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ENGLISH (Special)

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Time allowed : 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

- *Please make sure that the printed pages in this question paper are **15** in number and it contains **4** questions.*
- *The **Code No.** 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.***

General Instructions :

- (i) *The question-paper contains **two** Sections : – **A** (Reading Skills) and **B** (Writing Skills).*
- (ii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Section.*

SECTION – A**[Reading Skills]**

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

2 × 10 = 20

In recent years, climate change has become one of the greatest challenges facing humanity. Rising global temperatures, melting glaciers and extreme weather events are clear warnings from nature. Scientists agree that human activities – especially the burning of fossil fuels, deforestation and industrial pollution – are the main causes of this crisis. Despite numerous conferences and agreements, the world is still far from achieving its climate goals.

The problem lies not only in industrial policies but also in individuals lifestyles people have grown accustomed to convenience and consumption. Every plastic bottle, every unnecessary car ride and every wastage of electricity adds up to

environmental damage. While governments must take large-scale action, personal responsibility is equally important.

Encouragingly, awareness among the younger generation is increasing. Many students are leading tree plantation drives, reducing plastic use and promoting sustainable habits. Technology is also being used to develop eco-friendly solutions such as renewable energy, electric vehicles and smart agriculture. Yet, the progress is uneven, especially in developing nations that struggle with poverty and lack of infrastructure.

True change requires collective effort-where citizens, corporations and governments work together for a sustainable future. Small steps taken today can create a cleaner, safer planet for generations to come.

Questions :

- (i) What is the main focus of the passage ? 2
- (a) The benefits of industrial development
 - (b) The history of pollution
 - (c) The causes and solutions of climate change
 - (d) The importance of fossil fuels

- (ii) Which of the following is **not** mentioned as a cause of climate change ? 2
- (a) Overpopulation
 - (b) Deforestation
 - (c) Industrial pollution
 - (d) None of these
- (iii) The author suggests that the problem lies partly in : 2
- (a) Economic growth
 - (b) Political systems
 - (c) Individual lifestyles
 - (d) All of these
- (iv) According to the passage, why has the world failed to meet climate goals ? 2
- (a) Because people are unaware of the problem
 - (b) Because actions taken are insufficient
 - (c) Because of lack of scientific data
 - (d) None of these

- (v) Which generation is becoming more aware of environmental issues ? 2
- (a) Elderly people
 - (b) Young students
 - (c) Industrial workers
 - (d) Politicians
- (vi) What does the author mean by "Every plastic bottle adds up to environmental damage ? 2
- (a) Small actions collectively harm the environment
 - (b) Plastic bottles can be recycled easily
 - (c) Factories should produce fewer bottles
 - (d) All of these
- (vii) Which of these is **not** an eco-friendly innovation mentioned ? 2
- (a) Electric vehicles
 - (b) Smart agriculture
 - (c) Coal-based power plants
 - (d) Renewable energy

- (viii) What challenge do developing nations face in fighting climate change ? 2
- (a) Poverty and poor infrastructure
 - (b) Lack of interest in progress
 - (c) Too many natural resources
 - (d) Political stability
- (ix) What is required for true environmental change, according to the passage ? 2
- (a) Higher industrial production
 - (b) Advanced technology alone
 - (c) Strict laws only
 - (d) Collective effort of all sectors
- (x) The overall tone of the passage is : 2
- (a) Hopeless and negative
 - (b) Neutral and factual
 - (c) Optimistic and encouraging
 - (d) Angry and flaming

OR

In the 21st century, technology has become an inseparable part of human life. From the way, we communicate to the way we learn and work, everything is being shaped by digital innovation. The pandemic accelerated this transformation, forcing schools, offices and even governments to adapt quickly to online systems. However, while technology has made life more convenient, it has also created new challenges.

One major concern is the growing dependence on digital devices. People now spend several hours each day staring at screens-whether it is a smartphone,

computer or television. This has led to health problems such as eye strain, poor posture and mental fatigue.

Moreover, social interactions are increasingly being replaced by virtual communication reducing the sense of real human connection.

Another issue is data privacy. With almost every activity being tracked online, individuals unknowingly share personal information that can be misused. Cybercrime, identity theft and misinformation have become common threats in the digital world. Thus, while technology empowers, it also demands responsibility and awareness from its users.

