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ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM
GENERAL ENGLISH

(Common for All Groups and Vocational Stream)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

- Note :
- You must write the subject-code/paper-code 001 in the box provided on the title page of your answer-book.
 - Make sure that the answer-book contains 28 pages (including title page) and are properly serial led as soon as you receive it.
 - Question/s attempted after leaving blank page/s in the answer-book would not be evaluated.
 - No extra sheet will be provided. Answer the questions to the point.
 - Draw a line at the end of the answer to each question.
 - Do not write on the backside of the title page.
 - While writing answers, the question numbers should be written correctly.
 - All questions are compulsory. Attempted questions should be done continuously and in proper sequence.

Section - A

(Reading Comprehension)

16 marks

1. (A) Read the given passage and answer the questions given below :

10x1=10

Power foods are foods that provide rich levels of nutrients like fibre, potassium and minerals. Some of the recommended power food combinations are those that are prepared in our kitchens on a regular basis. Take for instance, the combination of chickpeas and onions. This combination is a powerful source of iron which is required by the body to transport oxygen to its various parts. Iron deficiency can lead to anaemia, fatigue, brain fog and tiredness. A study by the Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry says that sulphur compounds in onion and garlic help in the absorption of iron and zinc from chickpeas. The combination is a hit with teenagers who need to be diligent about getting iron in their diet. A quick way to prepare this power food is to make a chickpea salad with chopped onions, chaat masala and cilantro.

Another favourite combination with power food takers is yoghurt and bananas. This makes a perfect snack after a rough game of football. Exercising burns glucose and thus lowers blood sugar. Yoghurt is packed with proteins that help preserve muscle mass, and bananas are packed with carbohydrates that help in refuelling energy and preventing muscle soreness.

Among beverages, green tea is the best source of catechins that are effective in halting oxidative damage to cells. According to researchers at the Purdue University, adding a dash of lemon juice to green tea makes the catechins even more easily absorbable by the body.

- (i) Why is the combination of yoghurt and bananas an enriching power food ?
- (ii) What is the advantage of including onions and garlic in our diet ?
- (iii) What are the advantages of combining green tea with lemon juice ?
- (iv) What are the functions of carbohydrates as mentioned in the passage ?
- (v) What are power foods ?
- (vi) Find the word in the passage which means 'inadequacy'.
- (vii) Which one of the following helps in transportation of oxygen to all the parts of the body ?
- (a) potassium (b) iron (c) sulphur (d) catechins
- (viii) Which one of the following combinations of power food makes a perfect snack after playing football ?
- (a) bananas and yoghurt
- (b) chickpeas and onions
- (c) green tea with mint and lemon juice
- (d) none of the above
- (ix) Which beverage is the best source of catechins ?
- (x) What, according to the passage, lowers blood sugar ?

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

6x1=6

There are in our country, as in other countries of the world, thousands of handicapped persons, such as those who are blind or deaf and dumb. In some cases, these persons may have been born blind or deaf while in others they may have gone blind or deaf as a result of some illness or accident. You sometimes hear people say of such handicapped persons : "It is the work of fate" or "It is the will of God." Some even say, "They suffer the fruits of their own actions in the past." Even parents of handicapped children often express such feelings and opinions, and they scarcely ever think of how they can help these unfortunate ones. This certainly is not the way to look at the problems of the handicapped. Whatever may be the cause of their suffering, we have got to treat the handicapped with sympathy and understanding. (In many instances, physically handicapped children suffer neglect and are left to themselves in their homes. This makes their life extremely sad and lonely. Our first duty is to make these children happier and less lonely. Secondly, we have got to educate these children and help them to live useful lives. We should secure for them the benefits of education in schools intended for them. We have got to make them useful citizens by creating suitable employment opportunities for them. They will, then, have a sense of achievement. We can be happy that we have done our duty towards them.

