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Series RLH/2

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ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- (i) *This paper consists of four sections —*
 - Section A — Reading** 20 marks
 - Section B — Writing** 30 marks
 - Section C — Grammar** 20 marks
 - Section D — Literature** 30 marks
- (ii) *Attempt **all** questions.*
- (iii) *Do **not** write anything in the question paper.*
- (iv) *All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.*
- (v) *Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.*
- (vi) *Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.*
- (vii) *Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.*

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

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1 Lionel was in bad shape. My daughter Nola and I found him bloodied and beaten. He was too weak to haul his poor, broken little body inside the house. By the time we saw him, his battered body had already lost too much blood. Lionel, the duck, died a few minutes later. We never found out who had beaten Lionel, so savagely, or why they felt the need to hurt him. A customer at Nola's store said she found some teenagers jumping the back fence a few minutes before we found Lionel. They were carrying cricket bats.

2 When Nola solely broke the news to her customers over the next few days, they were devastated. One elderly gentleman was especially heart-broken. After doing his weekly shopping, he used to feed Lionel a slice of bread or a biscuit which he kept in his pocket especially for the occasion. They would spend an hour every week like that, just chatting and enjoying each other's company. When he heard about Lionel's death, the old man sat down on the same bench and let the tears run freely down his cheeks. Two weeks later, he was dead.

3 Nola also had to tell the local primary-school children who used to play with Lionel on their way to school. Lionel waddled around them, muttering and letting them feel his soft white feathers while they waited for the bus. Some of the children made sympathy cards for Nola. She also received many condolences — a few from friends and many from strangers. It was only then that we realised how many friends Lionel had made; how many hearts he had touched. It seemed as if the whole town was mourning his death. Lionel was a very social duck.

4 Lionel liked human company and loved to waddle around. Many people who came to the shop enjoyed passing the time of the day with a duck. But it was not just human company Lionel sought. Lionel was friends with an assortment of multicoloured hens and one red rooster. But Lionel also liked spending time quietly by himself.

5 An elderly couple who lived 100 kilometres away read about Lionel's death in the newspaper and drove all the way to Nola's shop to deliver a condolence gift. It was the statue of a duck the elderly man, an invalid pensioner, had made. Nola somberly placed the statue at the head of Lionel's grave. The next day, an acquaintance of mine, exasperated at all the fuss being made, said to me, "He was only a duck !" But he was wrong. Lionel was much more than that. He was a loving friend, not just to me, but to many others and our lives certainly won't be the same without him waddling around.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage given above, complete the following sentences. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1x4=4

- (a) Lionel could not be saved as _____ when the author and her daughter found him.
- (b) The old man and Lionel liked each other so much _____.
- (c) The children were so upset about Lionel's death that _____.
- (d) An elderly couple's condolence gift was _____.

1.2 Fill in the blanks using one word only. 1x4=4

Not only Nola but all those who loved Lionel were (a) _____ to know that their dear duck was no more. He had been beaten up (b) _____ by some teenagers. Lionel was (c) _____ to both men and animals. His death created a vacuum in the (d) _____ of many.

1.3 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following from the paragraphs indicated. Write the answers in your answer sheet. 1×4=4

- (a) speaking in low unclear tone para 3
- (b) a person one knows slightly para 5
- (c) shocked and sad para 2
- (d) to walk with short steps para 4

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 8

1 Every time a child takes a soft drink, he's laying the groundwork for a dangerous bone disease. No, fizzy and sugary drinks don't cause osteoporosis. But, because they are often a substitute for a glass of milk, kids are not getting the calcium and vitamin D they need to build a strong skeleton. Many of them also lead a sedentary lifestyle, so they aren't getting the bone-building benefits for vigorous exercise either. These children aren't just in jeopardy for brittle bones and fractures decades down the road. They could be at a risk of osteoporosis at a younger age than ever before.

2 The Indian Society for Bone and Mineral Research, a body of osteoporosis experts, is trying to spread awareness about this bone-crippling disease. Osteoporosis starts in childhood but has consequences later in life. The condition causes bones to become riddled with holes, like the framework of a house that's been attacked by termites. That can lead to broken bones, which in turn can cause deformity, chronic pain or disability. Osteoporosis can be fatal: up to 25 percent of older people who suffer a broken hip die within a year. Osteoporosis isn't just your grandmother's health threat. Although it strikes over 50 million women in India, it also menaces over 12 million men. Osteoporosis causes loss of height, pain in joints and back, fractures and a fear of fractures, and can be very depressing. So it is important that we adopt preventive measures, to save millions of people.

