

ENGLISH

Marks: 100
Time: 3 Hrs.

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

Instructions:

1. *Attempt all questions.*
2. *Do **not** write anything in the question paper.*
3. *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
4. *Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
5. *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
6. *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

SECTION A – READING

A.1. Read the passage given below:

(12 marks)

1. Decision – making is a very vital part of our lives. This is because what we are today is largely a result of the decisions we took in the past. Similarly, whatever happens tomorrow will be a result of the decisions we take in the present.
2. It is not possible to reverse the wrong decisions taken in the past but it is possible to train ourselves into becoming a good decision – maker for the future. If we don't, we'll end up doing what we've always done and thus get what we've always got. Philosopher Walter Kaufman has called this Decidophobia.
3. All sorts of decisions – big or small, relevant or irrelevant, conscious or unconscious – punctuate our lives. Sometimes, we don't even realise we are taking a decision.
4. Those who avoid taking a decision leave everything to chance and float along life with a 'what will be, will be' attitude.
5. To enhance our decision-making, we must, first of all gather as much information as possible about the issue before we make our decision. We might be heading for a failure if our decisions are based on half-baked information.
6. If you have a set of guiding principles for your life, decision-making becomes a lot easier. For example, if you value integrity and honesty and consider them to be of vital importance, you will never waver.

7. Sometimes decisions are very difficult to make, especially when the odds seem to be against us. In this case, giving ourselves a little time to decide wouldn't be a bad idea at all. Circumstances may change with time and then it may be easier to see which action is more preferable to the others.
8. Being clear about your goals can facilitate decision-making. If we know exactly where we want to be or what we want to do in the next five years or even ten, we will decide to undertake actions which will lead us to our goals. So outline your short and long term goals in black and white.
9. Action is a vital consequence of decision-making. It is the necessary follow-up. Only when we act will we get a feedback of whether our decision has been correct or not and then we can proceed in a more focused way. So it is essential to move from the world of thought to the arena of action.

A.1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage above complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. (8 marks)

- a) The course of our life is largely determined _____
- b) People who suffer from 'Decidophobia' are unable to shape their lives because _____.
- c) The first step towards decision-making would be _____
- d) If your value system is clearly defined then _____
- e) In situations where _____ taking a little time to decide would be the best way out.
- f) Outlining your goals can facilitate decision-making because _____
- g) Decision-making is futile if it is not _____
- h) To proceed in a focused way it is essential that _____

A.1.2. Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. Write the answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. (4 marks)

- i) to interrupt repeatedly (Para 3)
- ii) not considered carefully (Para 5)
- iii) to make possible or easier (Para 8)
- iv) information or statements of opinion about something that provide an idea of whether it is successful or liked. (Para 9)

A.2. Read the following poem carefully. (8 marks)

The Wounded Bird

(By a young girl, Geetanjali who was very seriously ill due to cancer)

I am like a wounded bird
Perched upon a bough
My fate is hanging

As if on broken twig
 I flutter and fret
 Like a bird
 In its maiden flight
 But I fall back helplessly
 Because I am paralyzed
 I view the world
 That passes me by
 With moisture in my eyes
 It's far beyond measure
 What turmoil I feel inside
 When the sun sinks
 My heart sinks too
 And a sinister feeling
 Creeps up
 In a cloak of darkness.
 And stays with me until.....
 The sifted sunrays
 Embrace me
 With their warmth
 And make me feel alive
 My heart sings
 Glory to you Oh God
 For granting me
 Yet another day.....
 To be with my Loved ones.

A.2.1 Complete the following sentences on the basis of your reading of the poem and write your answers against the correct blank number in your answer sheets.

(8 marks)

1. The mood of the poetess in the first four stanzas changes from
 - a) to
 - b)
2. Geetanjali feels like a bird perched on a broken twig because:
 - c)
3. The lines that convey Geetanjali's helplessness are:
 - d)
 - e)
4. For Geetanjali darkness symbolizes (f) and sunlight symbolizes (g)
5. The poetess thanks God for:
 - h)

SECTION B – WRITING

B.1 You are Ashok Gupta, the President of the Nina Public School Debating Club. The members of the Club wish to hold an Inter House Debate Competition on January 20, in the school auditorium in the activities period. The topic of the debate is ‘Home work should be abolished’. Each house can send 2 speakers and each speaker can speak for 3 minutes. Write a notice for the school notice board using not more than 50 words.

(5 marks)

B.2. Read the following telephone conversation which took place between Tina and Mrs. Pranya Kelkar. As Tina’s mother is not at home and she herself has to leave for a game of badminton, she writes a message for her mother. Write the message from Tina to her mother in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

(5 marks)

Mrs. Kelkar : Hello! Is this 3456234?

Tina : Yes ma’am. May I know who is calling?

Mrs. Kelkar : I am Pranya Kelkar, Mrs.Surjit’s friend. Could I speak to her?

Tina : I am her daughter Tina this side. I am afraid mama is not at home at the moment. She has gone to the club for a meeting.

Mrs. Kelkar : In that case Tina, could you please tell her that I will pick her up from your place at 10a.m. tomorrow. We will be going to the British Council Library together for the renewal of our membership. She should carry her cheque book and membership card.

Tina : I will certainly convey the message.

Mrs. Kelkar : Thanks Tina. Oh! And don’t forget to tell her that she will have to Return home on her own from there as I have an appointment at South Campus.

Tina : I’ll do that.

