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ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM

ENGLISH

(Morning Session)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

- Note :** (i) You must write the subject code/paper code **02/A** in the box provided on the title page of your answer book.
- (ii) Make sure that answer book contains **24** pages (including title page) and are properly serialized as soon as you receive it.
- (iii) Question/s attempted after leaving blank page/s in the answer book would not be evaluated.
- (iv) No extra sheet will be given. Write suitable answer and do not strike the written answer.
- (v) **All questions are compulsory.**

SECTION – A

[Marks : 8

(Reading Skills)

- 1. (a)** Read the following passage and answer the questions given below : $4 \times 1 = 4$

There is nothing more frustrating than when you sit down at your table to study with the most sincere of intentions and instead of being able to finish the task at hand, you find your thoughts wandering. However, there are certain techniques that you can use to enhance your concentration. To begin with, one should attempt to create the physical environment that is conducive to focused

thought. Identify the factors that make it difficult for you to focus. Do not place your study table or desk in front of a window. While there is no cure for a mind that wants to wander, one should try and provide as little stimulus as possible. Looking out of the window when you are trying to concentrate will invariably send your mind on a tangent. It is very important to decide what you have to finish in a given span of time. Divide your schedule into study and leisure time. When you study, choose a mix of subjects that you enjoy and dislike and save the former for the last so that you have something to look forward to. Try to sit more than 40 minutes at a stretch. Take a very short break to make a cup of tea or listen to a song and sit down again. Under no circumstance should one sit for a long time. Short breaks build your concentration and refresh your mind. However, be careful not to overdo the relaxation. It may have undesired effects. More than anything else, do not get disheartened. Concentration is a matter of disciplining the mind. It comes with practice and patience and does not take very long to become a habit for life.

- (i) What does the passage suggest about dividing study time ?
- (A) Study without any breaks.
 - (B) Divide schedule into study and recreation hours.
 - (C) Study only difficult subjects first.
 - (D) Ignore planning study hours.
- (ii) How should one sequence subjects for effective study as per the passage ?
- (A) Do the hardest subjects last.
 - (B) Save enjoyable subjects for last.
 - (C) Mix all subjects randomly.
 - (D) Study only easy subjects.
- (iii) Which technique is not mentioned in the passage ?
- (A) Identifying distractions
 - (B) Taking short breaks
 - (C) Planning study schedules
 - (D) Multitasking heavily
- (iv) What emotion should one avoid according to the passage ?
- (A) Happiness
 - (B) Disheartenment
 - (C) Curiosity
 - (D) Motivation

(b) Study the given poster carefully and answer the questions that follow :

4 × 1 = 4

CELEBRATE OUR PLANET GREENING TOMORROW/ TODAY ECOFEST 2026

EcoFest Highlights

- ❑ Green Workshops: upcycling, composting, solar energy (daily)
- ❑ Eco-Exhibitors: Sustainability brands showcasing innovations
- ❑ Climate Talks: 16th & 18th Oct with environmental experts
- ❑ Kids' Green Zone: Interactive eco-activities
- ❑ Community Clean-Up: 17th Oct
- ❑ Green Food Festival: organic & plant-based foods

**City Grounds
Green Park Area
15th Oct to 19th Oct**

Activities →

- Green Challenge
- Eco-Art Corner
- Sustainability Swag
- Plant Adoption

SUSTAINABILITY

- (i) What is the likely goal of the Green Workshops ?
- (A) Promoting traditional practices
 - (B) Educating sustainable practices
 - (C) Showcasing luxury eco-products
 - (D) Focusing industrial manufacturing
- (ii) What does the Community Clean-Up on 17th Oct suggest ?
- (A) EcoFest focuses on talks only.
 - (B) Encourages community environmental action.
 - (C) The event is commercial-driven.
 - (D) Activity is for kids only.
- (iii) Looking at EcoFest's overall theme "Greening Tomorrow Today", what is the festival's likely emphasis ?
- (A) Short-term gains
 - (B) Sustainability and environmental consciousness
 - (C) Entertainment over eco-issues
 - (D) Technology without eco-focus
- (iv) How does EcoFest cater to younger attendees ?
- (A) With adult-only events
 - (B) Through Kids' Green Zone
 - (C) Food stalls only
 - (D) Shopping zones