4. When Anupama reaches her hostel after a weekend, she realizes that she has forgotten at home the costumes for the play she has to act in, the key of her suitcase, and two books. She sends home a telegram requesting her father Mr. P.K. Sarin 12, Park Lane, New Delhi to send her these items as soon as possible. Write the telegram in not more than 25 words. Copy the format of the telegram from the question paper in your answer sheet.

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TELEGRAM

RECEIVER'S NAME AND ADDRESS
MESSAGE
SENDER'S NAME
NOT TO BE TELEGRAPHED SENDER'S ADDRESS

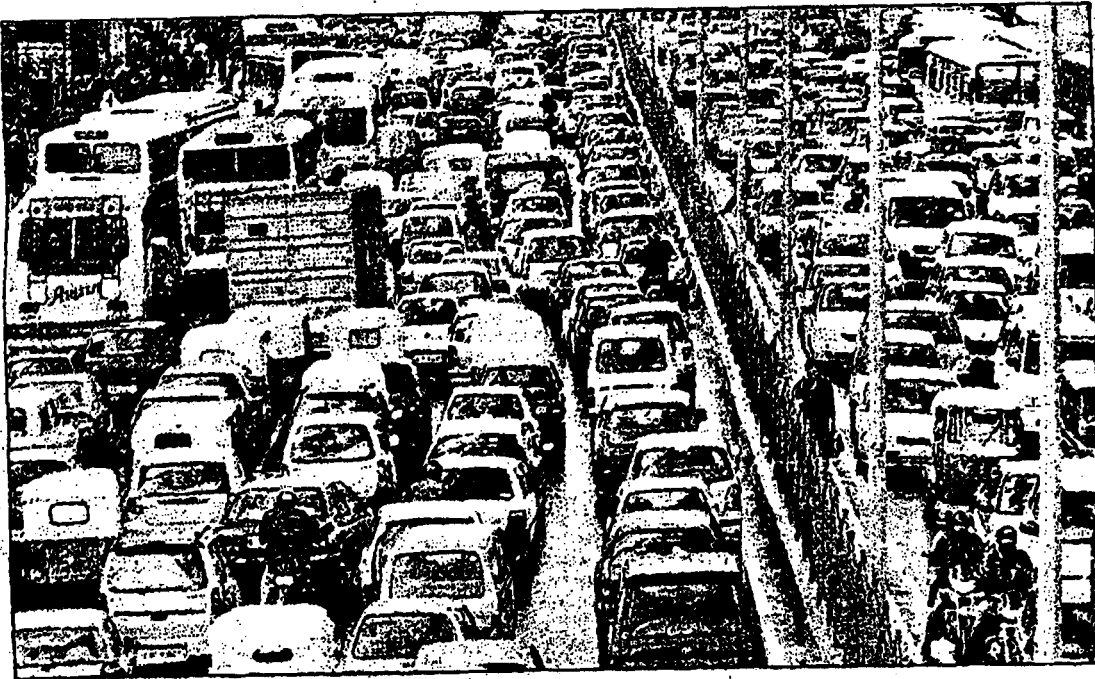
5. You are Seema. You participated in the adult literacy programme campaigned by the Government of India. Write a letter to the Editor of the youth magazine, "The Teenager" on your active participation in the programme, your learning experiences and the need for youngsters to participate in such programmes. Take ideas from the hints given below. You may make use of ideas from the unit on "Education" along with your own ideas. Write the letter in not more than 150 words.

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- problems due to illiteracy
- service to society
- Government should set apart ample funds
- youngsters to be involved

6. Raj Sinha has read about the manifold increase in the number of vehicles in major Indian cities. This causes problems as is evident from the visual given below. Using ideas from the visual along with your own ideas, write an article on how the increase in the number of vehicles causes traffic jams and accidents. Suggest a few solutions to curb the problem. Write the article in about 200 words.

