

Ashish Group Tuition

Time: 3 Hrs

Sub: English

Marks: 80

- Note:** 1) All Questions are compulsory
2) Figures to the right indicate full marks
3) Answer to every question must be started on a new page.

Section A

(Reading Skills, Grammar, Vocabulary, Note – making and Summary)

Q1. A. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below:

The special school did Chaitanya a lot of good. He was now a much more confident person, adored by his teachers, his friends and his school staff. His speech improved and expression became clearer. His social manners became laudable. Academically, he was still lagging behind the expected standard of learning but it was okay. He started developing an all-around interest in craft, art, music, dancing and sports.

Early in 1997-98, when he returned from state level inter-school sports, he had two prizes to his credit and a silver medal. He had won his laurels in athletic events and the silver medal in a running race.

When I saw the prizes and read the citation Chaitanya had received, I was stupefied, in total disbelief, then- hugged him, kissed him and cried unabashedly to my heart's content. That day, I cried for the first time out of joy and a sense of being vindicated. Without practice he had competed with approximately 1,800 children drawn from various schools all over the state. He was subsequently selected for the marathon race, but he could not participate due to a healthy problem." May be next year, he would", I assured myself. And I, as his proud mother, would proudly chronicle his future achievements and success to inspire other mothers of the world.

Looking back at my own life, I feel that it is the spirit with which we can accept our life gracefully is what matters ultimately; and it is love which nourishes us.

Questions.:

1. What does the extract focus on? (1)
2. How Chaitanya's mother react when she saw the prizes? (2)
3. What were Chaitanya's achievements in sports? (2)
4. How can you help a special child like Chaitanya? (2)
5. Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed:
 - (i) When I saw the prizes, I was stupefied. (1)
(Rewrite the sentence using 'No sooner..... than')
 - (ii) He was still lagging behind the expected standard of learning, but it was okay. (1)
(Rewrite the sentence using 'Although')
 - (iii) He started developing an all – round interest in craft and sports. (1)
(Rewrite the sentence using infinitive form of the word underlined)

6. Find out the words / phrases from the extract which mean: (1)

- (i) to take part in
- (ii) surprised.

B. Grammar: Do as directed: (4)

1. One of _____ most common causes of malnutrition is _____ unhealthy lifestyle. [Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles] (1)
2. The police _____ Monday arrested five men _____ cheating city businessmen. [Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions] (1)
3. "How did you enjoy your college picnic?" said Mohini to Meena.
"It was wonderful. I can never forget it." [Change it into indirect speech] (2)

Q2. A. Read the following extract and answer the questions given below. (11)

Once upon a time the animals decided they must do something heroic to meet the problems of a "new world" so they organized a school. They had adopted an activity curriculum consisting of running, climbing, swimming and flying. To make it easier to administer the curriculum, all the animals took all the subjects.

The duck was excellent in swimming. In fact, better than his instructor. But he made only passing grades in flying and was very poor in running. Since he was slow in running, he had to stay after school and also drop swimming in order to practice

running. This was kept up until his webbed feet were badly worn and he was only average in swimming.

But average was acceptable in school so nobody worried about that, except the duck.

The rabbit started at the top of the class in running but had a nervous breakdown because of so much makeup work in swimming. The squirrel was excellent in climbing until he developed frustration in the flying class where his teacher made him start from the ground up instead of the treetop down. He also developed a “charlie horse” from overexertion and then got a C in climbing and D in running.

The eagle was a problem child and was disciplined severely. In the climbing class, he beat all the others to the top of the tree but insisted on using his own way to get there.

Questions:

1. What were the special features of animal school? (1)
2. Why was the duck, an excellent swimmer, average in swimming? (2)
3. Why was the experience of the squirrel miserable? (2)
4. What efforts will you take to score good marks in your examination? (2)
5. Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed.
 - (i) The duck was excellent in swimming. (1)
(Frame a Wh – type question to get the underlined part as an answer)
 - (ii) The duck was better than his instructor. (1)
(Change the sentence into positive degree)
 - (iii) The squirrel was excellent in climbing. (1)
(Mention the function of the underlined gerund.

