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General Instructions:

The question paper has been divided into three

sections- Sections A : Reading 20 marks

Sections B : Writing & Grammar 30 marks

Sections C: Literature & Long Reading Text 30 marks

SECTION 'A' : READING (20 MARKS)

Q1. Read the passage given below and answer the question complete the sentences that follow: (1 X 8 = 8)

People all over the world wash their hands with water. Using soap adds to the time spent in washing, breaks down the grease and dirt that carry most germs by facilitating the rubbing and friction that dislodge them and leaves hand smelling pleasant. Good hand washing techniques include washing your hands with soap and water or using an alcohol based sanitizer. It has been reported that washing with soap is one of the most effective ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases. It is also the cheapest way. In addition hand washing with soap can limit the transmission of respiratory disease, a killer of children under five. More hand washing with soap would make a significant contribution to meeting the millennium development goal of reducing death among children under the age of five by two thirds by 2015.

Hand washing with soap is among the most effective and inexpensive ways to prevent diarrhoeal diseases and pneumonia, which together are responsible for the majority of child deaths. Every year, more than 3.5 million children do not live to celebrate their fifth birthday because of diarrhoea and pneumonia. Yet, despite its lifesaving potential about hand washing with soap is seldom practiced and is not always easy to promote. On the other hand, lack of education about hand washing with soap not only increases the risk of diseases among children/people but also increases the number of deaths which is occurring because of less knowledge about hand washing.

Acute respiratory infections like pneumonia are the leading causes of child death. Evidence suggests that better hygiene practices like washing hands with soap after defecation and after eating could cut the infection by about 25 percent. It seems pretty simple a step to make such a big change in the lives of the people. The best time to get accustomed to this habit is during childhood.

- a. To break down grease and dirt form the hands, one should.....
- b. The advantage of washing hands with soap is
- c. The cheapest way to prevent diarrhoeal disease is
- d. For better hygiene practices, we should wash hands.....
- e. The leading causes of child death are
- f. How can the risk of diseases and deaths among children be reduced?

- g. Which is the best time to inculcate this habit?
- h. The word means the same as 'cause to pass on from one place, person or thing to another' is (para 1)

Q2. Read the following passage carefully: (12)

1. Science and technology not only dominate the psyche of humanity but also the whole biosphere. How does science influence civilisation and how is it related to human happiness?
2. The Original, cosmic evolution of the biosphere was one that promoted, supported, nourished, sustained and enhanced life. Life went on adding to the evolution with newer species and ecosystems, even more beautiful and vibrant than the ones before. Our biosphere accommodated a pleasant weather cycle and climate system to support these newer species, keeping everything in dynamic equilibrium.
3. Now the biosphere is overburdened and ailing. Some of our ecosystems have already collapsed, while others are at death's door. Ever increasing pollution coupled with over exploitation of natural resources and greenhouse gas emission is driving several species towards extinction. This is not a phenomenon that has occurred by itself, and neither has it been caused by, human beings alone. But it definitely has been spurred by so-called advances in technology.
4. In this millennium, we no longer live in a, biosphere – we are inhabitants of a technosphere. A technosphere is an impaired biosphere that has no affinity with values of life nor with sustainability and evaluation of life. Although technology had empowered civilisation, it has also reduced it to being a mere toll of science and technology and when the whole civilisation turns technocratic, science and technology are bound to dominate, causing life to shrink. The intensifying climate crisis is but a symptom of the biosphere's illness and life's gradual collapse.
5. We've reached a point where we are intolerant of anything remotely "unscientific" in our contemporary world. Scientists look for alternatives, but even these solutions are sought in the same domain that has caused these problem. In short, we are stewing in a soup of our own making.
6. So, what would be meaningful for the welfare of humans? Naturally something that would enhance life, serve to integrate ecosystems and cleanse our environment. Enhancement of life includes betterment of human life and vice versa. If life shrinks, we cannot blossom.
7. Science and technology by themselves are neutral; it is the way we use them that has either a positive or negative impact on our lives and environment. And when we use science in a manner that increases un-sustainability and unhappiness in our lives, how can we rely blindly on science for our happiness.

2.1-Read the given questions and write the answer in about 30-40 words.

2x4=8

- a. How did the biosphere evolve over a period of time?
- b. How has this equilibrium got disturbed now?
- c. What is the difference between biosphere and technosphere?
- d. Man needs to use 'science and technology' in a sensible manner. Explain.

2.2-Choose the correct option that is closest to given below.

