

- 5) The rule will be applicable to those climbers of Mt Everest who will ascend beyond Everest's base camp, from April onwards. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them. The action would involve the paying of a fine or other penalty.
- 6) Expeditions returning to the base will have to submit their trash at an office to be setup in the precincts of the Everest Base Camp.

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read: (1x8=8)

- i. When was the first attempt to scale Mt Everest made and by whom?
- ii. What was the outcome of the first expedition?
- iii. What was the climbing record before the first successful attempt?
- iv. Who were the first successful climbers of Everest?
- v. Why is Everest drawing attention today?
- vi. What is the nature of the waste littering the mountainside?
- vii. What is the nature of the new regulation?
- viii. How were the first climbers of Everest rewarded?
- ix. Which word in paragraph 4 means the same as in 'perfect or in original condition'?

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

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- 1) The late Peter Marshall was an eloquent speaker and for several years served as the chaplain of the US Senate. He used to love to tell the story of the "Keeper of the spring," a quiet forest dweller who lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slopes of the Alps.
- 2) The old gentleman had been hired many years earlier by a town council man to clear the debris from the pools of water up in the mountain crevices that fed the spring flowing through their town. With regularity, he removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt that would have otherwise choked the flow of water. The village became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the clear spring, the mill wheels of various businesses located near the water started working.
- 3) Years passed. One evening the town council met for its annual meeting and reviewed the budget. One man's eyes caught the salary being paid to the obscure keeper of the spring. He asked, "Who is the old man? Why do we keep him year after year? No one ever sees him. For all we know he is doing us no good. By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with his services. For several weeks, nothing changed.
- 4) By early autumn, trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches fell into the pools, hindering the flow of water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight brownish tint in the spring. Then the water turned darker and was covered with slimy film and a foul odour was soon detected. The mill wheels moved slowly, some finally ground to a halt. Swans left, as did the tourists. Disease and sickness spread in the village.

- 5) The council quickly called a special meeting. Realizing their error in judgement, they hired the old keeper of the spring, and within a few weeks, the veritable river of life began to clear up and new life returned to the hamlet in the Alps.
- 6) Never become discouraged with the seeming smallness of your task, job and life. Cling fast to the words of Edward Everett Hale: "I am only one, but still I am one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something; and because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do something I can do." The key to accomplishment is to believe that what you can do will make a difference.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in about 30-40 words each: (2x4=8)

- i. Who was Peter Marshall? What did he like?
- ii. Why was the old gentleman hired? How did he prove to be a good employee?
- iii. Why were people happy?
- iv. Why did the town council dispense his services?
- v. What happened during early autumn?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrases. (1x2=2)

- i. Annual meeting was held to _____.
- ii. Unanimous vote means _____.
- iii. We should never lose confidence _____.

2.3 Attempt any two of the following. Find out the words that mean the same as under: (1x2=2)

- i) Able to use the language well (paragraph 1)
- ii) Blocking (paragraph 4)
- iii) Achievement (paragraph 6)

SECTION B – WRITING AND GRAMMAR

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3. You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals cause traffic jams as well as accidents. You have already written to the authorities concerned but no action has been taken so far. Write a letter to the Municipal Chairman drawing his attention to the same. You are Nikhil/ Nimitha of 45, Skyline Apartments, Agra. **8**

OR

You are Sanyuktha/Randhir, Librarian of Sunrise Public School, Cochin. Write a letter to the Sales Manager, D C Books, Kottayam placing an order for books (minimum four titles) for your school library. Invent other necessary details.

4. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the cues given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. 10

Rainy evening friends get-together... tired of playing Scrabble... begin to relate what we desire the most... usual aspirations of owning a car, going on a foreign holiday, coming first in class, not having to study, etc. ... little sister interferes... she joins in much against everyone's wishes... announce her wish... fairy godmother... wants the gift of 'Curiosity' be bestowed on her. ... laughs... explains that then she would be excited to find out things and be able to find a cure for cancer.

OR

Once upon a time a little boy.....

5. Fill in any four of the following blanks choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers. 4

M/S Ansals Agencies (a) _____ road and building contractors. They (b) _____ buildings and malls. They (c) _____ an excellent and qualified staff to look after their work. They propose (d) _____ build a mall near Noida. Mr. Harish Sharma (e) _____ the Chairman of this firm.

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| (a) | (i)is | (ii)are | (iii)am | (iv)was |
| (b) | (i)construct | (ii) constructs | (iii) constructing | (iv) constructed |
| (c) | (i)has | (ii)have | (iii)had | (iv)having |
| (d) | (i)in | (ii)on | (iii)to | (iv)for |
| (e) | (i)am | (ii)were | (iii)is | (iv)are |

6. Read and complete any four lines of the passage that follows in Reported speech: 4

Teacher: Have you done your homework today?

Anil: No ma'am I had to go out with my parents.

Teacher: I cannot forgive you, this time you have to call your parents.

Anil: Please forgive me ma'am. I will complete my homework.

Teacher: Do not repeat this.

The teacher asked Anil a) _____. Anil replied in negation b) _____. Then the teacher angrily said c) _____ and added that d) _____. Anil pleaded e) _____. The teacher warned him not to repeat that.

7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. 4

- a) health/the/is/proverb/wealth/is/often/used/very
- b) should/health/of/school/children/going/take/care/more/their
- c) wear/should/clean/students/clothes
- d) uplifts/the/not only/it/of/clean/mood/child/the/maintains/but/a/look
- e) be/food/vendors/which/the/uncovered/grounds/should/from/is/consumed/never/health/on

SECTION C – LITERATURE

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8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. (1x4=4)

He coloured deeply under his sunburn, then grew pale. He looked to the ground.
“You must be saving up to emigrate to America,” I suggested.

- a) Who coloured deeply under his sunburn and why?
- b) What does the word ‘coloured deeply’ suggest?
- c) Why didn’t the two boys tell the author about their plans?
- d) What made the speaker mention emigration to America?

OR

When wasteful war shall statues overturn
And broils root out of the work of masonry,
Nor Mars his sword nor war’s quick fire shall burn
The living record of your memory.

- a) Why has the war been called waste?
- b) What would be the result of the war?
- c) What does the line ‘The living record of memory’ mean?
- d) Name the poem and the poet?

9. Answer any four out of the following questions in 30-40 words each (2x4=8)

- a) Though Mrs. Packletide shot a tiger but the hunt went off without a hitch of real adventure. Why?
- b) How is the mirror important to the woman?
- c) ‘Though the poet knew that the snake was venomous, the poet didn’t kill or harm the snake initially. Why?’
- d) Why does Patol Babu walk away before he could be paid for his role?
- e) How does Mark Antony instigate the mob?

10. Attempt any one out of the two long answer type questions in 100-120 words. 8

Family relationships should be grounded on the basis of love, commitment and faith. Falsehood, hypocrisy and greed shatter our sweetest relationship. Elaborate this statement with reference to the lesson 'The Dear Departed'.

OR

"Technology was advancing everyday and Dad couldn't resist any of the new gadgets or gizmos that came on the market. That was why we went to the computer fair." The advanced technology has not made our life easier but more complicated. We should be masters of technology and technology should not master us. Elaborate this statement.

11. Answer the following question based on the prescribed novel text for extended reading in about 200-250 words. 10

How did Helen take her examinations at Radcliffe?

OR

Draw a character sketch of Dr. Graham Bell.

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