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SECTION A
Reading Skills

(22 marks)

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2. Read the following passage carefully :

- (1) Without specialised equipment, humans would be lost in these deep-sea habitats, so how do fish make it seem so easy ? Much of this is due to a biological phenomenon known as electroreception — the ability to perceive and act upon electrical stimuli as part of the overall senses. This ability is only found in aquatic and amphibious species because water is an efficient conductor of electricity.
- (2) One fascinating use of electroreception has been observed between the weakly electric fish. When two such electric fish meet in the ocean using the same frequency, each fish will then shift the frequency of its discharge so that they are transmitting on different frequencies. Doing so prevents their electroreception faculties from becoming jammed.
- (3) Electroreception can also play an important role in animal defences. Rays are one such example. Young ray embryos develop inside egg cases that are attached to the sea bed. The embryos keep their tails in constant motion to pump water and allow them to breathe through the egg's casing. If the embryo's electroreceptors detect the presence of a predatory fish in the vicinity, however, the embryo stops moving (and in doing so, ceases transmitting electric currents) until the predator has moved on.
- (4) Many people fear swimming in the ocean because of sharks. Sharks hunt with extraordinary precision. They initially lock on to their prey through a keen sense of smell. As the shark reaches in proximity of its prey, it tunes into electrical signals that ensure a precise strike on its target; this sense is so strong that the shark even attacks blind by letting its eyes recede for protection. In areas where shark attacks on



humans are likely to occur, scientists are exploring ways to create artificial electroreceptors. These would disorient the sharks and repel them from swimming beaches.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Infer the advantage that aquatic or amphibious species have over human beings. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) A possible use for electroreception that will benefit humans is to : 1
- (A) use water as it is an efficient conductor of electricity.
- (B) act on electrical stimuli.
- (C) change electrical frequency to prevent it from being jammed.
- (D) jam electrical frequencies.
- (iii) Explain in about 40 words the use of electroreception between the weakly electric fish. 2
- (iv) Identify a young ray embryo from the following : 1
- (A) It fears electric signals.
- (B) It keeps its tail in constant motion.
- (C) It stations itself on land.
- (D) It disorients sharks.
- (v) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- A shark hunts with accuracy because _____.
- (vi) Why does a shark recede its eyes when it attacks ? 1



- (vii) In areas where shark attacks on humans are likely to occur, scientists : 1
- (A) suggest putting barriers.
 - (B) are exploring ways to create artificial electroreceptors.
 - (C) suggest blinding them.
 - (D) are exploring ways to warn swimmers.
- (viii) State *True* or *False*. 1
- The title – ‘Understanding Electroreception and its Uses is Significant for Human Beings’ is appropriate for this passage.

SECTION B
Creative Writing Skills **(18 marks)**

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. 4
- (a) You are Geeta/Gautam, the Head girl/Head boy of Blossom Public School, Khushipur. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of classes XI and XII about an inter-class debate competition to be held in the school in the first week of August. Invite applications for the same. Invent necessary details.

OR

- (b) You are the Secretary of Richi Van Society, Joynagar. Draft a notice for the society notice board, informing residents about a blood donation camp to be held in the society. Invent necessary details.



4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words.

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- (a) You are the Student Head, Cultural Affairs at K.M Public School Roopshahar. Your school is organizing a two-week art and craft summer camp for the 10 – 14 year-olds. Create an invitation card, inviting renowned artist, Madhavan to inaugurate the exhibition-cum-sale of the products made during the camp. Invent necessary details.

OR

- (b) You have received an invitation from Lucky Club, Shamnagar to be Chief Guest at a seminar on ‘Fundamental Rights of Children’. You are unable to attend the same. Write a letter stating your inability to attend and cite your reason for the same. Remember to wish them success for the event. You are Rohini/Rohit.

5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

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- (a) You are a fresh postgraduate in mathematics from a reputed university. You saw the given advertisement in a newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. You are Sonali/Sohan. Write an appropriate reply, along with your bio-data, expressing your interest in the advertised post.

	Solace Public School
	Requires TGT MATH
Qualifications :	MA Math, B.Ed. Minimum 2 years experience
Job Profile :	Taking remedial classes Mentoring students for competitive exams Teaching classes 6 – 10 Organizing co-curricular activities
Salary :	As per merit and school policy
	Apply within a week to Principal, Solace Public School, 5 Mayaganj, Panipur.

OR



- (b) The RWA of your colony organized a garbage disposal scheme at a nominal payment. Residents were requested to separate the garbage before placing it for pickup. However, the residents continue to remain indifferent. As a concerned resident, write a letter to the editor of your neighbourhood newsletter sharing your concern. You may use the given cues along with your ideas to compose the letter. You are Namita/Naman.

- garbage disposal — a civic responsibility
- ensure cleanliness in surroundings
- segregate garbage
- make community compost pits
- spread awareness of green practices
- educate residents about the importance of separating recyclables, biodegradable waste and non-recyclables.

6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

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- (a) Nowadays, most families travel during vacations. They forget that with pleasure comes responsibility. Write an article for a national daily on ‘Travel – A Civic Responsibility’. You are Bela/Bhushan. You may use the given cues with your own ideas to compose the article.

