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II PRE BOARD EXAMINATION

ENGLISH

(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions:-

(i) The question paper is divided in three sections :

Section A - Reading 20 Marks

Section B - Writing and Grammar 20 Marks

Section C - Literature 40 Marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.

(iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION - A

[Reading]

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1. Read the passage very carefully:

- (1) Evolution has designated vultures to be the ultimate scavengers. Enormous wingspans allow them to circle in the air for hours. Their beaks, while rather horrifying, are weak by bird standards, made to scoop and eat flesh.
- (2) However unappealing they may seem, vultures serve an important role in the ecological cycle: processing dead bodies of animals. 20 years ago, India had plenty of vultures—flocks so enormous that they darkened the skies. But by 1999, their numbers had dropped due to a mysterious kidney ailment. By 2008, 99.9 per cent of India's vultures were gone. It was discovered that they had been killed by a drug called diclofenac (a pain reliever along the lines of aspirin and ibuprofen).
- (3) Indians revere their cows, and when a cow showed signs of pain, they treated it with diclofenac. After the animal died, the vultures would eat the corpse. And though they can boast of perhaps having the world's most efficient digestive system, vultures cannot digest the drug.
- (4) India banned the use of diclofenac for veterinary use in 2006, but it is still widely used. The near extinction of vultures has caused the spread of pathogens in the country as rats and dogs have moved in to take their place. This would have otherwise been destroyed by the vultures.

(5) Vultures need large ranges to scan for food and undisturbed areas to nest. They also need an abundance of prey species since they rely more on chance than their own hunting skills to eat. All of these things have been reduced by human activities. Meanwhile, there is a dramatic increase in secondary poisoning. Vultures feed on carcasses laced with poison, intended to kill jackals or other predatory carnivores or they are poisoned by the lead in animals left behind by their hunters. Despite having faced many challenges over the years, the vultures have stood firm against the test of time.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any ten questions from the twelve that follow : 10 × 1 = 10

(A) Vultures serve an important role in the ecological cycle as :

- (a) They eat less.
- (b) For they process dead bodies of animals.
- (c) They help to maintain food web.
- (d) They clean grounds with their big wings.

(B) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the given quotes:

"It is not the strongest of the species that surround, nor the most intelligent; but the one most responsive to change." - Charles Darwin	"Death is nature's way of saying, "Your table is ready" -Robert Williams	"Hunger is the best sauce in the world." - Miguel de Cervantes	"Just remember it's the bird that's supposed to suffer, not the hunter." - George W. Bush
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)

- (a) Option (1)
- (b) Option (2)
- (c) Option (3)
- (d) Option (4)

(C) Which of the following characteristics are apt about the writer in the following context ?

"Meanwhile, there is a dramatic increase in secondary poisoning. Vultures feed on carcasses laced with poison, intended to kill jackals or other predatory carnivores or they are poisoned by the lead in animals left behind by their hunters".

- (1) Negligent
- (2) Concerned
- (3) Caring
- (4) Patient.
- (5) Worried
- (6) Informative
- (a) (1) and (3)
- (b) (4) and (5)
- (c) (2) and (5)
- (d) (3) and (6)

(D) What will be the most appropriate title for the passage?

- (a) The Ultimate Scavenger
- (b) Vultures Life Story
- (c) An Ultimate Scavenger
- (d) India and Vultures

(E) The reason behind vultures dying is that they feed on carcasses laced with poison actually meant to kill jackals and other predators.

State True/false.

(F) What does the phrase "moved in to take their place" mean in the given paragraph?

- (a) Contributed in the task
- (b) Helped them
- (c) Replaced them
- (d) Removed them

(G) Why are vultures beak considered weak?

(H) The author attempts to make the readers _____ through this write up.

(I) What's an interesting fact, which is quite ironical given in the passage about the vultures?

- (a) They eat corpse
- (b) They cannot digest drugs
- (c) They are enormous
- (d) They have weak beaks

(J) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of "boast" as used in the passage.

