

SECTION A-Reading (20 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (8)

1 Mt Everest has continued to attract climbers ever since June 8, 1924, when two members of a British expedition, George Mallory and Andrew Irvine, had first attempted to climb the summit. The two men were last spotted 'going strong' for the top, until the clouds perpetually swirling around Everest, engulfed them. They then vanished.

2 Mallory's body was not found for another 75 years, in May 1999. Ten more expeditions were to follow before the historic climb of Everest for the first time, by Edmund Hillary, a New Zealand beekeeper, and Tenzing Norgay, an acclaimed Sherpa climber. The news of the climb reached England at the time of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and Hillary became famous overnight, in all of the British Empire. Tenzing on the other hand, became a symbol of national pride across both Nepal and India.

3 Today, Mt Everest is drawing attention for all the negative reasons. The entire route that the climbers follow to reach the top is littered with rubbish and in sore need of cleaning up. The rubbish strewn all over the mountain includes oxygen cylinders, human waste, and even climbers' bodies which do not decompose in the extreme cold.

4 Under the new regulations passed by the Nepalese government, climbers scaling Everest will have to bring back eight kilograms of garbage. This amount is exclusive of the climbers' own garbage weight. This measure has been taken to restore the pristine nature of the peak.

5 The rule will be applicable to those climbers of Mt Everest who will ascend beyond Everest's Base Camp, from April onwards. Climbers who fail to comply with this new rule are likely to be charged and legal action would be taken against them. The action would involve the paying of a fine, or other penalty.

6 Expeditions returning back to the base will have to submit their trash at an office to be set up in the precincts of the Everest Base Camp.

Q. On the basis of your reading of the above passage answer the following questions. (8)

- When was the first attempt to scale Mt Everest made and by whom?
- What was the outcome of the first expedition?
- What was the climbing record before the first successful attempt?
- Who were the first successful climbers of Everest?
- Why is Everest drawing attention today?

- (f) What is the nature of the waste littering the mountainside?
- (g) What is the nature of the new regulation?
- (h) How were the first climbers of Everest rewarded?

2. Read the following passage carefully.

(12)

1. While it is a well known fact that yoga, certain kinds of music and some calming foods, are known to relieve stress, the latest trend is the search for certain scents with calming properties that can help a person to unwind and soothe the nerves.

2 One such scent that is now being touted as having calming properties, is lavender. It has long been a popular ingredient used in most spas as the scent is believed to help one sleep better. To test its properties one can opt for a lotion with lavender as its ingredient. An even better option is to spray the scent on the pillow for a sound sleep. .

3 Everyone has heard of mint chutney that is served with samosas and pakoras, but few would think of applying a mint-based paste on one's body. Yet this is just what is recommended for those who would like a smooth and purifying effect on the mind, brought about by this application.

4 Citrus fruits are not only good for health but also serve as good mood lifters. Sniffing lemon zest is believed to soothe over stress and the smell of grapefruit is known to curb depression. Other advantages include memory enhancement from smelling oranges. Even the zest of an orange can make one feel energetic. Therapists also recommend that one can light an orange-scented candle by one's side, in the bath, and imbibe the same benefits.

5 For that nagging headache that comes on whenever you step out into the scorching sun, there is yet a cure available from the array of calming scents. According to some researchers sniffing at a green apple cannot only cure a headache, but help alleviate it altogether.

6 The latest finding about the calming properties of scents, has entered the realm of roses. Since time immemorial the flower has been associated with happiness, love and joy. With this new finding, it will now embody an additional quality – that of relieving stress. The ideal way to prove it would be to use a rose-scented soap or massage with rose-scented body oil before going under the shower.

A Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words.

(8)

- (a) What does the latest research into scents reveal?
- (b) What are the latest findings about the properties of lavender?
- (c) How do citrus fruits help in calming the body?
- (d) What are the properties of green apples?

B Do as directed.

(4)

(a) The word 'calming' used in the passage denotes.....