- choose destination with care
- respect local culture and customs
- shop and eat locally
- minimize your waste
- do ethical photography

OR



- (b) The mushrooming of fast-food outlets is creating a health hazard for the youth. School-going children are adopting unhealthy eating habits. Your school organized a 'Let's Eat Healthy Week.' As student editor of the school magazine, write a report on the event. You are Tripti/Tushar. You may use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose the report. Invent necessary details.

- workshop on healthy eating by a renowned nutritionist
- poster making competition
- growing microgreens workshop
- healthy cooking – simple recipes
- curating school canteen menu competition
- one act plays on effects of fast food

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

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- (a) I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realized with
pain
that she was as old as she
looked but soon
put that thought away, and
looked out at Young
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling
out of their homes.

(My Mother at Sixty-six)

- (i) The phrase 'ashen like that of a corpse' gives the impression that the mother is
- (A) frustrated (B) depressed
(C) dead (D) weak

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- (ii) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False* with reference to the extract. 1
“The mother was suffering from some fatal disease.”
- (iii) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ? 1
(A) Life is short and one must enjoy it
(B) Ageing and Mortality
(C) Sleeping and Playing
(D) Art of Parenting
- (iv) Pick the option in which the word ‘spilling’ is used in the same sense as in the extract. 1
(A) Rahul was responsible for spilling the beans by telling everyone the secret.
(B) He opened the bag, spilling all its contents on the table.
(C) Try to keep that crowd from spilling onto the main street.
(D) The cat spilled all the milk.
- (v) The phrases ‘Young Trees sprinting’ and ‘merry children spilling’ represent : 1
(A) Youth
(B) Old age
(C) Disease
(D) Travel
- (vi) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
‘She was as old as she looked.’
The repetition of the word ‘as’ suggests that _____.

OR

- (b) What I want should not be confused with total inactivity.
Life is what it is about;
I want no truck with death.
If we were not so single-minded about keeping our lives moving, and for once could do nothing, perhaps a huge silence might interrupt this sadness of never understanding ourselves and of threatening ourselves with death.

(Keeping Quiet)



- (i) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ? 1
- (A) Silence alleviates sadness of our life.
(B) Life and death are part of our existence.
(C) We must keep our lives moving.
(D) Life is stressful and monotonous.
- (ii) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False*, with reference to the extract. 1
- The poet feels that quiet productivity in place of all activities is desirable.
- (iii) The sadness being referred to (line 9) is due to : 1
- (A) failure to understand ourselves.
(B) failure to understand others.
(C) loss of peers in life.
(D) inability to achieve what we desire.
- (iv) The poem has been written from the point of view of a/an : 1
- (A) environmentalist.
(B) feminist.
(C) social activist.
(D) linguist.
- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme, which of the following does **not** rhyme with line 1 ? 1
- (A) cruised
(B) complaint
(C) mused
(D) bruised
- (vi) Complete the sentence appropriately.
In 'Life is what it is about', the poet is talking about _____. 1



8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

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(a) To make sure, I walked over to a newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was *The World*; and *The World* hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public Library files, and it was printed June 11, 1894.

I turned toward the ticket window knowing that here — on the third level at Grand Central — I could buy tickets that would take Louisa and me anywhere in the United States we wanted to go.

(The Third Level)

- (i) Why does the narrator resort to wishful day-dreaming and want to travel back in time ? 1
- (ii) The year 1894 holds so much importance because _____. 1
- (iii) *The World*, the news about President Cleveland — what do they hint at ? 1
- (A) The narrator used to like reading the newspaper.
- (B) The narrator fantasises about past events.
- (C) The narrator wants to escape to a world that was unaffected by the two World Wars.
- (D) The narrator tends to forget things.
- (iv) Give one reason why the writing style of the extract can be called autobiographical. 1

OR



(b) But at this moment the door opened and she looked out, a dark-blue woollen haori over her kimono. ... He had met Hana in America, but he had waited to fall in love with her until he was sure she was Japanese. His father would never have received her unless she had been pure in her race.

(The Enemy)

- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
Hana was attired in _____.
- (ii) With reference to the above, how will you describe Dr. Sadao as a son ? 1
(A) indifferent
(B) obedient
(C) defiant
(D) practical
- (iii) What is 'this moment' all about ? 1
It is a moment of :
(A) emotional turmoil.
(B) tranquility.
(C) agitation.
(D) conflict.
- (iv) From the extract, what can you infer about Dr. Sadao and Hana's relationship ? 1



9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

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(a) For a moment I thought of running away and spending the day out of doors. It was so warm, so bright! The birds were chirping at the edge of the woods; and in the open field back of the sawmill the Prussian soldiers were drilling. It was all much more tempting than the rule for participles, but I had the strength to resist, and hurried off to school.

(The Last Lesson)

- (i) List two sensory details present in the extract. 1
- (ii) Why is the narrator tempted to spend the day out of doors? 1
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
I hurried off to school resisting _____.
- (iv) Why does the narrator want to bunk school? 1
(A) He doesn't like the teachers.
(B) He doesn't like his classmates.
(C) He wasn't prepared for the test on participles.
(D) He had forgotten to complete his homework.
- (v) Which trait of the protagonist is revealed in the sentence 'I had the strength to resist'? 1
(A) sincerity (B) determination
(C) bravery (D) kindness
- (vi) Which of the following headlines best suggests the central idea of the extract? 1
(A) The Drilling of Prussian Soldiers
(B) The Rule of Participles
(C) Strength to Resist
(D) Out of Doors

OR



(b) My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days.

