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Code No. 71/S/202

SET-**A1**

ENGLISH (202)

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General Instructions :

1. Answers of **all** questions are to be given in the Answer-Book given to you.
2. **15** minutes time has been allotted to read this Question Paper. The question paper will be distributed at **02.15** p.m. From **02.15** p.m. to **02.30** p.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the Answer-Book during this period.
3. Candidate must write his/her Roll Number on the first page of the Question Paper.
4. Please check the Question Paper to verify that the total pages and the total number of questions contained in the Question Paper are the same as those printed on the top of the first page. Also check to see that the questions are in sequential order.
5. For the objective type of questions, you have to choose any **one** of the four alternatives given in the question, i.e., (A), (B), (C) and (D) and indicate your correct answer in the Answer-Book given to you. In the case of fill in the blanks, the correct/appropriate answers should be written in the Answer-Book.
6. All the questions including objective-type questions are to be answered within the allotted time and no separate time limit is fixed for answering objective-type questions.
7. Making any identification mark in the Answer-Book or writing Roll Number anywhere other than the specified places will lead to disqualification of the candidate.
8. Candidate will not be allowed to take Calculator, Mobile Phone, Bluetooth, Earphone or any such electronic devices in the Examination Hall.
9. Write your Question Paper Code No. **71/S/202**, Set - **A1** on the Answer-Book.



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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note :

- (i) There are **35** questions in all divided into **two** parts.
 - (ii) **All** questions are compulsory.
 - (iii) Marks for each question are indicated against it.
 - (iv) Q. No. **1** to **16** and **24** to **28** are Objective type questions carrying **1** mark each. Some of them are in subparts that include MCQ, Fill in the blanks, True/False, Match the column and One-word answer type questions.
 - (v) Q. No. **17** to **20**, **23** and **30** to **35** are short answer questions carrying **2** marks each. Answers to these questions should not exceed **30** words each.
 - (vi) Q. No. **29** is carrying **3** marks. Answers to this question should not exceed **40** words.
 - (vii) Q. No. **22** carrying **4** marks. Answers to this question should not exceed **100** words.
 - (viii) Q. No. **21** is a long answer question carrying **6** marks. Answer to this question should not exceed **150-200** words.
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PART - A

Note : All questions are compulsory.

SECTION - A : (READING) (7 Marks)

Read the following passage carefully :

Village life mirrors the honest and hard work of its people. It showcases the beauty of the human--nature relationship. Villagers, who are mostly farmers, give their souls and bodies to produce food that satisfies both local and international consumers. Farming remains the backbone of any nation. In spite of their noble service to the world, they suffer a lot. The technological advancements that city people enjoy are not available to the villagers.

Though the villagers lack certain facilities, they live a healthy life. There is absolutely no pollution in the villages. Unlike the city people, they create a pollution-free environment. On the other hand, city life is much polluted owing to industries and heavy population. But things are changing, and the government agencies are reaching out to the remote villages and creating the required comfort zones nowadays. There are many schemes and funds allotted to improve the quality of life of the villagers. They include setting up of hospitals, health and hygiene services, schools, electricity, and safe houses.

Crimes rarely occur in villages, as the majority of the villagers are poor and innocent. Moreover, they know one another better by living there for generations. There is no rush and crowd in villages. Since most of them are self-employed, they live a calm and peaceful life. The whole village lives as a single social unit, helping one another. They know the value of brotherhood better than the city people.

- 1 Answer the following questions in **ONE** word : **3×1=3**
 - (i) What remains the backbone of any nation?
 - (ii) What is absolutely not there in the villages?
 - (iii) What rarely occurs in villages?
- 2 Choose a word from the passage which means, " because of" : **1×1=1**

(A) innocent	(B) backbone
(C) owing to	(D) absolutely
- 3 Based on your understanding of the passage, write True or False : **3×1=3**
 - (i) City people are not enjoying technological advancements
 - (ii) Government schemes help the villagers live in safety.
 - (iii) Generally, poor and innocent people don't commit crimes.



