

**SECTION - A**

**Q.1 Read the passage give below carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**(a) Answer the following questions in 2 - 3 lines each:**

**Q.1 What did Rousseau say about truth?**

**[2]**

Ans. Rousseau said that no road to fortune is possible without real truth. There may be a few material gains with lies but it will cost you peace of mind and moral values.

**Q.2 What is constant on the earth?**

**[2]**

Ans. According to the writer only undiluted joy is constant. All of us, even those who claim to discard material wealth, seek it. Whereas we must seek undiluted joy in earth which is constant and enduring.

**Q.3 What do we lose due to lies?**

**[1]**

Ans. We lose our peace of mind and values.

**Q.4 To whom life is a bed of roses?**

**[1]**

Ans. We must seek joy in being on earth. The truly creative and functional this life is constant bed of roses.

**Q.5 What does "Karma" Mean?**

**[1]**

Ans. 'Karma' means creativity and disciplined hard work in every dynamic that we live in.

**(b) Find words from the passage which mean as the following:**

Ans. (i) Physical - Material  
(ii) Good features - Virtues  
(iii) Temporary - Transient

**[3 × 1 = 3]**

**Q.2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:**

**(a) On the basis of your reading the passage make notes on it, points only using recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary. Supply a suitable title to it.**

**[4]**

**NOTE MAKING**

**Title - Global - Warming**

A. Impact of Global - Warming

A1 Rise in temperature

A2 Imbalance between life & earth

B. Consequences of Global - Warming

B1 Flood, cyclones, landslides, tsunami, drought - etc.

B2 Increase in CO<sub>2</sub> level.

B3 Rise in more and more temperature.

C. Relation b/w Global warming & population Growth

C1 Close relation between two

C2 Use of technologies which are destructive for earth

C3 Use of Fossil fuels

D. Measures to control Global warming

D1 By Planting more trees & reducing timber cuts worldwide.

D2 Follow Policy of 'reduce, reuse, recycle'.

D3 Use of Fuel - efficient vehicles.

D4 Awareness regarding importance of Protecting environment

Abbreviations used		
&	-	and
b/w	-	between
CO <sub>2</sub>	-	Carbon dioxide

- Q.2 Write a summary of the above passage in about 80 words. [3]  
Summary of Passage

Global warming and its consequences are being felt all over the globe. The imbalance which we have created between our life and earth is showing the signs of disaster in the form of flood, cyclones, tsunami, drought etc. There is relation between rise in temperature and increase in population. Trees play an important role in the global carbon cycle. Planting more trees and reducing timber cuts worldwide will help restore the imbalance. Every individual should follow the policy of - "reduce, reuse, recycle".

SECTION - B

- Q.3 You are Ravinder / Pooja Secretary of the Literary Club of your school. Your school is going to organize a debate competition on the occasion of Golden Jubilee Celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students about the competition. [5]

<p>ABC School, Shimla NOTICE Inter Class Debate Competition</p> <p>6th March, 2018 All the students are hereby informed that the literary club is organising an inter class debate competition on 14th March, 2018 on the occasion of golden Jubilee celebrations to be held on 14 March 2018. The topic of the debate is 'Vegetarianism is a better option' Time limit for speaking would be 5 - 7 min. The students who are willing to participate, please give your name to your class teachers on or before 08-03-2018. For further details contact the undersigned.</p> <p>Ravinder Literary Club President</p>
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OR

- You are Sumit / Anita. You have lost your wrist watch while playing in the school playground. Draft a notice for the school notice board giving full details of the wrist watch (word limit = 30 words).

<p>ABC School, Shimla Notice Lost and Found</p> <p>6th March 2018 This is to bring to your kind notice that a wrist watch of Titan company has been lost in school premises. It has rounded shape blue dial and strap. Whoever finds the wrist watch please handover to the Principal office or undersigned.</p> <p>Sumit Class - X</p>
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- Q.4 As you were coming back home from school, you witnessed a road accident between a car and a truck. Describe the scene in about 100 to 125 words. You are Ridham / Amita. [8]**

**A Road Accident**  
**A REPORT**

A terrible road accident took place at Ludhiana - Ferozpur highway yesterday. A truck coming from Ferozpur collided a private car bound for Ludhiana. The driver of the car was seriously injured. The truck driver fled away immediately. The car was damaged beyond recognition. The police came within half an hour and seized the truck and filed a case against the owner of the truck. The car driver and the wounded passenger were rushed to the nearby hospital. He was hospitalized at emergency. The driver succumbed to the injuries. The police are investigating the case though the truck driver has not yet been arrested.