6. Match the words in column ‘A’ with their meanings in column ‘B’ (1)

A	B
(i) valedictorian	(a) feeling of annoyance
(ii) frustration	(b) dunce
	(c) school topper
	(d) validity

(B) Note – Making. (4)

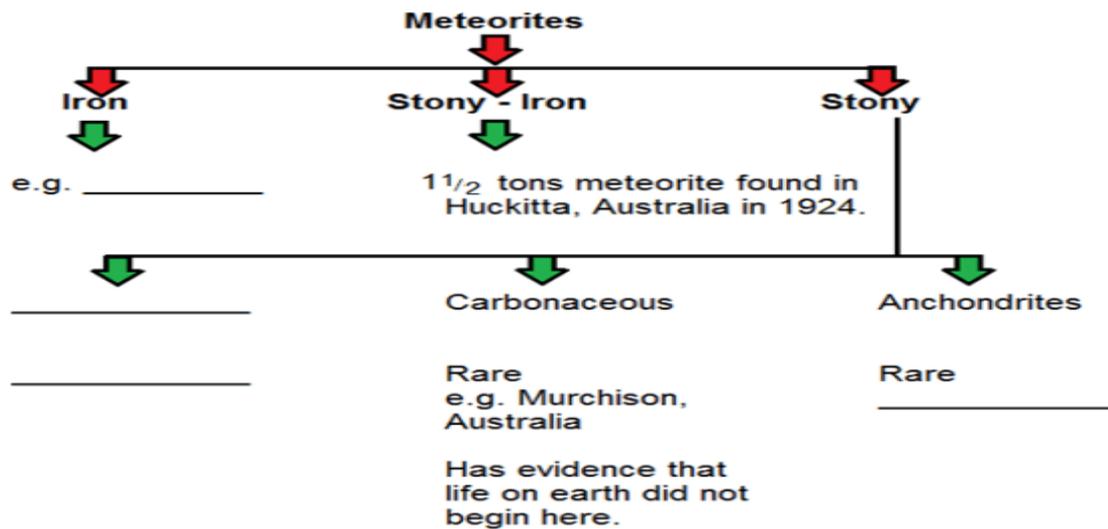
Read the following extract and complete the tree – diagram given below:

The brief, bright streaks of light in the night sky are known as meteors. Those fall all the way to the ground are called meteorites. Meteorites can be divided into three broad categories: iron, stony – iron and stony.

Iron meteorites are mostly made of metals nickel and iron. They are not very common. Nearly 50,000 years ago, an iron meteorite, Canyon Diablo, which created a crater a nearly a mile wide and 6 feet deep, known as Meteor Crater, was found in Arizona.

Stony – iron meteorites rarely land on our planet. They are made of iron – nickel alloy mixed with non – metallic matter similar to the outer layers of the earth. Such a meteorite weighing more than one and a half tons was found in Huckitta, Australia in 1924.

There are three sub – types of stony meteorites. The first is the chondrites which make up 86 percent of meteorites. Carbonaceous chondrites are another rare type of stony meteorites. The most famous of these fell in Murchison, Australia in 1969. It contains evidence that life on earth did not begin here. The last type, the anchondrites are also rare. Scientists say that such matter was once part of Mars and our own moon



Q3. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: (11)

Dairy farming is a major livelihood followed by many households in rural areas. This includes rearing milk cattle – cows, buffaloes, goats and sheep. There is a shortage of milk in the country as consumption in both urban and rural areas has risen sharply.

Dairying is an important source of subsidiary income to marginal farmers and agricultural labours. They play a very important role in milk production of the country. In 1986 – 87, about 73 percent of rural households owned livestock. According to the National Sample Survey of 1993 – 94, livestock sector produces regular employment to about 9.8 million persons in principal status and 8.6 million in subsidiary status, which constitute about 5 percent of the total work force.