(Deep Water)

- (i) Identify the phrase from the given extract that bears evidence to the fact that the narrator's association with 'childish fears' was not a recent one. 1
- (ii) How does the writer try to learn it ? Mention any two ways. 1
- (iii) What did the Y.M.C.A. pool bring back to Douglas ? 1
- (A) Unpleasant memories
(B) Memory of a boat
(C) Meeting a bruiser of a boy
(D) Memory of his visit to the Yakima River
- (iv) The two emotions of Douglas mentioned in the given extract are _____ and _____. 1
- (v) Why did Douglas ape the other boys ? 1
- (vi) The writing style of the extract is autobiographical because _____ . 1

10. Answer any **five** of the following six questions in 40 – 50 words each : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) In spite of the conditions prevailing in Seemapuri, children like Saheb and Mukesh are not devoid of hope. How far do you agree ?
(Lost Spring)
- (ii) Why did Gandhi say : "Freedom from fear is more important than legal justice for the poor" ?
(Indigo)
- (iii) Stephen Spender's visit to the Gemini Studios was viewed as an unexplained mystery by the Gemini family. How did Asokamitran solve this mystery years later ?
(Poets and Pancakes)



- (iv) What do you understand by “interstices” ? How does Umberto Eco utilize his interstices ? (The Interview)
- (v) Explain how “The tigers in the panel Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.” (Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers)
- (vi) ‘Resignation was no sudden thing.’ What is the implication of this remark in the context of Sophie’s character ? (Going Places)

11. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) What were the two ‘amazing’ things of the royal infant ? (The Tiger King)
- (ii) What are Geoff Green’s reasons for including high school students in the ‘Students on Ice’ expedition ? (Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (iii) Why does Derry not like being with people ? (On The Face Of It)

12. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) How do imagery and symbolism in the poems “Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers” and “My Mother at Sixty-six” offer insights into relationships ? Write a diary entry expressing your thoughts. You may begin this way :

I read the two poems today and ...

OR

- (b) Contrast the theme of nature in the poems “A Thing of Beauty” and “A Roadside Stand”. Write down your views by analysing the poems.

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As I have analysed the two texts ...

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- (a) Physically impaired people have to suffer pain and a sense of alienation due to the behaviour of the people around them. It's ironical that people who should be treated with empathy are either avoided or pitied. Discuss.

(On The Face Of It)

OR

- (b) In the two stories of Bama and Zitkala-Sa in the lesson of “Memories of Childhood” there are certain similarities of strength in the face of social challenges. Write a diary entry sharing your observations.

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- (2) These surveys also revealed that family support is an important source of contentment for young people across countries. In Europe, 59% of respondents said that their families were a major source of happiness; in France this figure was 67%, and 63% in Germany. In North America, 64% rated family as an important factor for well-being in Canada, while 61% did so in the United States. Similarly, 89% of survey respondents in India named family support as a major contributor to their overall contentment level.
- (3) It is clear that stress has a significant impact on the happiness of today's youth. The findings suggest that young people need better resources to manage their mental health and well-being. This may include access to counselling services, mindfulness activities and support groups to help them cope with challenging circumstances. It is also important to provide financial support so as to reduce some of the economic pressures.
- (4) In India, 65% of youth surveyed reported feeling anxious about their academic performance or workload, while 25% felt lonely. These figures are especially significant given how important family support is for young people's overall contentment.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) What are the two findings that the survey mentioned in paragraph 1 reveals ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) Explain in about 40 words the statement "It is also important to provide financial support so as to reduce some of the economic pressures." 2



(iii) Elaborate giving data, the statement “Stress has a significant impact on the happiness of today’s youth.” 1

(iv) Which of the following factors, with reference to the given passage, does **not** play a substantial role in the well-being of Indian youth ? 1

- (A) Family support and strong ties
- (B) Social connection and technology
- (C) Books and literature
- (D) Economic stability

(v) State whether *True* or *False*, with reference to the given passage :

It is not necessary to provide financial support to the youth as only academic performance plays an upper hand in deciding the stress level. 1

(vi) What are the top choices which are of maximum value to today’s youth ? 1

- I. Collectivism
- II. Social media
- III. Individualistic society
- IV. Family ties

Options :

- (A) I and II
- (B) II and III
- (C) I and IV
- (D) II and IV



(vii) The mental health of today's youth can be managed by resources like _____ and _____. 1

(viii) Write the following sources that provide happiness to today's youth in descending order : 1

- (a) purposefulness
- (b) financial status
- (c) family support
- (d) stress

SECTION B

Creative Writing Skills

(18 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. 4

(a) Write a notice for the school notice board requesting Class 8 students to participate in the Earth Day celebrations by each bringing a sapling to school for the Tree Plantation Drive in school. Invent necessary details. You are Radha/Rahul, President of the Eco Club, Shakti School.

OR

(b) Write a notice informing the residents about the limited water supply on the 7th and 8th of April, 2024 due to annual maintenance. Inform them of the availability of tankers at a subsidised cost in case of an emergency. You are Meera/Mohan, Secretary of Uphill Society, Anand Nagar.



4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words.

4

- (a) You are Arushi/Anand, Secretary of the Fashion Design Club in your school. Create a formal letter of invitation, inviting renowned designer Piyush Bahl as chief guest to the fashion show, conceptualized and choreographed by the students themselves. Invent necessary details.

