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ENGLISH

(Language & Literature)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

1. *This paper is divided into three sections: A, B and C. All questions are compulsory.*
2. *Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.*
3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

SECTION A

(Reading)

20 marks

1. Read the passage carefully.

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- 1 Scientists across NOAA Fisheries are watching a persistent expanse of exceptionally warm water spanning the Gulf of Alaska that could send reverberation through the Marine Food Web. The warm expanse appeared about a year ago and the longer it lingers, the greater potential it has to affect ocean life from jelly fish to salmon, researchers say.
- 2 “Right now it is super warm all the way across the Pacific to Japan”, said Bill Peterson, an oceanographer with NOAA, who has linked certain ocean indicators to salmon returns.” For scientists it is a very interesting time because when you see something like this that’s totally new. You have opportunities to learn things you were never expecting.
- 3 Not since records began has the region of the North Pacific Ocean been so warm for so long. The warm expanse has been characterized by sea surface temperatures as much as 3°C higher than average, lasting for months, and appears on large-scale temperature maps as a red-orange mass of warm water many hundreds of miles across.
- 4 Indeed, there are three warm zones. The big blob dominating the Gulf of Alaska, a more recent expanse of exceptionally warm water in the Bering Sea and one that emerged off southern California earlier this year. One exception to the warmth is a narrow strip of cold water along the Pacific North –West coast fed by up welling from the deep ocean.
- 5 Warm ocean temperatures favours some species but for instance, sardines and albacore tuna often thrive in warmer conditions. Pacific coast salmon rely on cold water nutrients which they get from narrow margin of cold water along the north-west coast. But, if warmth continues to persist north-west salmon and steelhead could suffer in coming years.
- 6 Research surveys in the Gulf of Alaska this summer came across species such as Pomfret, blueshark and thresher shark often associated with warmer H₂O.
- 7 Our ocean, coasts and estuaries are home to diverse living things. These organisms take many forms, from the tiniest single cell

plankton to the largest animal on earth, the blue whale. Human influences and reliance on these species, as well as changing environment conditions has affected the health and well being of these marine habitats. Toxic spills, oxygen depleted dead zone, Marine debris, increasing ocean temperature, over fishing and shoreline development are daily threat to marine life. Serious steps must be taken to protect these marine animals.

On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, answer the following questions. 1×8 = 8

- (a) Scientists are keeping a vigilant watch on the warm water of Gulf of Alaska to study
- (i) the effect of warm water on sailors
 - (ii) the effect of warm water on the environment
 - (iii) the effect of warm water on marine life
 - (iv) the effect of warm water only on jelly fish
- (b) Ocean indicators have been linked to for studying interesting new things.
- (i) jelly fish (ii) sardines (iii) tuna (iv) salmon
- (c) Continuing of warmth will affect the
- (i) Sardine (ii) hammerhead (iii) steelhead (iv) whale
- (d) Salmon in coastal pacific depend for nutrients available in
- (i) warm water (ii) cold water
 - (iii) salty water (iv) river water
- (e) The strip of cold water is located along the
- (i) pacific north-west coast (ii) Indian coastal line
 - (iii) south-west coast (iv) east-west coast
- (f) Two factors affecting marine life are toxic spills and
- (i) ozone depletion (ii) oxygen depletion
 - (iii) CO₂ depletion (iv) lighter air
- (g) Human beings have not affected the thriving of marine life.
(True/False)
- (h) The word in para 1 which means the same as 'persist' is

2. Read the following passage carefully:

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- 1 Mountains have always been a challenge to the spirit of man and man has always accepted that challenge. The loftier a mountain the greater has been the desire of a man to conquer to climb to its highest peak and to enjoy the thrilled victory. Nearly all the mountains of the world have been conquered by the persistence and perseverance of man. Even Mt Everest cannot now claim to be invulnerable having already been scaled several times. Several expeditions were organised to negotiate this highest mountain peak in the world and more of them have been successful.
- 2 Life offers a multitudinous variety to temperaments. Some people are fascinated by a dangerous enterprise. Danger to them is the very breath of life and they feed on the delight which they experience in overcoming it. Mountaineering appeals to such men because it makes the heaviest demands upon their courage, perseverance and powers of endurance. That it is a dangerous sport cannot be denied. As one climbs higher and higher the air becomes more and more rarefied and therefore breathing becomes more and more difficult. To obviate this some climbers now carry a heavy apparatus from which they can inhale oxygen. The climbers find it really hazardous because at any moment he may stumble or slip and go crashing downwards.
- 3 The unbearable cold at high altitudes is another difficulty which climbers have to face. They are often overtaken by storms and blizzards. It is an ordeal to have to walk through snow in which one sinks to knees.
- 4 The cold is so severe that the climbers' feet, toes and fingers suffer frost bite and become useless. This is a catastrophe. Many lives have been so lost on account of the avalanches. It is, indeed wonderful that many mountain peaks and summits should have been conquered by various climbing expeditions in the face of such a multiplications of dangers and hardships.
- 5 Mountain climbing requisites special knowledge, skill and equipment. Mountain climbers must be in good physical condition and have good judgement. Even many skilled climbers have lost their lives trying to conquer challenging peaks. Mountaineers must know how to use maps as where there are trails they must travel through dense woods as they approach a mountain and cross steep slopes and rock slides above the tree line on the mountains.
- 6 Near the summit of a high peak, the climbers may have to scale steep rock faces and plod over snow fields and glaciers filled with

crevasses. In dangerous areas, climbers rope themselves together in groups of two, three or more persons. Climbers carry packsacks loaded with first aid kit, food and extra clothing for sudden changes in weather. Some climbers prefer felt or rope sold hoes which do not slip on wet rocks. In addition, a climber may carry an ice axe to aid, in keeping his balance to cut step in snow and ice and to stop him from falling.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions in 30-40 words each. 2×4=8

- (a) Why have mountains attracted men?
- (b) What are the difficulties a person may face at high altitude?
- (c) What qualities of a mountaineer can ease the climbing to great heights?
- (d) Mention few dangers at the summit.