- (1) To brag about oneself
- (2) To exaggerate
- (3) To talk very proudly
- (4) To show off

(5) To show pride & arrogance

(a) (2) and (3)

(b) (1) and (2)

(c) (4) and (5)

(d) (3) and (1)

(K) Select the option that makes the correct use of "designated" as used, in the passage to fill in the blank space,

(a) He was _____ as Prime Minister.

(b) Uttarakhand is _____ as land of Gods.

(c) Reeta was _____ as the chief secretary of her club.

(d) ~~He~~, _____ as the head boy of the school, performed his duties with near perfection.

(L) What is the message conveyed in the last paragraph of the passage?

2. Read the following passage given below and answer the questions. $10 \times 1 = 10$

1. Tourists visiting Singapore can get up close with the major river ecosystems of the world, complete with flora and fauna. For, Wildlife Reserve Singapore (WRS) - which is the holding company of the famed Jurong Bird Park, Night Safari and the Singapore Zoo - has recreated such an ecosystem. Created on a 12- hectare land, it offers a glimpse of the wildlife, mostly freshwater fauna of some of the iconic rivers of the world. This includes the Ganges and Mississippi, Mekong and Yangtze river, Murray, Congo and the Nile. Also included is a guided cruise along a man-made river to get a peep into the wildlife found in the Amazon region.

2. While 85 percent of the collections are designed to be viewed walking through special enclosures and galleries, each with a theme, the Amazon River Quest boat ride provides a glimpse of the remaining 15 percent. A pair of giant pandas along a couple of red pandas housed in a climate-controlled exhibit in the Yangtze River zone is one of the major attractions of the River Safari. The walk through exhibits give a glimpse of nearly 400 plant species and over 6,000 animal specimen, representing 200 species, making the river safari the first of its kind in Asia.

3. The river zone of the Ganges is set against the facade of the temple and the wildlife is represented by the gharial and the goonch catfish. Moving on to different river zones, one can catch a glimpse of giant river otters, Chinese giant salamanders (world's largest amphibian), Mekong giant catfish (world's largest freshwater fish which measures up to 3 m in length and weighs about 295 kg) among others. The Amazon River Quest which is actually a boat ride meandering through a man-made river, takes the visitors close to the Jaguar, giant anteater, Brazilian tapir, capybara, and a few other species that live along the Amazon River.

4. Through the message of conservation underlying the concept is important, the project has also stemmed from WRS' constant need to innovate to ensure an increase in the tourist footfalls so they can be financially self-sufficient.

(i) What can one find in Wildlife Reserve Singapore (WRS)?

(ii) One of the major attractions of the River Safari is :

a. pandas

b. tigers

c. penguins

d. gharials

(iii) WRS offers a glimpse of the wildlife only. True/ False

(iv) The tourists have to go through _____ and _____ to see the wildlife.

(v) What is one of the two-fold objectives of WRS?

(vi) The word in the passage which means the same as 'catch sight of/ spot' is :

a. constant

b. meandering

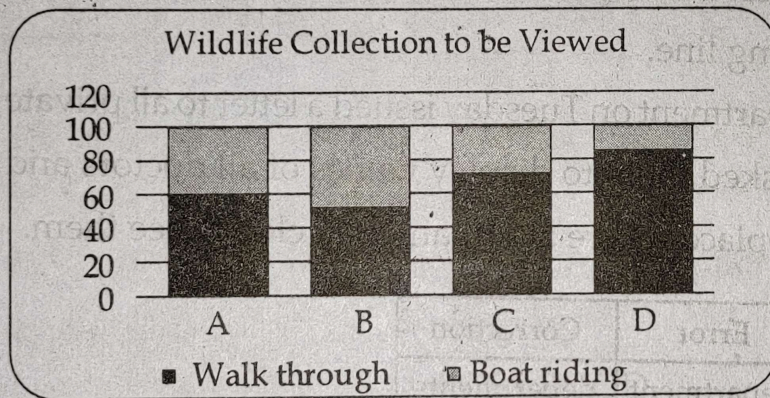
c. facade

d. glimpse

(vii) Substitute the word 'iconic' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence as per paragraph 1.

