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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

What is it that enables some people to gain whatever goal they set for themselves while others do not succeed ? What makes some people winners in the world and others the losers ? If you want to

win you must find the right answer to it. Are there certain qualities or techniques which a person need, to achieve success ? To confirm this, we must carefully study the lives of successful people of the past as well as the present. No doubt, there are certain characteristics which are commonly found among all these great people. But an academic or college education is not necessarily one of them. Such an education, perhaps, could be an asset. Many people in India as well as abroad have attained great success without any bigger college/ higher education. For example, Edison had taken only three months for schooling. Abraham Lincoln was practically self-educated, Benjamin

Franklin did not attend the school at all. Wright Brothers were not scientists but cycle mechanics. H.G. Wells was born in poverty and had to fight ill health continuously. It is how success does not necessarily depend on one's birth, environment and wealth etc.

The study of the great, successful, self-made men all over the world, whether of the past or of the present, spotlights very common factors.

Firstly, they knew how to get along successfully with others. Then they knew how to sell themselves to strangers and friends, to their employers and employees, to their neighbours, families, infact to everyone with whom they came into contact daily. They knew how to

learn from others, from situations and from the available knowledge and wisdom. They knew how to sell their ideas, knowledge, talent and service. They knew how to get along with others, influence and motivate them and above all to convert their perceptions and ideas into reality.

Success depends to a great extent on what you do with your perception, ideas, talent and natural gifts. Invariably it is not what you know but what you do about what you know. It is not what you have, but what is done about it that spells the difference between success and failure.

5+5=10

- ✓ 2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

People travelling long distances frequently have to decide whether they would prefer to go by land, sea or air. (Now train journey has its own advantages and problems) Hardly anyone can positively enjoy sitting in a train for more than a few hours. Train compartments soon get cramped and stuffy. It is almost impossible to take your mind off the journey. Reading is the partial solution for the monotonous rhythm of the wheels clinking on. Sometimes it may lull you to sleep but for most it is only staring at the small blue light in the ceiling. You reach your destination almost exhausted.

Long car journeys are even less pleasant, for it is almost impossible to stretch out properly or reading a book. On motor-ways you can at least travel fairly safe at high speeds but more often most part of the journey may be spent on narrow and bumpy roads feeling jerks and pushes every now and then.

By comparison, trips by sea offer a great variety of civilized comforts. You can stretch, stand on the deck, play games, meet interesting people and enjoy a variety of food—always presuming that the sea remains calm. It is not, you are likely to get sea-sickness, which is very troublesome. Moreover sea-journeys take a long time and are a bit costly. Only a few people shall be prepared to sacrifice a large part of holidays for the pleasure of travelling on a ship.

Now, Aeroplanes have the reputation of being dangerous and very expensive. But nothing can match them for speed, comfort and saving much of time. It is an exhilarating experience at travel at a height of 30,000 feet far above the clouds. You can read comfortably and even watch a movie on a small screen before your seat and may enjoy a variety of drinks and food, as served on long flights. The journey is so smooth that nothing can stop you from reading or sleeping and above all you will reach your destination fresh and uncrumpled. However the mode of travel invariably depends upon one's choice, perceptions, likes and pocket.

Questions :

- (i)✓ Name the two disadvantages of travelling by sea.
- (ii) Which word in paragraph 4 mean-‘causing excitement’ ?
- (iii)✓ Why is it not so easy and comfortable to read during a train journey ? (Pick out the correct one)
- (A)✓ The journey is full of jerks and pushes.
- (B)✓ Compartments mostly get overcrowded and stuffy.
- (C) Vendors mostly disturb and distract you.
- (D)✓ The train runs very fast.
- (iv)✓ Name at least two advantages/charms of travelling by air.

(v) In 'bumpy roads' the word 'bumpy' has been used as :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

(vi) Use the word monotonous in your own sentence.

(vii) Give the antonym of 'expensive'.

(viii) Sea-journey is comfortable only if the sea is calm. (Yes/No)

(ix) Uncrumpled means (Fill in the blank)

(x) One's mode of travelling depends upon one's

(Complete it)
1×10=10

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. As the head student of the school, draft a notice to be put on school Notice Board, informing the students about the organization of "Blood Donation" camp in your school as a part of Annual Function of the school. (50 words)

Or

- As the Principal of the school, draft a commercial advertisement for the post of Physical teacher on ad hoc basis for two years. (50 words) 4
4. A student of your school saved two small boys from drowning in the canal, where they fell accidentally, putting his own life in danger. As the

Principal of the school, write a letter to the Advisor to the Lt. Governor of JK (U.T.) that your student's name may also be included in the list of person going to be awarded with 'Bravery Awards' on Republic Day.

(120–150 words)

Or

As the librarian of your school, as desired and ordered by your

Principal, write a letter to M/s National Book House placing an order

of some books for English, Maths and Physics for 12th class which

have been published and recommended by BOSE. (120–150 words) 6

5. Write an e-Mail to your friend to find out his health condition as he

accidently broke his leg. (50–80 words)

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6. As the student editor of your school magazine, write an article on the topic "How can the youth fight against the growing trend of crime against women." (200–250 words)

Or

As the correspondent of a Local Newspaper, write a report of an accident which took place between a passenger bus and a motor cyclist on the highway. (200–250 words)

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7. Edit the following passage :

As soon as I reached home, it start raining heavily. I was happy for reach home safe and unwet. I asked my mother if I can get a cup of hot tea. She nodded, smiled and quickly prepared tea for me and did not forgot to add ginger powder in it. "What would you like with tea—biscuit or bread toast", she asked me. I said that bread toast will be a fine choice. It is really wonderful to have a hot cup of tea on a raining day. Don't you agree with me.

1×8=8

Section-C

(Literature)

- 8.✓ Read the extracted lines of a poem given below and answer any *two* of the questions given at the end :

When did my childhood go ?

Was it when I found my mind was really mine.

To use whichever way I choose,

Producing thoughts that were not those of other people

But my own, and mine alone,

Was that the day!

Questions :

- (i) Explain "My mind was really mine".
- (ii) What kind of thoughts could he produce ?
- (iii) Name the poem and the poet of these lines.

1×2=2

9. Answer any *five* of the following questions :

- (i) Why did the grandmother accompany the narrator to his school ?
What did she do there ?
- (ii) How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted ?
- (iii) Do you justify or not the cold behaviour of Mrs. Dorling towards the narrator ? Give reasons.
- (iv) How is the father's helplessness brought out in the poem 'Father to Son' ?
- (v) How do Shahid and the writer react to the knowledge that Shahid is going to die ?
- (vi) When did Ranga plan to marry and why ? 2×5=10

10. How does the story, 'We're not Afraid to Die', suggest that optimism helps to endure the direct stress ? (120–150 words)

Or

What is the change that has come in human perceptions ? What is the role of the Green Movement in bringing such a change ?
(120–150 words)

11. What does it reflect on Einstein's nature from his conversation with History teacher, Maths teacher and the Head teacher ? (120–150 words)

Or

'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war.

Discuss. (120–150 words)

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12. What do you mean by 'Outsider Art' ? Describe the world-wide recognition achieved by Nek Chand as a living example of outsider art. (120–150 words)

Or

In comparison between Crocker Harris and Frank, what qualities come to light that Frank missed for becoming a great teacher.

(120–150 words)

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