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Instructions :

- i) First 15 minutes are allotted for the candidates to read the question paper.
- ii) All questions are compulsory.
- iii) This question paper has two Parts – **Part-A** and **Part-B**.
- iv) **Part-A** consists of **20** multiple choice questions of one mark each that have to be answered on OMR Answer Sheet by darkening completely the correct circle with **blue** or **black ballpoint pen**.
- v) For **Part-A** read the question-wise instructions and mark your answer on the given OMR Answer Sheet only. Do not erase, cut or use whitener on the OMR Answer Sheet after answering.
- vi) Marks of the questions are mentioned against them.
- vii) **Part-B** consists of descriptive type questions of **50** marks.
- viii) All the questions of **Part-B** are to be attempted all at a time.
- ix) Start from the first question and go up to the last question. Do not waste your time on the question you cannot solve.

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PART – A

(Q. Nos. 1 – 3) : Read the following passage carefully and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

An old man was distressed because his sons always quarrelled with one another. One day he called them to him and showed them a bundle of sticks tied together. He asked if anyone of them was strong enough to break them. First one and then another tried, but they all failed. He then untied the bundle, and told them to break each stick separately. This they did easily and all the sticks were soon broken into pieces. Thus he taught them that united they would be strong, but disunited they would always be weak.

1. An old man was distressed because

- (A) his sons quarrelled sometimes with him
- (B) his sons quarrelled with their friends
- (C) his sons always quarrelled with one another
- (D) his sons did not quarrel

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2. An old man was distressed. It means he was

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| (A) happy | (C) angry |
| (B) helpful | (D) sad |

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3. Which word in the passage is opposite of 'weak' ?

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| (A) Distressed | (C) Strong |
| (B) Quarrelled | (D) Disunited |

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(Q. Nos. 4 – 8) : Choose the correct option to answer the following :

4. I am proud my students.

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| (A) to | (C) of |
| (B) with | (D) from |

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5. Ramesh is an obedient student in the class. (Identify the word obedient)

- (A) Noun
(B) Pronoun

- (C) Conjunction
(D) Adjective

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6. Rearrange the following word clusters to make a meaningful sentence :

she / a / lot / of / money / borrowed / has / them / from

- (A) Has she them from a of money lot borrowed. (D) She has borrowed a lot of money from
(B) She has from a money of lot borrowed. them.
(C) Borrowed has she a money lot of them

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7. Which of the following words is mis-spelt ?

- (A) Importance
(B) Importent

- (C) Important
(D) Impossible

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8. Choose the correct option to answer the following :

He brother , before he reached there.

- (A) went
(B) goes

- (C) will be going
(D) had gone

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(Q. Nos. 9 – 10) : Read the passage given below and choose the correct option to answer the questions that follow :

But then I slowly saw that not only was I not free but my brothers and sisters were not free. I saw that it was not just my freedom that was curtailed, but the freedom of everyone who looked like I did. That is when I joined the African National Congress and that is when the hunger for my own freedom became the greater hunger for the freedom of my people to live their lives with dignity and self-respect.

9. The freedom of the black people of his country was

- (A) Sanctioned
(B) Curtailed

- (C) Opposed
(D) Supposed

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10. The author felt the great hunger for

- (A) the freedom of his neighbours
- (B) the freedom of his family members
- (C) the freedom of his friends
- (D) the freedom of his people

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(Q. Nos. 11 – 13) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

11. The postmaster was a amiable fellow.

- (A) fat
- (B) rude
- (C) thin
- (D) lazy

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12. Anne Frank wants to keep a diary because

- (A) She wants to keep a record in it
- (B) She is fond of keeping a diary
- (C) She has no friends to talk and share her feelings
- (D) Mr. Keesing, her teacher, had asked her to do so

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13. The main crop of Coorg is

- (A) rice
- (B) tea
- (C) coffee
- (D) sugarcane

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(Q. Nos. 14 – 15) : Read the given extract and choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

14. Who was sitting in the tree ?

- (A) A pigeon
- (B) A cuckoo
- (C) A sparrow
- (D) A crow

15. Where was the poet standing ?

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| (A) Under a peepal tree | (C) Under a hemlock tree |
| (B) Under a banyan tree | (D) Under an oak tree |

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(Q. Nos. 16 – 20) : Choose the correct option to answer the following questions :

16. Hari Singh did not know how to cook, but told that he could cook, because

- (A) he wanted work and food
- (B) he wanted some clothes
- (C) he wanted to study
- (D) he wanted to train Anil as a cook.