It offers a glimpse of the wildlife, mostly freshwater fauna of some of the iconic rivers of the world.

- (viii) What is NOT TRUE according to the passage?
- WRS created an ecosystem on a twelve-hectare land.
 - The Amazon River Quest is a boat ride through a man-made river.
 - A pair of giant pandas is housed in the Ganges River Zone.
 - Chinese giant salamanders are the largest amphibians.
- (ix) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from the passage.
Mekong giant catfish : freshwater :: _____ : amphibian
- (x) Select the bar that appropriately represents the ratio of the wildlife viewed through walking and boat riding in WRS.



SECTION - B

[Writing & Grammar]

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3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. $10 \times 1 = 10$

- i. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option to complete an outline update.

Swedish paleogeneticist Svante Paabo, who _____ the genome of the Neanderthal and _____ the previously unknown hominin Denisova, won the Nobel Prize in Medicine.

- sequenced, has discovered
- sequenced, discovered
- had sequenced, had discovered
- is sequencing, was discovered

ii. Read the conversation and complete the sentence.

Amit : Do you go for morning walk?

Sonu : No, I am always late.

When Amit tried to know from Sonu if he goes for morning walk, Sonu replied in negative by telling that _____

iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given line from a hospital.

This is a hospital. You _____ smoke here.

a. mustn't

b. needn't

c. may not

d. must

iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line.

The health department on Tuesday issued a letter to all private hospitals of Lucknow asked them to display names of all doctors and their speciality at a place where attendants can clearly see them.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	department	departments
B	asked	asking
C	speciality	special
D	can	could

v. Complete the given narrative, by choosing the correct option.

Disengagement has taken place in areas along LAC. We are keeping an eye on Chinese Air Force activities. We _____ radars and air defence networks.

a. increase

b. are increasing

c. have increased

d. had increased

vi. Fill in the blanks by using correct form of the word in the bracket.

The mere mention of the Nobel Prize _____ (create) visions of world famous scientists and economists.

vii. Report the dialogue between a doctor and a patient by completing the sentence.

Doctor : Since when are you facing headache?

Patient : I had felt it yesterday morning during morning walk.

In response to the question about headache, the patient told the doctor that _____

viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

Europe has to got over its belief that its problems are the world's problems, but the world's problems are not its.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. The street child shared her condition with Ranu. Report Ranu's question. "Where do you stay at night?"

x. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan by a popular cell- phone company.

" _____ YOU HEAR ME NOW? GOOD."

a. WILL

b. MAY

c. NEED

d. CAN

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Buddha and his disciple.

Buddha : Honesty is the best policy.

Disciple : Does honesty always pay?

While preaching, Buddha declared honesty to be the best policy. To this one of his disciples tried to know _____

a. if honesty was always paid

b. did honesty always pay

c. does honesty always pay

d. if honesty always pays

xii. Identify the missing word in the awareness message by a bank and supply the word.

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Use the given format for your response.

Word before	missing word	word after

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A. You are Neera/ Navin, a student of Max Public College, Pune. You are quite concerned about the lack of awareness around animal rights. Write a letter to the Editor of a major newspaper about the need to raise awareness about animal rights among the public.

B. You are Upendra/ Rashika staying at 3, Jawahar Nagar, Jaipur. Last year you bought a telephone answering system with Celtel from the 'Electronic World' of Chandigarh. Though it records the caller's message, it does not save it. Write a letter to the dealer complaining about the problem. Also request him to replace it, if needed, against the warranty that goes with it.

5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

A. The following table gives statistics showing the aspects of quality of life in five countries. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 -120 words on the given information by selecting and reporting the main features and make comparisons where relevant.

