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[ Max. Marks : 80

**Note :** (i) This question paper is divided into Four **Sections-A, B, C and D.**

(ii) **All** questions are **compulsory**. Marks are indicated against each question.

**SECTION - A (Reading)**

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

Of all the trees of Southern Asia, the banyan is unique, not only for the manner of its growth, but for the area of shade it provides from the burning sun. Its close relationship with man has evolved over the years to make the banyan a popular meeting place, a focal point of worship and a source of practical materials for commerce.

Known as the 'strangler fig' because of its unusual manner of growth, the banyan is an epiphyte or air plant, that has its birth in the branches of a host tree and lives on airborne moisture and nutrients. Banyan seeds are deposited by birds, bats or monkeys in the rich soil collected in the crevices of host tree branches.

As the banyan grows, it sends aerial roots down the trunk of the supporting tree. In time, the roots that reach the ground choke the host tree by preventing its trunk from enlarging. One tree may in time assume the appearance of a very dense thicket as a result of the tangle of roots and trunks.

The two best known species of banyan are : the Indian (*Ficus benghalensis*), one of the world's largest tropical trees; and the Chinese (*Ficus retusa*), a smaller species with fewer aerial roots.

(a) In what two ways is the banyan tree unique? 2

(b) Why is the banyan tree called the 'strangler fig'? 2



- (c) What are the two well known species of the banyan tree? 1
- (d) The word 'thicket' used in the passage means : 1
- (i) clearing
  - (ii) opening
  - (iii) a dense group of bushes or trees
  - (iv) individual

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

Values are viewed as socially approved goals and desires, those are internalized through the process of conditioning, learning or socialization and become subjective preferences, standards and aspirations. They are classified as physical, mental, emotional, economic, aesthetic, moral, religious, cultural and spiritual. Conceptually, 'values' refer to those guiding principles of life which are conducive to one's physical and mental health as well as to social welfare and adjustment and which are in tune with one's culture and environment.

Erosion of values is a matter of concern to all those concerned with education. It is not only in India, deterioration in human values has attracted a lot of attention at international level, too. The educational system and educationists are fully aware of their role in regard to transmission of the values cherished in their culture. The Parliamentary standing committee on Human Resource Development (1999) observed, "It is disappointing that well concerted efforts made during the last four decades have failed to achieve the desired results. Well chalked out plans and strategies for making our education value-oriented, still remain on paper".

Value education programmes are needed in all types of educational institutions. Growth of human values is now being emphasized as a very significant objective of the process of education. There is no doubt that the schools play a pivotal role for the inculcation of values. Schools through their various activities can make a deliberate attempt to propagate the desired and cherished values for the holistic development of an individual. It is quite important that during the teacher education programme, the teachers are introduced to the concept of value development and also made aware of the methods and



techniques keeping in view the physical and psychological development of the students to promote the human values.

- (a) What are values? 2
- (b) How are values classified? 2
- (c) Choose the correct option and write in your answer book :  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) Find the word from the passage which means the same as 'gradual decline'-
- (A) transmission (B) conducive
- (C) inculcation (D) deterioration
- (ii) Synonym of 'emphasized' is ...
- (A) highlighted (B) under state
- (C) minimized (D) play down
- (d) Select the correct option and write in your answer book-  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) Find a word from the passage which is the opposite of 'insignificant'-
- (A) conducive (B) significant
- (C) cherished (D) desired
- (ii) Noun form of 'promote' is :
- (A) promote (B) promoted
- (C) promotion (D) promoting
- (e) Give a suitable title to the passage. 1

### SECTION - B (Writing)

3. You are Raman/Neha, a resident of Bakshikhola, Almora and currently pursuing your studies from Dehradun. Write a letter to the Chairman, Uttarakhand Transport Corporation (U.T.C.), requesting him to provide the facility of a special bus from Dehradun to Almora and vice versa on Diwali. 6

OR

You are Ganesh/Geeta residing at D.A.V. Girls' hostel, Rishikesh. You wish to go to your friend's house for Dussehra holidays. Write a letter to your father telling him about your plan and seek his permission.



4. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following in about 60 words- 4
- (i) Happiest moment of my life
  - (ii) My Neighbours
  - (iii) A Busy Day
5. The given inputs highlight concerns about rising environmental pollution. On the basis of these hints, write a paragraph in about 80 words on 'how advanced technology has added to human being's problems'. 5
- Hints** : Cattle die after consuming polythene bags ..... Oil spill in sea threatens sea threatens sea life ..... scientists warn of ozone layer depletion ..... Increase in asthma cases among children.