SECTION - B : (WRITING) (13 Marks)

4 Answer the questions below with reference to the context below : **4×1=4**

Write a **notice** as Radhika, Secretary of Health Club, XYZ school informing that the club is organising Yoga classes for the students from June 11 to June 20, 2026. The notice should include all details and specific instructions to the participants.

- (i) Since the classes are being conducted in June, the notice should mention
 - (A) World Health Day
 - (B) International Yoga Day
 - (C) Indian Medical Association Day
 - (D) World Food Safety Day
- (ii) The notice must avoid
 - (A) the course fee
 - (B) the secretary's personal information
 - (C) the list of items to be brought by the participants
 - (D) the dress code
- (iii) The most appropriate title for the notice may be,
 - (A) Inhale Peace, Exhale Stress
 - (B) Sleep and Relax
 - (C) Eat and Run
 - (D) Stop and Watch
- (iv) Which of the following would suit the beginning of the notice?
 - (A) Interested individuals must contact me
 - (B) The duration of the classes is 10 days
 - (C) All participants must bring their own mats
 - (D) Here is an opportunity to tune your body and soul

5 Answer the questions below with reference to the context below : **4×1=4**

You are Manohar. Write an **article** highlighting the ill-effects of drugs on the youth of the world. Give suggestions to get rid of the addiction and undergo rehabilitation therapies.

- (i) The paragraphs of the article should discuss ideas in which of the following orders?
 - (A) Remedy, Challenges, Causes, Conclusion
 - (B) Introduction, Challenges, Remedy, Conclusion
 - (C) Causes, Conclusion, Remedy, Introduction
 - (D) Challenges, Introduction, Causes, Remedy.
- (ii) Which of the following titles will suit the article the best?
 - (A) Do as Romans Do
 - (B) Blood is thicker
 - (C) Haste is waste.
 - (D) Prevention is better than cure.



- (iii) What is by-line of an article?
 - (A) The line showing the name of the writer of the article.
 - (B) The last line of the article.
 - (C) Beginning line of every paragraph of the article.
 - (D) The first line of the article.
- (iv) Which of the following need not appear in the article?
 - (A) Youth being trapped by anti-social elements.
 - (B) The drug manufacturing companies.
 - (C) Moral education in schools.
 - (D) Parental care and supervision.

6 Answer the questions below with reference to the context below : **5×1=5**

You are Jayant. Write a **letter** to your friend suggesting him to pick up good reading habits. Include the need for reading the great books of the world to become a matured human.

- (i) The letter must focus on
 - (A) List of books
 - (B) Publishing companies
 - (C) Steps needed to improve reading
 - (D) Selling old books
- (ii) What should be excluded from this letter?
 - (A) Buying books
 - (B) Borrowing books
 - (C) Visiting libraries
 - (D) Choice of food
- (iii) The correct salutation of the letter is
 - (A) Respected friend
 - (B) Dear XYZ
 - (C) Hai fellow
 - (D) Respected sir
- (iv) Letters written to friends are classified under
 - (A) Informal letters
 - (B) Formal letters
 - (C) Circular letters
 - (D) Character reference letters
- (v) Which of the following sayings must be included in this letter?
 - (A) Man proposes, God disposes
 - (B) Man is mortal
 - (C) Man is a social animal
 - (D) Books are the best companions of man



SECTION - C : (GRAMMAR) (15 Marks)

7 Fill in the blanks to complete the note : **3×1=3**

Human greatness ____ (i) ____ lie in wealth or power, but in character and goodness. People are just people, and all people ____ (ii) ____ and shortcomings, but all of us ____ (iii) ____ with a basic goodness.

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| (i) (A) do not | (B) has not |
| (C) does not | (D) did not |
| (ii) (A) have faults | (B) has faults |
| (C) did fault | (D) had faults |
| (iii) (A) is born | (B) born |
| (C) are born | (D) were born |

8 Fill in the blanks to complete the note : **3×1=3**

There is not an issue when a child ____ (i) ____ (work) to progress his life skills without compromising his health. Often ____ (ii) ____ (young) children may do chores for their parents or small jobs to gain work experience. This work ____ (iii) ____ (prepare) them for their adult working life.

