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ENGLISH

(202)

Code No. **70/OS/2**

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PART – A

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SECTION – A

(Reading)

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1. Based on your understanding of the passage, write True or False. **3 × 1 = 3**
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(A) responsibilities	(B) reserved
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5. Answer the questions given with reference to the context below :

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Write a notice as Trisha as Head of Student Council to the students of XYZ School informing that the school will be closed for summer vacation from May 15th to June 5th, 2025. The notice should include details about the reopening date and any specific instructions for students.

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(Grammar)

7. Fill in the blanks to complete the note :

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Man (i) water for granted, for water (ii), a free commodity. The rate at which man (iii) this raw material will sooner or later exhaust the entire stock of water in certain parts of the world.

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Liberty (i) (denote) absence of restraint. The word liberty is (ii) (derive) from the Latin word Liber which means free. It implies that man can do whatever he (iii) (like).

9. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the passage :

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India (i) (was/is) known for her culture which is thousands of years old but today the Indians (ii) (have/has) become blind to all the high ideals of sacrifice, dedication, selflessness and contentment. All these age old ideas (iii) (had been/have been) blown to air.

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

- (i) We are going _____ a road trip tomorrow.
- (ii) The students are _____ the top performers.
- (iii) The children are playing _____.
- (iv) The hikers climbed _____ the steep mountain trail.

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

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SECTION – D

(Literature)

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

17. According to the passage, suggest any two common causes of stress in high achieving students. 2
18. What are the different ways to reduce anxiety according to the passage ? 2
19. What are the benefits of deep breathing exercises suggested in the passage ? 2
20. Find words from the passage having meanings opposite to those given below : 2
 - (a) Fearlessness
 - (b) Energetic / active

SECTION – B

(Writing)

21. You are Shubhi of 06, Green Avenue, Modal Town, Bareilly, U.P. You had agreed to visit your friend Manya on the occasion of her brother's birthday party. You failed to keep your appointment. Write a letter of apology to her for failing to keep your appointment. 4

OR

You are Sarita living at G-04, Civil Lanes, Allahabad. Your friend Aaditya has passed the Senior Secondary School Examination with distinction. Write an e-mail congratulating him on his grand success.

22. Read the telephonic conversation given below :

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Abhi : Hello ! Can I speak to Jai please ?

Kushagra : Hi ! I'm sorry Jai has gone to the market. He'll be back after an hour or so. Would you like to leave a message for him ?

Abhi : Yes, Jai was to go to Chandigarh tomorrow to participate in an Inter-school Painting Competition. Please tell him that the Painting Competition has been postponed and the new date will be announced later.

Kushagra : Don't worry I'll convey it to him as soon as he comes.

Abhi : Thanks.

As Kushagra is going out, he writes the message for Jai. Write the message on his behalf with every detail.

23. Write an article for your school magazine about a visit by a famous folk singers' group, highlighting their wonderful performance.

You are Purvi of Class – XII. Use the following clues :

- Date, time, venue
- folk singers & team
- costumes, singers, musicians
- children, teacher
- performance, enjoyed a lot.

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OR

Sita of Class – X has been told to write a report to be published in the school magazine about a campaign on 'No Polybags' held in school. The purpose of the campaign was to spread awareness among students. Draft a report on her behalf.

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

24. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words : $2 \times 1 = 2$

Mother : Will you accompany me to market, Riya ?

Riya : Sorry, Mom. I (i) to finish my homework first.

Mother : How long (ii) it take to do so ?

Riya : I'll be free by 8 O'clock.

25. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : $2 \times 1 = 2$

(i) Snow fell _____ the hills.

(ii) He broke the jug _____ a hundred pieces.

26. Change the reported speech : $3 \times 1 = 3$

(i) Arun said, "I am ill now".

(ii) "I am playing chess", she said.

(iii) She said to me, "Please give me your pen".

27. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets : $4 \times 1 = 4$

In this age of IT, computer (i) (play/plays) a vital role in military intelligence. We

(ii) (were/are) on the threshold of information warfare where we (iii)

(may/might) try to penetrate the enemy's computer system and (iv)

(destroyed/destroy) the data and supplant it with false information.

