

2010
ENGLISH (Compulsory)

202322

Standard : H.S.C.**Total Marks : 200****Nature : Conventional****Duration : 3 Hours**

- Note :**
- (i) *Answers must be written in English.*
 - (ii) *All questions are compulsory.*
 - (iii) *Figures to the RIGHT indicate marks of the respective question.*
 - (iv) *Number of optional questions upto the prescribed number in the order in which they have been solved will only be assessed. Excess answers will not be assessed.*
 - (v) *Credit will be given to correct spelling, punctuation, good handwriting and neatness.*
 - (vi) *Irrelevant and rambling answers will be penalised SUITABLY.*
 - (vii) *Candidate should not write roll number, any name (including their own), signature, address or any indication of their identity anywhere inside the answer book otherwise he/she will be penalised.*

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- 1.** Write in about 300 words an essay on *any one* of the following topics : **30**
- (a) Save the forests.
 - (b) Significance of friends.
 - (c) My favourite movie.
 - (d) T.V. Channels: how good how bad.
 - (e) India of my dreams.
- 2.** (a) Write in about 100 words on *any one* of the following letters : **10**
- (i) One of your close friends lost his mother. Write a letter to console him and encourage him to concentrate on studies since exams are approaching. (You are Anil Verma staying at Matunga. Your friend is Rahul Shelar staying in the hostel at Pune)
- OR**
- (ii) As a teacher, write a letter of congratulations to a student who has secured a rank in the merit list. (You are Mrs. Joshi and the student is Tejas Gandhi staying at Powai.)

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- (b) Write an official letter in about 100 words on *any one* of the following : **10**
- (i) Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining about the bad condition of roads in your area and the problems caused thereby (you are Mr. Mathur)
- OR**
- (ii) Draft a reply to the inquiry by a book-seller about the new books on management published by you. (Book-seller is Aashish Book Centre Publishers are Prism Books Ltd)
- OR**
- (iii) You are Mr. Anoop Sahu, a student at I.I.T Mumbai staying in the hostel. The students' club is planning a trekking program. Write a letter to your father who lives at 37, Hoshangsingh Road, New Delhi for his permission for trekking.
3. (a) Write in about 150 words a report on *any one* of the following : **10**
- (i) Celebration of the Independence Day in your college.
- OR**
- (ii) Organization of Intercollegiate Youth Festival in your college.
- (b) Write in about 100 words on *any one* of the following communicative activities : **10**
- (i) After the terror attack on Mumbai, draft an appeal by the Police Commissioner to people to maintain peace and avoid panic.
- OR**
- (ii) Draft a press-release of the inter -state cultural festival organized by Government of Maharashtra giving representation to mainly folk art /tribal art.
4. (a) Write on *any one* of the following communicative activities in about 100 words : **10**
- (i) You are working with Enjoy Travel Agency .A client wants to discuss the vacation plan with your agency. Write a dialogue between you and your client.
- OR**
- (ii) One of your colleagues is leaving the job for better prospects. Draft a speech you would make on the occasion of the farewell.
- (b) Write in about 100 words on *any one* of the communicative activities in about 100 words : **10**
- (i) You are one of the volunteers at the Drug Awareness Campaign organized by your college. Write a conversation between you and the visiting students who want to know about the exhibition.

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- (ii) Your college principal has organized a press conference to create awareness about the on-line admission process for the eleventh standard. Draft the conversation in the form of question -answers that will take place between the principal and the press.
- (c) Write on *any one* of the following communicative situations in about 100 words. **10**
- (i) There is a meeting of the principal and the parents to discuss the mode of action regarding the examination schedule on the background of the strike by the college teachers. Write the points for the same.

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- (ii) The co- operative housing society in which you reside has called a meeting of residents of your locality to discuss the nuisance created by the loud music during Ganesh festival in the locality. Write the outcome of the meeting between the Managing Committee and the residents.
5. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words in about one-third (about 120 words) of its original length and suggest a suitable title : **20**

(N.B. : Marks will be deducted if your precis is longer or shorter than the prescribed length.)