9 Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks : **3×1=3**

- (i) _____ (May/Might) I borrow your bi-cycle, please?
- (ii) They are not blaming us. _____ (Is/Are) they?
- (iii) It _____ (have been/has been) raining since morning.

10 Fill in the blanks with the correct **prepositions** : **4×1=4**

- (i) The heat comes _____ the Sun.
- (ii) He sat _____ his father and his mother.
- (iii) We started our journey _____ a Sunday.
- (iv) She spoke _____ two hours.

11 Fill in the blanks with the correct **conjunctions** : **2×1=2**

- (i) You will pass the examination, _____ you work hard.
- (ii) He could not buy a car _____ he was poor.



SECTION - D : (LITERATURE) (15 Marks)

- 12** Identify the following sentences as True or False: **3×1=3**
(i) The poem "A Prayer For Healing" is about saving life on earth.
(ii) Earth is a home only for humans.
(iii) Healing of earth renews life.
- 13** Identify the following sentences as True or False : **3×1=3**
(i) Indira wrote a letter to her father on his birthday.
(ii) Nehru, her father was in prison.
(iii) Bapuji's message did not have any effect on Indians.
(A Birthday Letter)
- 14** Match the characters with the story : **3×1=3**
(i) Verghese Kurien (a) Snake Bite
(ii) Jijabai (b) Co-operate and Prosper
(iii) Grandfather (c) The Return of the Lion
- 15** Read the following passage carefully : **3×1=3**
Sheer hopelessness seemed to have seized the towns people. They withdrew into their homes and even there remained nervous. All doors and windows everywhere were shut, bolted and sealed. Some even thought that I was some extraordinary creature who might pass through the walls and lie in wait on the roof or in the basement. Why should an ordinary, simple tiger have any interest in them, either to destroy or to safeguard?
I rested for a moment at the door of a restaurant, the coffee drinkers and tiffin-eaters sat still at their tables, uttering low moans on seeing me. I wanted to assure them, 'Don't fear, I am not out to trouble you. Eat your tiffin in peace, don't mind me ...'
(A tiger comes to town-I)
Based on your understanding of the passage, fill in the blanks given below :
(i) All doors and windows everywhere were shut, _____ and sealed.
(ii) A simple tiger has no interest in them, either to _____ or to safeguard.
(iii) The tiger wanted to assure them, ' _____, I am not out to trouble you.'
- 16** Complete the following sentences : **3×1=3**
(i) Khan received India's highest civilian award _____ in 2001.
(ii) Khan started learning to play the shehnai from his _____.
(iii) His favourite mode of transport was the _____.
(Ustaad Bismillah Khan)



PART - B

SECTION - A : (READING) (8 Marks)

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

In the face of climate change, diet related ill-health and widespread decline in wildlife, the need to change our food systems has never been greater. A transition towards agro ecological farming systems, like organic, can make a world of difference.

No other defined system of farming and food production comes close to delivering so many benefits for wildlife, society and the natural world. Organic farmers work to a strict set of standards to ensure that their farms sustain the health of: soils, ecosystems, animals and people. These standards are built on the key principles of organic agriculture: health, ecology, care and fairness.

Pesticides are chemicals designed to kill insects and other pests, including weeds and fungal diseases. Instead of relying on pesticides, organic farmers aim to create a natural balance between plants and animals to prevent pests.

Healthy wildlife populations can help control pests; farmers encourage birds, beetles and other 'beneficial insects' on to their farms to eat pests like aphids, slugs and caterpillars. Likewise, crop rotations and careful choice of crop breeds lower the risk of plant disease, and weeds are managed by practices like mechanical weeding and planting natural weed suppressants.

Organic farming avoids the use of synthetic fertilizers, as the principles of organic farming are based on nourishing plants naturally, by building fertile soils. Farmers do this using clover and legumes to 'fix' nitrogen, as well as using compost, animal manure and green manures, and crop rotations to maintain healthy, nutrient-rich soils.

