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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 Maharana Pratap is often considered to be 'India's first freedom fighter,' as he did not surrender to the Mughal armies led by Akbar. A number of television shows have been made on the life and achievements of Maharana Pratap.
- 2 A historic site dedicated to Maharana Pratap, Maharana Pratap Memorial, is situated at the top of Moti Magri, Pearl Hill in Udaipur. It was built by Maharana Bhagwat Singh of Mewar and showcases a life-sized bronze statue of the gallant warrior riding his horse 'Chetak'.
- 3 Maharana Pratap was a renowned Rajput Warrior and a king of Mewar, Rajasthan, in north-western India. One of the greatest Rajput warriors, he is recognized for resisting the attempts of the Mughal ruler Akbar to conquer his territory. Unlike the other neighbouring Rajput rulers, Maharana Pratap repeatedly refused to submit to the mighty Mughals and continued fighting courageously till his last breath. A symbol of Rajput gallantry, diligence and valour, he was the only Rajput warrior to take on the might of Akbar, the Mughal Emperor. For all his courage, sacrifice and fiercely independent spirit, he is honoured as a hero in Rajasthan.
- 4 Maharana Pratap was born on May 9, 1540, in Kumbhalgarh Fort to Jaiwanta Bai and Uday Singh II. He had three younger brothers and two stepsisters. His father, Udai Singh II, was the king of Mewar and his capital was Chittor.
- 5 In 1567, The Mughal forces surrounded Mewar's capital, Chittor. Instead of fighting with the Mughal forces, Udai Singh left the capital and shifted his family to Gogunda. Though Pratap resisted this decision and insisted on staying back, but the elders were able to convince him that leaving the place was the right decision. A temporary government of the kingdom of Mewar was set up by Udai Singh and his courtiers in Gogunda.
- 6 In 1572, after the demise of Udai Singh, Rani Dheer Bai insisted that Udai Singh's eldest son, Jagmal, should be crowned as the king, but the senior courtiers felt that Pratap was a better choice to handle the prevailing situation. This is how Pratap succeeded his father to the throne.

- 7 When Pratap succeeded his father to the throne, his brother Jagmal Singh, who was nominated as the Crown Prince by Udai Singh swore revenge and joined the Mughal army. The Mughal king Akbar rewarded him with the town of Jahazpur for the help he rendered.
- 8 When the Rajputs left Chittor, Mughals took control of the place, but their attempts to annex the kingdom of Mewar remained unsuccessful. A number of envoys were sent by Akbar who tried to negotiate with Pratap to strike an alliance, but that did not work. Six diplomatic missions were sent by Akbar in 1573 but were turned down by Maharana Pratap. The last of these missions was lead by Akbar's brother-in-law Raja Man Singh. When the efforts of signing a peace treaty failed, Akbar made up his mind to face the mighty Mughal army.
- 9 The great warrior left for the heavenly abode on 29 January, 1597, at the age of 56, as a result of injuries sustained during his incessant struggle against the Mughal Empire. His eldest son, Amar Singh I, succeeded him to the throne of Mewar.

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

- (a) Maharana Pratap is known as India's first freedom fighter because .....
  - (i) a historic site is dedicated to him
  - (ii) a number of television shows reflect his achievements
  - (iii) he did not bend before Mughal armies led by Akbar
  - (iv) he defeated the Mughal armies led by Akbar
- (b) Gallant warrior is referred to .....
  - (i) Akbar
  - (ii) Maharana Pratap
  - (iii) Chetak
  - (iv) both (i) and (ii)
- (c) Maharana Pratap ..... to the Mughal armies.
  - (i) surrender
  - (ii) did not surrender
  - (iii) gave taxes
  - (iv) none of these
- (d) Udai Singh ..... with the Mughals.
  - (i) gallantly fought
  - (ii) did not fight
  - (iii) welcomed
  - (iv) defected
- (e) Pratap was unanimously chosen as the leader by .....
  - (i) the people of Mewar
  - (ii) senior courtiers
  - (iii) Akbar
  - (iv) Uday Singh

- (f) Envoys were the agents of ..... to strike an alliance.  
(i) Rana Pratap (ii) Uday Singh  
(iii) Rajputs (iv) Akbar
- (g) Gogunda was the family home of runaway Udai Singh. (True/False)
- (h) The word from the passage which is similar to 'persuade' is .....

2. Read the following passage carefully:

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- 1 It's that time of the year again. As August turns to September, the annual 10-day festival of Ganpati is about to begin. With the fading of the monsoon, the time of festivals begins again all over the country. Public spectacles of festivity will include music—both devotional and filmy—blaring on loudspeakers, in order to take on the impossible task of ensuring that the Gods will physically be able to hear them through the clouds. Entourages purporting to be religious will include groups of aggressive men, disrupting normal life on the roads. Such and other public outpourings of devotion and joy will ensure that traffic stalls, and the loud honking that ensues joins the chorus for the attention of the Almighty.
- 2 The public spectacle of Ganpati in Mumbai that will begin on September 2 was conceived as a resistance movement against the British, pioneered by Bal Gangadhar Tilak. Today, it is a massive enterprise, with huge pandals, large corporate sponsors, and those ubiquitous loudspeakers. The spectacle will repeat itself during Navaratri and Durga Puja, and North India has already seen the journey of hundreds of Kanwariyas, on foot and in various transport vehicles, travelling to fetch water from the Ganga. Such events are a great testament to the idea of public celebrations of a festival, to encourage even those who cannot afford to have elaborate festivities at home to take part in them.
- 3 But it is time to step back and perhaps dial down a bit on the scale of such spectacles. Enough has been written on the need for environment-friendly idols and to reduce the use of firecrackers. Add to that the unrelenting noise of the loudspeakers and the traffic disruptions, and it no longer feels like a celebration.
- 4 It is time to consider the lives of those in emergency vehicles stuck in traffic, people who may be sensitive to noise, or even those whose work timings make it impossible to get some much-needed shut eye while the festival blares on outside. A public festival is a grand

event, and can be a much-needed break from the mundane. But as responsible citizens, we must ensure that they stay within the bounds of respect for our fellow citizens. While there are rules to govern noise and air pollution, we know from experience that hardly, if ever, are these rules enforced or followed. Perhaps this year, we can all pledge to reduce the decibel levels and amount of public disturbance that our festivals cause.

