

Series LRH/2

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- Please check that this question paper contains **12** printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains **18** questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the student will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer script during this period.

## 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.

### SECTION A — (Reading)

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : 12

1 I felt stupid, being made to stand on the desk while the other kids were bent over their notebooks. I couldn't understand my new school or my new classmates, or their alien language — English — and the fact that they could do sums in their head, while I struggled with a paper and pencil. For me, at age six, the good times had ended. Life seemed a far cry from those days in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, all thanks to my grandfather's reflected glory. He was a military doctor, a great man, and I lived with him. And so even policemen gave me affectionate salaams, which I learned to acknowledge with a nod. I'd simply lay my head down on the desk and sleep in class, if bored. I was a pampered little prince.

2 In early 1971, my parents decided it was time I moved to Bombay where father worked. My first few days were a disaster. No one spoke Tamil or Telugu, the only languages I knew. I couldn't keep pace with their writing or reading. Then one day, a slight plump lady with large spectacles, wearing trousers walked into the classroom. "Hello," she said. "My name is Miss Jean. I am your new class teacher." She'd done her homework. Spotting me in a back corner, she beckoned me to the front. My almost empty notebooks must have given Miss Jean a clue that I needed

the extra attention. If the class had to write a page, I'd be made to write two. Even during PT, I had to stay back and write. When I was caught sneaking to the window to watch the others playing, Miss Jean put me in the middle row, far from the windows.

3 I made some progress and Miss Jean made it a point to praise every little achievement. If I did my work wrong, she'd call me to her desk, hug me and show me how to correct my errors. Mistakes were only human in her eyes, but neglecting home-work was a crime — there'd be a terse comment in my diary for Mother to see. And I'd be grounded that evening. Meanwhile I was getting possessive and minded if another child got more hugs. By Christmas, I stood fifth in class. "I am very proud of Srikant," she told the class after reading out the marks. I related that moment to Mother again and again. When I returned after summer vacations, I heard that Miss Jean had got married and was going to Australia.

4 Many years went by. I graduated in engineering, then in management, got a job, got married and had kids. One day I found myself thinking of Miss Jean. Soon afterwards I found myself in Sydney, Australia on an official trip. I tried looking up my teacher in the phone book. But it was of no help as I did not even know her surname. Thank you Miss Jean wherever you are for the tact and patience with which you taught me.

1.1 Complete the following sentences : 1×8=8

- (a) When the author got bored in his class while he studied in Nellore, he \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (b) He was given a preferential treatment when he was a child because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (c) The author felt very bad and could not mix with his new classmates because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (d) When Miss Jean discovered that the author needed her extra attention she assigned him \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (e) Miss Jean put the author in the middle row far from the window when she found \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (f) When the author committed mistakes, Miss Jean made it a point to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (g) The author became so possessive of Miss Jean that \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (h) Although the author's efforts failed to trace her later in Australia, he thanked her in his heart because \_\_\_\_\_ .

1.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as 1×4=4

- (a) spoiled with too much attention (para 1)
- (b) called/signalled (para 2)
- (c) having excessive desire to own (para 3)
- (d) fail to do something (para 3)

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

1 Ilkal, a small town famous for its ethnic saris is in the northern district of Bijapur in Karnataka. But soon the sound of the loom may belong to the past as more and more weavers leave this art to join more profitable occupations. These saris are unique for their four to six inch broad reddish maroon borders with traditional, distinct designs. It is the families of dyers and weavers who together produce the Ilkal sari — a deep blue-black indigo body with red borders. It is woven in cotton or silk or a combination of both. The cotton, before the advent of chemical colours, was indigo dyed, and the red border dyed with colours derived from flowers.

2 A weaver's living room includes a handloom pit, where the weaver works on the loom at the same time entertaining guests and customers. The bedroom is the store room for yarn and also doubles as the domain of womenfolk of the house. It takes around a week to complete a sari. It is tiresome work. "The wholesaler gives us the required raw materials, mainly yarn, and we weave

the sari on a piecemeal basis," he elaborates. "We are then sure the sari is sold and we are not stuck with dead stock. This is how the system mostly works now."

3 Traditionally, Ilkal saris were made using natural indigo dyes. Then, in the 1970s, the synthetic German indigo replaced this vat dyeing process. Today, this has given way to naphtha based dyes. The famed and centuries old indigo dyeing is now on the verge of extinction. As the new generation steps into more profitable avenues the skyline of Ilkal is fast changing too. "The most profitable business in the area now is granite," states a weaver. With this stone being available in plenty here, a number of granite selling agencies and chimneys of granite processing units are proliferating all over. As more and more of town's younger citizens step into newer ventures like that of selling stones, the loom may become a mere memory.

2.1 Complete the paragraph using one word only in each blank.  $1 \times 3 = 3$

Ilkal, once a small town (a) \_\_\_\_\_ for its saris is fast changing into one known for granites. (b) \_\_\_\_\_ a sari takes almost a week and is tiresome work. The younger generation (c) \_\_\_\_\_ granite business to sari weaving.

