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**ENGLISH**  
**(Language and Literature)**

*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 100*

**General Instructions :**

- (i) *This paper consists of **four** sections :*
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| <i>Section A</i> | <i>Reading</i>    | <i>20</i> |
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- (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
- (iii) *Marks are indicated against each question.*

**SECTION A**

**(Reading)**

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

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Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq. km. It lies north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides the 300-km wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 ft). Then there are also Nilkanth, Nandaghunti,

Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At sunrise and sunset, when the colour changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.

When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guesthouse of the tea estate. It was renamed 'Anashakti Ashram' after the book.

Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surroundings inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttaranchal is the abode of gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani. (297 words)

- 1.1 Answer the following questions briefly : 9
- (a) Where is Kausani situated ? 2
  - (b) What is the most striking aspect of Kausani ? 1
  - (c) Which is the most famous peak on view from Kausani ? What is so significant about this peak ? 2
  - (d) When does the view of peaks become most memorable ? 1
  - (e) How can we say that Gandhiji was greatly charmed by the natural beauty of Kausani ? Give two reasons. 2
  - (f) What are its tea gardens found mixed with ? 1
- 1.2 Find the word/phrase in the passage which means the same as the following : 3
- (i) uncommonly para 1 1
  - (ii) gaze/look fixedly para 2 1
  - (iii) charmed/enchanted para 3 1

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 8

A gentleman was repeatedly picking up starfish along a beach in Mexico. He was throwing them into the sea. When asked why he was doing so he said, "I am throwing these starfish back into the ocean because they came in with the high tide and now the tide has receded, they will die here, stranded." "But there must be

thousands on every beach. You can't possibly make a difference," asked the other man. The man smiled, lifted yet another starfish and as he threw it back into the sea, said, "made a difference to that one."

The story shows that it is not the big things only that really count in life. In fact all great people build their character by doing small day-to-day good actions. Gandhiji once was standing in the open compartment door of a speeding train. He was lost in his thoughts when one of his 'chappals' slipped from his foot and fell down. The moment he realized it was gone, he dropped the other one too. On being asked why he did so he replied, "One chappal is of no use to me, nor to him who finds the dropped one. So he might as well have the full pair." This incident shows that nothing was too insignificant for Gandhiji. (247 words)

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| (a) What was the gentleman doing with the starfish at the shore ? Why ?                        | 2 |
| (b) Did he make any difference ? What was that ?   | 2 |
| (c) What did Gandhiji do when he realized that one of his 'chappals' fell down from his foot ? | 1 |
| (d) What explanation did he offer for his act ?  | 2 |
| (e) What does it show about Gandhiji's attitude ?  | 1 |

### SECTION B

#### (Writing)

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3. Your friend Kamal has recently joined Merry Heart School, Lucknow and is living in the hostel. Imagine yourself as Kamal and write a letter to your father describing your hostel life to him. 8

#### OR

A number of stray animals keep on roaming on roads, causing injury to people and blocking the traffic. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about this menace. You are Arvind / Aruna, N-6, Navkunj Road, Kolkatta.

4. People make use of loudspeakers, bands etc. during marriages, processions and religious functions during days and nights without caring for the sick and the students' studies. Write an article, in not more than 80 words, on 'Rising Noise Pollution'. 8

#### OR

Roadside vendors (sellers) occupy most of the space on roads causing difficulties to people. You want to create awareness about this problem. Using the hints given below write a paragraph in not more than 80 words.

all types of vendors – occupy both sides of roads – stand haphazardly – roads get narrower – disturb the flow of traffic – difficulty for pedestrians – no effective check.

5. The Literary Club of Bal Vidya Bhawan observed an English Week organising various inter house contests like debate, declamation, poetry recitation, essay writing etc. Write a report, in about 60 words, for your school wall magazine to create interest in English among students. You are Deepika / Devender, Secretary of the club.

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OR

Your school organised a Sadbhavna Cycle Yatra on the Republic Day focusing on pollution. Mentioning the number of the participating cyclists carrying the placards and the details of the rally from the starting point to the end, write a report in about 60 words. You are Amrit / Amrita, Head Boy / Head Girl of your school.

SECTION C  
(Grammar)

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6. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheet. *Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined as shown.*

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

Situated close the Haryana Border e.g. close to the  
'Fun 'n' Food Village' is spread in area (a)  
of ten acres and offers range of (b)  
activities water rides, pools, rain (c)  
dance amusement park rides. The (d)  
rides are suitable different age (e)  
groups. A special attraction is wave (f)  
pool is the largest one in and around (g)  
Delhi. The water park is said to  
be largest indoor snow park. (h)

7. Read the following passage and fill in the blanks with the correct form of the words given in brackets. Correctly number and write the answer in your answer sheet.

