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SET - 1

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Candidates must write the Code on
the title page of the answer-book

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

1. This question paper has 12 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains four sections:
 - Section A: Reading Skills,
 - Section B: Writing Skills
 - Section C: Grammar
 - Section D: Literature.
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3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE (101)

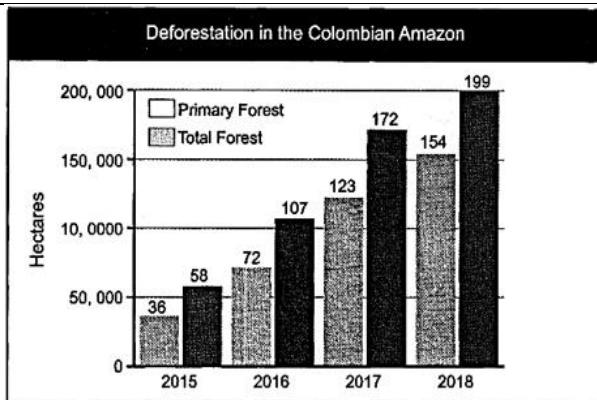
Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION A : READING SKILLS (22 marks)	
1	<p>Read the text carefully and answer the questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> One night about five years ago, just before bed, I saw a tweet from a friend announcing how delighted he was to have been shortlisted for a journalism award. I felt my stomach lurch and my head spin, my teeth clench and my chest tighten. I did not sleep until morning. Another five - years or so before that, when I was at university, I was scrolling through the Facebook photos of someone on my course whom I vaguely knew. As I clicked on the pictures of her out clubbing with friends, drunkenly laughing, I felt my mood sink so fast I had to sit back in my chair. I seemed to stop breathing. I have thought about why these memories still haunt me from time to time. Why they have not been forgotten along with most other day - to - day interactions I have had on social media - and I think it is because,... I so desperately wanted what those people had that it left me as winded as if I had been punched in the stomach. We live in the age of envy. Human beings have always felt what Aristotle defined in the fourth century BC as pain at the sight of another's good fortune, stirred by "those who have what we ought to have" - though it would be another thousand years before it would make it on to Pope Gregory's list of the seven deadly sins. But with the advent of social media, says Ethan Kross, professor of psychology at the University of Michigan who studies the impact of Facebook on our wellbeing, "envy is being taken to an extreme". We are constantly bombarded by "Photoshopped lives", he says, "and that exerts a toll on us the likes of which we have never experienced in the history of our species. And it is not particularly pleasant." While envying other people is damaging enough, we have something even more pernicious. We look at the lives we have constructed online in which we only show the best of ourselves, and we feel a fear of missing out in relation to our own lives. We don't measure up to the lives we tell others we are living, and we look at the self as though it were an other, and feel envious of it. This creates an alienating sense of "self - envy" inside us. There is a different, even darker definition of the concept of envy. For Patricia Polledri, psychoanalytic psychotherapist and author of Envy in Everyday Life, the word refers to something quite dangerous, which can take the form of emotional abuse and violent acts of criminality. "Envy is wanting to destroy what someone else has. Not just wanting it for yourself, but wanting other people not to have it. It's a deep rooted issue, where you are very, very resentful of another person's wellbeing".

1. The author felt her stomach lurch and her chest tighten. She could not sleep until the morning. The main reason behind this was:
 - a) her excess involvement in social media
 - b) her envy for her friend's achievement
 - c) her haunting memories of childhood
 - d) her deteriorating health conditions
2. Why do people get envious of others? Give any two reasons.
3. The social media platforms:
 - a) do not influence our nature in a significant manner
 - b) act as stabilisers for our envious nature
 - c) act as amplifiers for our envious nature
 - d) help to control jealousy for others
4. Aristotle's observations about human nature have passed the test of time. Give an argument in favour of the above statement.
5. The advent of social media in our lives has affected human nature in a certain way. Explain briefly in 30 - 40 words.
6. Select the option that lists the most dangerous form of envy.
 - a) Alienating sense of self - envy
 - b) Longing for the luxurious lifestyle
 - c) Desiring what other people have
 - d) Wanting to destroy what others have
7. Complete the following analogy:
Drunkenly : Soberly :: _____ : Clearly
8. Complete the following sentence:
bombarded by photoshopped lives. Here, it can be inferred that _____.
9. State whether the given statement is True or False:
Our ancestors were not as envious as our generation.

2 **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:** Read the following graph displaying the statistical data of deforestation in the Colombian Amazon. [10]



1. What is the meaning of **primary forest** ?
2. What is the total difference in primary forest cover and total forest cover between the first and fourth year of assessment?
 - a) 118 vs 141
 - b) 58 vs 154
 - c) 36 vs 154
 - d) 58 vs 199
3. How many hectares of total forest area has been destroyed by the year 2018?
4. Select the correct option to fill the blank and complete the analogy.
 _____ : predominant: : area : hectare
 - a) initial
 - b) secondary
 - c) total
 - d) primary
5. Based on the understanding of the given graph, what will be the major impact of deforestation on the Earth?
6. Complete the given sentence with the appropriate reason.
 We can infer that the Columbian region has suffered in its forest cover because _____.
7. Explain the reasons why situation (iii) describes most accurately the cause for deforestation.
 - a. One of the main deforestation drivers in the region is conversion to pasture for land grabbing or cattle ranching.
 - b. Increase in human population.