Reported by  
Ridham

**OR**

- The Eco Club of your school celebrated 'Van Mahotsava and Environment Protection Week'. Write a report for a local newspaper in about 125 words on the activities performed. You are Rajeev / Roshni.**

**Van Mahotsav and Environment Protection Week**  
**A REPORT**

A week long festival of tree plantation was organized in the first week up 3rd July to 7th July at our school to celebrate Van Mahotsav. It was an earnest attempt to lend a green touch to the school environment and sensitise the students about their role in environment protection. The students participated in plantation programme wherein different types of medicinal plants like Neem, Aloe vera, Basal etc were planted by the school Principal and other dignitaries. Some students participated in poster making competition to promote environmental awareness. They made the poster on the topic 'Green earth clean earth'. An quiz inter clean competition was also organized on Van Mahotsav. The students of classes VII to VIII also participated in Book mark making activity. The Van Mahotsav Week came up to be a great success. The event helped to bring awareness about the green cover around us.

Reported by  
Rajeev

- Q.5 Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views on the evil of dowry system in India. [8]**

Examination Hall  
XYZ  
6th March 2018

To  
The Editor  
The Tribune  
Chandigarh  
Subject : Evils of dowry system in India  
Sir,

I shall be thankful to you if you allow me to express my views on the evil of dowry system in India, through the esteemed columns of your paper. The dowry system is one of the many social evils in India, particularly, in the Hindu society. It was not an evil in the past. But now it has become a blot on the fair name of our society. For this, Hindu women have to suffer greatly. Young brides are daily burnt and

murdered or forced to commit suicide. This evil is spreading like cancer and eludes cure in spite of the strict anti - dowry laws made by the government. It leads to a divorce and a divorced woman is looked down upon in Indian society. Nobody likes to marry a divorced woman. For this very reason, the birth of a daughter is mourned. The girl child is murdered even before its birth.

Illiteracy is the main cause of this curse. It should be borne in mind that laws alone cannot help control this evil. Social effects will have to be made to root out this cancer of our society. Education and social awakening can help to abolish this evil. Young men should come forward and rise to the occasion. They should take a pledge that they would not accept dowry in any form. And people who seek dowry should be socially boycotted. Only then, this stigma can be wiped out.

Your truly

XYZ

**OR**

**You are Manoj / Vaishali of Ram Nagar Dharamshala. Write a letter to the Superintendent of Police about the nuisance of loudspeakers in your area.**

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6thMarch2018

To

The Superintendent of Police

S.P.Office

Dharmshala

Subject: The nuisance of Loudspeakers

Sir,

The government has banned the use of loudspeakers, especially at night. But it is a pity that the ban imposed by the government is flouted daily. The blurring out of the loudspeakers continues throughout the night. The worst sinners in this regard are the religious places. As a result, people cannot get peaceful sleep during the night. Students cannot study and the sick cannot have rest. Many times the people have approached the users of loudspeakers. But they do not pay any heed to their request and the noise continues disturbing the mental and spiritual peace of the people.

You are, therefore, requested to enforce the ban order strictly. The flouters should be severely punished, so that this nuisance is checked. Please keep in mind the miserable plight of the students and patients.

I hope you will take necessary steps to control this nuisance. The students community in particular and the public in general will ever be grateful to you.