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- (i) I didn't go out _____ I was feeling awful.
- (ii) He behaved so rudely _____ everybody disliked him.
- (iii) Harish spends more _____ he earns.
- (iv) God made the country _____ man made the town.

SECTION – D

(Literature)

29. Why did Jijabai refuse to believe that her son was dead ? (*The Return of the Lion*) 2
30. What do people mean when they say “come again” to a guest ? (*Once Upon a Time*) 2
31. What happens when the parrot returns and sees Aunt Ruby ? (*The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk*) 2
32. Why do the teachers refuse to let the Circus master enter the Headmaster's room ?
(*A Tiger Comes to Town - II*) 2
33. Who was Kondiba Gaikwad ? How did he become a hero ? (*Kondiba – A Hero*) 2
34. What are the weavers weaving at break of day ? (*Indian Weavers*) 2

35. What was the son's opinion about his father's work, and how does it differ from his father's perspective ? (*The Last Stone Mason*) 3

OR

What lesson did Gandhiji learn from his experience in the lesson "Stealing and Atonement" ?

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SECTION – C

(Grammar)

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Old story-teller says that he (i) (alight) on the back of a large fish, called a dolphin, which had been (ii) (charm) by his music and was swimming near the ship. The dolphin carried him with great speed to the (iii) (near) shore.

9. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks :

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- (i) One _____ (should/shall) keep one's promise.
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- (iii) She does not work here, _____ (do/does) she ?

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- (i) What are you searching _____ ?
 - (ii) He travelled _____ train.
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(Literature)

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You are Purvi of Class – XII. Use the following clues :

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- folk singers & team
- costumes, singers, musicians
- children, teacher
- performance, enjoyed a lot. 6

OR

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Kushagra : Don’t worry I’ll convey it to him as soon as he comes.

Abhi : Thanks.

As Kushagra is going out, he writes the message for Jai. Write the message on his behalf with every detail.

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

24. Change the reported speech : 3 × 1 = 3

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25. Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions : 2 × 1 = 2

- (i) She goes to school _____ foot.
- (ii) I prefer travelling _____ road.

26. Complete the following dialogue by filling in the blanks with suitable words : 2 × 1 = 2

Mother : Will you accompany me to market, Riya ?

Riya : Sorry, Mom. I _____ (i) to finish my homework first.

Mother : How long _____ (ii) it take to do so ?

Riya : I'll be free by 8 O'clock.

27. Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets : 4 × 1 = 4

- (i) She _____ not love him. (do/does)
- (ii) The burglars _____ (has been/have been) caught.
- (iii) He _____ (take/takes) a cold bath everyday.
- (iv) I hope she _____ (will/will be) able to help us.

28. Complete the sentences given below using proper conjunctions : 4 × 1 = 4
- (i) This dress is both good _____ cheap.
- (ii) She is not only young _____ also beautiful.
- (iii) She will learn English _____ Hindi.
- (iv) He hasn't yet decided to join business _____ politics.

SECTION – D

(Literature)

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Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

- Note :**
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PART – A

Note : All questions are compulsory.

SECTION – A

(Reading)

Read the following passage carefully :

Women in India have multiple role and responsibilities to play. In the West, women are mostly employed in one or the other job and work there with complete devotion. But in India, women are to play traditional roles along with their married life. To save themselves from the domestic drudgery, they prefer to take up some jobs. We have four categories of working women in this context. Some of them do their jobs only for the sake of lucrative match while others work as they are qualified and want a second income to lead a different kind of life.

A small section of them are among the career women. Some are bread winners, but the majority of women in the family prefer to take up jobs. These women prefer to stay in the joint families where their children can be looked after while they are at a work. When they return after their work, they adjust according to the demands of time and other family members.

These women do their shopping on the way from office. Weekends are generally reserved for heavy house work. They even like to spend their precious time with their spouses and children doing other family duties, visits and such endless chores. Thus they hardly find any time for their personal needs. Being all this, working women leave all the financial decisions to their husbands. They are not unduly fashion conscious but take pride in graceful clothing. Thus the Indian working women are managing their double roles admirably.