	<p>c. Increased need for land because man requires space to convert into pasture to raise cattle, for agriculture and to build houses, roads and other means of transportation.</p> <p>8. State whether the given statement is True or False: The Colombian Amazon lost nearly 478,000 hectares of forest between 2016 and 2018. Is the given statement true or false?</p>	
	SECTION B : WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)	
3	You are Soumya/Soham, living at 43 - B, Blue Apartments, Prashant Lok. You wish to take up a three - week summer course in baking after finishing your class X board exams. Write a letter in about 120 words, to the Principal of Excellent Cooking, Block D, Mahesh Enclave, seeking information about the course structure, course duration, fees, class timings, on job trainings etc.	[3]
4	<p>Write a descriptive paragraph on Stephen Hawking based on the clues given below</p> <p>Well known cosmologist and author - born in Oxford, England - very talented - studied physics at Oxford - known for his research on origin of the universe and books.</p>	[4]
5	<p>Today the ratio of car to house member is one is to one. This has led to parking issues in colonies. Cars are parked on the road which narrows road space leading to congestion.</p> <p>You have read about incidents of short - tempered brawls and physical violence in colonies because of lack of parking space.</p> <p>Write a letter to the editor of Times of India in about 100 - 120 words, drawing attention to this problem and what measures can be taken to resolve the problem. You are Sharan/Sunita from Maya Nagar.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>You are Shrawanof C - 2, Janakpuri, Delhi, you wish to make a pilgrimage to Badrinath, Kedarnath, and Haridwar with your family of five. You saw this advertisement somewhere over the internet about Char Dham Yatra.</p>	[7]

	Write a letter to S.S. Travels Station Road, Delhi, enquiring about the schedule of their conducted tour by Deluxe buses to these places. Ask about the charges, boarding and lodging arrangements and the total time needed for the tour.																					
6	Rising prices of essential commodities make life difficult for the common man. You are Nalini/Ranbir. Write an article describing the causes, possible solutions and how students can help their parents to cope with the problem. Clues <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Varying demand and supply2. Artificial shortages in the market3. Monitoring and controlling prices4. Lack of effective measures5. Action against hoarders OR Write an article titled Development of Cottage Industries in India .	[8]																				
SECTION C : GRAMMAR (10 marks)																						
7	Fill in the blanks (a) - (c) with the appropriate option from those in the brackets. Massage (a) _____ (would/may/can) be a natural tranquilliser. It (b) _____ (has/had/was) been used (c) _____ (in/on/for) virtually every culture throughout history to relieve aches and pains, unknot tense muscles, and help the body and the mind to relax.	[3]																				
8	In the following passage, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the words before and after against the correct blank <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Word Before</th> <th>Missing Word</th> <th>Word After</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>There was a fire our street yesterday morning</td> <td>(a)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>When I woke up, I looked of the window and saw</td> <td>(b)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>smoke pouring out of house opposite. Then I</td> <td>(c)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>saw fire engines arriving their sirens blaring.</td> <td>(d)</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> number:		Word Before	Missing Word	Word After	There was a fire our street yesterday morning	(a)			When I woke up, I looked of the window and saw	(b)			smoke pouring out of house opposite. Then I	(c)			saw fire engines arriving their sirens blaring.	(d)			[4]
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9	Do as directed. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence.	[3]																				

	<p>Anger is an emotional state accompanied by biological changes. It is a common congenital physical disability. Shafique's foot would have twisted inward. every/entire/is/the/cosmos/changing/moment</p> <p>2. Read the conversation given below. Based on your reading, fill in the blanks appropriately.</p> <p>Teacher: Why are you late?</p> <p>Pawan: I missed my school bus.</p> <p>Teacher: Why didn't you leave in time?</p> <p>Pawan: Sorry, I will do so from tomorrow.</p> <p>The teacher asked Pawan (a) _____. Pawan replied that he had missed his school bus. When the teacher asked him why (b) _____ in time, Pawan apologetically replied that he would do so from the next day.</p>	
SECTION D : LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)		
10	<p>Read the given extract and answer the questions briefly, for any two extracts of the three, given.</p> <p>1. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>I came down the steps with my pitcher And must wait, must stand and wait, for there he was at the trough before me.</p> <p>a. Who is I ? b. What is the pitcher for? c. Why must he wait? Wait is repeated, why? d. Why did the poet allow the snake to finish drinking water and not disturb him?</p> <p>2. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions:</p> <p>O, pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth, That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!</p> <p>a. What is the bleeding piece of earth referred to here? b. Which expression in the extract means I seek your forgiveness ? c. Why was the speaker meek and gentle ?</p>	[8]

	<p>d. Did the speaker later on change his attitude of being meek and gentle? With what effect?</p> <p>3. Read the extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:</p> <p>They were selling wild strawberries. Don't buy , warned Luigi, our cautious driver.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Who were selling the strawberries? What do you mean by cautious ? Why did the driver advise the narrator not to buy fruit from the boys? Who is referred as they ? 	
11	<p>Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 30 - 40 words each</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> How does the sculptor appear to be more deserving to claim I am king of kings; Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair ? Why could Ali not enjoy a sportsman's pleasure of hunting any more after Miriam left him? Why did Lavinia refuse to return the Ouija Board? What was Gogon Pakrashi's advice to Patol Babu on how to become a successful actor? What news about Sebastian Shultz did Michael see in the newspaper? Who is Ben? What is he most worried about? 	[10]
12	<p>Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 150 words.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Old people deserve to be treated with great care and love . How can you take care of the elderly? Miss Mebbin and Mrs. Packletide exhibit flaws of greed and jealousy. Comment 	[8]

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