Animal welfare is one of the most important aspects of organic farming. Every aspect of welfare is covered under organic standards, from living conditions and feed, to their transportation and humane slaughter.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions :

- 17** Find words from the passage having meanings opposite to those given below : **2**
(a) wellness (b) instability
- 18** What can make a world of difference in the face of climate change? Explain. **2**
- 19** Why do farmers encourage healthy wildlife population? Give examples. **2**
- 20** What do farmers do to maintain healthy, nutrient-rich soils? Elaborate. **2**



SECTION - B : (WRITING) (12 Marks)

- 21** Write an article **(150 -200 words)** for a weekly magazine about the plight of the street beggars. You are Ahmed of class-X. Use the following clues : **6**

- Poverty & Unemployment
- Organized crime groups control beggars.
- Child Exploitation
- No sanitation, or proper healthcare.
- Discrimination, abuse, and violence from society
- Vulnerability: to theft, assault, sexual exploitation, and abuse
- Weather Extremes
- Failed social policies

OR

You are Sophia of class-X. Write a report to be published in your school magazine about 'Smart Phone Addiction by Children'. Explain how the students are affected extensively and suggest ways and means to create awareness. Draft the report **(150-200 words)**.

- 22** You are Manisha of 12, Second Street, Global Enclave, Pune, Maharashtra. **4**
You are invited by your friend Raj Kumar to his parents' wedding anniversary. Write a letter accepting his invitation and ensuring your presence at the party. **(100 words)**

OR

You are Stephen of B3, New Castle Apartments, Jaipur, Rajasthan. You need a couple of books in Math for your board exam preparation. Write an e-mail to the Golden publishing House, New Delhi ordering two reference books. **(100 words)**

- 23** Read the conversation given below : **2**

Rakesh : I love football.
Coach : Then join the team.
Rakesh : My father feels that my academics will suffer.
Coach : He is Wrong. In fact, playing games improves academic performance.
Rakesh : Can you talk to my father?
Coach : Share his mobile number. I will send him a message.
Rakesh : Thank you.

You are the coach. Write the message to Rakesh's father.

(40 words)



SECTION - C : (GRAMMAR) (15 Marks)

- 24** Change the **reported speech** : **3×1=3**
- (i) "I am going to the library", Mala said.
- (ii) He said to me, "Kindly get me a glass of water".
- (iii) The manager asked Ravi, "Why are you late?"
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- 25** Fill in the blanks with appropriate **prepositions** : **2×1=2**
- (i) A bridge is built _____ the entrance of the palace.
- (ii) The child kept its doll _____ the table.
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- 26** Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with **suitable words** : **2×1=2**
- Master : Ramu, go to the market and bring some fruits.
- Ramu : Which _____ (i) _____ you want, sir?
- Master : Bananas that are well ripen.
- Ramu : Sure sir. I will _____ (ii) _____ the best ones.
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- 27** Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks using the **correct form of verbs** given in brackets : **4×1=4**
- (i) He _____ (paints, painted) his door last week.
- (ii) They _____ (have been/has been) watching television since 6 pm.
- (iii) Priya _____ (do, does) not know French.
- (iv) Who _____ (will/ will be) win the next world cup cricket?
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- 28** Complete the sentences given below using proper **conjunctions** : **4×1=4**
- (i) My father owns two scooters _____ a car.
- (ii) She wants to help the poor, _____ her income is very low.
- (iii) I wish to become either a teacher _____ a lawyer.
- (iv) Be on time, _____ you will miss the train.



SECTION - D : (LITERATURE) (15 Marks)

29 How did the old man treat the boy for snake bite? (Snake Bite) **3**

OR

What moved the heart of the Iron Man of India, Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?
(Co-operate and prosper)

30 How is the mental pain inflicted on us different from the physical pain? **2**
(The Truth)

31 How did Salim surprise his master? (The last stone mason) **2**

32 How did the third Sadhu surprise Jijabai? (The return of the lion) **2**

33 Why did Gandhiji and his relative decide to commit suicide? **2**
(Stealing and atonement)

34 What rewards did Kondiba receive for his daring rescue of a drowned boy? **2**
(Kondiba – A hero)

35 For whom do the weavers weave at the break of the day and in the moonlight chill? **2**
(Indian weavers)



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