OR

- (b) You have been invited to the grand opening of your neighbour, Ms. Latha's new restaurant. Write a letter of acceptance and congratulate her expressing your support for their business venture. You are Shruti/Sharad.

5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

5

- (a) You are Simran/Sukhbir, a fresh graduate from the Summit College of Education, Divyabagh. You saw an advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter to the Director, Maavile Public School, Khushi Nagar. Share your bio-data, expressing your interest in the advertised post.

MAAVILE PUBLIC SCHOOL, KHUSHI NAGAR

REQUIRES

A qualified physics teacher for middle and secondary school

– Job description –

- Teach in an engaging, stimulating manner
- Supervise lab activities
- Provide extra support to weak students

OR



(b) The early identification of talent has become increasingly important to attain an international status in different sports. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily to highlight the need to tap the sports talent at a young age by the sports coaches so that it does not go unrecognized. You are Amit/ Amita, 78-B, Inderpuri, Jai Nagar. You may use the following cues along with your ideas.

- coaches are talent scouts
- create opportunities for underprivileged
- groom development – strength building and technique practising
- encourage structured participation in sports tournaments
- motivate sportsmen and sportswomen
- create a larger pool of sportspersons
- more opportunities for more athletes

6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

5

(a) Social media today has become an unavoidable element in the lives of people. You are concerned when you see young people spending increasing number of hours on free platforms and chat rooms. Write an article highlighting the consequences of 'Fear of Missing Out' addiction. You may use the following cues along with your ideas. You are Radhu/ Rakesh.

<u>Social Media</u>	
<i>Advantages</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• connectivity• information and updates• stress reliever	<i>Disadvantages</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• affects socio-emotional connection• invades privacy• causes distress• cyber bullying• distracting• peer pressure
<i>Suggestions</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– set reasonable timings– encourage face-to-face interaction	

OR



- (b) The RWA (Resident Welfare Association), Medipur, launched a 'Clean the Park Drive' engaging the colony children in responsible activities. As Rita/Rahul, the local correspondent of the neighbourhood newsletter, write a report covering this event. Support your ideas with the outline cues given below. Invent necessary details.

Activities

- picked up litter
- made posters
- put up street play on "Keep your environment clean"

Purpose

- children engagement and responsibility
- create awareness of community service
- awareness of cleanliness and its importance
- respect for the environment and nature



SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

6

(a) Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)

(i) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ?

1

(A) The maturity of adulthood

(B) The glory of femininity

(C) Victim of male domination

(D) The superficial beauty

(ii) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False*, with reference to the extract.

1

Aunt Jennifer is nervous and traumatized because of the constraints of her marriage.

(iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately :

1

The fingers fluttering through her wool symbolize _____.

(iv) The use of the words "massive weight" creates a powerful image of _____.

1



- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme in lines 3 and 4, which word would rhyme with 'band' and 'hand' ? 1
- (A) stand
(B) wind
(C) bent
(D) tent
- (vi) The heavy wedding ring is a source of : 1
- (A) joy.
(B) freedom.
(C) dignity.
(D) burden.

OR

- (b) Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er-darkened ways
Made for our searching :

(A Thing of Beauty)

- (i) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ? 1
- (A) The beautiful things in nature
(B) Things that cause unhappiness
(C) The immortality of human beings
(D) The early morning fragrance of flowers
- (ii) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False*, with reference to the extract. 1
- The paths we follow are often not worthy of our noble nature.



- (iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately : 1
‘We wreath for ourselves a flowery band every morrow
because _____.
- (iv) The use of the word ‘dearth’ creates a powerful image
of _____ . 1
- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme in lines 4 and 5, which of the
following word will rhyme with ‘days’ and ‘ways’ ? 1
(A) craze
(B) pays
(C) haste
(D) waste
- (vi) The lack of punctuation at the end of line 3 in the extract is to : 1
(A) create a sense of continuity and flow that connects it with
the fourth line.
(B) encourage the reader to understand grammar.
(C) forewarn the reader of gloomy days ahead.
(D) keep us connected to this earth.

8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the
given two, (a) or (b) : 4

(a) “If I am able, are you ?” Sadao asked.

“No,” Hana said, “But if you can do it alone...”

Sadao hesitated again. “The strange thing is,” he said, “that if the
man were whole, I could turn him over to the police without difficulty.

I care nothing for him. He is my enemy. All Americans are my enemy.

And he is only a common fellow. You see how foolish his face is. But
since he is wounded...”

(The Enemy)



- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
The dilemma faced by the couple was _____.
- (ii) What does Hana ask Dr. Sadao to do alone ? 1
(A) Treat the wounded soldier
(B) Give him shelter in the outhouse
(C) Throw him back into the sea
(D) Hand him over to the authorities
- (iii) Explain the expression : “if the man were whole”. 1
- (iv) Dr. Sadao says, “All Americans are my enemy.” What character trait of Dr. Sadao does it reflect ? 1

OR

(b) Derry : I'd not come to steal anything.

Mr. Lamb : No, no. The young lads steal....scrump the apples.
You're not so young.

Derry : I just....wanted to come in. Into the garden.

Mr. Lamb : So you did. Here we are, then.

Derry : You don't know who I am.

Mr. Lamb : A boy. Thirteen or so.

Derry : Fourteen. [Pause] But I've got to go now. Good-bye.

Mr. Lamb : Nothing to be afraid of. Just a garden. Just me.