1x4=4

a. Psyche

- (i) Mind (ii) Thinking (iii) Innerself (iv) Mental

b. enhance

- (i) improve (ii) increase (iii) remove (iv) Lower

c. collapsed

- (i) broken (ii) disappeared (iii) removed (iv) taken away

d. Affinity

- (i) dislike (ii) love (iii) bonding (iv) natural liking.

SECTION 'B' : WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 marks)

Q3. The climate throughout the world is changing. It has already disturbed weather patterns by increasing rainfall in some areas and decreasing it in others. The temperature is increasing day by day. It results as frequent hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, tsunamis, etc. Write an article in about 100-150 words for your school magazine on the topic 'Global Warming : A Threat to the Life' . (8)

(Hints : Global warming; Rise in avg. temperature, Melting of glaciers, Due to pollution & human activities)

OR

Your team has won the first place in the inter-school Debate competition. Write a diary entry expressing your feelings after winning any competition for the first time.

Q 4. Write a short story in 150-200 words making use of the given outlines and give a suitable title.

A house near Ganges – father goes to another village – son in charge of the house – the river in flood – water, water everywhere -- mother and sister in danger – a boat near the house –the boy saves the family. (10)

Q5. Complete the following passage by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones given below. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the entire passage: (1x4=4)

All the great men of Venice (a) in the Duke's court. The Duke
 (b)the case, appealing to Shylock to have mercy upon the unfortunate merchant,
 Shylock (c)..... that the law (d)_____ on his side .

(a) (i) had gathered, (iii) gathered (ii) were gathered, (iv) gather

(b) (i) was opening, (iii) had opened (ii) opened, (iv) opens

(c) (i) was feeling, (iii) felt, (iv) feels (ii) had felt, (iv) feels

(d) (i) has, (ii) will, (iii) may, (iv) was.

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. One word is missing from each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before it and the word that comes after it in your answer- sheet . (1x4=4)

	before	missing	word after
Making a cartoon an art that	e.g. cartoon	is	an
requires a combination hard work,	(a)		
training a sense of humour.	(b)		
Cartoonists say the cartoons that	(c)		
make us laugh most are time taking.	(d)		

Q7. Rearrange the given words and Phrases into meaningful sentences. (1x4=4)

a. enter / million tons / the / every year / of / ocean / plastic

b. are / waters / sightings / junk-filled / of / common

c. population / middle-class / increasing / is / coastlines / along

d. trash / increase / has led / waste management / lack / of / in / to

Section 'C': Literature & Long Reading Text (30 marks)

Q8. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions. (1x4=4)

**Then the Matter
 Of scorching and choking
 In sun and air.
 Browning, hardening
 Twisting, withering
 And then it is done.**

- a) Name the poem and the poet.
- b) What is 'it' here?
- c) How does the sun and the air contribute to its killing?
- d) Find the word that means the same as 'burning in the hot sun.'

OR

My toothbrush is a thing that haunts me when I'm traveling and makes my life a misery. I dream that I haven't packed it, and wake up in a cold perspiration and get out of bed and hunt for it. And, in the morning, I pack it before I have used it, and have to unpack again to get it, and it is always the last thing I turn out of the bag, and then I repack and forget it, and have to rust up stairs for it at the last moment and carry it to the railway station, wrapped in my pocket-handkerchief.

- a. Who is the speaker here?
- b. Why does the speaker repack the bag?
- c. Why does he always carry a toothbrush in his hand to the railway station?
- d. Find the word in the passage that means same as 'sweat'.

Q9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. (2 x 5=10)

- a. What is Maria's mantra for success?
- b. How does the last leaf become Behrman's Master piece?
- c. When does the disciple remember the words of his guru?
- d. How does the snake try to save himself from the pursuing sticks?
- e. How did the narrator get Bruno?

Q10. Answer any one of the following questions in about (100-150) words? (8 marks)

fearful situation makes us lose our senses. Express your views with reference to 'The Snake and the Mirror' on the doctor's reaction .

OR

How can you say that 'the Bond of Love' shows kind and loving attitude of the narrator and his wife towards Bruno ? How should we take care of Animals?

Q11. Answer any one of the following questions in about (100-150) words? (8 marks)

The story 'The Lost Child' at every step teaches human being. How can you say so? Write your answer with reference to the lost child.

OR

Begging is a crime. How can we discourage begging? How were Sergei and Olga also responsible in bringing a change in the beggar Lushkoff?