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

A businessman from Andhra Pradesh who (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (come) to Gurgaon (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (purchase) land (c) \_\_\_\_\_ (rob) of Rs. 38 lakhs from a car on Monday. The vehicle (d) \_\_\_\_\_ (belong) to a property dealer who (e) \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) inside the car when the robbery took place. The businessman (f) \_\_\_\_\_ (go) to the bank (g) \_\_\_\_\_ (withdraw) more money (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (leave) behind a bag full of cash in the car.

8. Read the dialogue and complete the passage given below. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence.

1×4=4

Yashika : What are you looking for ?

Stranger (a woman) : I am looking for the post office. Can you show me the way to it please ?

Yashika : Yes, please come along with me.

Seeing that a stranger was looking for something Yashika asked her (a) \_\_\_\_\_ .

The stranger replied (b) \_\_\_\_\_ for the post office and asked her

(c) \_\_\_\_\_ the way to it. Yashika readily agreed and requested the

stranger (d) \_\_\_\_\_ .

9. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the correct sentences in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly.

1×3=3

Example :

in hot / like India / tree / countries / banana / grows

Banana tree grows in hot countries like India.

- (a) a / trunk / it / but no / has / branches  
(b) the top / huge leaves / grow / its / of / the tree / from  
(c) produces / it / of fruits / only / big bunch / one

**SECTION D**  
**(Text Books)**

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10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines only*. Remember to number the answers correctly. 5

I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the old Dakota near the control tower. I went and asked a woman in the control centre where I was and who the other pilot was. I wanted to say 'Thank you'.

She looked at me very strangely, and then laughed.

"Another aeroplane ? Up there in this storm ? No other aeroplanes were flying tonight. Yours was the only one I could see on the radar."

So who helped me to arrive there safely without a compass or a radio, and without any more fuel in my tanks ? Who was the pilot on the strange black aeroplane, flying in the storm, without lights ?

- (a) Who is 'I' ? 1
- (b) What did he ask the woman in the control centre ? 2
- (c) Why did he want to meet the pilot of the black aeroplane ? 1
- (d) Which word in the passage means the same as 'an instrument that shows directions' ? 1

11. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in *one or two lines only*. Remember to number the answers correctly. 5

His parents and his brothers and sister had landed on this green flooring ahead of him. They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly. He dropped his legs to stand on the green sea. His legs sank into it. He screamed with fright and attempted to rise again flapping his wings. But he was tired and weak with hunger and he could not rise, exhausted by the strange exercise. His feet sank into the green sea, and then his belly touched it and he sank no farther. He was floating on it, and around him his family was screaming, praising him and their beaks were offering him scraps of dog-fish.

- (a) Where did the young seagull land ? 1
- (b) Why did he scream ? 1
- (c) What made him tired ? 1
- (d) How did his parents, brothers and sister encourage him ? 1
- (e) Which word in the passage means the same as 'attracting by a silent signal' ? 1

12. Answer the following question in about 80 words : 6

Give a pen portrait of a Goan village baker.

**OR**

"I was not born with a hunger to be free." When did Mandela begin to hunger for it ?

13. Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words : 4

Why is Chubukov surprised at Lomov's wearing of a formal evening dress when Lomov comes to meet him ?

**OR**

What happened when Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom ? What did Mijbil do two days after that ?

14. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet. Remember to number the answers correctly. 4

Some say the world will end in fire  
Some say in ice.  
From what I've tasted of desire  
I hold with those who favour fire.

- (a) According to some people how will the world end in fire ? 1  
(b) How will it end in ice ? 1  
(c) Why does the poet side with those who believe that the world will end in fire ? 2

**OR**

The true Chameleon is small,  
A lizard sort of thing;  
He hasn't any ears at all,  
And not a single wing.  
If there is nothing on the tree,  
'Tis the chameleon you see.

- (a) Which creature has the Chameleon been compared to ? 1  
(b) What is the point of comparison ? 1  
(c) Mention any two physical characteristics of a Chameleon. 1  
(d) What is the rhyme scheme in the stanza ? 1

15. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 30 – 40 words each on the basis of the lines given below : 6

- (a) Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful,  
Why did Belinda tickle Custard so severely ? 3

- (b) No use to say 'O there are other balls':  
What do the words in inverted commas mean ? Why does the poet think that it is useless to give this suggestion to the boy ? 3

- (c) "That only God, my dear,  
Could love you for yourself alone  
And not your yellow hair."  
What colour is the young woman's hair ? What does the poet suggest by these lines ? 3

16. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

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What kind of a person is Matilda ? Why is she always unhappy ?

**OR**

Why does Mrs. Hall find the scientist eccentric ? What curious episode takes place in the study ?

17. Answer the following question in 30 – 40 words :

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What was Mrs. Pumphrey's reaction when Tricki showed little enthusiasm for exertion ?

**OR**

Why did Fowler want to meet Ausable ? Why was he disappointed ?

18. Answer the following question in 20 – 30 words :

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How did Horace manage the small dog when he attempted to rob the house at Shotover Grange ?

**OR**

Who befriended the narrator when he went to New Mullion ? Where did he take him ?