Derry : But I'm not....I'm not afraid. [Pause] People are afraid
of me.

(On the Face Of It)

- (i) Why does Mr. Lamb feel that Derry has not come to steal ? 1
- (ii) Cite instances from the extract which show that Mr. Lamb is trying to put Derry at ease. 1



- (iii) Choose the correct statement : 1
- (A) Derry entered the garden as he was fascinated by the bees.
- (B) Derry came to meet Mr. Lamb.
- (C) They were well acquainted with each other.
- (D) Derry entered as he wanted to see the garden.
- (iv) People are afraid of Derry because _____ . 1

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) : 6

(a) “Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child it is even more.”

(Lost Spring)

- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately.
Children become partners in survival suggests that _____ . 1
- (ii) Rag-picking has acquired the proportion of a fine art means : 1
- (A) artistic bend of mind is required.
- (B) it has proportionately displaced art.
- (C) it has become a highly skilful activity.
- (D) it has discovered pieces of art.



- (iii) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False* with reference to the extract. 1
The children and their parents have left Dhaka to live in Seemapuri.
- (iv) Why does the author say ‘survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking’ ? 1
- (v) What does the phrase “for a child it is even more” reveal about the children’s dreams ? 1
- (vi) Which of the following headlines suggests the central idea of the extract ? 1
- (A) Seemapuri, A Pot of Gold
(B) Rag-picking – Different Perspectives
(C) Art in Delhi and in Seemapuri
(D) Saheb-e-Alam in Seemapuri

OR

- (b) This settlement was adopted unanimously by the commission. Gandhi explained that the amount of the refund was less important than the fact that the landlords had been obliged to surrender part of the money and, with it, part of their prestige. Therefore, as far as the peasants were concerned, the planters had behaved as lords above the law. Now the peasant saw that he had rights and defenders. He learned courage.

(Indigo)

- (i) What was Gandhi’s purpose in agreeing to the settlement, even at a lesser amount ? 1
- (ii) Complete the sentence with one word : 1
The commission agreed by common consent, or in other words, they agreed to the settlement _____.
- (iii) Explain the impact on the landlords as a result of the settlement. 1



- (iv) Based on the content provided in the extract, select the most likely option about the behaviour of the landlords. 1
- (A) The landlords were sorry for their behaviour.
- (B) The landlords were obstinate and refused Gandhi's suggestion.
- (C) The landlords had to refund the money.
- (D) The landlords and the planters became partners in the Indigo plantation.
- (v) What did the peasants realize from the Champaran incident ? 1
- (vi) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- The phrase 'lords above the law' suggests that _____.

10. Answer any **five** of the following six questions in 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (i) Why were the villagers seated in the back benches ?
(The Last Lesson)
- (ii) Explain the sentence "an army of barefoot boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon."
(Lost Spring)
- (iii) The lesson "The Rattrap" is both entertaining and philosophical. Do you agree with the statement ? Give reasons.
(The Rattrap)
- (iv) Bring out the contrast between Jansie and Sophie in the story 'Going Places'.
(Going Places)
- (v) How was there a great deal of national integration in the make-up department ?
(Poets and Pancakes)
- (vi) Did Umberto Eco like to be identified as a novelist ? Give reasons in support of your answer.
(The Interview)



11. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) Do you think the prediction made by the state astrologer “was indisputably disproved” ? Give reasons in support of your answer.
(The Tiger King)
- (ii) “Then I lost my spirit.” What are the incidents that led Zitkala-Sa to feel this way ?
(Memories of Childhood)
- (iii) Tishani Doshi considered the programme ‘Students on Ice’ a success. Do you agree with her ? Why/Why not ?
(Journey to the End of the Earth)

12. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) How does the use of vivid imagery by Adrienne Rich in “Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers” and by Kamala Das in “My Mother at Sixty-six” contribute to the overall themes of their respective poems ?

OR

- (b) The persistent determination of both Raj Kumar Shukla in “Indigo” and Douglas in “Deep Water” reflects a strong will to overcome challenges and achieve one’s goal. Elaborate with reference to the texts.

13. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Justify the statement, ‘It may take a long time for oppression to be resisted but the seeds of rebellion are sowed early in life.’
(Memories of Childhood)

OR

- (b) The story “The Tiger King” is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story ?
(The Tiger King)

**SET-2****Series QS1PR/1**Q.P. Code **1/1/2**

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**ENGLISH (Core)***Time allowed : 3 hours**Maximum Marks : 80***General Instructions :***Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

- This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.*
- This question paper contains **three** sections — Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.*
- Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- Separate instructions are given with each question / part, wherever necessary.*
- Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*



SECTION A
Reading Skills

(22 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

12

- (1) The term Artificial Intelligence spells a future in which this emerging technology will impact every aspect of human existence. In fact, little do we know, it has already crept into our lives, slowly, but surely. Look around you — education, health care, industry, innovation, robots, robotic surgeries, transportation, home service — it's already there. It will change the lifestyle of everyone from the technology industry to normal people.
- (2) The past fifteen years have seen considerable AI advances in education. You enter school and AI takes your attendance using face recognition. Various applications are in wide use by educators and learners today. AI technologies assist teachers in the classroom. Learning at home is likely to expand significantly, along with learning based on virtual reality applications. Though quality education will always require active engagement by human teachers, AI promises to enhance education at all levels, especially by providing personalization at scale.
- (3) The evolution of new technologies, mobile, and the Internet are changing lifestyles. Artificial intelligence is playing an important role in every sector such as banking, driving, education, e-commerce, electronics, robotics. Systems of artificial intelligence are aiming to stimulate execution and decision-making that is human-like. In targeted applications, substantial increases in the future uses of AI technologies, including more driverless cars, healthcare diagnostics and targeted treatments, and physical assistance for elder care can be expected. AI and robotics will also be applied across the globe in industries struggling such as agriculture, food processing and factories. They will facilitate delivery of online purchases through flying drones, self-driving trucks or robots.