Commercial education has a long history in Britain going back to the days when ambitious young men went back to school to improve themselves by learning book-keeping. Basically, the skills that are required have changed little since Roman days, when merchants kept their accounts, but techniques have changed.

There has been one great change in commercial education. Upto 1902 all students were male; the first woman to present herself for a commercial course at a Pitman's college appeared accompanied by a chaperon, in 1902. Girls wanting to learn shorthand and typewriting gradually increased in numbers, but up to the 1914 war over ninety per cent of those ticking courses were men. The 1914-18 war bought a complete reversal and from the twenties onwards ninety per cent, of the students have been female.

Executives will need, for a long time to come, the qualities that only the experienced secretary can provide -sympathy, understanding and personal concern; tact, good humour, quick memory ,social ease and the high levels of technical competence to perform the work and to see that it is properly performed by others. In fact, we are likely to see the need for more, not fewer, highly trained secretaries.

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The secretary of tomorrow will require better training, better equipment, better employers and better conditions. She will need better and more comprehensive training, because of the increasing scope and changing nature of office work. The old skills of shorthand and typewriting will be as important as ever, but she will also require skill in handling and working from a dictation machine, for the division between the shorthand typist and the audio -typist will have to be broken-down.

The secretary will need to understand the ideas behind automation, to produce more accurate records and information in a shorter time.

The contribution made to business life by the secretaries of today is great and that of tomorrow would be still greater.

6. (A) Read the following paragraph comprehend and answer the questions given below : 20

The first important traveller to India was a Greek named Megasthenes. He lived here for a number of years and wrote about our country and people in his book Indika. This is not available now, but some little pieces are still there. With their help, it is possible to make a picture of India as it was at that time.

About 2400 years ago, Seleukos, a general of Alexander the Great tried to recapture the territories, once held by his master but afterwards conquered by Chandragupta Mourya. Chandragupta defeated him in 305 B.C. The defeated Seleukos sent Megasthenes as his ambassador to the court of Chandragupta.

Megasthenes observed our two largest rivers, the Ganges and the Sindhu. These rivers were used for journeys, only during the rainy season they could not be used because they were flooded. Roads were also used and the best known road ran from the northwest to Patliputra. It had shady trees, signposts, rest houses and wells along it and may be called fore runner of the present Grand Trunk road.

The numerous trees that grew in India also attracted his attention. The banyan tree whose branches grew downwards and took root particularly charmed him.

About the people of India Megasthenes says that Indians were generally tall and slim. Most people wore a white cotton dress, which contrasted with their dark complexion. The rich however wore gaily coloured linen clothes. They wore ivory car-rings and gold ornaments.

Megasthenes undoubtedly admired the Indian character. He says that the Indians behaved in an orderly manner. They just followed their customs and traditions. They did not care for written contracts. In business deals they took a man at his word.

Questions :

- (a) How do we know 'Megasthenes' views on India when his book is lost ? 2
- (b) Why could the Ganges and the Sindhu not to be used? 2
- (c) How did the Indians decorate themselves in Megasthenes time? 2
- (d) What were the conditions which brought Megasthenes to India? 2
- (e) How does megasthenes support the fact that the Indians were disciplined and honest? 2
- (f) Which of the following options is correct? 2
- (1) According to the author the Ganges and the Sindhu could not be used in the rainy season because:
- They were flooded.
 - They were full of crocodiles.
 - They were roads to be used.
 - There were no boats.
- (2) Many people wore a cotton dress because:
- They were poor.
 - It covered their head.
 - It contrasted with their complexion.
 - The passage does not tell us.
- (g) Frame two questions on the basis of the underlined part of the passage. 4
- (h) Find out the words from the passage which mean the same as the following 2
- Many Para 4
- Certainly Para 6
- (i) How does Megasthenes describe the physical appearance of the Indians ? 2
- (B) Paraphrase the following prose passage in your own words expressing the ideas in the passage clearly and in simple and direct language. (Not more than 100 words) : 20

Music is important because it can create, reinforce or dispel an emotional mood. A sad person might listen to something cheerful to chase away gloom. An agitated person might prefer to put a relaxing piece of music on the stereo. Music is in short a mood -altering device. Music can alter moods just as effectively as a tranquillizing drug or other chemical and entails fewer risks to one's health.

