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Subject – ENGLISH COMMUNICATIVE

Time – 03 hrs

Max Marks :- 80

Instructions:

1. This question paper contains 08 pages.
2. The question paper is divided into three sections:

SECTION A: Reading

20 MARKS

SECTION B: Writing and Grammar

30 MARKS

SECTION C: Literature

30 MARKS

3. All questions are compulsory.
4. You may attempt any section at a time.
5. All questions of that particular section must be attempted in the correct order.

SECTION –A: READING (20 Marks)

Q1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:-

How to Stay Positive

The ability to stay positive is one of the most important skills that you can develop. Why is this? The reason is because we will spend most of our lives setting and trying to achieve goals. Everyone has dreams. Everyone wants to know deep down inside that they were put here to do something great. The problem is that life is tough. The second you set a goal, obstacles will begin to appear to stand in your way. Most people let these challenges rob them from the life they really want. Most people will never be able to realize their dreams.]

It's sort of hard to think positively after reading that, isn't it? Sometimes the truth can sting a bit but it's also necessary to know. If you want to achieve greatness, if you want

to experience the best life possible, then be prepared to get knocked down over and over. Staying positive during situations like this, is not easy. This explains why there are so many people who have stopped trying to reach their dreams.

So how do you remain positive regardless of what type of challenge you are facing? It all comes down to how you choose to respond to any situation as well as what you decide to focus on. No matter how bad your situation is, you can always find something good in it. So what you can do is start focusing on what is good. Even if you lost your job and you're about to be evicted from your home, you can still be positive. I'm not saying it's going to be easy though but think about the reason for taking this approach.

If you keep focusing on how bad you have it, how life is so hard, how you never get a break, how are things suppose to get any better? Is it possible to be positive and still have your circumstances get even worse? Of course it is. If this is true, why even bother thinking positively? The reason is because if you do, you have a chance to make things better. If you don't, things will usually get a lot worse.

Knowing how to be positive can help you overcome a lot of challenges that causes many others to fail. So what can you do? You can do things like read positive books or listen to songs with positive lyrics.

Realize that challenges are a part of life. Everyone will have to go through them. It's what makes reaching a goal worth it. If you were able to get everything you wanted without even trying, the victory wouldn't taste as sweet. Imagine playing a sport where you're going up against no one. You will win without even lifting a finger. How would winning feel? Now imagine going up against an extremely difficult opponent who pushes you to your limit. How would winning feel now?

When it comes down to it, being able to stay positive is a mindset. It's also a habit that you can develop. Instead of thinking, "Why me" when a challenge arises, say things like, "This just got interesting." Life is about overcoming obstacles. Learn to accept that fact. Once you do, staying positive in the face of great challenges will be a whole lot easier.

On the basis of the reading of the passage, answer the following questions in brief. (8)

- 1) Why is the ability to stay positive very important?
- 2) What are the challenges which rob away the life which people really want?
- 3) What should one be prepared to face to achieve greatness?
- 4) How should one face all challenges?
- 5) Why is it wrong to focus on your bad situations?
- 6) What should one do to develop Positive attitude?
- 7) When would victory taste sweet?
- 8) Instead of confronting a challenge with a question "why me" what should be our attitude?

Q2. Read the following passage carefully.

(12 Marks)

1. The rapid pace of economic development has increased the demand for educated female labour force almost in all fields. Women are earning as much as their husbands do, their employment nonetheless adds substantially to family and gives family an economic advantage over the family with only one breadwinner.
2. This new phenomenon has also given economic power in the hands of women for which they were earlier totally dependent on males. Economically independent women feel more confident about their personal lives.
3. Hence, they are taking more personal decisions, for instance, about their further education, marriage, etc. More and more women want freedom of work and control their own reproduction, freedom of mobility and freedom to define one's own style of life. It is contended that freedom leads to greater openness, generosity and tolerance.
4. This new pattern of working wives and mothers has affected the status of women in many ways. Women's monetary independence leads them to the way to empowerment.

Sociologist Robert Blood (1965) observes 'Employment emancipates women from domination by their husbands and secondarily, raises their daughters from inferiority to their brothers' In brief, economic independence of women is changing their overall equations, perspective and outlook.

5. Economic independence of women has also affected the gender relationships. New forms of gender relationships (live-in relationships) are challenging the long-rooted conception of marriages as a permanent arrangement between families and communities.

6. Educated women now feel that there is more to life than marriage. They can get most of the things they want (income, status, identity) without marriage, while they find it harder to find a suitable accomplished mate. This is why their marriage is delayed.

7. With increasing literacy among women in India, their entry into many types of work, formerly the preserve of men, women can now look upon the bearing and raising of their children not as a life's work in itself but as an episode. If women have started taking men's work, it could be said that men have taken over women's.

8. Young fathers could be seen wash up and making beds, caring of the young and doing many other domestic works. The division of labour between sexes has changed somewhat. They do similar work and share both household activities and tastes. Women wear trousers, jeans, suits and put on ties.