- (4) AI-based applications could improve health outcomes and quality of life for millions of people in the coming years — prime applications include clinical decision support, patient monitoring and coaching, automated devices to assist in surgery or patient care, and management of healthcare systems. Recent successes, such as mining social media to infer possible health risks, machine learning to predict patients at risk, and robotics to support surgery have expanded a sense of possibility for AI in healthcare.
- (5) People’s future relationships with machines will become ever more personalized as AI systems learn to adapt to individual personalities, ambitions and goals. These AI applications will help monitor people’s well-being, alert them to the impending risks, and deliver services when needed or wanted.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Select the word that most appropriately defines Artificial Intelligence today. 1
- (A) rewarding
(B) universal
(C) luxurious
(D) temporary
- (ii) What is the connection between ‘face recognition’ in school education and AI ? 1
- (iii) Which one of the following do you infer from para 2 ? 1
- (A) School education will become a virtual engagement.
(B) The teacher will be replaced by AI.
(C) Human teachers will play a passive role in the classroom.
(D) Human teachers are irreplaceable.
- (iv) Share evidence from the text, in about 40 words, about how AI can support the field of education. 2



- (v) The phrase ‘stimulate execution’ in para 3 nearly means : 1
- (A) imitate creations
- (B) strategise destructions
- (C) shake inventions
- (D) motivate implementation
- (vi) With evidence from the text, explain in about 40 words, two ways in which AI will help in the healthcare sector. 2
- (vii) According to the passage, why does the author conclude that people’s relationships with machines will become more personalised ? 2
- (viii) Complete the following statement : 1
- AI will make the commercial supply chain smoother by _____.
- (ix) Read the five headlines given below (I – V) : 1
- I. AI WILL IMPACT EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES
- II. AI WILL BE A BOON TO THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
- III. SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY AI
- IV. AI IS A MAJOR REASON FOR RISING UNEMPLOYMENT TODAY
- V. FACTORY OWNERS WILL NOT USE AI FOR FEAR OF ITS UNPREDICTABILITY
- Identify the option that displays the headline/s that does/do not correspond with occurrences in the passage.
- (A) only V
- (B) II and III
- (C) IV and V
- (D) III, IV and V



2. Read the following passage carefully :

10

- (1) A recent survey conducted by an independent research firm sought to measure levels of happiness among youth aged 16 – 24 years in seven countries. The findings revealed some intriguing insights into what makes today's youth happiest, as well as which factors influence their overall well-being. In India, an overwhelming majority of the youth reported feeling satisfied with their lives, with 87% rating of their overall happiness as 'high' or 'very high.' Financial security was identified as the primary source of happiness for 66%, followed by family support (89%), having a purpose in life (50%), and work or studies (40%). Unfortunately, 65% reported feeling stress related to academic performance or workload, while 25% reported feeling lonely. These figures point to a need for increased mental health support among India's youth.
- (2) These surveys also revealed that family support is an important source of contentment for young people across countries. In Europe, 59% of respondents said that their families were a major source of happiness; in France this figure was 67%, and 63% in Germany. In North America, 64% rated family as an important factor for well-being in Canada, while 61% did so in the United States. Similarly, 89% of survey respondents in India named family support as a major contributor to their overall contentment level.
- (3) It is clear that stress has a significant impact on the happiness of today's youth. The findings suggest that young people need better resources to manage their mental health and well-being. This may include access to counselling services, mindfulness activities and support groups to help them cope with challenging circumstances. It is also important to provide financial support so as to reduce some of the economic pressures.
- (4) In India, 65% of youth surveyed reported feeling anxious about their academic performance or workload, while 25% felt lonely. These figures are especially significant given how important family support is for young people's overall contentment.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) What are the two findings that the survey mentioned in paragraph 1 reveals ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) Explain in about 40 words the statement “It is also important to provide financial support so as to reduce some of the economic pressures.” 2
- (iii) Elaborate giving data, the statement “Stress has a significant impact on the happiness of today’s youth.” 1
- (iv) Which of the following factors, with reference to the given passage, does **not** play a substantial role in the well-being of Indian youth ? 1
- (A) Family support and strong ties
(B) Social connection and technology
(C) Books and literature
(D) Economic stability
- (v) State whether *True* or *False*, with reference to the given passage :
It is not necessary to provide financial support to the youth as only academic performance plays an upper hand in deciding the stress level. 1
- (vi) What are the top choices which are of maximum value to today’s youth ? 1
- I. Collectivism
II. Social media
III. Individualistic society
IV. Family ties
- Options :
(A) I and II (B) II and III
(C) I and IV (D) II and IV
- (vii) The mental health of today’s youth can be managed by resources like _____ and _____. 1
- (viii) Write the following sources that provide happiness to today’s youth in descending order : 1
- (a) purposefulness (b) financial status
(c) family support (d) stress



SECTION B

Creative Writing Skills

(18 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. 4

- (a) You are Bala/Bandhini, school counsellor of Bala Vidyagram School, Dharti Bagh. Your school is organising a Career Counselling Fair. Write a notice encouraging students to attend the fair. Mention the benefits and include necessary details.

