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Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH Language I

(New Text)

Subject code

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Total No. of Questions : 10

(Printed Pages : 15)

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 : 5

Genetic engineering, a specialized branch of science, deals with the alteration and improvement of the genome of organisms, with the help

of sophisticated technology. The advent of genetic engineering has brought about a great revolution in the field of life sciences and medication. However there are certain concomitant social hazards, which have led to controversies on the application of this field. It has offered a great insight in the structure of the DNA and has been used with great effect in medicine, pharmacology, reproductive technology and several other fields. It is true that genetic engineering holds the key in curing many fatal diseases. But it has also been said that an unrestrained, unmonitored practice of this scientific invention can pose a great threat to human society.

Genetic engineering has also played a key role in the production of a whole new lot of sophisticated pharmaceutical products. These are created by cloning certain genes. The human growth hormone, a peptide, can now be extracted from genetically manufactured bacteria. It can be used

to treat those suffering from dwarfism. These genetically manufactured human growth hormones are extremely efficacious in the treatment of skinburns, bone fractures as well as ulcers in the digestive tract.

Genetic engineering has also been effectively used for creating genetically modified crops. Some of the most commonly found genetically modified crops are soyabeans, corn, cotton, seed oil etc. These crops are resilient to attacks by insects or any other herbicides and can combat cold or drought and possess far greater nutritional values as compared to their preceding generations. However, such food can pose great threats on the environment. Ethical and safety concerns have been raised about the use of genetically modified food. A major safety concern relates to the human health implications of eating such food. Ethical concerns involve religious issues, corporate control of the food supply, intellectual property rights and the level of labeling needed on genetically modified products.

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

questions briefly :

(a) What is genetic engineering ? 1

(b) In which fields do we find the use of genetic engineering ? 1

(c) What is the use of the genetically manufactured human growth hormone ? 1

(d) How are genetically modified crops advantageous ? 1

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

(a) controversies

(b) resilient

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

(a) making a copy or replica of the original.

(b) having the power to produce the desired effect.

Read the following article carefully :

Carbon footprint is defined as the amount of carbon dioxide or other carbon compounds emitted into the atmosphere by the activities of an individual, company, country etc. Your carbon footprint is the amount of carbon dioxide equivalent of greenhouse gases you produce directly or indirectly. The direct and indirect carbon emissions are also known as primary and secondary footprints. A primary footprint is a measure of direct CO₂ emissions due to burning fossil fuels and the secondary footprint is produced by every product we use.

Calculating your carbon footprint might be scary as it tells you the consequences of your actions on the environment. But there are ways to offset your carbon footprints. One method is to donate money to NGO's to plant saplings on your behalf in protected areas. Methods like

these might take a lot of dedication but these are small steps that we can take to save our future.

2. (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 sentences. Use only meaningful phrases : 5

Title :

I :

A :

II :

A :

2. (B) Write a brief summary of the above passage using the topic sentences of the paragraphs. 3

(Writing Skills)

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

You are Meenal/Manish Malhotra, the Cultural Secretary of St. George's Higher Secondary School, Chorao. Draft a notice for the school notice board inviting students to participate in a Script writing competition for a one act play. (About 30-40 words)

Or

You are Delilah/Derrick D'souza, proprietor of Sunshine Library, Panjim. You are planning to sell some books at very low prices. Draft a suitable advertisement to be published in the classified columns of 'The Navhind Times' with the necessary details. (about 30-40 words)

You are Prateik/Pranali Naik, the Secretary of the Student's Council of Vidya Mandir Higher Secondary School, Vasco. Your school organised an inter-higher secondary quiz on 'The History of Goa'. Write a report of the event for your school magazine. (About **70-80** words)

Or

You are a staff reporter of 'The Navhind Times'. Write a report of a blast in an industrial shed that led to a fire, causing death and destruction of property in Corlim Industrial Estate. (About **70-80** words)

Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Times of India' expressing your concern about the contamination of drinking water at Selaulim dam due to seepages from mines. You are Nalini/Nitin Sardessai, residing at H.No. 24, Hill View Colony, Sanvordem, Goa. (Use the full block format)

Write a letter to the Controller of Weights and Measures, Department of Weights and Measures, Panjim, complaining about how college canteens charge more than what is printed on packed goods. You are Alda/Aaron D'sa, residing at Bayview Colony, Dona Paula, Panjim Goa. (Use the full block format)

6. Write an essay of about 200-250 words on any *one* of the following : 10
- (a) If you were allowed to be someone else..... .
 - (b) Incentives for sportsmen—Do they actually reach the deserving ?
 - (c) The most difficult task that you have ever done.
 - (d) The relevance of newspapers today.
 - (e) The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page. Elaborate.

Section C

(Grammar)

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

(a) You.....have been an astronaut if you wanted to.

(Insert a suitable modal)

(b) The hurricane demolished the house last night.

(Change the voice)

(c) Jason said to his teacher, "We will do our best in the examination tomorrow".

(Change to indirect Speech)

(d) Very few books in the world are as popular as 'The Alchemist'.

(Change to the superlative degree)

(e) If the monsoons are not normal, there will be a rise in food prices.

(Rewrite using 'unless')

- (f) Yesterday a blue line bus.....(run) over a school boy
who.....(cross) the road.

(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)but soon

put that thought away, and looked out at young

trees sprinting, the merry children spilling out of their

homes

- (a) What made the poet look out ?

- (b) Name and explain the figure of speech in the phrase

'trees sprinting' ?

(ii) When Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie

Still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by.

The tigers in the panel that she made

Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.

(a) What does the phrase 'ringed with ordeals' suggest ?

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

8. (B) Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each :

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(a) What kind of a life did the poet, Stephen Spender want for the children of the slum ?

(b) Why did the cars stop at the roadside stand ?

9. Answer any six of the following questions in about 25-30 words

each :

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- (a) What plans did Douglas make to save himself when he was thrown into the pool ?
- (b) Why did being called a novelist bother Umberto Eco ?
- (c) Seeing the cultural and social backwardness in Champaran, what did Gandhi do about it ?
- (d) What were M. Hamel's views about the French language ?
- (e) What were Sophie's dreams regarding her future in the story 'Going Places' ?
- (f) How was a strict hierarchy maintained in the make-up department ?

(g) Why did Edla still entertain the peddler even after she

knew the truth about him ?

10. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about **40-50** words

each :

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- (a) A person with disabilities suffers more because of alienation than the actual pain or inconvenience of the disability. Express your opinion with reference to the lesson 'On The Face of It'.
- (b) In spite of personal risks, both Dr. Sadao and Hana uphold human values and save Tom's life. What change do you think this experience brought about in Tom's outlook after he left Dr. Sadao ?
- (c) Kalki's 'The Tiger King' is a satire on the pride and unrestrained power and rule of the stubborn Maharaja of Pratibandapuram. Justify it.

(d) Do you agree that Evans had the last laugh in 'Evans Tries An O-Level' ? Give reasons.

(e) 'It's impossible to go anywhere near the South Pole and not be affected by it'. What does 'Journey to the end of the Earth' make us aware of ?