Yours truly

Manoj

**Q.6 Write an article in about 150 words on 'Value of Newspaper'.**

**[8]**

### Value of Newspaper

Newspapers in the present world have become an integral part of our life. They equip our minds with the latest information and developments taking place all over the world. They broaden our outlook. They are the most powerful medium of establishing link with the minds of the people. They shape and influence the views, opinions and attitudes of millions of readers all over the world. Newspapers are said to be the strong guardians of the people's fundamental rights and liberties, which can otherwise be trampled by some government officials. They present a true picture of social, political, economic and religious life of the country. They have an important educational, informative and recreational role in the life of the people. The news about sports, cultural events and the publication of poems, and stories provide recreation to the readers. They wash off the dirt of ignorance which is the mother of many social evils. Besides, the big business houses promote their products by giving spacious advertisements in newspapers. Classified advertisements, important public announcements and public notices make the

people conscious of their surroundings. Newspapers highlight the job opportunities for the unemployed youths of the country and help the parents to find out suitable matches for their sons and daughters. They provide an opportunity to the people to scan, criticise or appreciate the policies of the government.

Submitted by  
XYZ

**OR**

**Write an article in about 150 words on 'The Place of English in India.'**

### **The Place of English in India**

English is a foreign language but it is an international language as it is spoken and written in many countries of the world. Before 1947, it was the official language of the world. After Second World War it lost its past prestige. However, still English is an important language of the world. It has its importance in Science, Industry and Politics. So people learn it. The people who want to go to foreign countries for further studies in literature or in any other subject, learn it. This language is the medium through which people of the world understand one another. Thus English has the prestige of international language. Some people oppose English as it was brought into India by the British rulers. We no more want cheap clerks like the English masters. English is a difficult language to learn and most students have to English explanations, essays, grammar and translations. Students are frightened of it. But for our country English is important for a number of reasons. India is a land of diversity. Different people speak different languages. A person of Tamil Nadu does not speak Hindi. So he can't understand Hindi of a person from North India. However he can understand in English. So English is a link language. Different people can communicate with one another with the help of English. Secondly, all advanced knowledge in science, technology and medicine is available in English. The results of the latest researches come to India through the medium of English. If we give up English, we will lag behind in the higher fields of study. Today the world has become one family. It is all due to English. English is an international language. English is the language of the constitution, the Supreme Court, the High Court and official departments. English is now firmly rooted in the soil of India. It has become a part of Indian life. Thus English has great importance for the integrity of India. It has to be second language in our country for the better development of the country.

Submitted by  
XYZ

### **SECTION - C**

**Q.7 Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:**

**[4 × 1=4]**

Now we will.....arms so much.

**Q.1 Name the poem and poet from which the stanza has been taken.**

**Ans.** The name of the poem is "Keeping Quiet" and that of the poet is Pablo Neruda.

**Q.2 What does the poet ask us to do?**

**Ans.** The poet wants us to keep quiet and still till he counts upto twelve. Too many activities and too much noise have added to the miseries and misfortunes of the people. Hence, to be quiet and still is sure to bring some relief in our lives.

**Q.3 What does the poet not want us to do?**

**Ans.** He wants us not to say anything and not to move our arms. We should suspend all our activities and remain quiet for twelve second.

**Q.4 What does the poet mean by 'not move our arms so much'?**

**Ans.** He doesn't not move our arms and harm others. It means that there should not be any physical movement and we should remain calm and think for a while.

**OR**

On sour cream .....world its world

**Q.1 Name the poem and poet from which this stanza has been taken.**

**Ans.** Name of Poem - An Elementary School Classroom in a Slum  
Poet - Stephen Spender

**Q.2 What walls have been referred to in these lines?**

**Ans.** Walls of class room in a slum area.

**Q.3 What is meant by 'Sour cream walls'?**

**Ans.** 'Sour Cream' is Pale colour. The classroom seems to have painted long time back. The paint has faded and has turned into pale colour.

**Q.4 What is painted on the walls?**

**Ans.** On the walls name of the donors have been mentioned. On the wall are hung picture of Shakespeare, a scene of cloudless, clear sky spread over cities like a dome and Tyrole Valley filled with flowers and music of bells and a map of the world.

**Q.8 Answer any three of the following questions in about 30 words each: [3×2=6]**

**Q.1 Why are the young trees described as 'sprinting'?**

**Ans.** The poet is driving to Cochin with her old mother beside her. The car is moving fast. The car moves forward at a fast speed. The trees growing along the road appear to move backward at the same speed. As the speed is fast, the trees appear to be sprinting past.