### SECTION - C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of non-finites given in the brackets:  $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 = 2$
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ outside is essential for kids. (Play)
  - (b) She is too old \_\_\_\_\_ for us. (work)
  - (c) What would you like \_\_\_\_\_ coffee or tea? (Prefer)
  - (d) Having \_\_\_\_\_ the household work, she went out for shopping. (finish)
7. Combine the following pairs of sentences using sentence connectors given in the brackets-  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (a) She did not like the food. She ate it. (Yet)
  - (b) This is the boy. I gave him a rupee. (Whom)
8. Join the following pair of sentences as directed-  $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (a) Where has she put up her purse? Can you tell me. (Begin with "Can you...")
  - (b) Is it the time for examination to start? Ask the teacher. (Begin with "Ask the")
9. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in the brackets:  $1 \times 3 = 3$
- Last year, Shalu \_\_\_\_\_ (celebrate) her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday with great pomp and show. She \_\_\_\_\_ (invite) me too. When I \_\_\_\_\_ (reach) there, she had cut the cake. She told me that she missed me a lot.



10. Complete the following sentences using suitable modals- 1×2=2

(a) Passengers\_\_\_\_\_cross the road by the foot bridge.

(b) You \_\_\_\_\_ open a letter that is not addressed to you.

11. (a) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences-

1×2=2

(i) Mahi/help/decided/his/to/brother.

(ii) she/drowning/saved/boy/a/last/year.

(b) Transform the following sentences into passive voice-

1×2=2

(i) The doctors are operating the patient.

(ii) I will complete this work for you.

### SECTION - D (Text Book)

#### (Prose)

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

It was during the meal that, just as Lencho had predicted, big drops of rain began to fall. In the north-east huge mountains of clouds could be seen approaching. The air was fresh and sweet. The man went out for no other reason than to have the pleasure of feeling the rain on his body, and when he returned he exclaimed, "These aren't raindrops falling from the sky, they are new coins. The big drops are ten cent pieces and the little ones are fives."

(a) What did Lencho predict? 1

(b) With what did Lencho compare the big and little drops? 1

(c) The phrase "huge mountains of clouds" is a - 1

(A) pun

(B) idiom

(C) metaphor

(D) simile

(d) Present form of "predicted" is - 1

(A) predict

(B) prediction

(C) predicted

(D) predicting



13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow -

Let me put it more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year old girl is completely alone in the world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen-year-old sister, and there are about thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good home. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I'm with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything but ordinary everyday things. We don't seem to be able to get any closer, and that's the problem.

- (a) How old is Anne? 1  
(b) Who else is there in Anne's family? 1  
(c) Anne feels that she doesn't have a true \_\_\_\_\_. 1  
(d) Find a word from the passage which is the opposite of 'unusual'. 1  
(A) Ordinary (B) Normal  
(C) Common (D) Average

14. Answer the following question in about 80 words - 5

"They were beckoning to him, calling shrilly." Why did the seagull's father and mother threaten him and cajole him to fly?

**OR**

Why does the narrator say, "I landed and was not sorry to walk away from the Old Dakota....."?

15. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words- 3

What is the point of dispute between Lomov and Natalya when they meet the first time? How does Lomov prove his point?

**OR**

'The Proposal' is a great comedy. How?



**(Poetry)**

16. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

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

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| (a) Name the poem and the poet.           | 1 |
| (b) What did the crow do?                 | 1 |
| (c) Where do you think the poet was then? | 1 |

**OR**

He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of velvet quiet,  
In his quiet rage.

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| (a) Who is 'he' in the poem? How does 'he' walk? | 1 |
| (b) Where is 'he' in the given lines?            | 1 |
| (c) Name the poem and the poet.                  | 1 |

17. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each:

2×2=4

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| (a) Does the poet actually say that the fog is like a cat? Find three things that tell us that the fog is like a cat. |  |
| (b) What happens to the house when the trees move out of it?  |  |
| (c) What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?   |  |

**(Supplementary Reader)**

18. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

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Give a character sketch of Bholi.

**OR**

What guesses do Think-Tank and Noodle make about the books found on the earth?



19. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words : 3

What did Mrs. Loisel do to find the lost diamond necklace?

**OR**

Describe the lady whom Horace Danby meets while committing a theft.

20. Answer the following question in about 20-30 words : 2

Describe Griffin as a lawless person but a great scientist.

**OR**

What made the author delighted to keep Tricki at the surgery?

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