2.2 Complete the sentences given below.  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) A weaver's bedroom functions as \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (b) German indigo has replaced \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (c) Weaving saris on a piecemeal basis ensures that \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (d) Availability of granite stone in plenty in the area has led to
- (i) \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. You are the Sports Secretary of your school. There will be a football match between Jawahar School and your school. Put up a notice on the notice board asking students who are interested in joining the team to come for selection. Write the notice in not more than 50 words.

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4. You are P.A. to Mr. Sharma, Secretary of T.K. Group of Institutions. He wants you to draft a message to be sent to all the schools in his group. Using the following notes left by him, draft the message in not more than 50 words. Do not add any new information.

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- Principals, Vice Principals – attend meeting
- At the corporate office
- 10 a.m. 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Topic of discussion – conduct of interschool cultural competitions

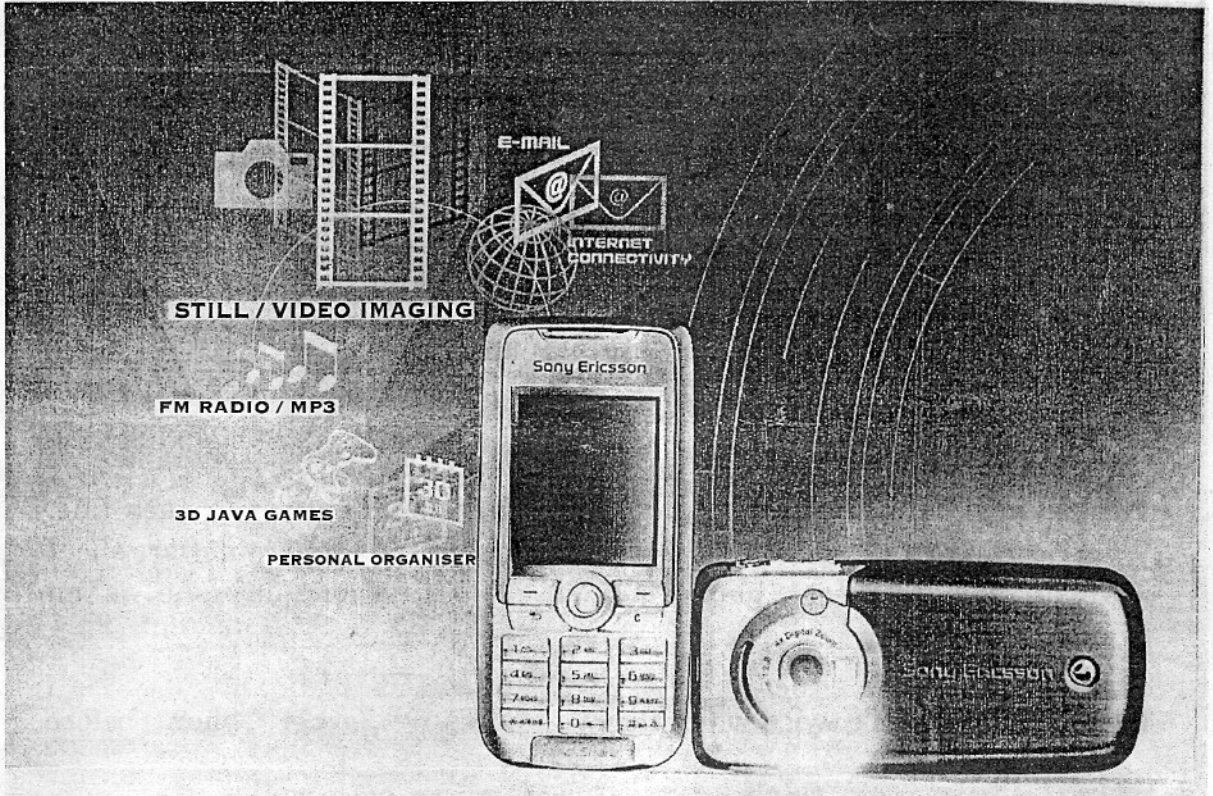
5. You are Rajat/Rashmi living at 10, Dilshad Garden, Delhi. As you commute to school, you happen to see garbage heaped on the roadsides spilling into the drains causing them to overflow. As a concerned citizen, write a letter in 150 – 175 words to the editor of a newspaper on the need for civic sense among the people. Use the notes given below.

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- garbage free environment
- health hazards
- outbreak of epidemics
- children to be educated in civic sense from a young age.

6. The picture given below shows the change in lifestyle brought about by the technology of today. But it has also brought with it a lot of negativities. Write an article in 150 – 175 words for a magazine on how technology is being over-used by the youth of today. Use ideas from the unit on 'Science' and your own ideas. You are Kavi / Kusum.