Mrs. Kelkar : Thanks and bye.

B.3. A survey was conducted to find out how teenagers spend their free time. Following trends were observed. Using the data given below, together with your own ideas and with the ideas given in Unit on ‘Children’ write an article for your school magazine on the topic “How teenagers spend their free time” in not more than 150-200 words.

(10 marks)

GIRLS	BOYS
i) Watching movies, songs and serials on T.V. - 40%	i) Watching movies, songs and serials on T.V. – 15%
ii) Watching sports programmes on T.V. – 10%	ii) Watching sports programmes on T.V. – 25%
iii) Collecting materials for their hobbies – 5%	iii) Collecting materials for their hobbies – 10%
iv) Talking to their friends – 15%	iv) Talking to their friends – 10%
v) Reading comics and General knowledge books – 25%	v) Reading comics and General knowledge books – 10%
vi) Playing indoor and outdoor games – 5%	vi) Playing indoor and outdoor games – 10%

B.4. You are Satish, a resident of B.12, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore. You are concerned about the increasing number of vehicles on the road leading to pollution and the unending traffic jams. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing your views on the nuisance caused by the traffic jams and the solution to this problem in not more than 150-200 words. **(10 marks)**

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

C.1. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction as given in the example against the correct blank number in your answer sheets. Also write the correct word in your answer sheets as shown. **(4 marks)**

A trader asked a sailor, “Where was your father die?” “My father’s ship was catching in a storm and he drowned at sea.” “Where did his grandfather die?” the sailor was again asked. “His ship were trapped in a storm too and he also perishing at sea.” “Aren’t he afraid of the sea?” The sailor retorted. “Where was your father die?” “He died in bed.” “Where did your grandfather die?” “He also dead in bed.” “Aren’t you afraid to going to bed every night where your father and grandfather died?”

- e.g.** was.....did
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____
f) _____
g) _____
h) _____

C.2. 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 against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined. (4 marks)

The giant squid in most of world's oceans and is among biggest animals in the sea. As the scientists not know exactly in the sea it lives, they not been able to study it alive. Scientists suspect that giant squids live mostly the depths of 200 – 700 M sea level.

squid lives in
a) _____
b) _____
c) _____
d) _____
e) _____
f) _____
g) _____
h) _____

C.3. Geetha made the following notes as given in the box below, on 'How Paper is Made'. On the basis of these notes, complete the process description that follows by writing suitable words in each space. Do not add any new information. Write your answers in the answer sheets against the correct blank number: (5 marks)

NOTE

Paper – made from wood – cut – trees – strip off bark – arrive at paper mill for processing – tree trunks – thin strips – add water – ground to heavy sticky pulp – clean dirt, impurities – chemically – remove brownish colour – pass through rollers – flatten – dry and refine – produce finished paper.

Paper is made from wood. The newly cut a) _____ their bark, etc, so that by the time they arrive at the paper mill they are ready for processing. The tree trunks b) _____, mixed with water and ground to heavy sticky pulp. This wood pulp c) _____ and other impurities, and also chemically to remove the original brownish colour of the wood. The cleaned bleached pulp is next d) _____, which flatten it. These sheets are finally e) _____ paper is produced.

C.4. Read the comic strip 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. (4 marks)

Archie's teacher, Miss Grundy told him that a) _____.
A pleased Archie b) _____
and asked her c) _____.
To that an angry Miss Grundy replied that what she meant was d) _____
_____.

C.5. Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange to form meaningful sentences. (3 Marks)

a) authorities / faced / the Wisden / a tough / when / task / deciding / for the / Indian Cricketer / of the / century / on their choice.

b) picking / however / made / the / correct / choice / Kapil Dev / by / they.

c) crowd / sterling / 1000 per head / the / a / attend / large / function / paid / to.

SECTION D – LITERATURE

D.1. Read the given lines and answer the following questions. Write the answers in your answer sheets. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

I chatter, chatter, as I flow
To join the brimming river,
For men may come and men may go,
But I go on forever.

- a) Who does 'I' refer to in the given lines?
- b) How does it 'chatter'?
- c) Why has the poet used the word 'brimming'? What kind of a picture does it create?
- d) Explain the last two lines of the stanza.

D.2. Read the lines below and answer the questions which follow. Remember to number the answers correctly. (4 marks)

And still they row'd amidst the roar
Of waters fast prevailing:
Lord Ullin reach'd that fatal shore,
His wrath changed to wailing.

- a) Who does 'they' refer to?

- b) Why has the poet used the word ‘prevailing’? What kind of picture does it create?
- c) Why do you think is the shore called ‘fatal’?
- d) Why does Lord Ullin’s wrath change into wailing on seeing his daughter?

D.3. What was Ramanujam’s main cause of worry? How did Thanappa help him?
(4 marks)

D.4. Read the extract given below and answer the following questions in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. (5 marks)

“They chained me up like a wild animal, they lashed me like a hound. I fed on filth. I was covered with vermin.”

- a) Who is speaking these lines to whom? (2 marks)
- b) Who was chained up? (1 mark)
- c) What does the word ‘they’ refer to? (1 mark)
- d) How was he treated in jail? (1 mark)

D.5. Describe the final conversion of the convict. (5 marks)

D.6. You are Madame Forestier. Write a letter to your friend expressing your surprise and shock at the way the Loiseles suffered on the account of your necklace. (8 marks)

THE END CROWNS THE WORK