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ENGLISH

(Academic/Open)

(Only for Fresh/Re-appear/Improvement/Additional Candidates)

Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

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- *Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **16** in number and it contains **12** questions.*
 - *The **Code No.** and **Set** on the right side of the question paper should be written by the candidate on the front page of the answer-book.*

 - *Before beginning to answer a question, its Serial Number must be written.*
 - *Don't leave blank page/pages in your answer-book.*
 - *Except answer-book, no extra sheet will be given. Write to the point and do not strike the written answer.*
 - *Candidates must write their Roll No. on the question paper. Except Roll No. do not write anything on question paper and don't make any mark on answers of objective type questions.*
 - *Before answering the questions, ensure that you have been supplied the correct and complete question paper, **no claim in this regard, will be entertained after examination.***
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General Instructions :

- (i) This question paper is divided into **four** Sections : **A, B, C and D**.
- (ii) **All questions are compulsory.**
- (iii) Attempt all the parts of a question together.
- (iv) Stick to the word limit wherever prescribed.

SECTION – A

[M. M. : 10

(Reading Skills)**[Unseen Comprehension]**

1. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. Do any **two** passages :

- (a) Sumit Antil was born on 6 July, 1998 in Khewra, Sonapat, Haryana, India. Sumit Antil's family consists of his mother – Nirmala Devi, and three sisters – Kiran, Sushila and Renu, His father – Ram Kumar, died when he was seven.

Young Sumit wanted to pursue a career in wrestling and join Indian Army. In 2015, when he was 17, his motorbike was hit by a speeding truck while he was returning home from training. As a result, his left leg was

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amputated and he had to abandon his dream of becoming a wrestler. Sumit is supported by the GoSports Foundation through the Para Champions Programme. After completing his secondary education in Dev Rishi Senior Secondary School, Sonapat, Antil was introduced to Para Athletics by another Para Athlete, Raj Kumar, while he was pursuing his B. Com. from Ramjas College of Delhi University.

In 2017, Antil started training under Nitin Jaiswal in Delhi, and completed in various National and International Platforms. He began competing at Javelin on the National circuit and GoSports inducted him into the Para Champions Programme in 2019. On 30 August, 2021, Antil won a Gold Medal with a World Record throw of 68.55 m in javelin throw F

64 at 2020 Summer Paralympics.

Questions :

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- (i) When was Sumit Antil born ?
- (ii) At what age did Sumit Antil's father die ?
- (iii) From which school did Sumit Antil complete his secondary education ?
- (iv) When did Sumit Antil win a Gold Medal in Javelin ?
- (v) Why did he abandon his dream of becoming a wrestler ?

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- (b) The Haryana Police Department is the law enforcement agency for the State of Haryana, India. Present DGP of Haryana Police is P. K. Aggarwal since August 16, 2021. Haryana Police comes under direct control of Department of Home Affairs, Government of Haryana. State Police Headquarters is located in Sector 6, Panchkula. The total headcount of the personnel working in Haryana Police at present is 56,747. Haryana Armed Police (HAP) has 5 battalions, 3 at Madhuban, one at Hisar and one at Ambala.

Haryana Police has wireless repeater antennae in three locations, at Tosham Hill range in Bhiwani district, Tankri hill in Rewari district and at Sarahan hill in Himachal Pradesh. Haryana Police has a control room No. 112 and special women Helpline No. of 1091 which can be called from any

landline or mobile phone.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Who is present DGP of Haryana Police ?
- (ii) Where is State Police Headquarters located ?
- (iii) What is the total headcount of the personnel working in Haryana Police at present ?
- (iv) How many battalions are found in Haryana Armed Police ?

- (v) What is special Women Helpline No. which can be called from any landline or mobile phone ?
- (c) The Giraffe is the tallest of all living land animals. A male can go upto 18 feet and a female upto 15 feet. Such height enables them to escape the competition for ground level grass that exists among other leaf-eaters. It also gives him a long range of vision. He takes the warning of the approaching enemy early.

