

SAMPLE PAPER**TIME : 3 HRS.****MAX. MARKS : 80****General Instructions:**

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

SECTION-A**READING****(20 MARKS)****1. Read the following passage carefully. (8 marks)**

- (1) Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. 'Floating Post Office, Dal lake' – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.
- (2) This post office lets you avail of all regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence, promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.
- (3) This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British time. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster, John Samuel, renamed it as 'Floating Post Office'.
- (4) The post office's houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.
- (5) But for the locals, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination. ₹1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several isles that are home to more than 50,000 people.
- (6) The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in the post-office!

A. Choose the correct option to complete the following sentences. (4 marks)

- (a) The _____ used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique.
(1) paper (2) cover (3) ink (4) seal
- (b) For the _____, Floating Post Office is more than an object of fascination.
(1) locals (2) tourists (3) guides (4) none of these
- (c) The lake has several _____ that are home to more than 50,000 people.
(1) boats (2) plants (3) isles (4) communities
- (d) The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need _____ in the post office.
(1) water (2) a fan (3) food (4) none of these

- B. Answer the following questions in one word or one sentence. (4 marks)**
- (e) Where is the Floating Post Office built?
 - (f) What is the special feature of this post office?
 - (g) Who renamed the post office as 'Floating Post Office'?
 - (h) What is the greatest fear that the post office has?
- 2. Read the following passage carefully. (12 marks)**
- (1) Like all bad news and the common cold, allergies can pop up when you least expect them. I suddenly developed an allergy to crocin (paracetamol) some years ago after having it all my life to treat everything from headaches to fever and toothache. A seafood-loving friend found himself unable to breathe after having Thai food for dinner. After undergoing a battery of expensive tests, he was told that the chest tightness was not caused by a heart attack, but by an allergy to shellfish, something he ate once a week and had never reacted before.
- (2) A stuffed or drippy nose, frequent sneezing, an itchy throat, rash, sinus, ear pain, difficulty in breathing, stomach cramps, and itchy, red or watery eyes are some of the common symptoms of an allergic reaction. Pollen, dust, polluted outdoor air and indoor pollutants, such as dust mites, animal dander, cigarette smoke and mould are among the common environmental pollutants, while other triggers include medicines, paint and chemicals in cleaners and cosmetics, such as hair colour and skin creams. Among foods, eight allergens account for almost 90% of food allergies; milk, soy, wheat, egg, peanut, tree nuts, fish, and shellfish.
- (3) Most of us wrongly believe that people with allergies are either born with the condition or develop identifiable symptoms in early childhood. You couldn't be more wrong. An allergy can occur at any time in your life and experts says its prevalence among adults is rising. While most people who develop allergies as adults have experienced some allergic reaction – either to the same or an unrelated trigger before – a few have no history of sensitivity.
- (4) In an acute immune reaction, the allergy trigger may be one, but the symptom is usually caused by a combination of factors. Stress, a sterile environment that prevents the body from developing robust natural immunity and lifestyle induced changes in the body's hormonal balance are thought to be some triggers. This is borne out by clinical evidence that shows that women are more likely to develop allergies at puberty, after pregnancy and at menopause, all of which point to hormonal causes.
- (5) Of course, avoiding the allergy trigger and taking an anti-allergy medication as soon as you can, after exposure to an allergen is the best possible protection. Since pollen levels generally peak in the morning, people with airway sensitivity and asthma should postpone outdoor exercises to later in the day or stick to exercising indoors as deeper and more rapid breathing induced by aerobic exercise causes more pollen and dust being inhaled, which can wreck your airways and lungs. Since air pollutants tend to cling to clothes and hair, changing your clothes when you come home or washing your hair before going to bed, lowers exposure.
- (6) Allergies in adults can be treated using some anti-allergic medicines. For those who do not respond to the standard treatment, there's always the option of a series of allergy shots to help the immune system to build up a tolerance to the allergy. In most cases, though, identifying and avoiding the allergen is enough to stay free of trouble.
- A. Read the following passage carefully. (2 × 4 = 8 marks)**
- (a) What are the common symptoms of an allergic reaction?
 - (b) What are among the common environmental pollutants?
 - (c) What is an acute immune reaction?
 - (d) How can you prevent / treat yourself from getting allergies?