1. Choose a word from the passage which means 'hard and uninteresting work' : $1 \times 1 = 1$
(A) responsibilities (B) reserved
(C) lucrative (D) drudgery

2. Based on your understanding of the passage, write True or False. $3 \times 1 = 3$
(i) Women in the West are to play traditional roles.
(ii) A large section of women are among the career women.
(iii) Working women like to spend their time with their family members.

3. Answer the following questions in **one** word : $3 \times 1 = 3$
(i) How many roles do the Indian women have to play ?
(ii) Why do the working women prefer to stay in joint family ?
(iii) What does the jobber women take pride in ?

SECTION – B

(Writing)

4. You are Ruchita Vats. Write an article analyzing the impact of technology on student engagement and motivation. You have to discuss how interactive tools, simulations, and gamification can enhance the learning experience. 4 × 1 = 4

- (i) Select the option that lists an appropriate title for Ruchita’s article :
- (A) “The Impact of Technology on Student Engagement and Motivation”
 - (B) “The Future of Education”
 - (C) “Traditional Teaching Is Best”
 - (D) Technology’s role in Education
- (ii) Choose the most appropriate logical order to organize ideas in the article :
- (A) Benefits; Challenges; Introduction; Conclusion
 - (B) Solution; Challenges; Benefits
 - (C) Introduction; Challenges; Benefits; Conclusion
 - (D) Conclusion; Introduction; Challenges; Benefits
- (iii) Choose the most suitable language style for Ruchita’s article :
- (A) Vague and ambiguous
 - (B) Dismissive and sarcastic
 - (C) Conversational style
 - (D) Formal and academic
- (iv) Which point is least relevant to the article ?
- (A) Recipe for baking cake
 - (B) Benefits of interactive learning tools
 - (C) Analysis of how technology enhances student learning
 - (D) Challenges and limitations of technology in education

5. Answer the following questions, with reference to the context below : **5 × 1 = 5**

You are Riddhi. Write a letter to your younger sister who is starting her first day of college, offering words of encouragement and advice to help her feel more confident and comfortable.

(i) What is the main concern to be expressed in the letter by Riddhi to the younger sister ?

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| (A) Making friends | (B) To remind her about college rules |
| (C) Academics | (D) Overcoming nervousness |

(ii) Select the appropriate tone writer would adopt when writing the letter to the younger sister.

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| (1) Critical and authoritative | (2) Sarcastic and humorous |
| (3) Supportive and encouraging | (4) Sympathetic and motivational |
| (A) (1) and (4) | (B) (2) and (3) |
| (C) (2) and (4) | (D) (3) and (4) |

(iii) What should writer include to make the letter more effective ?

- (A) Comparison with peers
- (B) Practical advice and words of encouragement
- (C) College rules
- (D) Criticism of her past performances

(iv) What would be a positive suggestion to include in the message ?

- (A) Take a long break to relax
- (B) This is just the beginning
- (C) You should aim higher
- (D) Celebrate your success and plan your next step

(v) What would be suitable closing for the message ?

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| (A) Regards | (B) Sincerely |
| (C) Faithfully | (D) With love and best wishes |

6. Answer the questions given with reference to the context below :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

Write a notice as Trisha as Head of Student Council to the students of XYZ School informing that the school will be closed for summer vacation from May 15th to June 5th, 2025. The notice should include details about the reopening date and any specific instructions for students.

- (i) What would be a suitable title for the notice ?
- (A) Holiday Calendar
 - (B) Summer Vacation Announcement
 - (C) School Rules and Regulations
 - (D) School Reopening Notice
- (ii) What should be included in a notice to make it effective ?
- (A) Personal anecdotes & stories
 - (B) Only title & date
 - (C) Purpose, dates & specific instructions
 - (D) Informal language
- (iii) Which of the following should not be included in a formal school notice ?
- (A) Personal opinions and biases
 - (B) Relevant instructions
 - (C) Notice title and signature
 - (D) School logo and date
- (iv) Which conclusion best fits the above notice ?
- (A) "All students must attend a mandatory camp."
 - (B) "Have a wonderful break !"
 - (C) "Summer assignments must be completed immediately."
 - (D) "School premises will be closed until further notice."

