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Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH Language I (New Pattern)

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Total No. of Questions : 10

(Printed Pages : 7)

Maximum Marks : 80

- INSTRUCTIONS :**
- The question paper is divided into four Sections – A, B, C, D. **All the Sections are compulsory.**
  - Write the answers to **each** main question on a **fresh** page.
  - Write the numbers of the questions and sub-questions **clearly**. Marks are indicated to the right.
  - Do **not** exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.
  - Main questions are to be answered **sequentially**.

SECTION – A  
(Reading Skills)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

Some fifteen thousand years ago an artist drew on the walls of a cave in Spain a picture of his Stone Age neighbour robbing a bees' nest of its store. In the millennia that have since gone by, no one has ever discovered or invented a purer and sweeter food than honey.

Honey is almost twice as sweet as cane sugar and glows with the sunlight of summers past. Every honey has its own taste which breathes the fragrance of clover, apple, heather or orange blossom.

Honey is also the purest of all foods. When properly ripened, its concentration of sugars is so high that bacteria cannot live in it more than an hour or two. In a royal Egyptian tomb was found honey thirty three hundred years old – but pure honey still. No trickery can corrupt honey without detection. If diluted with water it ferments. Nor can the wax of the honey comb, product of the bees' own glands, be successfully imitated.



Each drop of nectar is an ocean for holding vitamins, minerals, enzymes and foods. The bee doesn't have to know organic chemistry and you and I don't have to remember it, but those who have delved deep into the subject can explain why many diabetics can tolerate honey where table sugar is deadly and why it helps babies to retain calcium and so grow stronger limbs and better teeth.

Perfect as it is as a food, honey is more : a gift from thousands of ardent and dedicated little lives. It is evidence of some marvellous integrity in a world where bee and flower live for mutual good. It is a slow-formed perfect drop upon a growing tip of evolution. To take that drop upon the tongue is to partake of a spiritual ceremony of nature.

(299 words/Source : The Reader's Digest)

- A) On the basis of your reading of the given passage answer the following questions in complete sentences of about **10 – 15 words each** :
- a) What happens to bacteria placed in honey ? [1]
  - b) How is the wax in the honey comb produced ? [1]
  - c) What does honey contain that is beneficial for our health ? [1]
  - d) What is the significance of taking a drop of honey on the tongue ? [1]
- B) Choose the correct meaning of the words given below from the alternatives provided. [2]
- i) fragrance
    - a) type of dress
    - b) pleasant smell
    - c) bacteria
    - d) drop
  - ii) imitated
    - a) systematic
    - b) professional
    - c) copied
    - d) cut
- C) The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternatives that best matches the meaning given below : [2]
- i) make a liquid thinner or weaker
    - a) diluted
    - b) tomb
    - c) ferments
    - d) retain



ii) rituals and procedures performed at religious and formal occasions.

- a) partake
- b) evolution
- c) ceremony
- d) corrupt

2. Read the following passage carefully :

Road rage is aggressive or angry behaviour exhibited by a driver of a road vehicle targeted towards another driver in an effort to intimidate or release frustration. It can be referred to as an extreme case of aggressive driving.

Habitual road rage is learned behaviour, such as drivers who have learned to drive in an aggressive angry manner. It is aggressive driving arising from disagreements with other drivers. You see it every day on our roads : people speeding past ; changing lanes with no signal; passing too closely on either side of your car; speeding up to block you out; not allowing you to change lanes or merge on or off the highway; racing other drivers; roaring up behind as if they might intentionally rear-end you; horn honking; flashing high beams at your mirror when you are in "their" fast lane; pulling over to fight; or worse, kill the other driver. Situational road rage is based on the situation that momentarily surrounds the driver, such as the driver receiving bad news and unintentionally driving aggressively. A person who had an argument with his spouse; or elderly driver, irritated that someone is constantly honking unnecessarily behind him, may experience situational road rage. (200 words)

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

Do not write single words or sentences but use only meaningful phrases. [5]

Title : \_\_\_\_\_

I : \_\_\_\_\_

II : \_\_\_\_\_

A : \_\_\_\_\_

B : \_\_\_\_\_

B) Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs. [3]



SECTION – B  
(Writing Skills)

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

[3]

Republic Higher Secondary School, Usgao is organizing a lecture tour of a garbage recycling plant situated in North Goa. As the Secretary of the Eco Club of the school draft a suitable notice of the lecture tour giving all the relevant details. Your name is Ashok/Amita Naik. (30 – 40 words).