OR

- (b) You are Secretary of Highrise Society, Vayu Nagar. Write a notice to the homeowners inviting them to attend the forthcoming meeting to discuss the election of the new committee and the changes to be made in the regulations. Include necessary details about the time and duration of the meeting.

4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. 4

- (a) Write a formal invitation letter inviting Shri Saras Rathore, the Education Minister to be the Chief Guest at your high school's annual day celebrations. Include details of the event such as date and time, cultural events, etc. You are Savitri/Saurabh Trehan, Principal, Tyagraj Public School, Surya Nagar.

OR

- (b) You have been invited to a close friend's wedding. Write an informal letter expressing your excitement and gratitude for the invitation. Create an appropriate reply accepting the invitation. Invent necessary details.



5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

5

- (a) You are Arti/Anuj, a resident of A-33, Himani Enclave, Sadar Nagar. You saw an advertisement in The National Times for the post of Accounts Officer and wish to apply for the post. Write a letter to the General Manager, A.S. Consultants along with your bio-data expressing your interest in the advertised post.

<p style="text-align: center;">A.S. Consultants Hiring Accounts Officer</p> <p>Job Description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve systems and procedures• Maintain financial files• Analyse expenditure data <p>Education : BBA/B.Com; MBA/M.Com</p> <p>Skills : Good Communication Skills</p> <p>Experience : 2 Years</p>
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OR

- (b) A book fair was organized in your city, Birnagar. Thousands of people including a large number of students visited and benefitted from the fair. It aroused a great interest in the revival of buying and reading books. You want that such book fairs should be organized in other cities of the state to promote the habit of reading. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily sharing your views on the issue and suggesting ways of encouraging reading as a habit. You are Vinod/Vanita of F-115, Roop Nagar, Birnagar.



You may use the following cues with your own ideas to compose the letter.

- make reading a habit
- take trips to the library
- promote a reading culture in schools
- set reading goals
- let children choose their books
- read with the children

6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

5

(a) You are Shiksha/Sameer of XI-C. Write an article for your school magazine on the benefits of participating in the co-curricular activities of the school. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this article.

Participation :

- develops personality
- boosts confidence
- creates a sense of responsibility
- is an exposure to new activities
- nurtures organizational skills
- improves communication and inter-personal skills

OR



- (b) Addiction to mobile phones is becoming a cause of concern today. It is impacting both physical and mental health of young and old alike. You attended a workshop on 'Joy of Missing Out' organized by Home Association. As the local correspondent, write a report on the event. You may use the following cues along with your own ideas. You are Rita/Rakesh of Savitri Nagar.

- Problems**
- preoccupation and compulsion of mobile phone use
 - withdrawal symptoms such as irritation, anxiety and depression when stopped
- Solutions**
- set limits for usage
 - turn your phone off
 - practice mindfulness
 - engage in physical activities

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

6

- (a) A thing of beauty is a joy forever

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness; but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

(A Thing of Beauty)

- (i) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ?

1

(A) Beauty provides security and peace.

(B) Beauty lies in possession of expensive things.

(C) Beauty is synonymous with power and riches.

(D) Beauty lies in our rich heritage and palaces and temples.



- (ii) Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1
A thing of beauty never passes into nothingness because it is _____.
- (iii) 'Quiet bower' means a pleasant, shady, quiet place under trees or in the woods. This creates a sense of _____. 1
- (iv) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False* with reference to the extract. 1
The quality of a thing ensures that its beauty lasts forever.
- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme in lines 3 and 4 of the given extract, which word will rhyme with them ? 1
(A) please
(B) sweep
(C) help
(D) self
- (vi) The use of the word 'health' in the extract suggests that beautiful things will give us a happier and more wholesome life. It creates a powerful image of _____. 1
(A) rejuvenation
(B) attachment
(C) long life
(D) eternity

OR

- (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)



- (i) Which of the following are symbolised by the ‘tigers’ in the extract above ? 1
- I. masculine world
 - II. feminine world
 - III. world of bold, fearless creatures
 - IV. world of beautiful handicrafts
- (A) I, II and III
(B) II, III and IV
(C) III and IV
(D) I, III and IV
- (ii) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False*. 1
The creator of the tigers was fearless and assertive like the tigers.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence. 1
The use of the word ‘topaz’ suggests that the image of the tiger on the screen is _____.
- (iv) ‘Tigers do not fear the men beneath the tree’ because they are 1
- (A) tamed
 - (B) in a cage
 - (C) fearless
 - (D) kings of the jungle
- (v) Based on the poem’s rhyme scheme evident in lines 1 and 2, which of the following will rhyme ? 1
mean, akin, cream
- (vi) Chivalric certainty refers to which poetic device ? 1
- (A) Alliteration
 - (B) Metaphor
 - (C) Simile
 - (D) Repetition



8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

4

(a) Derry : I....there....I thought this was an empty place. I didn't know there was anybody here....

Mr. Lamb : That's all right. I'm here. What are you afraid of, boy ?
That's all right.

