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SECTION A

Series RLH

Code No. 1/3

- Please check that this question paper contains 11 printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains 17 questions.
- Please write down the serial number of the question before attempting it.

**ENGLISH**  
**(Communicative)**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

**General Instructions :**

- This paper consists of four sections —
  - Section A — Reading 20 marks
  - Section B — Writing 30 marks
  - Section C — Grammar 20 marks
  - Section D — Literature 30 marks
- Attempt **all** questions.
- Do **not** write anything in the question paper.
- All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
- Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
- Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
- Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

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

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1 Lionel was in bad shape. My daughter Nola and I found him bloodied and beaten. He was too weak to haul his poor, broken little body inside the house. By the time we saw him, his battered body had already lost too much blood. Lionel, the duck, died a few minutes later. We never found out who had beaten Lionel, so savagely, or why they felt the need to hurt him. A customer at Nola's store said she found some teenagers jumping the back fence a few minutes before we found Lionel. They were carrying cricket bats.

2 When Nola solely broke the news to her customers over the next few days, they were devastated. One elderly gentleman was especially heart-broken. After doing his weekly shopping, he used to feed Lionel a slice of bread or a biscuit which he kept in his pocket especially for the occasion. They would spend an hour every week like that, just chatting and enjoying each other's company. When he heard about Lionel's death, the old man sat down on the same bench and let the tears run freely down his cheeks. Two weeks later, he was dead.

3 Nola also had to tell the local primary-school children who used to play with Lionel on their way to school. Lionel waddled around them, muttering and letting them feel his soft white feathers while they waited for the bus. Some of the children made sympathy cards for Nola. She also received many condolences — a few from friends and many from strangers. It was only then that we realised how many friends Lionel had made; how many hearts he had touched. It seemed as if the whole town was mourning his death. Lionel was a very social duck.

4 Lionel liked human company and loved to waddle around. Many people who came to the shop enjoyed passing the time of the day with a duck. But it was not just human company Lionel sought. Lionel was friends with an assortment of multicoloured hens and one red rooster. But Lionel also liked spending time quietly by himself.

5 An elderly couple who lived 100 kilometres away read about Lionel's death in the newspaper and drove all the way to Nola's shop to deliver a condolence gift. It was the statue of a duck the elderly man, an invalid pensioner, had made. Nola somberly placed the statue at the head of Lionel's grave. The next day, an acquaintance of mine, exasperated at all the fuss being made, said to me, "He was only a duck !" But he was wrong. Lionel was much more than that. He was a loving friend, not just to me, but to many others and our lives certainly won't be the same without him waddling around.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1×4=4

- (a) Lionel could not be saved as \_\_\_\_\_  
when the author and her daughter found him.
- (b) The old man and Lionel liked each other so much \_\_\_\_\_.
- (c) The children were so upset about Lionel's death that \_\_\_\_\_.
- (d) An elderly couple's condolence gift was \_\_\_\_\_.

1.2 Fill in the blanks using one word only. 1×4=4

Not only Nola but all those who loved Lionel were (a) \_\_\_\_\_ to know that their dear duck was no more. He had been beaten up (b) \_\_\_\_\_ by some teenagers. Lionel was (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to both men and animals. His death created a vacuum in the (d) \_\_\_\_\_ of many.

1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. Write the answers in your answer sheet. 1×4=4

- (a) speaking in low unclear tone para 3
- (b) a person one knows slightly para 5
- (c) shocked and sad para 2
- (d) to walk with short steps para 4

1 Every time a child takes a soft drink, he's laying the groundwork for a dangerous bone disease. No, fizzy and sugary drinks don't cause osteoporosis. But, because they are often a substitute for a glass of milk, kids are not getting the calcium and vitamin D they need to build a strong skeleton. Many of them also lead a sedentary lifestyle, so they aren't getting the bone-building benefits for vigorous exercise either. These children aren't just in jeopardy for brittle bones and fractures decades down the road. They could be at a risk of osteoporosis at a younger age than ever before.