OR

You are Harish Vardan living next to "Indian Spice" restaurant Verna. You wish to sell your old desk top computer and printer. Draft a suitable classified advertisement giving all the relevant details. Contact Ph. No. 769056422. Email: hvardan@gmail.com (30 – 40 words).

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

[5]

A guest speaker was invited to your school to give a talk on "The Benefits of Yoga for the Modern Student". Write a report of the event for your school magazine. You are Marcus/Muriel Fernandes, the Sports Secretary, of Wisdom Higher Secondary School, Pilar. (70 – 80 words).

OR

Save Goa Foundation's "Beach Cleanliness Drive", undertaken to keep the Goan seashores clean and beautiful was conducted. As staff reporter of a local daily draft a suitable newspaper report of the event. (70 – 80 words).

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

[8]

You have noticed that a number of residential buildings have been constructed close to one another, resulting in insufficient space for play, leisure and recreational activities. Write a letter to the Chairman of the Margao Municipal Council requesting him to consider the building of playgrounds and parks for the benefit of the children and families residing in the area. You are Simon/Serena Williams. Your address : Apartment No. 27, Belsol Apartments, Aquem-Margao. (Use the Full Block format).

OR

Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing your views on steps that can be taken by ordinary citizens to promote communal harmony in the society. You are Ruben/Rahima Vishvas. Your address : House No. 456, Behind Kahila Factory, Fatorda, Goa. (Use the Full Block format).



6. Write an essay of about 200 – 250 words on **any one** of the following topics : [10]
- a) Using a mobile phone responsibly
  - b) If my life were a fairy tale . . .
  - c) Are more industries good for the Goan economy ?
  - d) Saving our polluted planet
  - e) The importance of career guidance in today's world.

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

7. Rewrite **each** of the following sentences according to the instructions given in the brackets : [6]
- a) His resignation was accepted by the board chairman. (Change to Active Voice)
  - b) The tea in the cup is too hot for me to drink. (Remove 'too' and use 'so...that')
  - c) He \_\_\_\_\_ (call) me to his office at 10 a.m. yesterday to update the files but he \_\_\_\_\_ (come) late.  
(To fill in the blanks, select the correct set of alternatives from those provided below) :
    - i) will call, will come
    - ii) called, came
    - iii) had called, had come
    - iv) had called, will come
  - d) He is the most talented batsman of his generation. (Change to the Positive Degree of Comparison)
  - e) As soon as the farmer sowed the seeds it started raining. (Use 'no sooner...than')
  - f) If you submit all the proper documents I can process your papers. (Use 'unless')



SECTION – D

(Textual)

8. A) Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about 10 – 15 words each : [4]
- 1) The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead  
Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts  
At having the landscape marred with the artless paint  
Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong  
a) Name and explain the figure of speech in the fourth line.  
b) What made the polished traffic to be 'out of sorts' ?
- 2) When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie  
Still ringed with the ordeals she was mastered by.  
The tigers in the panel that she made  
Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.  
a) Name and explain the figure of speech in the fourth line.  
b) Who are the tigers unafraid of ?
- B) Answer the following questions in about 25 – 30 words each : [4]
- a) Why are things of beauty worth treasuring according to John Keats ?  
b) What made Pablo Neruda to say that what he wants should not be confused with total inactivity ?
9. Answer any six of the following questions in about 25 – 30 words each : [12]
- a) What made M. Hamel feel that he was responsible for the students not learning their lessons ?  
b) Why did Saheb and his family come to live in India ?  
c) How did the instructor build a swimmer out of William Douglas ?  
d) Why was the Crofter so talkative and friendly with the peddler ?  
e) What were the options Sophie was dreaming of ?  
f) Mention any four of Subbu's abilities that made people to consider him a many-sided genius.  
g) Why did Gandhi agree to a 25 per cent settlement with the farmers ?



10. Answer **any three** of the following questions in about **50 – 60** words : [12]

- a) Imagine you are Sam the psychiatrist and your friend Charley came to you with the story that he had time travelled back into the past to Galesburg and visited it in the year 1894, What advice would you have given Charley ?
  - b) If you were a tiger who had taken the Tiger King before the Animal Rights Commission, how would you have argued your case on behalf of your tiger brothers who were being persecuted and killed by the "Tiger King" ?
  - c) The evils of the caste system have become less prevalent in India today than it was when Bama was a little girl. Elaborate.
  - d) What lessons can we learn from Derry and Mr. Lamb to make our lives richer and more meaningful ?
  - e) It was not Evans's cleverness but a weak prison system that allowed him to escape. Explain.
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