2.2. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions: 1×4=4

- (a) Find a word from para 2 which means the same as 'attracted'.
 - (i) delight
 - (ii) fascinated
 - (iii) perseverance
 - (iv) endurance
- (b) Find a word from para 4 which means the same as 'snow slide',
- (c) The antonym of 'lenient' as given in para 4 is
 - (i) suffer
 - (ii) severe
 - (iii) catastrophe
 - (iv) hardships
- (d) Find an antonym of 'dislike' as given in para 6.

SECTION B

(Writing and Grammar)

30 marks

3. You are Rakesh/Rita of B-6/347, Govind Puri, Bhopal. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner complaining about the insanitary conditions of your locality. 8

OR

You are Pushkar/Pushpa of Delhi. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper about non-availability of essential commodities at the fair price shop of your locality.

4. Develop a short story in 150–200 words with the help of the given visual/ starting lines. Give a suitable title to your story.

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Mrs Sahni excitedly left her office early to reach well in time to attend the party of her beloved friend. When she reached all dressed up in glitters to her friend Rekha's house she was aghast to see

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OR

On the basis of the outline given, write a short story in your own words.

Outline: A conjuror pitied a tailor—latter knew only one trade—would be in distress if people should give up clothes—conjuror knew many tricks—so he would never be in a difficulty— famine hits the land— tailor managed to live, for people could not do without clothes—but they had no money to throw away on tricks—conjuror compelled to beg from the tailor.

5. Complete the paragraph given below by filling in the blanks choosing the correct option from those that follow. 1×4=4

Yesterday, a pretty lady from Jaipur (a) to Agra to see the Taj Mahal. She was waiting outside (b) hotel for her husband. Suddenly, out of the blue a young boy of about eleven-year-old came there (c) snatched the purse that she was carrying. She called the police (d) the boy had run away.

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| (a) (i) comes | (ii) came | (iii) went | (iv) come |
| (b) (i) a | (ii) the | (iii) an | (iv) of |
| (c) (i) to | (ii) but | (iii) is | (iv) and |
| (d) (i) and | (ii) is | (iii) but | (iv) to |

6. In the following paragraph, there is one word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the one that comes after it. 1×4=4

	Before	Word	After
(a) Everyone has mental picture
(b) of a volcano. appearance it
(c) looks a cone shaped mountain.
(d) But the top the cone is rather flat and hollow.

7. Read the following conversation between two friends, Rajesh and Rakhi, and complete the paragraph that follows:

1×4=4

Rajesh : Hi, Rakhi, how are you?

Rakhi : Life's pretty dull. I need a job.

Rajesh : What kind of a job you are interested in?

Rakhi : I am interested in Marketing or administrative side. I have six years' experience in an American concern.

Rajesh : Would you mind going to Italy?

Rakhi : I would love to, if you could fix a meeting with the concerned person.

Rajesh on meeting Rakhi asked her how she was. Rakhi replied that life was pretty dull and she needed a job. Rajesh asked (a) job (b) Rakhi told him that (c) He enquired (d) She replied that she would love to, if he could fix a meeting with the concerned person.

SECTION C

(Literature)

30 marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. 1×4=4

Wanda didn't have any friends. She came to school alone and went home alone. She always wore a faded blue dress that didn't hang right. It was clean, but it looked as though it had never been ironed properly. She didn't have any friends, but a lot of girls talked to her. Sometimes, they surrounded her in the school yard as she stood watching the little girls play hopscotch on the worn hard ground.

(a) Wanda comes from Boggins Heights a place where lived.

(i) the English

(ii) the Scottish

(iii) immigrants

(iv) the Germans

(b) Wanda did not have any

(i) friend

(ii) dress

(iii) dog

(iv) brother

(c) Wanda stood watching the little girls play

(d) The word from the extract which means the same as 'draped' is

OR

Stop! This is no time for levity. Don't you realise the seriousness of this discovery? The Earthlings have discovered how to combine agriculture and mining. They can actually grow crops of rare metals such as silver. And cockle shells. They can grow high explosives, too. Noodle, contact our invasion fleet.

- (a) Who is the speaker here?
- (i) Oop (ii) Earthlings
(iii) Noodle (iv) Think-Tank
- (b) What kind of crops can Earthlings grow?
- (i) Rice (ii) Wheat
(iii) rare metals and explosives (iv) Maize
- (c) The Earthlings have discovered how to combine
- (d) The word similar in meaning to 'behaviour that shows a lack of respect' is

9. Answer any five of the following questions in 30–40 words each. 2×5=10

- (a) Why did the same Generals saluted Mandela who would have arrested him not so many years ago?
- (b) What do you know about Anne Frank's family?
- (c) What did Buddha want Kisa Gotami to understand?
- (d) Dr Herriot was a sensible, practical and clever person. Justify.
- (e) What other interests did Richard Ebright harbour?
- (f) Why does Oxen Meadows become a bone of contention between the families of Lomov's and Chubukov's?

10. Attempt the following long answer question in 100-150 words. 8

Compare and contrast the character sketch of Lencho the farmer and the postmaster.

OR

Give two theories that describe the possible descents of the people of Coorg.

11. Attempt the following long answer type question in 100–150 words. 8

How did the lady in red out manoeuvred Horace Danby?

OR

The false necklace ruined the Loisels' life. Elaborate.