Giraffes eat a variety of leaves, but acacia leaves are their favourite diet. In spring when many trees are not in leaf, they spend 80 percent of the day eating. In summer, when trees are in full leaf, they need only 15

percent. The rest of the time is spent in resting and quarrelling. A Giraffe's long neck is made up like that of man and most other mammals, of only seven vertebrae. The bones are attached to one another with ball and socket joints. These make the neck flexible. It can run at 50 Km. per hour.

Rising from a lying position is a problem for such a large animal. So it usually keeps standing even while it sleeps. To reach water with such a long neck and legs, a Giraffe spreads its front legs wide apart. Then it lowers its neck to drink. This awkward position makes it easy for the lion to attack it.

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Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Which is the tallest of all living land animals ?
- (ii) What is favourite diet of Giraffe ?
- (iii) What is made up like that of man and most other mammals ?
- (iv) What is height of female Giraffe ?
- (v) What is the speed of Giraffe's running ?

SECTION - B

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(Writing Skills)

2. Attempt any **one** of the following :

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- (a) You are Ajay. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police inviting his/her attention to the increasing number of thefts in your colony suggesting measures to improve the situation.
- (b) Suppose you are Anvi studying in Xth class. You are suffering from Dengue. Write an application to your Principal requesting her/him to grant you sick leave for a weak.

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3. Attempt any **one** of the following :

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(a) You are Pooja/Pritam of GSSS Sonipat. Recently your school held a Seminar on Conservation of Water as a part of World Water Day celebrations. As the Head Girl/Boy, write a report of the same to be published in school magazine.

(b) Develop a story with the given outlines :

A cap seller going to a village a bundle of caps in his hands falls asleep under a tree monkeys on the tree they take away his caps the cap seller wakes up throws down his cap the monkeys do the same Moral.

SECTION – C

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(Grammar)

4. Attempt any **twelve** sentences, choosing **two** from each sub-part :

1 × 12 = 12

(a) Use the *correct form* of the *verb* given in the brackets :

(i) I (get) up at 4 a. m. every day.

(ii) We (hold) a meeting tomorrow.

(iii) She returned the book before she (read) it.

- (b) Fill in the blanks with *appropriate articles* given in the brackets, wherever necessary :
- (i) They are much of (a/an/the/×) age.
 - (ii) Vikramaditya was (a/an/the/×) wisest king of India.
 - (iii) Milk costs sixty rupees (a/an/the/×) litre.
- (c) Rewrite the following sentences in *Indirect Speech* :
- (i) I said to Anil, "Girls were singing a song."
 - (ii) He said to her, "Where do you live ?"
 - (iii) He said to me, "Do it."
- (d) Fill in the blanks with *modals* given in brackets :
- (i) She works hard lest she (must/should/shall) fail.
 - (ii) Anyone (can/may/needn't) make mistakes.
 - (iii) He ran fast so that he (may/might/could) catch the bus.
- (e) Fill in the blanks with *correct form of the verbs (Gerund or Infinitive)* given in the brackets :
- (i) This cloth is easy (wash/to wash/washing).
 - (ii) I let him (read/to read/reading) the book.
 - (iii) He congratulated me on (win/to win/winning) the prize.

(f) *Punctuate* the following sentences :

(i) alas i have injured my foot

(ii) rekha said i am a good girl

(iii) delhi is the capital of india

SECTION – D

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(Textbooks)

[A : Prose Text (*First Flight*)]

5. Read the passages given below and answer the questions that follow. Do any **two** passages :

(a) Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist. The moment the letter fell into the mail box the postmaster went to open it. It said: "God: Of the money that I asked for, only seventy pesos reached me. Send me the rest, since I need it very much. But don't send it to me through the mail because the post office employees are a bunch of crooks. Lencho."