**Q.2 What makes the human being love life in spite of troubles and suffering? (Poem 'A Thing of Beauty')**

**Ans.** There is no doubt that there are sufferings and troubles in life and we feel depressed and miserable. But according to John Keats a thing of beauty is a joy for ever. There things of beauty that bring love, joy and happiness. They remove the pall of gloom from us. Those beautiful things make human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings.

**Q.3 What was the plea of the folk who had put up the roadside stand?**

**Ans.** The folk who had put up the roadside stand pleaded in a humble way for some customers to stop there and buy something from there. They wanted money in exchange for their produce to improve their lot. They did not ask for charities or bread. Through the poem 'A Roadside Stand' the poet Robert Frost has painted the plight of rural people.

**Q.4 How do 'denizen' and 'chivalric' add to our understanding of the tiger's attitudes?**

**Ans.** The words 'denizens' and 'chivalric' tell us that the tigers live in green forests far away from human habitation. There they roam about freely hunting other animals they feed on. 'Chivalric' tells us that tigers are bold, brave and fearless. They are known as the king of jungles and like Chivalric heroes of our epics hold an honourable, dignified and majestic position in our mind.

**Q.9 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each: [4× 2=8]**

**Q.1 In Saheb Happy working at the tea - stall?**

**Ans.** Saheb is not happy working at the tea stall. Now he is not his own master. He works and earns for the owner of the tea shop. This work seems heavier to him. His face has lost the carefree look. When he was a rag picker, he was his own master. He was carefree. The steel canister containing milk that he carries from the milk booth to the tea shop seem heavier than the plastic bag he used to carry then.

**Q.2 When did the ironmaster realize his mistake?**

**Ans.** When the peddler was clean and well dressed and the iron master saw him, he was not pleased. Now he realized that he had made a mistake in taking him as an old acquaintance. Last night he had seen him in the uncertain light of the furnace. But now he was seeing him in broad day light.

**Q.3 Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of 25 percent refund to farmers?**

**Ans.** First of all, Gandhiji wanted to break the deadlock on the percentage of refund. By agreeing to the offer of 25 percent, the deadlock was broken. Secondly, the amount of refund was not very important for him. The important thing for him was that the landlords had been obliged to surrender part of the money and also part of indigo which they considered their prestige. The planters used to behave as lords above the law. Now they had learnt that the peasants had their rights and their defenders as well.

**Q.4 What was Franz expected to be prepared with for school that day?**

**Ans.** Franz's teacher had said that he would question the students on participles. So, Franz was expected to be prepared with the rules for participles. But he knew nothing about them.

**Q.10 Answer the following question in about 125 - 150 words:**

**[8]**

**How did Douglas overcome his fear of water?**

**Ans.** The fear of water stayed with Douglas for many years after the misadventure at Y.M. C.A. pool in Yakima. Wherever he went, the fear of water followed him. This spoiled all his joy of canoeing, boating and swimming. He used every way he knew to overcome his fear. But it stayed. At last one day he decided to get an instructor to help him learn swimming. He went to a pool and practised five days a week, an hour each day. The instructor attached a rope to the belt put around him. The rope went through a pulley to a cable. The instructor held the end of the rope and they went back and forth across the pool. Whenever the instructor relaxed his hold, Douglas would go under and feel panicky. But after three months of this practice, the tension began to slack. Then, the instructor taught him to exhale under water and inhale above water. Then, the instructor taught him to kick water with his legs. He did this for weeks. At first his legs refused, but gradually relaxed and he was able to command them. In this way, the instructor made him a swimmer. His work was finished. But Douglas's work remained. He tried swimming alone. He swam the pool up and down. Some of the old terror would return. But he continued and in the end he was able to conquer the fear of water. He felt released.

**OR**

**Sophie and Jansie were class - mates and friends. What were the differences between them that show up in the story?**

**Ans.** Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends. But they were quite opposite to each other. Sophie is a dreamer. She indulges in fantasy while jansie is a practical girl and is always aware of the realities of life. Sophie dreams of having the finest boutique in the city. But Jansie tells her that it will require a lot money and she doesn't have it. But Sophie is confident she will manage it. By that time, she will be a manager and earn a lot of money . But Jansie says that it is not possible. No body will make her manager straight away. Moreover, to save money for a boutique will take a long time. But Sophie is not going to be convinced. She also dreams of being a fashion designer or an actress. She thinks the world is waiting for her with open arms. Sophie also imagines to have met Danny Casey, the baseball champion, her role model. She also imagines herself going to meet Casey in a romantic place. But Jansie does not have such dreams. She is a simple and practical person. She Jansie does not have such dreams. She is a simple and practical person. She very well knows that they both are earmarked for the biscuit factory. She feels sad. She wishes Sophie doesn't have such wild dreams. She tries her best to dissuade Sophie from having such dreams. But she is very credulous and believes what Sophie tells her.