The Manure from animals provides a good source of organic matter for improving soil fertility and crop yields. The gas obtained by processing dung is used as a fuel for domestic purposes and also for running engines to draw water from wells. The surplus fodder and agricultural by – products are gainfully utilized for feeding the animals. Since agriculture is mostly seasonal, there is a possibility of finding employment throughout the year for many persons through dairy farming.

The milk processing industry is a small one. Only 10 percent of all the milk produced is delivered to some 400 dairy plants. A specific Indian phenomenon is the unorganized sector of milkmen and vendors, which handles around 65 – 70 percent of the national milk production. They collect milk from local producers and sell it in both urban and non – urban areas.

Questions:

1. What is the main theme of the extract? (1)
2. How is dairy farming beneficial for farmers besides getting milk? (2)
3. What information does the National Sample Survey of 1993 – 94 provide? (2)
4. How, according to you, can dairy farming improve the financial condition of farmers? (2)
5. Rewrite the following sentences in the ways instructed:
 - (i) The gobar gas obtained by processing dung is used as fuel. (1)
(Rewrite the sentence beginning with 'People.....')
 - (ii) The consumption of milk in both urban and rural areas has risen sharply. (1)
(Rewrite the sentence using the past perfect tense)
 - (iii) The milk processing industry is a small one. (1)
(Make is a complex sentence)

6. Form the antonyms of the following words by adding prefixes. (1)

- (i) fertility
- (ii) possibility

B. Summary:

Write a summary of the above extract with the help of the following points and suggest a suitable title: (4)

Dairy forming – major livelihood – income and employment source – uses of dung – uses of surplus fodder – role or unorganised sector.

section B

Q4. (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: (4)

If you do not get lowered in your own eyes.
While you raise yourself in those of others
If you do not give in to gossips and lies
Rather heed them not, saying, 'Who bothers?'
You may be the person I am looking for.
If you crave not for praise when you win
And look not for sympathy while you lose
If cheers let not your head toss or spin
And after a set – back you offer no excuse.
You may be the person I am looking for.

Questions:

1. How does the poet expect us to react to winning and losing? (1)
2. What efforts would you take to be a good citizens? (1)
3. Name and explain the figure of speech in the following line.
"If you do not get lowered in your own eyes while you raise yourself in those of others" (1)
4. Pick out the lines that express the expected reaction to rumours. (1)

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below: (4)

What makes a nation's pillars high
And its foundations strong?
What makes it mighty to defy
The foes that round it throng?
It is not gold. Its kingdoms grand
Go down in the battle shock;
Its shafts are laid on sinking sand,
Not on abiding rock.
Is it the sword? Ask the red dust
Of empires passed away.

Questions:

- (1) Why, according to the poet, are wealthy kingdoms unstable? (1)
- (2) What aspects of life in India are you proud of? (1)
- (3) Note down the pairs of rhyming words from the extract. (1)
- (4) What purpose does the use of questions serve in the extract? (1)

Section – C : Rapid Reading and Composition

Q.5. (A) Read the following extract carefully and rewrite it from the point of view of Oliver : (4)

You may begin with : *I had searched for Orlando everywhere.....*

Oliver told them his story. He had searched for Orlando everywhere in the forest, he said, and at last, tired and hungry, he had fallen asleep under a tree. On his way from Rosalind's cottage, Orlando had seen his brother lying asleep. A big snake had curled round Oliver's neck and was just going to bite him when it saw Orlando and slipped away into a bush. And then Orlando saw that a hungry lion was waiting under the same bush, ready to kill Oliver as soon as he woke up.