Country	GNP Per Head (1982 : US Dollars)	Daily Calorie Supply Per Head	Life-Expectancy at Birth (Years)	Infant Mortality (Per 1000 live births)
Bangladesh	140	1877	40	132
Bolivia	570	2086	50	124
Egypt	690	2950	56	97
Indonesia	580	2296	49	87
USA	13160	3653	74	12

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B. Read the following report and write an analytical paragraph based on it, in 100-120 words.

Recent studies have shown a rapid conversion of impaired glucose tolerance to diabetes in the Southern states of India where the prevalence of diabetes among adults has reached approximately 20% in urban population and approximately 10% in rural population. Because of the considerable disparity in the availability and affordability of diabetes care, as well as low awareness of the disease, the glycemic outcome treated patients is far from ideal.

SECTION - C

[Literature]

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6. Reference to Context.

Attempt ANY ONE from the two extracts given.

5 × 1 = 5

A- CHUBUKOV : You may take it that I know whether I have the right or not. Because, young man, I'm not used to being spoken to in that tone of voice, and so on. I, young man, am twice your age, and ask you to speak to me without agitating yourself, and all that.

LOMOV : No, you just think I'm a fool and want to have me on! You call my lands yours, and then you want me to talk to you calmly and politely! Good neighbours don't behave like that, Stepan Stepanovitch! You are not a neighbour, you're a grabber!

CHUBUKOV : What's that? What did you say?

NATALYA : Papa, send the mowers out to the meadows at once!

- i. How did Chubukov want Lomov to talk to him?
- a. without agitating himself. b. angrily
c. in a requesting manner d. pleasantly
- ii. What kind of tone did Lomov use in these lines?
- a. abusive b. calm
c. aggressive d. polite

- iii. Lomov called Chubukov a 'grabber' because :
- Chubukov called oxen meadows as Lomov's
 - Chubukov called oxen meadows as theirs (his and Natalya's)
 - Chubukov called oxen meadows as Natalya's
 - None of these
- iv. Where did the argument between Lomov and Chubukov reach?
- to a point where they embraced each other
 - to a point where Natalya proposed Lomov
 - to a point where Lomov felt sorry for his arguments
 - to a point where they were calling names and abusing each other
- v. Which word from the extract means 'to disturb, excite or anger someone'?
- agitating
 - have me on
 - calmly
 - grabber

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B- On that lovely autumn day I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr. de Klerk was first sworn in as second Deputy President. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as first Deputy President. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well being of the Republic and its people. To the assembled guests and the watching world, I said: "Today, all of us do, by our presence here ... confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud."

- i. (A) Nelson Mandela was giving a speech on the inauguration ceremony.

(B) The inauguration ceremony was the celebration of the establishment of first non-racial democratic government in South Africa -

- a. (A) is true and (B) is false
- b. (A) is false and (B) is true
- c. Both are true
- d. Both are false

ii. What pledge did Nelson Mandela take?

- a. To obey and uphold the Constitution
- b. To devote himself to the well being of the Republic and its people
- c. To respect and protect humanity
- d. All of the above

iii. What do you understand by the term 'an extraordinary human disaster' as said by Nelson Mandela in his speech?

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| 1. Racial discrimination | 2. Policy of Apartheid |
| 3. Equal rights given | 4. Whites ruled the country- |

Choose the correct codes

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| a. 1, 2 and 4 | b. 1, 2 and 3 |
| c. 2, 3 and 4 | d. 1, 3 and 4 |

iv. Nelson Mandela was accompanied by ____ On that day.

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| a. his wife | b. his daughter |
| c. previous leaders | d. common people |

v. Nelson Mandela took oath as:

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| a. First Deputy President | b. Second Deputy President |
| c. President | d. All of these |

7. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

5 × 1 = 5

A- My head is full of whispers
which tomorrow will be silent.
Listen. The glass is breaking.
The trees are stumbling forward
into the night. Winds rush to meet them.
The moon is broken like a mirror,
its pieces flash now in the crown
of the tallest oak.