SECTION – B
(Objective Type Questions)

[Marks : 6

2. Answer the following questions :

$6 \times 1 = 6$

- (i) was sent to bring the two most precious things from the city.
(The Happy Prince)
- (A) Mayor (B) God
(C) Angel (D) Swallow
- (ii) Which illustration was used by the professor of Psychology ?
(Secret of Happiness)
- (iii) What lives after death ?
(Death the Leveller)
- (iv) Robert Gillian offered a to Miss Lotta Lauriere. (One Thousand Dollars)
- (v) Where did Sausage reach while diving ?
(Return to Air)
- (vi) Where did Subbiah's wife take the man ?
(Half a Rupee Worth)

SECTION – C
(English Textbooks)

[Marks : 29

[English Main Course Book : Prose]

3. (a) Answer any *three* questions in about 15-20 words each :

$3 \times 3 = 9$

- (i) What was the new mischief Phatik thought of ? (The Home-Coming)
- (ii) "Today the upper age group is overcrowded." Why ?
(Where is Science Taking Us ?)
- (iii) How did Della manage to buy the gift ? (A Gift for Christmas)
- (iv) Who did the gods go to in desperation ?
(Some Glimpses of Ancient Indian Thought and Practices)
- (v) Define solar system. (The Making of the Earth)

(b) Answer any *one* question in about 50 words :

$1 \times 4 = 4$

Why did the Mayor dislike the statue so much ? (The Happy Prince)

OR

What is the theme of the essay 'The Rule of the Road' ? (The Rule of the Road)

[English Main Course Book : Poetry]

4. (a) Answer any *two* questions after reading the following stanza : $2 \times 2 = 4$

Untied unto the world with care
Of public fame or private breath;
Who envies none whom chance doth raise
Nor vice; who never understood.

- (i) What does a truly happy man not care about ?
(ii) Which phrase indicates the person's detachment from worldly things ?
(iii) Does the person envy others ?

- (b) Answer any *one* question : $1 \times 3 = 3$
Who was Sir Pertab Singh ? (A Ballad of Sir Pertab Singh)

OR

What is the theme of the poem 'Razia, the Tigress' ? (Razia, the Tigress)

[English Supplementary Reader]

5. Answer any *three* of the following questions in about 15-20 words : $3 \times 3 = 9$

- (i) When did the author regain his confidence and how ? (Bed Number 29)
(ii) What was Holmes' condition when Watson saw him ? (The Dying Detective)
(iii) Who were the Bashkirs? How did Pakhom make friends with them ?
(How much Land Does a Man Need ?)
(iv) What was the condition laid down by the lawyer ? (One Thousand Dollars)
(v) Why couldn't Sausage see inside the water ? (Return to Air)

SECTION – D

[Marks : 4

(Vocabulary)

6. Do as directed : $4 \times 1 = 4$

- (i) Choose the correct word from the bracket to fill in the blank :
She is an expert in (dyeing, dying)
(ii) Use the following idiom in a sentence :
A cat and dog life
(iii) Give one word for the following :
To increase the gravity of a situation
(iv) Correct the following sentence :
My son does not listen what I say.

SECTION – E

(Translation, Grammar and Composition)

7. (a) Translate any *three* sentences from English to Punjabi/Hindi : $3 \times 1 = 3$
- He never lost his calm.
 - Here Science is actually doing less than nothing.
 - The entire universe is one family.
 - One day Phatik lost his lesson book.
 - We must be judicious mixture of both.
- (b) Translate any *three* sentences from Punjabi/Hindi to English : $3 \times 1 = 3$
- ਵੇਟਾਂ ਕਿਵੇਂ ਪਾਈਆਂ ਜਾਂਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ? / वोट कैसे डाले जाते हैं?
 - ਮੇਰੇ ਲਈ ਪਾਣੀ ਦਾ ਗਿਲਾਸ ਮੰਗਵਾਓ। / मेरे लिए पानी का गिलास मँगवाओ।
 - ਧੋਬੀ ਦਾ ਕੁੱਤਾ, ਨਾ ਘਰ ਦਾ ਨਾ ਘਾਟ ਦਾ / धोबी का कुत्ता, न घर का न घाट का।
 - ਮੇਰੀ ਬੇਟੀ ਮੇਰੀਆਂ ਅੱਖਾਂ ਦਾ ਤਾਰਾ ਹੈ। / मेरी बेटी मेरी आँखों का तारा है।
 - ਸਵੇਰ ਤੋਂ ਬੁੱਢਾ-ਬਾਦੀ ਹੋ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। / सुबह से बूढ़ा-बाँदी हो रही है।

