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# 1200-A

# ENGLISH

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 80

**Note:- "Attempt any 68 Marks out of 80 Marks".**

## SECTION-A

### (Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), write a summary (4 marks) and give a suitable title (1 mark). (10)

Education is the key to personal growth and social development. It helps individuals acquire knowledge, skills, and values that guide them throughout life. A well-educated person can make informed decisions, solve problems, and contribute positively to society. Education is not limited to books or classrooms; it also includes learning from experiences, observations, and practical life.

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Turn Over

In today's modern world, technology has made education more accessible than ever. Online classes, digital libraries, and educational apps provide learning opportunities to people in even the remotest areas.

However, the quality of education is as important as its availability.

Teachers play a crucial role in shaping students' minds by encouraging curiosity, critical thinking, and creativity.

Apart from academics, education also teaches important life skills, such as communication, teamwork, and time management. These skills help individuals face challenges in personal and professional life. Moreover, education promotes awareness about social issues, environmental protection, and moral responsibilities, creating responsible citizens.

It is important for governments and societies to ensure that every child receives proper education. Equal access to education helps reduce

poverty, improve health, and promote overall development. In short, education empowers people, builds strong communities, and is the foundation of progress for any nation.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end: (1×10=10)

Urban areas are growing at an unprecedented rate, often at the expense of natural landscapes. Amidst concrete buildings and busy streets, (urban green spaces—parks, gardens, and tree-lined avenues — play a crucial role in maintaining environmental and social well-being.)

These areas not only improve air quality by filtering pollutants but also reduce urban heat, providing a natural cooling effect in densely populated cities.

Green spaces contribute to mental health by offering residents a place to relax, exercise, and socialize. Studies have shown that people living near parks are generally happier and experience lower levels of stress. Furthermore, these spaces encourage community engagement, allowing people of different backgrounds to come together, fostering a sense of belonging.

However, many cities struggle to preserve or expand green areas due to rapid urbanization and high land value. Effective urban planning must prioritize the integration of nature into city life. Innovative solutions, such as rooftop gardens, vertical forests, and community green projects, can help bridge this gap. Protecting urban green spaces is not merely an environmental concern but a necessity for healthy, liveable cities where both people and nature can thrive together.

**Questions :**

- (i) What are urban green spaces?
- (ii) How do green spaces affect air quality?
- (iii) Which of the following is a benefit of urban green spaces for mental health?
- (a) Increasing pollution
  - (b) Reducing stress
  - (c) Raising land prices
  - (d) Limiting social interactions
- (iv) Green spaces promote .....

- (v) What challenge do cities face in preserving green areas?
- (vi) ..... is an innovative solution for increasing urban greenery.
- (vii) The word "unprecedented" in the passage means:
- (viii) "Fostering a sense of belonging" refers to encouraging community connections. (True/False)
- (ix) Write the antonym of word "Urban".
- (x) In 'innovative solutions', the word 'innovative' is a;
- (a) Noun
- (b) Verb
- (c) Adjective
- (d) Adverb

## SECTION-B

**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. As a secretary of Friends Housing Society, you are going to collect charity for the people affected by the recent floods. Draft a notice appealing for donation of relief products. (30-50 words) (4)

**OR**

✓ As General Manager, 'Cyber Solutions', Srinagar, you need a software engineer for your organization. Draft an advertisement for the 'Situation Vacant' column for the same stating the age, qualification, experience, etc. (30-50 words)

4. You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals cause traffic jams as well as accidents. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper drawing attention of the Municipal Chairman for the redressal of the problem.

(120-150 words)

(6)

OR

There is a dire need to impart moral education in schools. Write a letter to the Director Education requesting him to introduce moral education as a compulsory subject in the schools. Suggest ways to introduce books in schools that are secular in nature to promote brotherhood and harmony. (120-150 words)

5. Write an email to your friend who has been ill and asking about his/her health and wishing him/her speedy recovery. (50-80 words) (4)
6. Failure and success are part of life. Failures show us our weaknesses and help us to achieve success by conquering them. Write an article on "Failure is a Stepping Stone to Success. You are the student Editor of your school magazine. (6)

**OR**

In order to promote the book reading habit amongst school children, your school organized a "Book Week". As a Head Boy/Head Girl of the school, you were actively involved in making all the arrangements. Write a report of the event for the local newspaper. (150-200 words)

7. Read the following passage and edit it by picking errors: (8)

The road to success is ~~no~~<sup>not</sup> a bed of roses (1). Only those who wade ~~on~~<sup>through</sup> hazards and hurdles can achieve ~~successful~~<sup>Success</sup> (2), (3). Set yourself clear goals and define precisely what you ~~wants~~<sup>want</sup> to do (4). Goals provide direction for your behaviour and guide your actions and thoughts (5). Specific goals are better than general ones. Let every part~~s~~ of your body ~~is~~<sup>be</sup> full of that idea (6), (7). Winners do not do different things, they ~~do~~<sup>do</sup> things differently (8).

### SECTION-C

### (Literature)

8. (a) Read the following extract from a poem and answer the questions given at the end:

Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land

and the bottomless sea,

Upward to heaven, whence, vaguely form'd,

altogether changed, and yet the same,

I descend to lave the droughts, atomies, dust layers

of the globe.

Questions:

(1×4=4)

- (i) What is the origin of 'rain' as described in the above lines?
- (ii) How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem?

(iii) Name the poem and its poet.

(iv) Identify any two poetic devices.

(b) Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:

~~do any two~~

(3×2=6)

(i) What is the meaning of the line "Both wry with the laboured ease of loss"?

(A Photograph)

(ii) Why is the image of the engine evoked by the poet?

(The Laburnum Top)

(iii) What according to the poem is involved in the process of

growing up?

(Childhood)

9. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each: (3×3=9)

(i) Give three reasons why the author's grandmother was disturbed when he started going to the city school.

(The Portrait of a Lady)

(ii) How does the story suggest that optimism helps to endure "The Direst Stress"? (We're not afraid to Die...)

(iii) What does the notice "The World's Most Dangerous Animal" at a cage in the Lusaka, Zambia, signify? (The Ailing Planet)

(iv) Explain the statement, "King Tut is one of the first mummies to be scanned\_ in death, as in life".

(Discovering Tut–The saga Continues)

- (v) Briefly explain the statement "You neither travelled to the past nor the future. You were in the present experiencing a different world". (The Adventure)

10. Answer the following questions in 150-200 words: (7)

Did the Boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were Afraid?

(The summer of the beautiful white horse)

**OR**

"I have done something: Oh God! I've done something real at last".

Why does Andrew say this? What does it mean?

(Birth)

11. Answer the following question in 120-150 words: (6)

**'Mother's Day'** is a satirical and humours portrayal of the status of the woman—a house wife. **Comment.**

**OR**

Narrate 'The tale of Melon City' in your own words.

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