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CHOKED: Traffic in Delhi

(For Blind Candidates Only)

Raj Sinha has read about the manifold increase in the number of vehicles in major Indian cities. Write an article on how the increase in vehicles causes traffic jams and accidents. Suggest a few solutions to curb the problem. Write the article in about 200 words.

7. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet.

1×4=4

Shantiniketan – 1902 – Tagore – revive – open air teaching – famous art and craft centre – every year – festivals – organise – dances, songs, plays – perform – students

Shantiniketan was built by Tagore in 1902. His open-air teaching

- (a) _____ the traditional method of teaching. It gained great
 (b) _____ as an art and craft centre. Every year festivals
 (c) _____ with dances, songs and plays (d) _____
 by the students.

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet as given below against the correct blank number. Remember to underline the word you have supplied. The first one has been done for you.

$\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

	incorrect	correct
The pleasure in being outdoors	e.g. in	<u>of</u>
is fundamental for human happiness	(a) _____	_____
and well-being. There are so much to	(b) _____	_____
learn and it is an constant source of	(c) _____	_____
delight to know more on the	(d) _____	_____
flora and fauna around. One discover	(e) _____	_____
how exciting but wonderful the world is.	(f) _____	_____
Even babies enjoy feel the texture	(g) _____	_____
of a tree or a gentle breeze in the skin.	(h) _____	_____

9. In the passage given below, fill in each blank with one word only. Write the correct word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

Millions of people (a) _____ trouble getting enough sleep. Recent research links lack (b) _____ sleep to health problems ranging (c) _____ hypertension to weight gain. You may have tried medication. You may (d) _____ how to stay away (e) _____ caffeine and nicotine. You're probably wise not to eat too big a meal a couple of hours (f) _____ bedtime. In spite of all this you still (g) _____ from sleeplessness. Experts (h) _____ some tips to get better sleep.

10. Read the conversation given below and complete the passage that follows. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole sentences.

$1 \times 4 = 4$

Teacher : Why are you late, Sam ?
Sam : I missed the school bus.
Teacher : You should have reached the bus stop on time.
Sam : My mother is ill and was hospitalized yesterday.
Teacher : Oh, I am sorry Sam. Don't worry, she may get well soon.

The teacher asked Sam why he was late. Sam replied that (a) _____ .
The teacher told him that (b) _____ . Sam said that his mother was ill and (c) _____ . The teacher consoled him by saying that she (d) _____ .

11. Look at the newspaper items given below. Use the information in the headlines to complete the paragraphs. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet.

1×4=4

(a) PLANE TYRE BURSTS WHILE LANDING

The passengers of an Air India flight had a narrow escape when a _____ landing.

(b) PICASSO WORKS FOR AUCTION

Two major works of Pablo Picasso _____ on May 7th this year.

(c) ICHR OFFERS FELLOWSHIPS TO HISTORIANS

The Indian Council for Historical Research _____ national fellowships to eminent historians.

(d) 24 KILLED IN LTTE ATTACKS

About 24 people _____ when LTTE attacked a Srilankan ship carrying arms.

SECTION D — (Literature)

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12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly.

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May the sum of evil
balanced in this unreal world
against the sum of good
become diminished by your pain, they said.

(a) Who are 'they' ?

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(b) Explain 'become diminished by the pain'.

2

(c) What idea do you form of the speakers from these lines ?

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13. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet in one or two lines only. Number the answers correctly. 4

For all averred, I had killed the bird

That made the breeze to blow.

- (a) For what crime was the ancient mariner criticized? 1
- (b) How did the mariners contradict themselves? 2
- (c) What does "averred" mean? 1
14. In the second stanza of 'Ode to the West Wind', Shelley describes the approaching storm and its elements that the west wind will bring. Describe the storm in 75 – 100 words. 5
15. Explain the circumstances under which Calpurnia implores Caesar to stay at home. Answer in 75 – 100 words. 5
16. "As if the house was preparing for its ultimate collapse!" What made Babuli feel so when he went home for the partition? Write in 50 – 75 words. 4
17. Christopher Winters continued his relationship with Cutie-Pie even after he grew up. He writes a letter to a friend on the continued visits of the alien and his experiences with him. Imagine you are Winters. Write the letter in 150 – 175 words. 8