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the chapter.
 - (ii) Name its author.
 - (iii) Who went up to the window to ask for paper and ink ?
 - (iv) Where did Lencho start to write, with much wrinkling of his brow ?
 - (v) Where did Lencho go after finishing the letter ?
- (b) I'm not so worried about my girl friends and myself. We'll make it. The only subject I'm not sure about is Maths. Anyway, all we can do is wait. Until

then, we keep telling each other not to lose heart.

I get along pretty well with all my teachers. There are nine of them, seven men and two women. Mr. Keesing, the old fogey who teaches Maths, was annoyed with me for ages because I talked so much. After several warnings, he assigned me extra homework. An essay on the subject, 'A Chatterbox'.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the chapter.
- (ii) Name its author.

- (iii) For which subject is she not sure ?
- (iv) How many teachers were there in her school ?
- (v) Who was Mr. Keesing ?
- (c) Marriage gifts are meaningless without the sweet bread known as the bol, just as a party or a feast loses its charm without bread. Not enough can be said to show how important a baker can be for a village. The lady of the house must prepare sandwiches on the occasion of her daughter's engagement. Cakes and bolinhas are a must for Christmas as well as other festivals. Thus, the presence of the baker's furnace in the village is absolutely essential. The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar

dress known as the Kabai. It was a single piece long frock reaching down to the knees.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the chapter.
- (ii) Name its author.
- (iii) What makes marriage gifts meaningless ?
- (iv) What is a must for Christmas ?
- (v) What is absolutely essential in the village ?

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6. Answer in about **100** words :

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Describe the methods used by the seagull family to help the young seagull overcome his fear and made his maiden flight. *(His First Flight)*

OR

How did the Buddha made Kisa Gotami realize that death is inevitable and change her understanding ? *(The Sermon at Benares)*

7. Answer any **three** of the following questions :

2 × 3 = 6

(i) What 'twin obligations' does Mandela mention ?

(Nelson Mandela : Long Walk to Freedom)

(ii) What did the girls write to Wanda ?

(The Hundred Dresses-II)

(iii) How was Mij to be transported to England ?

(Mijbil the Otter)

(iv) Who were Pranjol and Rajvir ? Where were they going ?

(Tea from Assam)

(v) Describe Lomov's first meeting with Natalya.

(The Proposal)

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[B : Poetry (*First Flight*)]

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

Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

Of a day I had rued.

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

- (i) Name the poem.
- (ii) Name the poet.
- (iii) What is the rhyme scheme of this stanza ?
- (iv) What had changed the poet's mood ?
- (v) How was some part of the day saved for the poet ?

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OR

*The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,
He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,
And custard gobbled him, every bit.*

Questions :

1 × 5 = 5

(i) Name the poem.

(ii) Name the poet.

(iii) Whose dragon was it ?

(iv) What did the dragon do to the pirate ?

(v) What did the pirate gulp ?

9. Answer in about **100** words :

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What is the central idea of the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' ? Discuss.

OR

Summarise the poem 'The Trees' in your own words.

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10. Answer any **two** of the following :

2 × 2 = 4

- (i) What message do you get from the poem, '*Fire and Ice*' ?
- (ii) Why does the poet say, "Balls will be lost always" ? *(The Ball Poem)*
- (iii) What is the central idea of the poem 'Fog' ?

(C : Supplementary Reader)

11. Answer in about **100** words :

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'The Thief's Story' is an in-depth study of human mind. Illustrate.

OR

Describe Griffin's adventures in a London store in the story '*Footprints Without Feet*'.

12. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about **30-40** words each : 2 × 4 = 8

- (i) Describe the 'parting scene' between Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey's household. *(The Triumph of Surgery)*
- (ii) How did Ausable get rid of Max ? *(The Midnight Visitor)*

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- (iii) Which book did Ebright's mother give him ? How did this book change his life ? *(The Making of a Scientist)*
- (iv) How was, Mrs. Matilda Loisel 'a mistake of destiny' ? *(The Necklace)*
- (v) Who is Lutkins ? *(The Hack Driver)*
- (vi) What guesses are made by Think-Tank about the books found on earth ? *(The Book That Saved the Earth)*