- (i) What makes the life of handicapped children sad and lonely ?
- (ii) Fill in the blank with a suitable word from the passage.
We must _____ the differently abled children with love and sympathy.
- (iii) Match the words in **Column A** with their meanings in **Column B** :

Column A

Column B

sympathy

companionless

lonely

nearly

feeling pity and tenderness

- (iv) How should we treat the differently abled children ?
(a) indifferently (b) with sympathy and understanding
(c) ignore their loneliness (d) neglect them
- (v) According to the author, what is our first duty towards differently abled children ?
(a) To make them homeless.
(b) To make them healthy.
(c) To make them happier and less lonely.
(d) To make them run fast.
- (vi) How do some children become differently abled ?

Section - B

27 marks

(Writing skills, Grammar and Translation)

2. Write a Precis of the following paragraph in your own words : 4

Women, who constitute half of the human population, are encountered with many challenges. Female foeticide is, perhaps, one of the worst forms of violence against the women, where a woman is denied her most basic and fundamental rights i.e. 'The Right to Life'. Though there is no particular definition of foeticide provided by the code of criminal procedure but the following definition will clear your concept. 'Female foeticide' is the killing of a healthy female foetus in order to get rid of a female child by means of medical termination of pregnancy (MTP) or Abortion. Female foeticide is considered a criminal offence in India. Abortion is lawful only when the doctor believes that the continuance of the pregnancy may pose a direct threat to the life or the health of the mother or the unborn child. No doubt, if this practice continues, it will disturb the social balance. For a healthy society, the male and female gender ratio must remain at a balanced level. The alarming rate of female foeticide is a cause of great concern, as the number of girls born is decreasing drastically in several sections of our society, thus, exposing females to more exploitation and violence. This state of affairs, if not corrected, will have a disastrous impact on the future generations of our society.



3. Attempt any one of the following : 6

Imagine you are Mohan. You live at 83, Doon Valley, Dehradun. Write a letter to the Deputy Commissioner of your district complaining against the use of loudspeakers in your town.

OR

Imagine you are Meena. You live at 209, Sector-68, Mohali. Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper, complaining about the bad conditions of buses in Punjab.

4. Attempt any one of the following : 3

You are Suresh. Write an e-mail to your father, requesting him to transfer some money in your account so that you can clear the dues before final exams.

OR

Explain the following Newspaper Headline in 15-20 words.



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5. (A) Translate the following sentences into English. (Any two) 2x1=2
-  (i) ਮੈਂ ਉਸਨੂੰ ਗਲੇ ਲਗਾ ਲਿਆ। ਮੈਂਨੇ ਤਸੇ ਗਲੇ ਲਗਾ ਲਿਆ।
- (ii) ਮੈਨੂੰ ਤੰਗ ਨਾ ਕਰੋ। ਸੁਝੇ ਤੰਗ ਸਰ ਕਰੋ।
- (iii) ਉਹ ਤੌਲੀਆ ਨਿਚੋੜ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ। ਵਹ ਤੌਲਿਆ ਨਿਚੋਡ ਰਹੀ ਹੈ।
- (B) Translate the following sentences into Punjabi/Hindi. (Any two) 2x1=2
- (i) Technology has developed a lot.
- (ii) Don't make fun of the poor.
- (iii) Smoking is injurious to health.
6. Do as directed.
- (A) Fill in the blanks as directed : (Use the words given in the brackets.) 2x1=2
- (i) He doesn't like _____ (play) cards. (Fill in the blank with a Gerund.)
- (ii) He dare not _____ (break) the law. (Fill in the blank with an Infinitive.)
- (B) Rewrite the given sentences as directed. (Any two) 2x1=2
- (i) Rewrite the given sentence after removing 'too'.
She is too old to walk.
- (ii) Transform the given sentence using 'No sooner than'.
As soon as he saw the tiger, he took to heels. 
- (iii) Change the degree of comparison.
The peacock is the most beautiful bird.
- (C) Change the given sentences into Passive Voice. (Any two) 2x1=2
- (i) Open the window, please.
- (ii) I love My India.
- (iii) Rimpy is writing a poem.
- (D) Change the given sentence into Indirect Speech. (Any one) 1x1=1
- (i) He said, "I am watching T.V."
- (ii) I said to my friend, "You are very hard-working."
- (E) Fill in the blanks with suitable Determiners. 3x1=3
-  (i) I bought _____ laptop for my daughter.
- (ii) He has _____ friends at all.
- (iii) Is there _____ water in the glass ?