B. Find the word from the passage that mean the same as the following. Choose the correct option. (1 × 4 = 4 marks)

- (e) evidence of disease or any physical disturbance (para-2)
 (1) allergy (2) reaction (3) symptoms (4) cramps
- (f) free from bacteria or other living microorganisms (para-4)
 (1) immunity (2) sterile (3) menopause (4) clinical
- (g) to hold on tightly (para-5)
 (1) cling (2) rapid (3) induced (4) trigger
- (h) a number of events coming one after the other (para-6)
 (1) cases (2) wreck (3) causes (4) series

SECTION-B

WRITING AND GRAMMAR

(30 MARKS)

3. You are Arihant / Aparajita, Sports Secretary of Sunshine High School. You have received the parcel of sports articles ordered by you, but you find some of them to be defective and quite old. Write a letter of complaint, in about 100-150 words, to Messer New Sports, Meerut. (8 marks)

OR

Write an article, in about 100-150 words, on 'River Pollution.' You may use the clues given below.

- river, biggest source of water
- victims of pollution
- industrial waste
- city waste drained into them
- religious ceremonies-idol immersion
- garlands and flowers
- ashes after cremation poured into rivers

4. Write a short story on the basis of the hints provided, in about 150-200 words.(10 marks)
 loved reading about life on other planets – on day – walking in the school. Suddenly heard a noise – strange man, no creature – an alien saying something – then more came – abducted me.
Begin the story with:

I loved reading about life on other planets

OR

Write a story, in about 150-200 words, based on the input given below.

the parent – teacher meeting was scheduled for tomorrow – scared of informing them – had been scolded for missing school – no way out – cooked a story

5. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. (4 marks)

David dreams (a) _____ inventing a fridge that can take good care of (b) _____. He says his fridge (c) _____ have a touch screen and a hatch. The screen will display (d) _____ icons. All he will have to do (e) _____ to press an icon for 'clean' on it and the fridge will self-clean. Another icon will tell him (f) _____ food items will run out in a day or two. Then he can buy them just a day ahead. A third icon will indicate (g) _____ foodstuff has gone stale. He will then need to press a red button and it will come (h) _____ of the fridge.

- (a) (1) in (2) that (3) of (4) to
 (b) (1) all (2) itself (3) work (4) system
 (c) (1) should (2) would (3) will (4) must
 (d) (1) all (2) little (3) many (4) few
 (e) (1) is (2) was (3) must (4) will
 (f) (1) this (2) that (3) the (4) which
 (g) (1) whom (2) that (3) which (4) this
 (h) (1) into (2) in (3) within (4) out

6. There is an error in each line. Mark the error and write the correct word. (4 marks)

	Incorrect	Correct
Islamic education arrive in India	(a) _____	_____
many before Aurangzeb's time,	(b) _____	_____
fully grew in concept, context and functioning.	(c) _____	_____
It has its beginning in mektabs,	(d) _____	_____
the Arabic term for school. Though their	(e) _____	_____
is no indication as for where they	(f) _____	_____
were first establish, mektabs	(g) _____	_____
were certainly widespread to the fourteenth	(h) _____	_____
century AD in capital cities like Samarkand.		

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. (4 marks)

- (a) The / first / doctor / a diagnosis / makes / an illness / of
 (b) he or she / what / then / kind / decides / of treatment / needed / is
 (c) can / treated with / many / be / a course of drug / illnesses
 (d) may / the doctor / if / is serious / the case / operate.

SECTION-C

LITERATURE

(30 MARKS)

8. Read the given extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow. (ANY ONE) (4 marks)

The creature that emerged from this sack on the spacious tiled floor of the Consulate bedroom resembled most of all a very small, mediievally conceived, dragon. From the head to tip of the tail, he was coated with symmetrical pointed scales of mud armour, between whose tips was visible a soft velvet fur like that of a chocolate-brown mole.

- (a) Which creature is being talked about here?
 (b) What did it resemble?
 (c) Why was he covered with mud?
 (d) How is the otter described in the above line?

OR

Stop that sulking at once, Amanda!
 You're always so moody, Amanda!
 Anyone would think that I nagged at you,
 Amanda!

- (a) Whom does the speaker ask to stop sulking?
 (b) Did Amanda really sulk?
 (c) What kind of girl was Amanda?
 (d) What does the speaker fear people will think about him?

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words. (10 marks)

- (a) What excuses does Peggy think up for her behaviour? Why?
 (b) How did Custard prove to be brave when the pirate came?
 (c) What was a source of unending joy for Valli? What was her strongest desire?
 (d) What was the effect of the loss of ball on the boy?
 (e) What actions did Bholi take to stop her marriage with Bishamber?
 (f) How did Think-Tank interpret the poem, 'The Cat and The Fiddle'?
 (g) How did the gang of the household dogs accept Tricki as their member?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 100-120 words. (8 marks)

Why was the young seagull pretending to be asleep? What did he actually observe while doing so?

OR

How can you say that Maddie is an emotional girl? Compare and contrast Maddie and Peggy.

11. Answer any one of the following questions in 200-250 words. (8 marks)

Mme Forestier proved to be a true friend. Elucidate.

OR

Describe the landlord's and his wife's experience with the strange scientist.