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**GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

- i) This paper is divided into three Sections: A, B and C. All the questions in each section are compulsory.
- ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
- iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.
- iv) Handwriting should be neat and legible.

**SECTION - A : READING (20 marks)**

1. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions given below:

O Captain! O Captain!  
O Captain! My Captain! Our fearful trip is done;  
The ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won;  
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting,  
While follow eyes the steady keel, the vessel grim and daring:

But O heart! heart! heart!  
O the bleeding drops of red,  
Where on the deck my Captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.

O Captain! My Captain! rise up and hear the bells;  
Rise up—for you the flag is flung—for you the bugle trills;  
For you bouquets and ribbon'd wreaths—for you the shores a-crowding;  
For you they call, the swaying mass, their eager faces turning;

Here captain! Dear father!  
This arm beneath your head;  
It is some dream that on the deck,  
You've fallen cold and dead.

My Captain does not answer, his lips are pale and still;  
My father does not feel my arm, he has no pulse nor will;  
The ship is anchor'd safe and sound, its voyage closed and done;  
From fearful trip, the victor ship, comes in with object won;

Exult, O shores, and ring, O bells!  
But I, with mournful tread,  
Walk the deck my captain lies,  
Fallen cold and dead.

Walt Whitman

- 1.1 Answer the following questions briefly: (6)
- a) Which line expresses a mood of jubilation?
  - b) What is the reason of the merriment of the people?
  - c) Identify one figure of speech used in the poem along with the example.
  - d) How is the poem an expression of the poet's grief and heartache?
  - e) What kind of welcome does the captain await at the shore?
  - f) How has the trip been a 'fearful' one?
- 1.2 Answer the following questions by choosing the correct option. (6)
- a) The poem is a reference to the assassination of Abraham Lincoln and Whitman's sorrow for the death of his \_\_\_\_\_
    - i) idol
    - ii) idle
    - iii) father
    - iv) idea

- b) The phrase "our fearful trip is done" is talking about the end of the Civil War in America, \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the winning of war.  
 i) grim                      ii) exulting                      iii) weathered                      iv) rack
- c) \_\_\_\_\_ is the antonym of the word 'daring'.  
 i) audacious                      ii) intrepid                      iii) cowardly                      iv) brave
- d) Everyone is celebrating what Lincoln accomplished. This is not only the \_\_\_\_\_ of slavery but also the formation of the Union.  
 i) exultation                      ii) abolishment                      iii) fearfulness                      iv) grimness
- e) \_\_\_\_\_ is the synonym of the word 'woeful'.  
 i) Trills                      ii) Fearful                      iii) Mournful                      iv) Weathered
- f) The poets 's use of repetition of the phrase ' \_\_\_\_\_ ' indicates the darker side of the war.  
 i) vessel grim                      ii) pale and still                      iii) O captain                      iv) cold and dead

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

Ikebana is the Japanese art of flower arrangement. It is more than simply putting flowers in a container. It is a disciplined art form in which the arrangement is a living thing where nature and humanity are brought together. It is steeped in the philosophy of developing a closeness with nature.

As is true of all other arts, ikebana is creative expression within certain rules of construction. Its materials are living branches, leaves, grasses, and blossoms. Its heart is the beauty resulting from color combinations, natural shapes, graceful lines, and the meaning latent in the total form of the arrangement. Ikebana is, therefore, much more than mere floral decoration.

The growing appreciation of Japanese art and architecture in the West has extended to the Japanese way with flowers. Ikebana is an art, in the same sense that painting and sculpture are arts. It has a recorded history; it is backed up by articulate theories; and it is concerned with creativity. In Japan, flower arrangements are used as decorations on a level with paintings and other art objects.

The remarkably high development of floral art in Japan can be attributed to the Japanese love of nature. People in all countries appreciate natural beauty, but in Japan, the appreciation amounts almost to a religion. The Japanese have always felt a strong bond of intimacy with their natural surroundings, and even in contemporary concrete-and-asphalt urban complexes, they display a remarkably strong desire to have a bit of nature near them. Foreign visitors to Tokyo are often surprised to notice that their taxi driver has hung a little vase with a flower or two at the edge of the windshield. The Japanese house that does not at all times contain some sort of floral arrangement is rare indeed.

In principle, ikebana aims not at bringing a finite piece of nature into the house, but rather at suggesting the whole of nature, by creating a link between the indoors and the outdoors. This is why arrangers are likely to use several different types of plants in a single arrangement, and to give prominence to leaves and flowerless branches as well as blossoms. Even when a single type of flower is used, an attempt is made to bring out its full implications as a symbol of nature.

To say that ikebana is a full-fledged art does not mean that it is esoteric. The greatest creations in the field are apt to be made by the most highly skilled experts, but, as in painting and sculpture, there is plenty of room for amateurs. Almost anyone with a little time and inclination can acquire sufficient skill to make beautiful arrangements.

Many practitioners of ikebana feel that the spiritual aspect of ikebana is very important. One becomes quiet when one practices ikebana. It helps you to live "in the moment" and to appreciate things in nature that previously had seemed insignificant.

Ikebana can inspire you to identify with beauty in all art forms -- painting, music, etc., and to always expect the best in yourself.