9. The facts about working wives suggest a basic change in Indian family. The nuclear household, in which the husband works and the wife remains at home to care for the children, though still a dominant pattern, is changing gradually but steadily.

10. A new pattern is emerging in which both partners work outside the home but do not share equally in housework and child care as we see in Western families. In India, the paternalistic attitude of the male has not undergone much change.

2A. Answer the following questions.

(4x2=8)

1. How is economic independence of women beneficial for their family as well as for their own personality?

2. Why is educated women's marriage delayed?
3. How has economic independence of women emancipated their views on relationship?
4. How can you say that the paternalistic attitude of the male has not undergone much change in our country?

2B. Do as directed:

4 Marks

1. Find a word from para 1 similar in meaning to 'considerably'
2. Find a word from para 4 opposite in meaning to 'enslaves'
3. Find a word from para 2 similar in meaning to 'a rare or significant fact'
4. Find a phrase from para 9 which means 'a family group that consists only of father, mother and children.'

SECTION -B WRITING & GRAMMAR (30 MARKS)

Q3. You are Lalit /Lalita, Hostel Warden, Diamond Public School, Agra. Write a letter to the Sales Manager of Bharat Electronics and Domestic appliances Limited, Agra placing an order for a few fans, microwave ovens and geysers that you wish to purchase for the hostel. Invent the necessary details. Also ask for discount permissible on the purchase. (100-120 words)

OR

(8 Marks)

You are Venkat/Vijaya residing in Mary Gold apartment, Ashok Nagar, Chennai. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Chennai Corporation, Mount Road, complaining about the poor sanitary conditions and mosquito menace in your locality. (100-120 words)

Q4. Write a short story, in about 200-250 words, with any one set of the hints given in the boxes below. Give a suitable title to the story. (10)

Sheena is a good mother. She loves her family and makes others happy by her cheerfulness. But today she looks sad.....

OR

Yesterday was my younger brother Tarun's Second birthday and a grand party was arranged at home. At school it was PTA Meeting and I had failed miserably in two subjects. I returned back home with mummy and papa and the progress card---

Q5. The following passage needs editing. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word, and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. (4)

	Incorrect	Correct
A boy is drowning in a river	e.g. is	was
and he shouted of help. A man	(a) _____	_____
passing through jumped on the river	(b) _____	_____
and saved her life. As the man	(c) _____	_____
was living, the boy thanked him.	(d) _____	_____

Q6. Complete the following passage by filling in the blanks with suitable words. (4)

Yesterday I (a) _____ a phone call that my father (b) _____ unwell. I (c) _____ a ticket online and (d) _____ for Amritsar.

Q7. Rearrange the following words to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done as an example. (4)

Example: are/God/animals/beautiful/of/creations

Animals are beautiful creations of God.

(a) He/with/of/them/lot/love/made/a/and care

(b) deny/live/ cannot/right/we/to /their

(c) Is/duty/to/it/take/care /of/our/them.

(d) other/we/let/live/creatures/should /and/live

SECTION C- LITERATURE (30 MARKS)

Q8. Read the extract given and answer the questions that follow : (4)

“They had always known a comfortable and cultured life- Lucia had herself been training as a singer-and they had suffered horribly from near starvation and exposure to the cold winter.”

- (a) Who are ‘they’ in the above lines?
- (b) What had brought them into the streets?
- (c) How did they live thereafter?
- (d) Why was Lucia hospitalized?

OR

“gainst death and all-oblivious enmity
Shall you pace forth; your praise shall still find room
Even in the eyes of all posterity
That wear this world out to the ending doom

- (a) Whom does ‘You’ refer to?
- (b) Where will the poet’s beloved find a place?
- (c) What does the word ‘posterity’ mean?
- (d) Identify the rhyme scheme of the above lines?

Q9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each: (any four only) (2x4=8)

- a) Why were the ghosts going on strike? What conditions did she place for providing continued help?
- b) How did Miss Mebbin manage to get her week-end cottage? Why did she plant so many tiger lilies in her garden?
- c) What predictions does Antony make regarding the future events in Rome?
- d) Why does Patol Babu walk away before he can be paid for his role? What does this reveal about his character?
- e) How did the mariners contradict themselves about the death of the albatross?
- f) Why was the frog’s joy both sweet and bitter?

Q10. Answer any ONE of the following questions in 100-120 words : (8)

After paying five gold coins to Lakshmi Das, Ali returns home very hopefully that he would get his daughter's letter. He writes down the account of the journey of his life and his feelings for his daughter. As Ali write the diary entry.

OR

In trying to grab the things belonging to the grandfather, the children completely disregard modesty, decency and filial obligation. Explain the statement with reference to the play "The Dear Departed."

Q11. Answer any ONE of the questions given below. (200-250 words) (10)

Evaluate Helen Keller's 'The Story of My Life' as an autobiography, describing the struggles and achievements of her life.

OR

How Helen was inspired to write a little story called 'The Frost King' and how was it received by Mr. Anagnos of the Perkins Institute for the Blind? Why did Helen call the incident a dark 'cloud' in her 'childhood's bright sky'?
