



SECTION - A	READING	12 marks
SECTION - B	WRITING & GRAMMAR	15 marks
SECTION - C	LITERATURE	13 marks

General instructions :

- The paper is divided into three sections : A, B and C. All sections are compulsory.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and questions, wherever necessary.
- Read the instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION - A (READING) (12 marks)

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

The role friends play in our lives has become significantly greater than at any other time in our history. Today many of us live and work at great distances from where we were born or grew up and are separated from our original families. The pain we feel when we are away from our families can be significant.

The happiness of the individual depends on friendship which forms a necessary human connection. It is perfectly normal to need and want friends and depression is more prevalent among those who lack friends. They lack the intimacy and richness friends can bring into our lives. Frequently friends reflect similar values as us. Yet these values are often different from the ones we grew up with, they are the values we created for ourselves in our adult lives.

Communication skills are fundamental in all friendships. The more friends and acquaintances one has, the greater are one's communication skills. Some call these people skills. Like watering a plant, we grow our friendships by nurturing them. Friendships need the same attention as other relationships, if they are to continue. These relationships can be delightfully non judgemental, supportive, understanding and fun.

Sometimes a friendship can bring out the positive side that you never show in other relationships. This may be because the pressure of playing a 'role' (daughter, partner or child) is removed. With a friend you are to be yourself and free to change. Ofcourse you are free to do this in all other relationships but in friendship you get to have lots of rehearsals and discussions about changes as you experience them. It is an unconditional experience where you receive as much as you give. You can explain yourself to a friend openly without the fear of hurting a family member.

How does friendship grow? The answer is simple. By revealing yourself; being attentive; remembering what is most important to your friend and asking them about it; putting yourself in their position; showing empathy; seeing the world through the eyes of your friend, you will understand the value of friendship. All this means learning to accept a person from a completely different family or perhaps someone from a different cultural background. This is the way we learn tolerance. In turn we gain tolerance and acceptance for our own differences.

- Why has the role of friendship become much more important in our lives? (2)
- How is tolerance important in friendship? (2)
- How is maintaining friendship similar to watering a plant? (2)
- How is friendship an unconditional experience? (2)
- Which word in the passage means the same as 'patient'? (1)
- Give the noun form of 'reflect'. (1)
- Give the antonym of the word 'apathy' from the passage. (1)
- Give a synonym of the word 'acquaintance'. (1)

SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR) (15 marks)

2. You are worried about the increased pollution in Delhi as your brother is asthmatic and is having difficulty in breathing. In spite of the steps taken by government the situation seems to have become worse. Write a letter to the Editor of 'Daily times' highlighting the problem and offering solutions. (7)

3. The following passage has not been omitted .There is one missing word in each line. Write word before, missing word and the word after in your answer sheet. (4)

	Before	missing word	After
Dreaming is common and natural activity	a) _____	_____	_____
of mind when we are asleep. But the	b) _____	_____	_____
word dream means ambition, a keen	c) _____	_____	_____
desire life. In that sense I have a	d) _____	_____	_____
modest dream. I wish to qualify medical	e) _____	_____	_____
profession. To me a doctor next to God	f) _____	_____	_____
as protector life. He provides relief	g) _____	_____	_____
to crying patients. He cures diseases	h) _____	_____	_____

4. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: (2)

- a) spider /a large / fierce / tarantula / and heavy / is
- b) dangerous / to be / they / consider / are not / spiders

5. After reading the conversation, complete the following passage given below. (2)

Gokul: Hello,Shruti! Where are you going to?
 Shruti: Hey! Gokul. I am going to the market to get some stationary.
 Gokul: Can you get a red ink pen?
 Shruti: Fine. I will.

Gokul asked Shruti a)_____. She replied b)_____to the market.
 Gokul requested her to get a red ink pen.

SECTION - C (LITERATURE) (13 marks)

6. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (3)

'... the watchman with the lamp who would always remain a firefly for those travelling thousands, as he lit up the darkness for the steam engines and leopards '

- a) Why is the watchman compared to a firefly?
- b) Where is Suraj travelling with his father?
- c) Comment on the relationship between Suraj and the watchman.

7. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each: (5)

- a) What does the life of great men teach us?
- b) Why did Suraj walk into the tunnel?
- c) What changed Ramapuram tiger from an ordinary cattle lifter to a man-eater?
- d) How can you say that the narrator George Orwell was a book lover?
- e) What recollection did Todd say he would carry to his grave?

8. 'Hope is the foundation of our life' with reference to the poem 'Hope is the thing with feather', highlight the importance of hope in your life. (5)