Orlando thought of all his brother's unkindness to him in the past. Why should he risk his own life to save his brother who had always been cruel to him? Twice he turned away to leave Oliver, but he had a kind and noble heart and at last decided that he could not leave his brother to die. So he fought the lion. The fierce animal tore and bit his arm, but he managed to kill it. Oliver, wakened by the noise of the fight, saw that Orlando was risking his own life to save him. He was filled with shame at all his past unkindness to his young brother, and he begged Orlando to forgive him.

Orlando took his brother to the Duke, who gave him food and clothes. Orlando said nothing about the wound the lion had given him, but it had been bleeding all the time, and suddenly he fell to the ground and fainted from loss of blood.

(B) Read the following extract and extend it by adding an imaginary paragraph of your own in about 120 words :

“But your father came looking for you. Didn’t you get in touch with him?” said my mother.

“My father and I were never very close. Mother died when I was very young, and the only relative I had was a cousin in West Africa. So that’s where I went — Sierra Leone!” said Mrs Green.

“How romantic!” said my mother.

“It’s hot and steamy in Sierra Leone,” said Mrs Green. “But the climate does wonders for your libido. I lived with a wonderful black man for several years.”

“What happened to him?” I asked.

“He was killed in a tribal war,” said Mrs Green without any show of emotion. “It was a long time ago.”

“And that skeleton,” I asked. “What about the skeleton in the cupboard?”

Section – D : Written Communication

Q.6. (A) Letter – Writing :

Write any ONE of the following letters : (4)

(1) You come to know that the computer you purchased is of poor quality with blurred images. Its warranty period is not yet over. You want it to be replaced with another

one. Write a letter in this regard to –

The Manager, Global Computers, Link Road, Andheri, Mumbai.

(2) You want a bonafide certificate in order to register your name in the Employment Exchange Office of your district. Write a letter of application to the Principal of your Junior College requesting him/her to issue you the same.

(B) Write on any ONE of the following items : (4)

(1) Prepare an Appeal for eye-donation with the help of the following points :

- Prepare an effective slogan.
- Use a logo / picture chart.
- Advantages of eye-donation.
- Make a persuasive appeal.

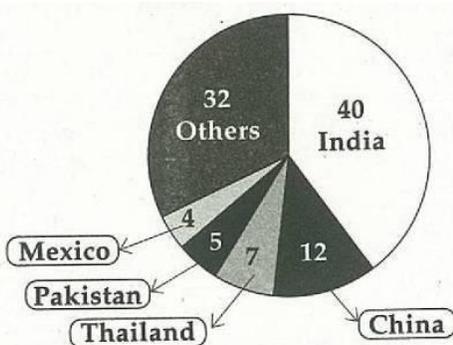
(2) The annual day gathering function was arranged in your Junior College. It was a grand function with a variety of activities like fun-fare, games and sports, cultural activities, etc.

Write a report on it in about 120 words.

(C) Write on any ONE of the following items : (4)

- Study carefully the following pie-chart of global mango production and write a short paragraph comparing the production shares in about 120 words :

Global Mango Production (Shares in %)



(2) Prepare a paragraph with an appropriate title to be used for the counter-view section on the following topic in about 120 words

'Should SMS language be allowed in exams?'

You can take help of the following points included in the view section :

View Section

Yes. It's the revolution against the written word.

- It's a growing linguistic revolution.
- It sharpens students' ability to think about construction and precision of words.
- Students will use numerals, punctuation marks and symbols to convey message.
- It's an art form.

Q.7. Answer the following questions as per instructions :

(A) A college in your area is well-known for its innovative academic activities. Imagine

you are a newspaper reporter and assigned to take the interview of the Principal. Frame a set of at least 8 questions regarding Teachers' Motivation, Students' Discipline, Academic Excellence, Extra Curricular Activities, etc. **(4)**

(B) You intend to take part in the intercollegiate elocution contest. One of the topics therein is 'Stop Cruelty to Animals and Birds'. Prepare a speech on it in about 100 words. **(3)**