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

- (a) What seasonal changes herald the festival of Ganpati?
- (b) What do people do to ensure that Ganpati notices them?
- (c) What is the history of Ganpati festival?
- (d) What are our duties as responsible citizens?

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 1 which means the same as 'upsetting'.
  - (i) aggressive
  - (ii) honking
  - (iii) disrupting
  - (iv) entourages
- (b) Find a word from para 2 which is antonym of 'overlook'.
  - (i) conceived
  - (ii) pioneered
  - (iii) massive
  - (iv) ubiquitous
- (c) The synonym of 'festivity' as given in para 3 is .....
- (d) The antonym of 'spiritual' as given in para 4 is .....

## SECTION B

(Writing and Grammar)

30 marks

3. Write a letter to the Manager, 'Burger King', requesting him to supply 155 burgers and soft drinks for your students who would be travelling by Delux bus to Nainital and would be passing the joint at 6 p.m. on 25 August 20XX. Mention bus No. and other relevant details. You are Rakhi/Ritesh, co-ordinator of the excursion party of St. Margaret School, Pitampura, Delhi. 8

OR

You are Drishti/Deepak of C-220, Sector 8 Rohini, Delhi. You feel much concerned over the widespread terrorism not only in India but throughout the world. Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Herald' on it and suggest ways to overcome it.

4. Having faith in others takes a lot of courage. Write a story for your school magazine titled 'Believing in People' using the information given below along with your own imagination.

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**Outline:** A cruel king proclaimed he would waive off the debts of the people.....meet him at appointed hour.....No one approached ..... since king was earlier cruel.....punished people for no reason.....an old woman approached.....met king.....King happily waived off her debts.....all people shocked.....One must give a chance for people to improve themselves.

**OR**

Write a short story in about 150-200 words on the basis of the beginning lines provided.

Sheetal walked fast. It was getting dark. She then realised that not only she had lost her way but .....

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

Wild animals are abundant (a) ..... the African jungles. It (b) ..... home to nearly 800 identified species. Many animals are beautifully coloured and small (c) ..... some are as big as saucers. Rajesh a wildlife activist find solace in seeing them in their natural environment. Even I love (d) ..... wild animals in jungle.

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|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| (a) (i) at    | (ii) in      | (iii) over     | (iv) on      |
| (b) (i) am    | (ii) are     | (iii) was      | (iv) is      |
| (c) (i) while | (ii) when    | (iii) where    | (iv) whose   |
| (d) (i) watch | (ii) watched | (iii) watching | (iv) watches |

6. The following paragraph 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 blank number. 1×4=4

	<b>Incorrect</b>	<b>Correct</b>
After all a painter's labours had came	came	come
(a) to a end. He sat back, wiped	.....	.....
(b) the perspiration of his face and surveyed	.....	.....
(c) his handiwork in great satisfaction. As he	.....	.....
(d) looking on, he was overwhelmed by the image.	.....	.....

7. Rearrange the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences. 1×4=4
- (a) to work / today / of a family / the / bread earners / machines / have / like
  - (b) small pleasures / demands / deprived / have / them / of
  - (c) no time / pace / today / the / leaves / leisure / for / rapid
  - (d) immersed / time / are / so / in / against / racing / they

**SECTION C**

**(Literature)**

**30 marks**

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

I checked the map and the compass, switched over to my second and last fuel tank, and turned the Dakota twelve degrees west towards England. 'I'll be in time for breakfast!' I thought. A good big English breakfast! Everything was going well—it was an easy flight.

- (a) The narrator was heading towards .....
  - (i) England      (ii) Paris      (iii) America      (iv) Germany
- (b) He wanted to have breakfast with his .....
  - (i) brothers in Paris                      (ii) uncles
  - (iii) family in England                      (iv) neighbours
- (c) He switched over to .....
- (d) The word from the extract which is similar in meaning to 'surveyed' is .....

**OR**

A small dog was lying in the kitchen. It stirred, made a noise, and moved its tail in a friendly way.

"All right, Sherry," Horace said as he passed. All you had to do to keep dogs quiet was to call them by their right names, and show them love.

- (a) What was the name of the dog?
  - (i) Bruno      (ii) Sherry      (iii) Jupiter      (iv) Caesar
- (b) Where was the dog?
  - (i) in bedroom                              (ii) in drawing room
  - (iii) in kitchen                              (iv) in the hall
- (c) All you had to do to keep dogs quiet was to call them .....
- (d) The word from the extract which is similar in meaning to 'agitated' is .....

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

- (a) What opinion does Mandela hold about the oppressor?
- (b) What was the effect of upbraiding and threatening on the seagull?
- (c) Describe the possible descent of the people of Coorg?
- (d) Why is the Walt Whitman so much impressed with animals?
- (e) How does Hari Singh justify himself to rob Anil?
- (f) Why was the narrator not worried about his failure and considered returning base to New Mullion to practice law?

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

Anne Frank was far more intelligent, mature and witty than her age. Comment.

**OR**

Compare and contrast the two friends Peggy and Maddie.

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

Describe Griffin's encounter with the village constable Jaffers. Why were people wary about Griffin?

**OR**

What is the role of Madam Forestier in the story 'The Necklace'?