Section - C
(Literature Textbook)

37 marks

7. Objective type questions :

10x1=10

(i) _____ is the writer of, 'Bholi'.

(a) K.A. Abbas

(b) Anton Chekhov

(c) R.K. Laxman

(d) Kulwant Singh Virk

(ii) Fill in the blank.

_____ was chasing the dog. (A Chameleon)

(iii) Which one of the following is not true about Datta ? (The Gold Frame)

(a) Datta was a silent, hardworking man.

(b) Datta gave only laconic answers to his customers.

(c) Datta enjoyed the idle gossips of his casual friends.

(d) Datta was the owner of 'The Modern Frame Works'.



(iv) What was the age difference between Chandu and the narrator ?

(The Barber's trade Union)

(v) The name of Karam Singh's village was _____. (The Bull Beneath the Earth)

(a) Thathi Khara

(b) Chuharkana

(c) Bhagwanpura

(d) Aliwal

(vi) _____ is the writer of the chapter, 'On Saying Please'.

(vii) How much interest did Thomas pay to the bank ?

(Thinking out of the Box : Lateral Thinking)



(viii) The mechanic was _____ years old. (In Celebration of Being Alive)

(a) 6

(b) 7

(c) 8

(d) 9

(ix) Who was the woman at the village ? (Two Gentlemen of Verona)

(x) State whether the following statement is true or false : (The Story of My Life)

Laura Bridgman had sent the doll for the narrator.

8. (A) Give the central idea of one of the poems :

1x3=3

(i) The Road Not Taken

(ii) The Echoing Green



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(B) Read the lines given below and answer any four questions.

4x1=4

His eyes dimmed by age

fade homeward through the humid monsoon night.

Now I can see him getting off the train

Like a word dropped from a long sentence.

He hurries across the length of the grey platform,

Crosses the railway line, enters the lane.

(i) Name the poem.

(ii) Name the poet.

(iii) Name the figure of speech used in the line - 'Like a word dropped from a long sentence'.

(iv) Write two reasons for father's eyes being dimmed.

(v) Where does father go after getting off the train ?

OR

I am the handle of your hoe, the door of your homestead, the wood of your cradle, and the shell of your coffin.

I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty. 'Ye who pass by, listen to my prayer.

Harm me not.

(i) Name the poem.

(ii) Name the poet.

(iii) I am the bread of kindness and the flower of beauty. This means the woods gives us

(iv) Who is the speaker in the poem ?

(v) Write down the line in the poem that explains the statement : 'The wood accompanies us from birth till death.'



9. Answer the following questions in about 20 to 30 words. (Any Three)

3x2=6

(i) Why did Philip get into trouble on the day of the concert ? (The March King)

(ii) What made the narrator repent and feel sorrowful ? (The Story of My Life)

(iii) What do the people with brave and positive attitude teach us ?
(In Celebration of Being Alive)

(iv) Why did the jail authorities discontinue some of their practices of bad treatment ?
(Ghadari Babas in Kalapani Jail)

(v) Why did the parent-teacher meeting end fruitlessly ?
(Hassan's Attendance Problem)

10. Answer **any two** of the following questions in 20 to 30 words :

2x2=4

- (i) What did Mann Singh tell Karam Singh's family about the latter's war skills ?
(The Bull Beneath the Earth)
- (ii) How did the photograph get damaged ? (The Gold Frame) 
- (iii) Why was Ramlal worried about Bholi ? (Bholi)

11. Answer **any one** of the following questions in 100 to 120 words :

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Draw a brief character sketch of the two boys in the story. (Two Gentlemen of Verona)

OR

What is the theme of the lesson, 'On Saying Please'.

12. Answer **any one** of the following questions in 100 to 120 words :

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Give a brief character sketch of Miss Beam. (The School for Sympathy)

OR

Justify the title of the lesson, 'A Chameleon'.



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