Music is also useful to reinforce ideas or habits of thought. This is why so many commercials on radio and television use musical rhymes and other tunes to put across their messages. A slogan or a text that is unremarkable by itself may become highly memorable when set to music. A catchy advertising jingle and the product it promotes, may remain in one's mind for years after a single hearing.

In similar fashion, many national anthems have undistinguished lyrics, but the words seem uplifting or at least less banal, when they are sung. Examples include the lyrics to the United States anthem, "The star-spangled Banner". Also, would anyone remember Rouget de Lisle's "La Marseillaise". Had it not become France's stirring anthem? Likewise, the fourth movement of Beethoven's ninth symphony incorporates a bad poem. (Schiller's "ode to joy") but has made that poem famous by setting it to impressive music.

One even may use music to make a social statement. Playing Bach on one's stereo, for instance, delivers a certain message about one's tastes, personality and preferences. What we listen to says much about what we are as individuals and just as we use music to alter the state of our own minds, we can use music also to sway the minds of others, by inserting messages of one kind or another.

7. (a) Rewrite *any five* of the following sentences using the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets. 5
- (i) Yesterday, the food _____ by my sister. (cook, was cooked, will be cooked)
 - (ii) I _____ participating in the chess competition next week. (will be, has been, have been)
 - (iii) When it was revealed that Mr. Shah's son was involved in the drug-selling, Mr. Shah _____ terrible. (is feeling, was feeling, will feel)
 - (iv) India cannot progress until we _____ the agriculture scenario. (will improve, improve, have improved)
 - (v) Pollution _____ worse day by day. (has become, is going to become, became, is becoming)
 - (vi) I _____ with his behaviour. (annoyed, annoys, am annoyed.)
- (b) Do as directed. (*Any five*) 5
- (Choose the correct form of the word given in the bracket and fill up the blank :
- (i) Peregrine falcon is the _____ flying bird. (fast)
 - (ii) Honey is a _____ obtained from honey-bees. (product)
 - (iii) Marathas _____ almost the whole Indian subcontinent in the eighteenth century. (conquer)
 - (iv) Veer Savarkar's _____ to the cause of independence of India is noteworthy. (contribute)

- (v) The 1857 _____ against the British is significant. (to revolt)
- (vi) Nitrogen is the most _____ gas in our atmosphere. (abound)
- (vii) Wellington _____ Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo in 1815. (defeat)
- (c) Transform *any five* of the following sentences as directed : 10
- (i) She said "God save my son "
(rewrite in reported speech)
- (ii) The captain was annoyed at not having carried out his orders.
(convert the simple sentences into complex sentence)
- (iii) I don't like soft drinks. I don't like junk food.
(combine these sentences using neither and nor)
- (iv) He is too rich to know what is poverty.
(remove 'too' and rewrite the sentences)
- (v) Police tried to catch the thief. The thief escaped.
(combine these sentences)
- (vi) Lord Krishna had stayed a large number of demons .
(change this sentences into Passive voice)
- (vii) As soon as the teacher arrived the students rushed to the classroom .
(Use 'no sooner than for as soon as)
8. (a) Punctuate the following paragraph : 5
- Mother came home opened the door and found the house in the mess .
Children had thrown their things on the sofa set the kitchen was in the mess
mother shouted what is all this.
- (b) Correct *any five* of the sentences : 5
- (i) Either of them were guilty of the crime.
- (ii) Himalaya is a mountain.
- (iii) She told me she will be here next Monday.
- (iv) He was caught for theft and punished.
- (v) Each of these sportsmen exercise regularly.
- (vi) Sun is rising everyday.
- (vii) A large crowd were gathered at the festival.

(c) Give meaning of *any five* of the phrases and use them in sentences of your own.

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- (i) To get rid of.
- (ii) To hold on
- (iii) To set in
- (iv) To stand by
- (v) To shoot up
- (vi) To keep up
- (vii) To settle down

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