8. Do as directed : $10 \times 1 = 10$
- Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner :
Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru was first Prime Minister of Independent India.
 - Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition :
I went to take a round his house and I saw a family photograph.
 - Fill in the blank with correct modal :
You not enter my class, I forbid it. (must/will)
 - Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction :
..... you do not get success despite your repeated efforts, you should not lose heart.
 - Rewrite the following sentence using a non-finite verb :
His handwriting is so bad that one cannot read it.
 - Transform the following sentence using 'if you do not' :
Walk fast lest you should miss the train.
 - Change the voice in the following sentence :
I should not be disturbed.

(viii) Change the following sentence into the indirect form of Narration :

The teacher said to Krish, "Where do you live ?"

(ix) Fill in the blank with the suitable form of the verb given in the bracket :

He (teach) in this school since 2002.

(x) Punctuate the following sentence :

we bought apples oranges peaches and bananas

9. (a) Read the telephonic conversation given below :

Anoushka : Hello, is it 229509 ?

Ritu : Yes, may I know who is calling ?

Anoushka : I am Anoushka, can I talk to Ishaan ?

Ritu : He has gone to the library.

Anoushka : Please tell him that his interview for 'Tata Indicom' has been fixed for tomorrow at 9 am sharp. He should reach the office in time and also bring his certificates along with him. Don't forget. It is urgent.

Ritu : I'll convey the message.

Anoushka : Thank you.

Ritu has to go to visit her sister. Write the message on her behalf.

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OR

You are Sonal, Cultural Secretary of the City Public School, Lucknow. Write a notice inviting students to give their names for the Fancy Dress Competition.

(b) Draft an advertisement for 'UNIVERSE ACADEMY'.

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OR

Read the passage given below and make notes :

DEMOCRACY

The word comes from Latin translations of Aristotle's *demos*, meaning "territory" or "people" as a group and *kraiton*, which means "rule". But whatever its linguistic roots, democracy as we understand it today is a product of the Enlightenment, based on what Kant termed *autonomy*, again from the Greek, a law (*nomos*) that you impose on yourself. In short, "government of the people, by the people, for the people". This is practically synonymous with sovereignty in the popular imagination, but sovereignty, as the German philosopher Carl Schmitt argued, is the power to suspend the law and to place oneself above the law, or, as Jacques Derrida wrote :

"The abuse of power is constitutive of the idea of sovereignty". It is a tribute to the power of the democratic ideal that when governments deny democracy, they feel obliged to claim that it is for some greater good. Suspending elections, for instance, is presented as a bid "to protect democracy". Today, many see democracy as a form of modern civilization. Beyond the mere freedom to vote, it incorporates accountability of government, civic freedoms, the rule of law, and so on. Some see democracy as a form of identity and a byword for market freedom, which is not just to be shared, but protected and spread as a counterweight to tyranny.

- (c) Write a paragraph on any *one* topic using the following hints : 4

Leisure : Life is not worth living if we remain busy in work lot of energy wasted restored by leisure enjoy sights of nature develop new tastes and creative hobbies busy men miss all this over-work causes ailments make right use of leisure.

OR

A Visit to Rajghat : Rajghat body of Mahatma Gandhi cremated in Delhi place of pilgrimage I went with my school friends stony path leads to inner gates a mound covered with black stone slab "Hey Ram" carved on the slab visited by all foreign dignitaries who come to India place of utmost sanctity.

- (d) Write a letter to your younger sister Rani, describing your visit to some historical building. You are Seema living at Pratibha Hostel, Bal Bharti, Delhi. 7

OR

You are Manpreet Kaur living at Adarsh Vihar, Dwarka. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper suggesting how the problem of begging can be stopped.