



SECTION - A	READING	20 MARKS
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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)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

Smiles are good for your health. Studies in the USA have shown that when you smile your heart rate slows down, your blood pressure goes down and the body begins to relax. This happens whether you are feeling happy or not. In fact, if you are feeling unhappy, the simple act of smiling is the first step to feeling better.

A smile makes you attractive. According to American dentists Melvin and Elaine Denholtz , an attractive smile should show most of the upper teeth ,at least two third of the length and just the tips of the lower teeth.

When you smile a real smile, two things happen to your face : your lips move towards your cheek, and your cheeks themselves go up and gather in the skin around the eyes. And a real smile will usually only last for up to four seconds. False smiles are seen on the faces of politicians who have just lost an election, people who fake they are happy to see you, and door to door salesmen. False smiles usually appear slightly too early or too late, and they tend to go on for too long.

But if you really want to know if a smile is real or false, look at the eyes. They brighten up. In a false smile they don't change – however much the person has practiced smiling.

1.1 On the basis of the reading of the passage answer the following questions in brief :

- Why is smiling considered good for health? (1)
- What is the characteristic of a real smile? (1)
- What should you do if you are feeling unhappy? (1)
- What positive physical effect does a smile have? (1)
- What do American dentists Melvin and Elaine Denholtz say about 'smile'? (1)
- Who are the people who usually put on a false smile? (1)
- How does one judge a genuine smile? (1)
- How can one identify a false smile? (1)

2. Read the following passage carefully:

From Rameswaram to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, it's been a long journey. Talking to Nona Walia on the eve of Teacher's Day, president Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam talks about life's toughest lesson learnt and his mission being a teacher to the Indian youth. "A proper education would help nurture a sense of dignity and self-respect among our youth," says president Kalam. There's still a child in him though, and he's still curious about learning new things. Life's a mission for president Kalam. Nonetheless, he remembers his first lesson in life and how it changed his destiny. "I was studying in standard V and must have

been all of 10. My teacher, Sri Sivasubramania Iyer was telling how birds fly. He drew a diagram of a bird on the blackboard, depicting the wings, tail and the body with the head and then explained how birds soar to the sky. At the end of the class, I said I didn't understand. Then he asked the other students if they had understood, but nobody had understood how birds fly," he recalls."That evening, the entire class was taken to Rameshwaram shore," the President continues, "My teacher showed us sea birds. We saw marvelous formation of them flying and how their wings flapped. Then my teacher asked us, 'where is the bird's engine and how is it powered?' I knew then that birds are powered by their own life and motivation. I understood all about birds "dynamics."

- 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following questions briefly: (4x2=8)
- What did the teacher draw on the blackboard?
  - How would a proper education help to nurture today's youth?
  - What did Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam learn when the entire class was taken to Rameshwaram shore?
  - What happened at the end of the class?
- 2.2 Answer the following questions in brief: (4x1=4)
- Find the word from the passage which means the opposite of 'tough'.
  - Give the synonym of the word 'flapped'.
  - Find a word in the passage which means the same as 'showing'.
  - Find the antonym of 'self-deprecation' from the passage.

### SECTION - B (WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3. Complete the following story in about 150-180 words. Also provide a suitable title. (10)

It was a Saturday afternoon and Rahul was alone at home. Suddenly the phone rang and he heard the muffled sound of .....

(OR)

Once there was a rich lady, who lived in a big mansion. One day she suddenly became blind. She called an eye specialist, who examined her eyes and said.....

4. You have planned to organize a summer camp in your school in the month of May, for the children of age group 10-13 years for developing their creative skills in art-craft, clay modeling etc. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words for your notice-board giving details. Mention the last date of registration for students. You are Reena/ Roshan, Secretary, Art and Craft Club, B.V. Public School, Chandigarh. (5)

5. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect and correct word in your answer sheet: (8x1=8)

	Incorrect	Correct
My father becomes chief secretary of Tamil Nadu	a) _____	_____
on 1962. Soon after, he told my cousin and me,	b) _____	_____
that whenever we accompanied him to any functions,	c) _____	_____
we were to sit on the car on either side of him	d) _____	_____
and gave him a nudge if we saw a policeman	e) _____	_____
salute him which he was preoccupied studying	f) _____	_____
his notes. He said so that he was concerned	g) _____	_____
of the policemen standing in the hot sun.	h) _____	_____

6. Complete the following passage with one word only: (4x1=4)

The drains a)\_\_\_\_\_ the town b)\_\_\_\_\_ blocked. As c)\_\_\_\_\_ result the dirty water flowed d)\_\_\_\_\_ the roads.

7. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences: (3x1=3)
- a) is / good / both / for / early / rising / adults / old people / and
  - b) finish / work / early / one / can / go / and / for a walk / one's
  - c) the / weekend / I / can / love / down / be / I / myself / because / and / dress

### SECTION – C (LITERATURE)

8. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

So hard to retain your calm  
When your fingernails are making serious alterations in your life line or love  
Line or some other important line in your palm;

- a) Name the poem and the poet. (1)
  - b) Why is the poet unable to retain his usual calm? (1)
  - c) Explain the phrase 'your fingernails are making serious alterations'. (2)
9. Answer the following questions in about 30 to 40 words each: (4x2=8)
- a) What significance did the old ivy leaf have in the story 'The Last Leaf'?
  - b) How can a forlorn and shipwrecked brother 'take heart again'?
  - c) "I'll be lucky if they don't beat me up as well for being so greedy."  
Who says this and why?
  - d) What scrape had the Umbrella man got himself into?
10. Answer the following question in about 150 words: (8)
- Books are the gateway to knowledge. Elucidate with reference to the chapter 'Book Shop Memories'.
- (OR)
- Why is it important never to lose hope even in the worst of situations? Write a paragraph expressing your views with reference to the chapter 'Hope is a thing with feathers'.
11. Answer the following questions in about 100 words each:
- a) Who was Miss Havisham? Why does she adopt Estella? (5)
  - b) In the novel 'Great Expectations' what was Pip's disillusionment?  
Elucidate with reference to the novel. (5)