- (i) composing oneself (ii) decomposing oneself
- (iii) making oneself sleepy (iv) adding colour to one's life

- (b) The word 'touted' in the passage expresses
- (i) winding a horse race (ii) trying to promote something
 (iii) giving away things (iv) going on a fast walk
- (c) When 'something is recommended' it is.....
- (i) widely criticized (ii) re-used a second time
 (iii) widely approved (iv) started again
- (d) 'A therapist is a person who
- (i) is an animal doctor (ii) practices medicine without a degree
 (iii) a mind doctor (iv) is a doctor in theory

Section B – Writing & Grammar (30 marks)

3. Write a letter in about 100-120 words to the editor of The National Times, about the need to make students and teachers aware of the attitudes they should adopt towards challenged children in their midst. Sign yourself as Roma/Raman. You can take help from MCB unit 'National Integration'. (8)

Or

Your sister has just passed the All India Secondary School Education of the CBSE. She is keen on joining an institute which may help in personality development. She consults her language teacher on the subject who advises her to join The Centre for Creativity and development for this purpose. Write a letter to the director of the Centre, seeking necessary information about her admission to their eight weeks' summer course in leadership.

4. Using the following outline continue the story in about 150-200 words to an exciting conclusion. (10)

It was an old leather suitcase strapped and buckled securely. It lay above Grandmother's Dutch armoire. I recall asking Granny about it. She simply said....

5. Read the telephonic conversation between Renu and Sonu. Fill in the blanks to complete the conversation. (4)

Renu: ur new servant has a tendency to steal things.

Sonu: Is anything missing?

Renu: Yes, he has stolen one of our blankets.

Sonu: Which one?

Renu: The one we took from Palm Beach.

Renu told her husband that (a) _____ to steal things. Sonu asked her (b) _____. She told him that (c) _____ one of their blankets. When Sonu asked which one it was. She replied (d) _____

6. Fill in the blanks using one word in each blank (4)

The Delhi Police (a).....busted a gang of robbers (b).....had robbed 20 crore (c).....a bank. The arrested have (d) identified as Jaswant Tiwari, his brother Hemant Tiwari (e).....his uncle Mithilesh Tiwari. The trio (f).....caught red handed with (g)..... money stuffed in suitcases. They (h)..... sent to jail for further investigation and trial.

7. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct question number. (4)

	Error	Correction
Madhubani Painting is one in the many traditional	(a)	
Indian art forms. It is but known as Mithila or Godhna	(b)	
Paintings. This art developed by Mithila or Madhubani district	(c)	
of Bihar or then spread to villages around Madhubani	(d)	

Section-C: Literature & Long Reading Text (30 marks)

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (4)

“John Ha Hock,” she said distinctly, “I don’t propose to do anything of the kind. In the first place they won’t exchange things bought at a bargain sale, and in the second, if you aren’t interested in the other world, I am. So there!”

- (a) Who is the speaker and what emotion does the speaker suggest?
- (b) What does she not propose to do?
- (c) What does the term ‘bargain sale’ mean?
- (d) What has she bought from the ‘bargain sale’?

Or

Round the decay

Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare.

The lone and level sands stretch far away.

- (a) What is the colossal wreck mentioned in the passage?
- (b) What does the term ‘wreck’ tell us?
- (c) Where was the statue located?
- (d) What is the poetic device used in the above lines?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each. (8)

- (a) How did Patol Babu earn his living all through these years?
- (b) How did the Ancient Mariner stop the wedding guest?
- (c) How does Mark Antony instigate the mob?
- (d) What all odd jobs were the two boys ready to do in ‘Two Gentlemen of Verona’? Why had Ali given up hunting?

10. Answer the following question in about 100-120 words. (8)

Ouija boards and tantra-mantras are used by people to communicate with the supernatural or the spirits. Do you consider it right that man should invoke these powers to help him come out of the

difficulties of life or do you think that God has made man powerful enough by giving him gray matter that can help him overcome all obstacles? Do you believe in supernatural forces or the power of man?

OR

The poem 'Snake' has a religious and social theme. Explain.

Q.11. Answer any one of the following questions in 150-200 words (10)

What did Helen like about Niagara where she visited in March, 1893? What did people find strange about her visit?

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Or

Draw a character sketch of Michael Anagnos.