2 The Indian Society for Bone and Mineral Research, a body of osteoporosis experts, is trying to spread awareness about this bone-crippling disease. Osteoporosis starts in childhood but has consequences later in life. The condition causes bones to become riddled with holes, like the framework of a house that's been attacked by termites. That can lead to broken bones, which in turn can cause deformity, chronic pain or disability. Osteoporosis can be fatal: up to 25 percent of older people who suffer a broken hip die within a year. Osteoporosis isn't just your grandmother's health threat. Although it strikes over 50 million women in India, it also menaces over 12 million men. Osteoporosis causes loss of height, pain in joints and back, fractures and a fear of fractures, and can be very depressing. So it is important that we adopt preventive measures, to save millions of people.

3 There is a new medical understanding of the best ways to protect ourselves and our children. "Simple lifestyle changes and nutrition will help save your bones," says Dr. Mittal. To get us moving in the right direction, he says, "It's never too late to adopt bone-friendly habits — exercise, get enough sunlight, and have adequate calcium. This way, we can keep our bones healthy and prevent osteoporosis."

2.1 Complete the following sentences based on the passage given above : 1x8=8

To build a strong skeleton children need

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

The children are at a risk of osteoporosis at a younger age as

(c) \_\_\_\_\_

(d) \_\_\_\_\_

Osteoporosis can lead to

(e) \_\_\_\_\_

(f) \_\_\_\_\_

The best ways to protect children and ourselves from osteoporosis are by

(g) \_\_\_\_\_

(h) \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B — (Writing)**

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3. Read the following telephone conversation and write the message for Mr. Jay in not more than 50 words.

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*Kishore* : Is it Jay Travels ?

*Kumar* : Yes, May I know who is speaking ?

*Kishore* : I am Kishore from K.K. Colony. Can I speak to Mr. Jay ?

*Kumar* : I'm sorry. He has gone out.

*Kishore* : Can you please convey a message to him ?

*Kumar* : Yes, I will.

*Kishore* : I had booked a car with you to take me to the airport on 26<sup>th</sup> September. There is a change in the programme. I will be leaving only on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The car should reach my house on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 4:00 a.m. Please tell him this.

*Kumar* : Yes, I will.

*Kishore* : Thanks a lot.

*Kumar* : You are welcome, Sir.

4. Randhir is working in Bangalore. He is leaving for Jaipur for a month's compulsory training. He wants his father to tell his sister to excuse him for not being able to attend the first birthday of her son. As Randhir, write a telegram to your father, Mr. S.C. Jain, 12 Radio Colony, New Delhi. Do not exceed 25 words. Copy the format of the telegram from the question paper in your answer sheet.

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#### TELEGRAM

RECEIVER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
MESSAGE
SENDER'S NAME
NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED SENDER'S ADDRESS

5. You are Smitha, a frequent traveller. You are unhappy about the poor services rendered by several travel agencies to their customers after charging them exorbitantly. Their brochures make various promises but they are rarely kept. Taking ideas from the notes given below and from the unit on 'Travel and Tourism' along with your own ideas, write a letter to the editor of a newspaper on how a tourist should decide on the places of interest he wants to visit and the facilities he expects. Also mention what the tourist should do if the promises made are not kept. Do not exceed 150 words.

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- tour operators promise dreams
- charge exorbitantly
- don't fulfil promises
- tourists to take their own decisions
- take action in case of poor service

6. Even after sixty years of independence women have to walk miles together in certain parts of the country to fetch water as shown in the visual given below. There is not only the scarcity of water but water in most places is also contaminated. Using the visual given below together with your own ideas, write an article in about 200 words on the scarcity of clean drinking water in the country. Also suggest how this problem can be solved.

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(For Blind Candidates Only)

Women walk long distances to fetch water in certain parts of the country. There is not only scarcity of water but water in most places is also contaminated. Using the hints given below together with your own ideas, write an article in about 200 words on the scarcity of clean drinking water suggesting ways to improve the situation.

- scarcity of clean drinking water
- women travel long distances in certain areas like Rajasthan and Gujarat to fetch water
- scarcity in big cities
- suggestions – linking of rivers
- awareness of clean drinking habits

7. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet.

