



General English

Duration: 3 hours

Total marks: 75

Instructions: 1) All questions are compulsory. Figures to the right indicate full marks

SECTION-I

- 1) Transform the following sentences according to the instructions given: (10)
- He said that he was going to be the next President. (Change to Direct Speech)
 - Lata asked the peon, "Have you seen my purse?" (Change to Indirect Speech)
 - Rajani said, "Marvellous! What a beautiful painting!" (Change to Indirect Speech)
 - I was driving her mad. (Change the Voice)
 - The necklace was bought by me. (Change the Voice)
 - The puppy was saved by a boy. (Change the Voice)
 - He is sometimes sane. (Affirmative to negative)
 - She is not a good student. (Negative to Affirmative)
 - Mandovi is the longest river in Goa. (Affirmative to Negative)
 - There is no fun without problems. (Negative to Affirmative)
- 2) Write the correct question tag for the given statement: (2)
- We are dancing today, _____?
 - They will create the plan, _____?
 - I have not done any preparations, _____?
 - He did not like the girl, _____?
- 3) Correct the following sentences: (3)
- He were a smart boy.
 - Disha went to an University.
 - All the childrens sang well.
 - My brothers are good boy.
 - Neither his brother or his sister is as honest as him.
 - The Chairperson have arrived.
- 4) Write a dialogue in fifteen lines on **any one** of the following situations. (5)
- Prabhat, a boy from a law college, wants to know information about child rights. Write a conversation between Prabhat and his teacher regarding the same.
 - Your father has scolded you for spending too much of time on your phone. Write a conversation between you and your father.
 - Rohan is waiting anxiously for the bus. He meets a school friend Rima. Write a conversation between them.
- 5) A) Answer **any one** of the following in about 300 words: (10)
- How do you see power struggle playing a role in the novel Lord of the Flies?
 - What role does Piggy play in the novel Lord of the Flies.
 - Explain the symbolism of each character from the novel Lord of the Flies.
- B) Write short notes on **any four** of the following in about 100 words: (10)
- What is the significance of the conch in the novel Lord of the Flies?



- b) What are the different life-surviving strategies that the young boys come up with while being on the island?
- c) Give a character sketch of Jack.
- d) How does the character of Ralph get transformed throughout the novel?
- e) What is the significance of the title of the novel Lord of the Flies?

Section II

(Vocabulary/Communication Skills)

6) A) Make one sentence each for the legal terms given below: (5)

- a) Bail b) Plaintiff c) Case d) Convict e) Lease

B) Explain the following legal terms: (10)

- a) Respondent b) Ultra vires c) Penalty e) Guarantee.

(Comprehension Skills)**7) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (5)**

What makes the American Museum of Natural History unique? Is it the fact that it spans over several New York City blocks? How about that it houses 38 exhibition halls or that it contains a planetarium? Could it be that Ulysses S. Grant laid the cornerstone of the building in 1869? All those and more, what makes this building so special is that it is the largest natural history museum in the world. The Museum is home to over 30 million specimens of nature, yet only fraction of this collection can be displayed at any one time. The full size model of a Blue Whale gives you a taste of the power and beauty of these humongous creatures of the sea. The Hall itself consists of over 25 buildings and has been featured in countless pieces of American pop culture. This includes movies, television, novels, and even video games. Holden Caulfield the main character of J.D. Salinger's epic *The Catcher in the Rye* finds himself heading towards the museum and having great childhood memories of it.

- 1) How many exhibition halls do the American Museum of Natural History house?
- 2) When was the cornerstone of the building of Natural museum laid?
- 3) Which is the largest natural history museum in the world?
- 4) Which model gives the museum viewers a taste of the power and beauty of the aquatic animal?
- 5) In which pieces of American pop culture the museum has been featured?

(Compositional skill) (5)

8) a) As a student reporter, write a report about the Dahi Handi programme organized in your college.

Or

b) As a news reporter for local daily write a report about increase in the number of crimes against women in the state.



9) Read the following passage and make a note of the main ideas.

(5)

In all learning, advances tend to come irregularly and in bursts, as you gain fresh insights into the subject. In order to obtain these insights you must thoroughly understand what you are studying. If you really understand a subject not only do you remember easily, but you can apply your knowledge in new situations. The important thing is not what you know, but what you can do with what you know. The extra effort involved in getting a firm grounding in the essentials of a subject is repaid many times in later study. How are you to achieve and understand? Understanding involves (1) linking new knowledge to the old and (2) organising it and remembering it in a systematic fashion. To retain and make sense of any new concept or fact it must be linked in as many ways as possible to your existing body of knowledge. All good introductory textbooks are constantly giving familiar examples, or using analogies, or appealing to common experience, that under dim illumination the colours of the blue end spectrum become relatively brighter than those of the red end. Or again, to illustrate that the movement of any particular electron during the passage of an electric current is only a few centimetres a second, although the velocity of the current is extremely great, the analogy is often used of a truck running into the end of a long line of trucks in a shunting yard, a corresponding truck being rapidly ejected from the far end. Linking new information to familiar experience in this fashion always helps understanding. In order to tie the new information to your stock of knowledge with as many links as possible, you must reflect on it, and try and relate it to what you already know. Thinking the matter over by yourself, writing out summaries of the main points, and talking to other students about it, are all valuable for fixing it more clearly in your mind.

10) Write a paragraph of about 150 words, on any one of the following topics:

(5)

- 1) Indian Culture
- 2) Goa's Future.
- 3) College Library
- 4) Is Humanity Alive?