17. Ramlal's eldest daughter was

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| (A) Radha | (C) Kamla |
| (B) Sulekha | (D) Rekha |

18. Tricki's actual problem was

- (A) Malnutrition
- (B) Malaria
- (C) Vomiting because of excess of food
- (D) Typhoid

19. The writer of the lesson "The Making of a Scientist" is

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| (A) Robert W. Peterson | (C) Richard Ebright |
| (B) Ruskin Bond | (D) John Keats |

20. Matilda borrowed a good looking necklace from Mme Forestier. It was a necklace of

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| (A) silver | (C) artificial diamonds |
| (B) real diamonds | (D) topaz and ruby |

PART – B

(Reading)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

A poor woman once came to the Buddha to ask him whether he could give her any medicine to restore her dead child to life. The holy man, touched by the great sorrow of the woman, told her that there was only one medicine which could revive her son. He bade her bring him a handful of mustard seeds from a house where Death had never entered. The sad mother went from door to door seeking the

mustard seed, but every door she met with sad replies. One said, "I have lost my husband," another said, "Our youngest child died last year." She returned with a heavy heart to the teacher, who told her tenderly that she must not think much of her own grief, since sorrow and death are common to all.

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| a) Why did the poor woman go to the Buddha ? | 2 |
| b) What did the Buddha ask the woman to do ? | 2 |
| c) Did any door provide her the desired medicine ? | 2 |
| d) Which word in the passage means 'softly' ? | 1 |

(Writing)

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| 2. Write a letter to your friend asking him to spend his summer vacation with you. | 4 |
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OR

Write an application to the Principal of your school to arrange a cricket match between the teams of Class IX and Class X.

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| 3. Write a report on 'Science Fair' in your school in about 80 – 100 words. | 6 |
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Points –

- (i) Who organised the fair
- (ii) Different classes which participated
- (iii) Different stalls of Physics, Chemistry, Zoology and Botany
- (iv) What message did you get from the programme ?

OR

Write an article on 'A Birthday Party' of your younger brother or sister in about 80 – 100 words. Bear in mind the following points :

- (i) Time and place

- (ii) Whose Birthday
- (iii) Celebration
- (iv) Your impression about the ceremony

(Grammar)

- 4. a)** Rewrite the following sentence by changing into indirect speech : **2**
The teacher said to me, "Why are you not paying attention to your studies these days ?"
- b)** Change the following sentence into passive voice : **2**
He wrote a letter to his friend.
- c)** Punctuate the following : **2**
reeta said to geeta i am going to lucknow
- d)** Translate the following into English : **4**
मैं एक गाँव में रहता हूँ। मेरे गाँव में कारखाने नहीं हैं अतः यहाँ प्रदूषण नहीं है। यहाँ फलों के बगीचे और हरे-भरे खेत हैं। मैं अपने गाँव से बहुत प्रेम करता हूँ।

(Literature)

5. Answer the following questions in about 30 – 40 words each :

- a)** What quality of Lencho impressed the postmaster ? How did he decide to help him ? **3**

OR

What did the bakers of Goa wear in the author's childhood days ?

- b)** What did Valli do after she got into the bus ? **3**

OR

What does Anne Frank say about her father in her diary ?

6. Answer any one of the following in about 60 words : **4**

- a) Who was Nelson Mandela ? What ideals did he set out for the future of South Africa ?
- b) What does the writer say about Coorg and its people ?

7. What is the difference between a tiger in the zoo and the tiger in its natural habitat ? (in about 40–50 words) **3**

OR

Write four lines of any poem prescribed in your syllabus.

(Do not copy the lines given in the question paper)

8. Write the central idea of any *one* of the following poems (in about 40 – 50 words) : 3

- a) Amanda
- b) The Trees
- c) For Anne Gregory.

9. Answer any *one* of the following in about 30 – 40 words : 3

- a) Why did Hari Singh return to Anil ?
- b) Why did Bholi refuse to marry Bishamber ?

10. Answer any *one* of the following in about 60 words : 4

- a) Describe the life of Matilda Loisel before and after she lost the necklace.
- b) What is the role of Bholi's teacher in her life ?

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