1×4=4

Sanskrit – subject – curriculum of colleges – introduction – major Indian language – colleges – option – subject – a scholarship – Rs. 3000/-  
 The BJB College – planning – tutorial classes – subject – students – clear doubts – continue study – the subject – immense scope

Sanskrit, as a subject in the curriculum of colleges, has got a new life. Sanskrit has been (a) \_\_\_\_\_ major Indian language in many colleges. There is a scholarship of Rs. 3000/- for those (b) \_\_\_\_\_ the subject. The BJB College also (c) \_\_\_\_\_ to start tutorial classes for the subject so that students can clear their doubts. Those who (d) \_\_\_\_\_ the subject have immense scope these days.

8. 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 the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. The first one has been done for you.

 $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ 

The jungle was thick for dense. We

e.g. for and

had to hold on to the vines to avoiding

(a)

slipping on the mud paths. We had

(b)

walked for four hours but everyone

(c)

were tired. The sun was shining brightly

(d)

generating heat and vapour which will

(e)

soon turn from rain. We were given some

(f)

bread and cheese. After we had ate, the

(g)

trip began again. Some of the weaker

members were already feeling tiring.

(h)



9. In the passage given below, fill in each blank with one word only. Write the correct word in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Spending time (a) \_\_\_\_\_ their kids brings immediate as well as long term gains (b) \_\_\_\_\_ fathers. Children of an involved dad (c) \_\_\_\_\_ more popular, get on better with their peers and are (d) \_\_\_\_\_ empathetic according to a research published (e) \_\_\_\_\_ a Canadian study. Today, thanks (f) \_\_\_\_\_ modern technology, fathers can (g) \_\_\_\_\_ more time with their children even when they are (h) \_\_\_\_\_ from home.

10. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

1×4=4

Ramesh : Where are you going ?

Rachana : I am going to school to collect my pass certificate.

Ramesh : How much did you score ?

Rachana : I got good marks in all subjects except in Maths.

Ramesh : Let me know after you join a college.

Ramesh asked Rachana (a) \_\_\_\_\_. She said that she (b) \_\_\_\_\_ pass certificate. Ramesh, then wanted to know (c) \_\_\_\_\_. She replied that (d) \_\_\_\_\_. Ramesh wanted her to let him know after she joined a college.

11. Look at the newspaper items given below. Use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet.

1×4=4

(a) PM LEAVES FOR MOSCOW

PM \_\_\_\_\_ on Thursday according to reports from the Prime Minister's Office.

(b) LAW PROPOSED TO ENSURE NUTRITION FOR CHILDREN

Waking up to the needs of children, especially the under-privileged ones, the Central Government \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure nutrition for children.

(c) PETROL, DIESEL PRICES LIKELY TO BE RAISED

The Government is considering a \_\_\_\_\_ to protect the public sector oil companies from losing several crores per day.

(d) EX-NAVAL OFFICER GETS BAIL

The Delhi High Court on Monday \_\_\_\_\_ to the sacked Naval Commander Gupta on the ground that no charge had been framed against him.

SECTION D — (Literature)

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12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly.

Thou on whose stream, 'mid the steep sky's commotion,  
Loose clouds like earth's decaying leaves are shed,  
Shook from the tangled boughs of Heaven and Ocean,  
Angels of rain and lightning: there are spread  
On the blue surface of thine aery surge, ...

- (a) Who are the 'angels' referred to here ? 1  
(b) Explain "tangled boughs of Heaven and Ocean". 1  
(c) Name and describe the poetic device used in line 2. 2

13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly.

And some in dreams assured were  
Of the Spirit that plagued us so;  
Nine fathom deep he had followed us  
From the land of mist and snow.

- (a) Where were the mariners ? What was their mental state ? 2  
(b) What did they see in their 'dream' ? 1  
(c) What does 'fathom' mean ? 1
14. The supernatural has been amply exploited to bring out the theme in the play, 'The Christmas Carol'. Elucidate with examples from the play. Write your answer in 75 - 100 words. 5
15. What did Brutus tell the mob ? Was his decision to permit Antony to speak a wise one ? Why ? Answer in about 75 words. 5
16. Describe the circumstances under which the post office became a place of pilgrimage for Ali. Write the answer in 50 - 75 words. 4
17. Imagine you are one of the refugees in South Africa. You have noticed the old lady struggling to give her grandchildren a comfortable life. Write a diary entry on the love she showered on her grandchildren in 150 - 175 words. 8