**Q.11 Answer the following question in about 125 - 150 words:**

**[5]**

**Do you think that the doctor's final solution to the problem was the best possible in the circumstances?**

**Ans.** I definitely think that the doctor's final solution to the problem of the American soldier was the best in the circumstances. He helped the man escape to safety. Some people might term this action of his as an act

of disloyalty to the country. The American soldier was an enemy. He should have been handed over to the Army as a prisoner of war. Giving shelter to an enemy and saving his life is an anti-national activity which should be punished. But considering all things together, there was no other option before the doctor. The American prisoner of war was washed ashore at his doorstep. He was wounded. He was bleeding. He was unconscious. He was compelled by his sense of loyalty to his profession and his training as a doctor to save the life of a dying man even if he is an enemy to give shelter to the man and operate upon him. He had given the man a new lease of life. How can he be expected to take back that life? Handing him over to the Army would have meant his sure death. Dr. Sadao's conscience did not allow him to do so. So, he let him to escape to safety. This was the only and the best solution of the problem of the doctor.

OR

**What is the moral issue that the story, 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy', raises?**

**Ans.** The story "Should Wizard Hit Mommy" raises a moral issue regarding parental prejudices passed on to children. The prejudice is passed on to poor Roger Skunk. He like other Skunks smells very bad. Nature has made them so. Because of this foul smell he has to suffer a lot. All other little creatures run away from him as soon as he comes. They do not play with him. Roger Skunk is left alone. He weeps over his fate. He goes to the old wizard for help who makes him smell like roses. The little animals start playing with him. He is happy. But to his mother this smell seems to be awful. She doesn't like it. She doesn't hug or love Roger Skunk. To her Roger Skunk no longer seems to be her own baby. She takes him to the wizard and compels him to make Roger Skunk smell bad again. Now he smells like her own son. She now hugs and loves him like before. She tells him that he is a Skunk and he must smell like a skunk. He must not look different. His bad smell is his identity mark. He must not lose it. He must remain original and natural. Any attempt to look different or changed is not liked by parents. But they forget that change is life. It is the law of nature. The moral issue, therefore, is whether children have a right to improve themselves against their parent's will should they faithfully obey their parents and go on weeping over their fate like Roger Skunk with whom no one played or should they change themselves to be liked and welcomed by others.

**Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words each:**

**[4×2=8]**

**Q.1 How did the narrator get and reach the third level?**

**Ans.** The narrator says that he doesn't know how this thing happened to him. He was just an ordinary man. He didn't want to escape from anything. He just wanted to reach home to his wife. So, he turned into Grand Central from Vanderbilt Avenue and went down the steps to the first level. There people take trains like the twentieth century. Then he walked down another step to the second level from where the suburban trains leave. After that he ducked into an arched doorway which led to the subway. There he got lost and reached the third level.

**Q.2 Who was Mr. Lamb?**

**Ans.** Mr. Lamb is an old man. He has a big house and a garden. One of his legs was blown off in war. So, he has a tin leg. Derry climbs up the boundary wall of the garden and jumps into it. He does not know that the gate is open.

**Q.3 What kind of person Evans was?**

**Ans.** Evans was a pleasant young man. He was not given to violence. He had been taking part in Christmas concerts. He was good at imitation, but he was a congenial kleptomaniac. That was all. Among the prison officers he was known as "Evans the Break". He had already escaped three times from the jail. He looked scruffy, unshaven and filthy with a heavy Scottish accent. He was cunning, crafty and illusive. His appearing in the examination was a well planned strategy to escape.

**Q.4 How were the Indian girls dressed?**

**Ans.** The Indian girls were in stiff shoes and closely clinging dresses. The small girls wore sleeved aprons and shingled hair.