The varying forms of Ikebana share certain common features, regardless of the period or school. Any plant material -- branches, leaves, grasses, moss, and fruit -- may be used, as well as flowers. Withered leaves, seed pods, and buds are valued as highly as flowers in full bloom.

What distinguishes Ikebana from other approaches such as "flower arrangement" is its asymmetrical form and the use of empty space as an essential feature of the composition. A sense of harmony among the materials, the container, and the setting is also crucial.

- 2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage make notes using heading and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations where necessary. (5)
- 2.2 Make a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words using the notes made and also suggest a suitable title. (3)

SECTION - B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

- 3. The Department of Trade and Tax is to bring to the attention of Delhi VAT Dealers, an important information regarding depositing the VAT to avoid penalty as the last day of filing the return is 21<sup>st</sup> March 2015. Draft the advertisement with relevant information in 50 words.

(OR)

The Citizens' Awareness Forum of your city has decided to launch a campaign against littering. Design an attractive and effective poster on the topic in not more than 50 words. (4)

- 4. Read the advertisement given below; write a job application along with your resume, applying for any one of the posts given in it. Write your letter in 120 words. (6)

**St. Mary Sr. Sec. School**  
**Sector 19, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110 075**  
 Phone : 28042487, 8506003595  
 REQUIRES  
**TGT - Science, Soc. Science, Maths**  
 Graduates / Post Graduates with B.Ed. and a min. of 2 yrs. experience preferred  
**PRIMARY TEACHERS**  
 Graduates / Post Graduates with B.Ed. and a min. of 2 yrs. experience preferred  
**WESTERN MUSIC TEACHER**  
 Graduate and Professionally qualified  
**SPECIAL EDUCATOR**  
 with min. of 5 years experience

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Candidates are required to apply with detailed Bio-data and submit at the school office between 09.00am - 11.00am before 21-02-2015

- 5. Write a speech to be given in the morning assembly on the topic, "Compulsory military service is good for students and the society." (150 - 200 words)

(OR)

Recently Delhiites unanimously voted for one political party and elected a new Chief Minister in a historical mandate. Write an article in about 150 - 200 words elaborating on your expectations on the outcome of this revolutionary change. (10)

- 6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against correct blank number. (4)

	Correct	Incorrect
Operating since January 2010, Maharajas' Express is the new luxury train of Indian Railways but easily one of the most expensive in Asia. In eight days, this pan India train takes guests on a ride on the best and the most prominent	a) _____	_____
	b) _____	_____
	c) _____	_____
	d) _____	_____

destinations are the country—the TajMahal, the Khajuraho temples, wildlife environs of Ranthambore, Fatehpur Sikri and the holy bathing ghats off Varanasi. The cheapest rate per person per day is the whopping US\$ 800 for a deluxe cabin. The next two slabs are US\$ 900 and US\$ 1,400, and the presidential suite comes in US\$ 2,500.

e) \_\_\_\_\_  
f) \_\_\_\_\_  
g) \_\_\_\_\_  
h) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Complete the following extract by filling in one word in each blank. (3)

Those are values that we all share, and a) \_\_\_\_\_ the Democratic Party has won a great victory tonight, we do so b) \_\_\_\_\_ a measure of humility and determination to heal the divides that c) \_\_\_\_\_ held back our progress. As Lincoln said to a nation far more divided d) \_\_\_\_\_ ours: "We are not enemies, but friends, e) \_\_\_\_\_ passion may have f) \_\_\_\_\_ it must not break our bonds of affection."

8. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences: (3)

- a) the country / Euphrates, / crosses / in the east / Syria's / The / most important river  
b) be / considered to / that / the fifteen states / comprise the / It is / one of / so-called / "Cradle of civilization".  
c) and / water / in Syria / the Euphrates, / rivers / the Khabur / to / the Sajur / add their / three / the Balikh

SECTION – C : LITERATURE (30 marks)

9. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: (3)

*He speaks; I cannot understand  
Myself, why anger grows from grief.  
We each put out an empty hand,  
Longing for something to forgive.*

- a) What is the dilemma faced by the speaker?  
b) What does the phrase 'empty hand' convey?  
c) Write a synonym of the word 'longing'.

10. Answer, ANY THREE, of the following questions in about 50 - 60 words each: (3x3=9)

- a) According to the poet Markus Natten in the poem 'Childhood', hypocrisy is a part of the process of growing up. Elaborate.  
b) Despite his skepticism, why did Taplow admire Mr. Crocker Harris?  
c) Describe briefly, the events that led to the naming of 'Melon City'.  
d) How did Mrs. Fitzgerald succeed in teaching Doris and Cyril a lesson as to how to treat their mother with respect?

11. Answer the following question in 120 - 150 words: (6)

The chapter 'Birth' depicts a young doctor's victory of his professional expertise over personal struggles. Analyse the statement.

(OR)

Albert Einstein's expulsion from a German school highlights shortcomings of the methods of imparting education in schools. Comment.

12. Virginia E. Otis was truly a deserving recipient of the Canterville jewels. Elaborate. (Word limit :120-150) (6)

13. How was the funeral of Sir Simon de Canterville a special occasion? (word limit 120 - 150) (6)