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Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH Language I

Subject Code

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Total No. Of Questions : 10

(Printed Pages : 10)

Maximum Marks : 80

- INSTRUCTIONS :** (i) The question paper is divided into four sections : A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Write each section on a fresh page.
- (iii) Write the numbers of the questions and sub-questions clearly.
- (iv) Marks are indicated to the right.
- (v) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A**(Reading Skills)**

1. Read the following passage carefully :

Looking into biographies of great personalities we find that the secret of their success is not that they were born with immense beauty or power, but largely the fact that they possessed impressive physical fitness. To be in good health is an art, which fills our minds with optimism, self confidence and firm

determination. Justifying the contention that one needs to have a good physical fitness level, a definition by WHO says that, health is a state of complete physical, mental, social as well as spiritual well being of an individual and not merely the absence of disease.

To achieve a healthy status is not very difficult, we need to just bring some small changes in our lifestyle and attitude towards our body. A balanced diet is the first step towards achieving this. Today the intake of junk food has increased manifold. Both the fast forward lifestyle and artificial appeal created by advertisements are factors that have made junk food, an integral part of our diet, so we need to change our eating habits. Including whole grains, green vegetables, fruits and nuts, in large quantities is very important. Water also has a major role in contributing towards physical fitness.

The next is adopting a regular exercise routine. Exercise is not limited to gym workouts alone. It includes swimming, cycling, kick boxing, yoga or any other form of physical activity which rejuvenates our spirit and body. Deep breathing, meditation and cardio-vascular exercises aid in systematic reduction of excess body fat and increase the strength of our bones and muscles. They also calm our mind and act as a great stress buster.

1.(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly :

- (i) According to great personalities, what is the secret of their success ? 1
- (ii) How does WHO define health ? 1
- (iii) Mention the factors that have made junk food a part of our diet. 1
- (iv) How can excess body fat be reduced ? 1

1.(B) (i) Give the meanings of the following words in the context of the passage : 2

(a) Immense

(b) Integral.

(ii) Find words in the above passage which mean the following : 2

(a) a great deal

(b) to give new strength or energy to.

2. Read the following passage carefully :

The strawberry, *Fragaria*, is one of the most popular berry fruits in the world. There are more than ten species of strawberry and they have the same characteristics i.e. heart-shaped, red flesh and seeded coat, together with small, regal leafy green caps and stems that adorn their crowns. The scent of strawberries can be an indicator of quality. They are highly perishable and so are eaten within a couple of days.

The health benefits of strawberries are difficult to ignore, so one needs to incorporate this delicious fruit into one's diet. Just one cup of strawberries will provide all the goodness that could do wonders for our health. Their fibre and fructose content help regulate blood sugar levels by slowing digestion. The vibrant red colour of strawberries is, due to large amounts of phytonutrients and flavanoids which also means, they contain powerful anti-oxidants that are said to protect against inflammation, cancer and cardiovascular diseases through its cholesterol lowering mechanism. Thus, strawberries have been considered as one of the sweetest and healthiest delights on the planet.

2.(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, give it a suitable title and write the parawise topics and sub-topics using the format given below.

Do not write sentences. Use only meaningful phrases :

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Title :

I :

II :

A :

B :

2.(B) Write a brief summary of the above passage in about 50 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs.

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Section B

(Writing Skills)

3. Attempt any *one* of the following : 3

You are Chetana/Chirag Shah, the General Secretary of Amity Higher Secondary School, Porvorim. Write a notice for the school notice board inviting students to participate in the Inter class English Elocution competition to be conducted in your school (about **30-40** words).

Or

Your name is Reena/Roy D'Souza Destiny Music Academy, Morod, Mapusa, You are a music teacher and wish to conduct classes. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local daily with the necessary details. Tel. No. 9432123456 (in about **30-40** words).

4. Attempt any *one* of the following : 5

Recently your school had arranged a first-aid training for students. Write a report about the event for your school magazine. You are Shivani/Shitij Narvekar, Secretary of YRC, St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Ponda. (about **70-80** words).

Or

You are the staff reporter of a local newspaper. You attended a one day camp held in Vasco, on benefits of Yoga. Write a report about it to be published in the newspaper (about **70-80** words).

5. Attempt any *one* of the following : 8

The increase in the number of tourists visiting beaches in Goa has raised concerns about the environment and its cleanliness. As an alert citizen, offer suggestions that can be adopted to keep our beaches clean. Write a letter to the Minister for Tourism, Government of Goa, Porvorim. Your name is Lakshit/Lekha Desai, D-32, La Campala Colony, Miramar, Goa. (Use the full block format)

Or

Land is being acquired for widening along the highways. A lot of people are losing either their homes or their places of work. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing your views about the issue. You are Freida/Francis Pinto, Vasant Enclave, Kadamba Plateau, Bainguinim, Goa. (Use the full block format).

6. Write an essay in about **200-250** words on any *one* of the following : 10

- (a) Caring for the Aged—A necessity.
- (b) The Relevance of Organ Donation.
- (c) Describe a place you visited during your holidays.
- (d) Should the medium of instruction be in the mother tongue ? Comment.
- (e) If you were lost in a strange city.

Section C

(Grammar)

7. Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets : 6

(a) The Chief Guest addressed the graduates at the convocation.

(Change the Voice)

(b) When he was in school, he always be in time.

(Use a suitable modal auxiliary indicating a past habit)

(c) No other train is as fast as the Shatabdi Express.

(Change to the superlative degree)

(d) If you don't qualify for the preliminary round, you will not be selected.

(Rewrite using unless)

(e) He said to the constable, 'Burglars broke into my house, last night'.

(Change to indirect speech).

(f) In the morning he (notice) that the gas from the cylinder (leak).

(Fill in the blanks with the appropriate tense forms of the verbs provided in the brackets)

Section D

(Textual)

8.(A) Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow in about 10-15 words each : 4

(i) It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines,
we would all be together
in a sudden strangeness.

(a) What 'exotic moment' does the poet refer to ?

(b) Name and explain the figure of speech in the second line.

(ii) Far far from gusty waves these children's faces.
Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor.

(a) What is peculiar about the children's faces ?

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8.(B) Answer the following questions in about 250-30 words each : 4

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9. Answer any *six* of the following questions in about **25-30** words each : 12
- (a) How was Mukesh's attitude different from that of his family ?
 - (b) Why was Edla happy to see the gift left behind by the peddler ?
 - (c) What did Gandhiji do in order to improve the health conditions of the people in Champaran ?
 - (d) In Alphonse Daudet's 'Last Lesson' what was the scene usually in the morning when school began ?
 - (e) Why did Jansie discourage Sophie from having dreams ?
 - (f) What plans did Douglas make to save himself when he was thrown into the pool ?
 - (g) Why did Stephen-Spender's visit to the Gemini Studios remain an unexplained mystery ?
10. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about **40-50** words each : 12
- (a) As a responsible citizen what would you do to bring about a change in the lives of people who are physically impaired and lonely like Derry and Mr. Lamb in the story, 'One the face of It' ?

- (b) In spite of Geoff Green's enthusiasm and optimism about the 'Students' on Ice programme global warming continues to be a threat. Comment with reference to 'Journey to the end of the Earth'.
- (c) 'The Third Level' hints at a modern world full of insecurity, worry, war and stress. What are the ways we attempt to overcome them?
- (d) Adults look at life differently than children do. Explain with reference to the lesson 'Should Wizard hit mammy'.
- (e) Education provides us opportunities, to bring us on par with others. Express your views with reference to Bama's 'We too are Human beings'.