SECTION – C

(Grammar)

7. Fill in the blanks to complete the note :

3 × 1 = 3

‘Selfitis’ is a genuine mental condition and people feel (i) (compel) to continually post pictures of themselves on social media may need help, psychologists have (ii) (warn). The term was first (iii) (coin) in 2014.

8. Fill in the blanks to complete the note :

3 × 1 = 3

Yesterday, I (i) to school. On the way, I saw a child in the middle of the road. A car (ii) at full speed. The traffic police noticed her too and signalled for the car to stop. The car halted and a lady darted towards the child and (iii) in her arms.

(i) (A) is going (B) were going

(C) are going (D) was going

(ii) (A) was came (B) was coming

(C) is coming (D) have come

(iii) (A) picked it up (B) pick up

(C) pick it up (D) picked it

9. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the sentences :

3 × 1 = 3

(i) The police _____ (has/have) caught the thief.

(ii) He _____ (doesn't/don't) work hard.

(iii) _____ (Shall/May) you live long !

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

- (i) He is addicted _____ gambling.
- (ii) My coat is made _____ wool.
- (iii) Please distribute the sweets _____ all the students.
- (iv) He sat _____ Ritu & Raja.

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

- (i) Peter _____ John are playing.
- (ii) Several people were passing _____ nobody offered to help.

SECTION – D

(Literature)

12. Read the following passage carefully : 3 × 1 = 3

He'd been bought by Aunt Ruby from a bird-catcher who'd visited all the houses on our road selling caged birds ranging from colourful budgerigars to chirpy little munnias and even common sparrows that had been dabbed with paint and passed off as some exotic species. Neither Granny nor grandfather were keen on keeping caged birds as pets, but Aunt Ruby threatened to throw a tantrum if she did not get her way – and Aunt Ruby's tantrum were dreadful to behold. *(The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk)*

Based on your understanding of the passage, fill in the blanks given below :

- (i) The parrot was bought by _____ from a bird-catcher.
- (ii) Granny and grandfather weren't keen on keeping _____ birds as pets.
- (iii) Aunt Ruby's tantrums were _____ to behold.

13. Complete the following sentences : **3 × 1 = 3**

- (i) Raja's grandparents are concerned about his _____.
- (ii) Raja's _____ throws the shell away.
- (iii) Raja's grandfather advises him never to go near a _____ again. (*Snake Bite*)

14. Identify the following sentences as True or False : **3 × 1 = 3**

- (i) Gandhiji's grandfather had the habit of smoking.
- (ii) The author and his relative stole coins from the servant's pocket to buy cigarettes.
- (iii) Gandhiji handed the confession to his mother. (*Stealing and Atonement*)

15. Match the characters with the story : **3 × 1 = 3**

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| (i) Jawaharlal Nehru | (a) The Last Stone Mason |
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16. Identify the following sentences as True or False : **3 × 1 = 3**

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PART – B

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(Reading)

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

“The most obvious way to avoid examination is to be prepared” is an oft-repeated advice from the experienced elders. They ignore two facts : first, the most stressed students are the highest achievers who set unrealistic goals for themselves; second, asking students to relax is easier said than done.

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These tips should help you make it through the most trauma of answering papers.

- *Sanchita Sharma (adapted)*

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

17. What are the benefits of deep breathing exercises suggested in the passage ? 2
18. Find words from the passage having meanings opposite to those given below : 2
- (a) Fearlessness
- (b) Energetic / active
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(i) Snow fell _____ the hills.

(ii) He broke the jug _____ a hundred pieces.

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A few moments later we all (i) (lift/lifted) our eyes in awe as a spectacular array of South African jets, helicopters and troop carriers (ii) (roar/roared) in perfect formation over the Union Buildings. It (iii) (is/was) not only a display of pinpoint precision and military force, but a demonstration of the military's loyalty to democracy, to a new government that (iv) (had been/has been) freely and fairly elected.

28. Complete the sentences given below using proper conjunctions : 4 × 1 = 4
- (i) She is getting worse _____ worse.
- (ii) She is very rich _____ she is unhappy.
- (iii) He asked me _____ I liked fish.
- (iv) Is she a doctor _____ a nurse ?

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