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**ENGLISH**

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**Time : 3 Hours]**

**[Maximum Marks : 80**

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Turn Over

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***(New Course)***

**Section-A**

**(Reading Comprehension)**

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

Empowered women will enrich the civil society of the nation and will drive the virtuous cycle to work for more disadvantaged lot. This social empowerment will help them take proactive part in aligning some distortions of the society. Women will then find a voice against eve-teasing and insensitivity in urban areas. They can better handle the crusade against female foeticide and thereby rectify the demographic imbalance.

Reservation in forces would not only tap talent of women in combat skills, but also generate healthy competition in male dominated arenas.

This will auger well for sensitivity of forces — an account of constant criticism in recent past. More gynaecologists, specialists and medical practitioners will truly drive in a fair distribution of human resource of the nation.

The aim to bring in women reservation is to enthuse dynamism in Indian society. By active participation of women; nation building will be smoother, equitable and more rapid. Reservation, however, should remain the vehicle and not the destination. The caution, in exercising this approach lies in protecting against usurping of this vehicle. In name of women representation, dummy figureheads are threats, which

can derail the affectivity of this means. Male counterparts actively wielding power, in name of elected wives, have spoiled the spirit in several areas.

Another concern, due to inherent stratifications of Indian social mosaic is the cornering of benefits by influential, rich and dominant. It is here that other supplementary and equally crucial elements have to step in and support reservation. An efficient administration and high level of awareness driving people participation should condemn and cremate such practices.

Women empowerment is a journey the Indian bandwagon has begun, though slowly and hopefully steadily, to win the race. The fight has to be fought on several fronts — but most critical is on the attitudinal front. Men must accept the strength and talent of women and provide

that crucial space for harmonious existence. With women as the heads of several states, India should set an example in empowering women. Women of this nation have brought laurels and global recognition in diverse fields. Be it Kalpana Chawla or Saina Nehwal, Kiran Bedi or Indira Noori, Mrs. Indira Gandhi or Lata Mangeshkar — Idols galore for Indian women. The need of the times demands them to be proactive members of the changing times. They should utilize the ladder of reservation and shine beyond in all hues of their talent and enigma. The story of any nation is often judged by glancing at the standard of empowerment of its women. It is high time that governance in our nation accepts this and proactively involves the synergy from this segment. It is, thereby, time to project the 'better halves' as the 'better half' on the national front.

5+5=10

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

Over the past few decades, with active involvement in major global decisions and events, India has left significant footprints in every arena. On the threshold of achieving the mantle of global leadership, Indian success story is scripted in diverse fields of political debates, economy, entrepreneurship, art and culture. However, the domain of sports continues to experience drought of significant Indian presence. The nation of over 1.2 billion continues to grapple with ideas to build a sporting culture.

Sports in Indian society have been always viewed as a leisure activity, which is given the "leftover" time, after tending to "more significant" activities. From time immemorial, kings and princes indulged in sports like hunting or chariot racing for the purpose of entertainment. Though the global notions about sports underwent a significant change, the Indian mindset has refused to bring out and expand the place of sports in our society.

Over the past decades, with every passing global sporting event like the Olympics, our attention shifts to the depressing state of Indian sports. This attention span is minimal. As a society, we return to our works for sustenance and in training the upcoming generation to earn their daily bread. For the nation, we expect medals in global events but shirk away from preparing our child to be that medal winner.

The presence or absence of sporting culture in any society is a reflection of several other factors operating simultaneously in the social milieu. India, with huge population as a resource is gifted with a large pool of human resource to draw out talent for different sports. Towns and villages abound with youngsters, whose natural inclination towards sports, can be moulded into global sporting personalities. Dhanraj Pillai, Deepika Kumari, Vijendar Singh, Sushil Kumar all represent the twinkle eyed youngster from small towns with big aspirations to shine with their talent, when presented with any opportunity. But the names are few enough to be counted on fingertips.

As a developing nation with huge population and debilitating unemployment, 'career development' is a major cause of worry for the youth and their parents. The mindset which is rigidly cast in our society expects students to devote themselves unconditionally to books till they emerge out with decent jobs. Studies are considered the sole path to land up a decent job to earn livelihood and raise a family. This route has attained social sanction and any deviation from this standard finds awkward stares, rebukes and obstructions to overcome. For a sporting culture to develop, sports must be viewed as a viable career option in the Indian Society.