Derry : I thought it was empty....an empty house.

Mr. Lamb : So it is. Since I'm out here in the garden. It is empty. Until I go back inside. In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop. A day like this. Beautiful day. Not a day to be indoors.

Derry : [*Panic*] I've got to go.

(On The Face Of It)

(i) Derry was stammering because of : 1

(A) a speech defect.

(B) excitement.

(C) anger.

(D) fear.

(ii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1

Derry insisted on going back because _____.

(iii) Mr. Lamb was trying to tell Derry that : 1

(A) it was a matter of perception.

(B) Derry could stay with him.

(C) he spent all his days in the garden.

(D) he was fond of company.



- (iv) From the extract, one can infer that Mr. Lamb was a/an : 1
- (A) compassionate man.
 - (B) mysterious character.
 - (C) new neighbour.
 - (D) unreasonable man.

OR

(b) Anyway, here's what happened at Grand Central. One night last summer I worked late at the office. I was in a hurry to get uptown to my apartment so I decided to take the subway from Grand Central because it's faster than the bus.

Now, I don't know why this should have happened to me. I'm just an ordinary guy named Charley, thirty-one years old, and I was wearing a tan gabardine suit and a straw hat with a fancy band; I passed a dozen men who looked just like me. (The Third Level)

- (i) List any two details about how Charley was dressed up. 1
- (ii) Charley decided to use the subway because it was : 1
- (A) quicker.
 - (B) cheaper.
 - (C) more fashionable.
 - (D) safer.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1
- Landing at the third level was due to Charley's flight of _____.



(iv) Which time frame is represented through the kind of outfit mentioned in the extract ?

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- (A) pre world war era
- (B) the present times
- (C) the eighteenth century
- (D) in the future

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

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(a) They have lived here for more than thirty years without an identity, without permits but with ration cards that get their names on voters' lists and enable them to buy grain. Food is more important for survival than identity. "If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain," say a group of women in tattered saris when I asked them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents. (Lost Spring)

(i) The ragpickers have been living there for _____ decades.

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- (A) three
- (B) four
- (C) two
- (D) five



- (ii) Why do these people have ration cards ? 1
- (iii) What do you infer about their lifestyle from the phrase 'pitch their tents' ? 1
- (iv) In spite of the hardships, they are not willing to go back to their homeland because _____ . 1
- (v) The women had a/an _____ approach towards life. 1
- (A) idealistic
- (B) passive
- (C) indifferent
- (D) practical
- (vi) What does the term 'go to bed without an aching stomach' indicate ? 1

OR

- (b) Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British.

The officials felt powerless without Gandhi's cooperation. He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians.

The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

(Indigo)



- (i) The result of the demonstration was that _____. 1
- (ii) The participants of the spontaneous demonstration were : 1
- (A) Gandhi's lawyers.
- (B) people of Champaran.
- (C) Indigo landowners.
- (D) Indian soldiers.
- (iii) Gandhi cooperated with the British by : 1
- (A) not going to the court.
- (B) remaining quiet when he was accused.
- (C) helping to manage the mob of people.
- (D) leaving Champaran for Delhi.
- (iv) The statement 'Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors' was indicative of the Britisher's _____. 1
- (v) With reference to the extract, the word 'baffled' most nearly means : 1
- (A) strengthened.
- (B) disgusted.
- (C) frightened.
- (D) confused.
- (vi) Whose 'might' did this demonstration question ? 1



10. Answer any **five** of the following six questions in 40 – 50 words each : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) Does Sophie's father believe her story of meeting Danny Casey ?
Discuss. (Going Places)
- (ii) We miss a thing when we are in fear of losing it. Substantiate this statement with two examples from 'The Last Lesson', how the people in the story suddenly realised how precious their language was to them.
- (iii) What did the peddler say in his defence when it was clear that he was not the person the ironmaster thought him to be ? (The Rattrap)
- (iv) What does 'The God That Failed' refer to? (Poets and Pancakes)
- (v) What according to Umberto Eco is the belief that most journalists and publishers have ? (The Interview)
- (vi) It is said that the 'Face is a mirror of one's emotions.' Why did the poet 'smile and smile' ? (My Mother at Sixty-six)

11. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) What confusion does the Dewan have when the Tiger King broaches the topic of his marriage ? (The Tiger King)
- (ii) "My Antarctic experience was full of such epiphanies," says Tishani Doshi. Which experience does she consider the best and why ?
(Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (iii) Zitkala-Sa says, "Eating by formula wasn't the hardest trial in that first day." What does she mean by 'Eating by formula' ?
(Memories of Childhood)



12. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 120 – 150 words :

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- (a) ‘A Thing of Beauty’ and ‘A Roadside Stand’ are poetic expressions of human relationships. The first engages with nature while the latter highlights the individual’s place in society. Describe with reference to the two poems.

OR

- (b) Rajkumar Shukla in ‘Indigo’ decided to take up the cause of the peasants and raise his voice against injustice. The bangle makers were a stark contrast and accepted their plight of oppression because of tradition and caste. Write a comparative analysis of the two different attitudes towards unjust domination.

13. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 120 – 150 words :

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- (a) Dr. Sadao is disturbed and in a dilemma since he has decided to help the enemy soldier. Describe his conflict and the challenges faced in the form of a diary entry.

OR

- (b) In the story ‘The Third Level’, reality and fantasy are interwoven. Justify.