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**(For Blind Candidates Only)**

With the advent of technology, lifestyle has altogether changed. But it has also brought with it a lot of negativities. Write an article for a magazine on how technology is being over-used by the youth of today. Take ideas from the unit on 'Science' and use your own ideas. You are Kavi / Kusum. Write the article in 150 – 175 words. Use the notes given below.

- \* Uses of mobile phone
  - e-mail & Internet
  - F.M. Radio
  - Still/Video Imaging
  - 3D Games
  - Personal Organiser

7. Look at the notes given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Do not add any new information. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. 1×4=4

Mrs. Gupta – alone – flat – a man knocked – opens – three men enter – Revolvers – tied up – Jewellery worth 50000 – disconnect telephone

Mrs. Gupta was (a) \_\_\_\_\_. A man knocked at her front door. When she opened the door (b) \_\_\_\_\_. At gunpoint they tied up Mrs. Gupta and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ worth Rs. 50,000/-. They also (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

8. The passage below has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one is done as an example.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

People should think twice when they e.g. when before  
 adopt a pet. Pets became adopted (a)  
 member of the family. One cannot (b)  
 think at ill-treating them. (c)  
 They had to be given wholesome (d)  
 food. In case they fell sick (e)  
 they should be taken for a vet. (f)  
 Some people acquire pet and (g)  
 now neglect them. (h)



9. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers in your answer sheet.  $1 \times 4 = 4$

join college / decided to / at the / I / thirty-five / age of

I decided to join college at the age of thirty-five.

- (a) worried / to work / about / my ability / not / I was  
(b) confused teenager / not a / grown-up / was a / woman and / I  
(c) I realised / than me / the teenagers / very soon / that / better / were  
(d) had all their / bright condition / they still / classroom skills in

10. Fill in the blanks in the following passage with one word only in each blank. Write the correct word in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.  $\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$

The people in the restaurant seemed (a) \_\_\_\_\_ lonely as the place itself. Two men (b) \_\_\_\_\_ untidy work shirts sat at the counter, staring wearily (c) \_\_\_\_\_ cups of coffee. I thought that they (d) \_\_\_\_\_ shift workers (e) \_\_\_\_\_, for some reason, didn't want to go home. A little away (f) \_\_\_\_\_ them sat a couple. The man was staring into space, idly tapping his spoon (g) \_\_\_\_\_ the table while the woman drew aimless parallel lines on her paper napkin (h) \_\_\_\_\_ a fork.

11. 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.

1×4=4

- Anil : Why is there such a big crowd on that street ?  
Ravi : A new shop selling sports goods is opening today.  
Anil : Is a film star doing the opening ceremony ?  
Ravi : I heard that Sachin Tendulkar is inaugurating it.

Anil asked Ravi (a) \_\_\_\_\_. Ravi replied that a new shop (b) \_\_\_\_\_. Anil enquired (c) \_\_\_\_\_. Ravi told him that (d) \_\_\_\_\_.

### 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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Most of the time I meditate on the opposite wall.

It is pink, with speckles. I have looked at it so long

I think it is a part of my heart.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1  
(b) How does the speaker spend his time ? 1  
(c) What does 'pink, with speckles' mean ? 1

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.

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Other creatures loathed his voice,  
But, alas, they had no choice,  
And the crass cacophony  
Blared out from the sumac tree

- (a) Who is the singer referred to here ? 1  
(b) How did the other creatures react to the song ? 1  
(c) What does 'crass cacophony' mean ? 1

**OR**

May he sit still, they said.  
May the sins of your previous birth  
be burned away tonight, they said.

- (a) Who are 'they' ? 1  
(b) Why had they come to the poet's house ? 1  
(c) What do their words tell us about them ? 1

14. Answer the following in 50 – 75 words. 4

How does 'Ode to the West Wind' reveal the characteristics of an ode ?

**OR**

What traits of the ancient mariner's character are revealed in the poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' ?

15. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow in one or two lines only. 4

You know not what you do : do not consent  
That Antony speak in his funeral :  
Know you how much the people may be moved  
By that which he will utter ?

- (a) Who advises whom ? Whose "funeral" is referred to ? 2  
(b) What light do these words throw on the character of the speaker ? 2

16. Answer the following in 50 – 75 words. 4

Pick out instances from the play, 'A Christmas Carol' to bring out the most attractive traits of Tiny Tim's personality.

**OR**

How did Antony convince the Roman mob that Caesar was not ambitious ?

17. Answer the following in 50 – 75 words. 4

What information does Ch-tsal give Christopher about his planet in the lesson, 'Cutie Pie' ?

**OR**

Describe the circumstances under which Ali, the hunter, becomes the embodiment of love and patience.

18. Answer the following in 150 – 175 words. 8

As Babuli's second brother, make a diary entry on the night after the partition, expressing your opinion about the actions of your brothers.

**OR**

Imagine that you are the grandfather in 'The Ultimate Safari'. You have arrived at the camp. Make a diary entry on the hardships you had undergone in the Kruger Park.