Parents fail to recognize sports as career option in India. They understood the limited nature of opportunities for the sportsmen at the recognized national level. Only a handful, from amongst a million aspirants, due to several reasons, get to represent the Indian national side in any sport. The remaining becomes part of the crowd, jostling for space to shine at the pinnacle.



**Questions :**

- (i) How is sports viewed in India ?
- (ii) India has become global leader in sports. (True/False)
- (iii) Write the adjective form of 'attention'.
- (iv) For sustenance, we return to our ..... .
- (A) home (B) work
- (C) house (D) society
- (v) In "career development", the word 'career' is :
- (A) Noun (B) Verb
- (C) Adjective (D) Pronoun
- (vi) India has achieved success in ..... .

(Fill in the blank)

- (vii) What was the popular sport of Kings in India ?
- (viii) Write the synonym of 'leftover'.
- (ix) Write the opposite of 'global'.
- (x) Give a suitable title to this passage. 1×10=10

**Section-B**

**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. You are the cultural secretary of your school. Your school is going to organise a cleanliness drive in and around the school from next week. Design a poster to be displayed at different places in and around the school. (50 words)

*Or*

As Principal of your school, draft an advertisement (50 words) for the newspaper for the post of science teacher for your school.

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4. The road leading to your home is dirty and full of insanitary conditions. Write a letter to the editor of Kashmir Times, drawing the attention of the concerned authorities to this issue and requesting for improving the insanitary conditions. (120-150 words)

*Or*

You are the librarian of your school. As desired and ordered by the Principal, write a letter to M/S ABC Book Shop, ordering for the supply of subject specific books for 11th and 12th classes for the school library. (120–150 words) 6

5. Write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him/her on becoming the Student Secretary of the school, as conveyed by a notice on the school notice board from Principal's office. (50–80 words) 4
6. Incidents of 'crime against children' are increasing day by day. As the student editor of your school magazine, write an article on it for your school magazine. (200–250 words)

*Or*

You are the correspondent of 'Greater Kashmir'. There was an incident of fire in your locality, where an entire shopping mall was gutted in the fire. Write a report about it for your newspaper. (200–250 words) 8

7. Edit the following passage and correct the errors underlined as 1 to 8 :

His time at Penn State he remembered with unmitigated pleasure :

I grew as a reader, I grew as a poet, I grew as a lover. (1) He fall

(2) in with a vibrant group of graduate students, many of whom were

Indians. This was, he often says (3), the happiest time in (4) his life.

Later Shahid moved to Arizona to take a degree in creation (5) writing.

This in turn was followed by a series of jobs in Colleges and

Universities ; (6) Hamilton College, the university of Massachusetts at

Amherst, or (7) finally, the university of Utah in Salt Lake City, where

he was appointed professor in 1999. He was on leave from Utah,

doing a brief stint at New York University, where (8) he had his first

blackout in February, 2000.

1x8=8

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**Section-C**

**(Literature)**

8. Read the extract from a poem given below and answer any *two* questions :

Father and son, we both must live

On the same globe and the same land,

He speaks : I cannot understand

Myself, why anger grows from grief.

We each put out an empty hand,

Longing for something to forgive.

*Questions :*

- (i) Who is the speaker here ?
- (ii) What is the speaker saying ?
- (iii) Name the poem and its poet.

1×2=2

9. Attempt any *five* of the following questions :

(i) The three stanzas in the poem "A Photograph" depict three different phases. Comment briefly on each phase.

(ii) Why do you think it is important to preserve languages ?

(Discovering Tut .....)

(iii) Why does the author aver that the growth of world population is one of the strongest factors distorting the future of human society ?

(The Ailing Planet .....)

(iv) Why did the boys return the horse ?

(v) When did Ranga plan to marry and why ?

(vi) How do Shahid and the writer react to the knowledge that Shahid is going to die ?

2×5=10

10. Discuss how are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted. (The Ailing Planet .....)

*Or*

Why do you think the article has been titled 'Silk Road' ?

(120–150 words) 6

11. The story "The Address" is divided into pre-war and post-war times. What hardships do you think the girl underwent during these times ?

*Or*

The school system often curbs individual talents. Discuss.

(Albert Einstein at School) (120–150 words) 6

12. What do you gather about Crocker-Harris from the play ?

(The Browning Version)

*Or*

Comment on the poet's feelings towards 'Childhood'.

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