- i. Study the following statements.
- A. The glass is breaking
 - B. The moon is broken like a mirror
 - C. Tomorrow will be filled with celebrations
- a. A is right but B is wrong
 - b. C is right but A and B are wrong
 - c. A and B are right but C is wrong
 - d. C is wrong and only B is right
- ii. Which word is synonym of 'slip' or 'lose one's balance'?
- a. muddle
 - b. rush
 - c. stumble
 - d. flash
- iii. Which poetic device has been used in the line The moon is broken like a mirror'?
- a. Metaphor
 - b. Alliteration
 - c. Simile
 - d. Personification
- iv. Whose whispers are mentioned here?
- a. Poet's head
 - b. trees
 - c. winds
 - d. moon
- v. The trees are stumbling forward because:
- a. they are weak
 - b. they have weak roots
 - c. they are living beings
 - d. they have grown too big

OR

B- If strolling forth, a beast you view,
 Whose hide with spots is peppered,
 As soon as he has lept on you,
 You'll know it is the leopard.
 'Twill do no good to roar with pain,
 He'll only lep and lep again.

- i. Given below are four examples of activities that Carolyn Wells does. Choose the option that correctly demonstrates 'strolling'.
- She runs with a great speed after being chased by a dog.
 - She walks in the garden, relaxing while listening to her favourite song.
 - She skids sharply on the icy skate rink.
 - She rushes to switch off the water pump in the backyard.
- ii. Which option lists the statement that is NOT TRUE according to the extract?
- The poet asks the reader to hide on seeing a leopard.
 - The poet cautions the reader about a leopard when walking through its territory.
 - The poet informs the reader that a leopard can launch repeated attacks.
 - The poet tells the reader that a leopard attack can result in pain.
- iii. Choose the option that matches with the rhyme scheme of the extract.
- Proud loud child wild jungle mingle.
 - wild jungle mingle child loud proud
 - wild proud child loud jungle mingle
 - Loud jungle wild child mingle proud
- iv. The repetition used in "he'll only lep and lep again" is an example of:
- incorrect use of words
 - funny action
 - poetic licence
 - All of these
- v. Which poetic device is used here - '*Twill do no good to roar with pain,*
- alliteration
 - consonance
 - assonance
 - metaphor
8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40- 50 words each. $4 \times 3 = 12$
- Why did Maxwell call the airhostess 'the very queen of her kind'?
 - Do you think, 'being enlightened' placed a far greater responsibility on the Buddha than being a king would have? Justify your instance.

- c. Comment on the tone of the speaker when she says "Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you Amanda?"
- d. The advice given by elders is crucial to young lives. Explain in the light of poem 'For Anne Gregory'.
- e. Valli was a mature girl ahead of her age. Illustrate your answer with instances.
9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each. $2 \times 3 = 6$
- a. How is Ausable different from other detectives?
- b. Explain the role of education in shaping the life of a child. Take the example of Bholi.
- c. Hobbies play a very important role in one's life. Elaborate this with reference to 'The Making of a Scientist'.
10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. $1 \times 6 = 6$
- a. Certain qualities like courage and bravery are situational and spontaneous. Express your views with reference to the poem 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon'.
- b. Pranjol and Rajvir discuss their next vacation destination. They shortlist Coorg and Goa. Rajvir is keen on Coorg and tries to convince Pranjol. Develop a conversation between the two, based on your understanding of 'Glimpses of India'.
11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. $1 \times 6 = 6$
- a. "We are too involved in materialistic things, and they don't satisfy us. The loving relationship we have, the universe around us, we take these things for granted." Explain how the given quote of Mitch Albom reflects Matilda's character (The Necklace).
- b. Compare and contrast the characters of great and mighty Think-Tank and Noodle.

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