *two* of the questions that follow :

"See Betty

And Dolly, she'll say "and look how they

Dressed us for the beach," The sea holiday.

Was her past, mine is her laughter.

***Questions***

(i) How did she react whenever she looked at the snapshot ?

(ii) Explain 'The Sea Holiday I was her past.

(iii) Why is mother's laughter, "past" for the narrator ?

1×2=2

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

(i) Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grand mother. Did their feelings for each other change ?

(ii) Why is scientific intervention necessary to unearth buried mysterious ?

(iii) Does the poet talk of an exclusively personal experience or it is fairly universal ? (Father To Son).

(iv) What helped the writer to fulfil the pledge he made to Shahid ?

(v) Indian society has moved a long way from the way the marriage is arranged in the story. Discuss. (Ranga's Marriage)

(vi) What do you understand by the terms outsider art and art brut ?

2×5=10

10. How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted ?

*Or*

The story is called "The Adventure". Compare it with adventure described in "We're Not Afraid To Die ..... . 6

11. 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war'.

Comment.

*Or*

How do you distinguish between information gathering and insight formation ? 6

12. Give the character-sketch of Taplow.

*Or*

Discuss the sensitive behaviour of hill-folk with reference to "Silk Road".

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