Education, too, has undergone a digital revolution. Online learning platforms have made knowledge accessible to millions, regardless of geography or background. Yet, the digital divide remains a serious obstacles – many students, especially in rural areas, lack access to reliable internet and devices. Therefore, technology must be used as a tool for inclusion not division.

Ultimately, the impact of technology depends on how wisely humanity chooses to use it. If balanced carefully, it can lead to progress and equality, if misused, it may deepen existing problems and create new ones.

Questions :

- (i) What does the passage mainly discuss ? 2
- (a) The disadvantages of the internet.
 - (b) The role of technology in modern life.
 - (c) The history of digital devices.
 - (d) The importance of education.

(ii) According to the passage, which factor increased the pace of digital transformation ? 2

- (a) Technological invention
- (b) Global economic growth
- (c) The Covid-19 pandemic
- (d) The rise of social media

(iii) Which of the following is mentioned as a health issue caused by excessive screen time ? 2

- (a) Obesity
- (b) Eye strain
- (c) Depression
- (d) Headache only

- (iv) What effect has virtual communication had on human relationships ? 2
- (a) It has strengthened them.
 - (b) It has made them more formal.
 - (c) It has reduced real human connection.
 - (d) It has completely replaced them.
- (v) What is one of the biggest risks of online activity ? 2
- (a) Lack of entertainment
 - (b) Data privacy issues
 - (c) Less social media engagement
 - (d) Poor language skills
- (vi) This passage suggests that technology should be used as a tool for : 2
- (a) Control
 - (b) Division
 - (c) Inclusion
 - (d) Competition

(vii) What is the digital divide ?

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- (a) The gap between rich and poor countries.
- (b) The difference between students and teachers.
- (c) The gap between those with and without access to technology.
- (d) The conflict between traditional and modern learning.

(viii) What quality does the author believe users' must have when using technology ?

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- (a) Creativity
- (b) Responsibility and awareness
- (c) Ambition
- (d) Curiosity

(ix) According to the passage, online education has :

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- (a) Decreased learning opportunities
- (b) Benefited only urban students
- (c) Made learning accessible to many
- (d) Became less important than classroom learning

(x) What is the overall tone of the passage ?

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- (a) Critical and pessimistic
- (b) Balanced and thoughtful
- (c) Humorous
- (d) Angry and emotional

SECTION – B

[Writing Skills]

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

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- (a) You are Ajay, a student of DAV School, Karnal. Write an application to the Principal of your school requesting him for full fee concessions.
- (b) Write a letter to the Editor of Dainik Jagran, New Delhi about the role of AI and virtual reality in our life.
- (c) Write a letter to your brother congratulating him on his success.

3. Write paragraph on any **two** of the following topics :

10 × 2 = 20

- (a) Role of AI in our life
- (b) A Visit to Hill Station
- (c) Corruption in Public Life
- (d) My Favourite Teacher

4. Read the passages : (a) & (b) carefully and write the *summary* in your own words with *title* : 10 × 2 = 20

(a) The progress of a nation depends largely on the status and education of its women. For centuries, women were denied equal opportunities and confined to domestic duties. Today, as education spreads and social attitudes change, women are participating actively in every field – science, politics, arts and business. Empowered women not only uplift their families but also strengthen society. They bring compassion, creativity and leadership to everywhere. However, challenges like gender discrimination, violence and unequal pay still exist. True empowerment can be achieved

only when women have full freedom to make their own choices and equal access to education, health and employment. A society that respects and empowers women builds a strong foundation for peace and prosperity.

Questions :

- (i) Give a suitable *title* to this passage. 2
- (ii) Write the *summery* of it in your own words. 8

- (b) The power of positive thinking lies in the ability to transform an individual's outlook on life. Positive thinking is a mental attitude that focuses on expecting good results in every situation. It doesn't mean ignoring life's problems but approaching them with optimism and confidence. People who think positively are more likely to overcome difficulties, stay healthy and maintain better relationships. Positive thinking helps reduce stress and increases motivation, making individuals more productive and satisfied in their personal and professional lives. Developing this habit requires self-awareness, gratitude and the ability to replace negative thoughts with constructive ones. In short, positive thinking leads to a happier and more successful life.

Questions :

- (i) Give a suitable *title* to this passage. 2
- (ii) Write the *summary* of it in your own words. 8

