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- N.B.** (1) This question paper contains five sections
(2) Internal options are indicated.

SECTION – A : Prose

Q.1. Choose the correct answer and rewrite the sentences.

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- (1) The standard dodge for promoting sleep is _____
[a] Counting imaginary sheep
[b] Counting stars
[c] counting crows
- (2) _____ is the first symptom of deafness.
[a] missing the daily sounds
[b] to increase the volume of TV and radio
[c] not to hear what others are saying.
- (3) The man had no useful work to do on earth so he _____
[a] did painting all day long
[b] indulged in made whims
[c] wrote poems

Q.2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

[5]

Another course that I didn't like, but somehow managed to pass, was economics. I went to that class straight from the botany class which didn't help me any in understanding either subject. I used to get them mixed up. But not as mixed up as another student in my economics class who came there direct from a physics laboratory. He was a tackle on the football team, named Bolenciecwez. At that time Ohio State University had one of the best football teams in the country, and Bolenciecwez was one of its outstanding stars. In order to be eligible to play, it was necessary for him to keep up in his studies, a very difficult matter; for while he was not dumber than an ox he was not any smarter.

Questions :

- (1) What was the writer's view on the subject of economics ?
(2) Whose case was worse than the writer's ? Why ?
(3) Who was Bolenciecwez ? Who does the writer compare him with ?
(4) Why was Bolenciecwez required to study ?
(5) Give the verb form of straight, class

Q.3. Answer the following questions in 6 or 7 sentences each.

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- (1) What complaint did the neighbours have regarding the compost pit ?
(2) State the common reasons leading to deafness.
(3) Why did the writer consider himself to be a 'hospital' ?
(4) How did Marcus react when he realized that he was not actually deaf ?

SECTION – B : Poetry and Supplementary

Q.4. Read the following lines and answer the questions.

[2]

His lunch break is quite uninspiring,
He sets it out in the canteen.
It's fish and chips, mince or potatoes.
A choice that's quite literally obscene

Questions :

- (1) Explain 'A choice that's quite literally obscene'
(2) Explain the figure of speech in 1st line.

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Q.5. Read the following lines and answer the questions.

[3]

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi, the sun;
O I will love thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

Questions :

- (1) Describe the love of the poet ?
- (2) Explain – 'While the sands O' life shall run.
- (3) Who is the poet and what is the name of the poem ?

Q.6. Answer the following questions in 4 to 5 sentences each.

[4]

- (1) How does the cat devour the milk ?
- (2) Describe the vista of years in the poet's mind.

Q.7. Answer any two of the following questions in 7 to 8 sentences each.

[6]

- (1) How did Bill and his friend send Ebenezer Dorset a letter ? What reply did they get from him ?
- (2) "And the refrain from the loft to the cellar was, there is something under all this" Explain.
- (3) What happened when Vicomte de – B's uncle died ? What did the document state ?

SECTION- C : Grammar

Q.8. Read the sentences and write new sentences with the same meaning, starting with the words given below.

[3]

- (1) The doctor said, "Okay, okay, we will put you right soon enough, not to worry"
The doctor consoled _____
- (2) The girl of the silent torrent cried : "Wait a moment. I shall go with you."
The girl of the silent torrent requested _____
- (3) "She is the one who needs help," I said "The woman is an ecological moron."
I stated _____

Q.9. Transform as directed.

[7]

- (1) I told my rubbish customers that I was out of business. (Make it Simple)
- (2) Avoid unnecessary and prolonged exposure to loud noise. (Make it Negative)
- (3) I sat and pondered. (Make it Complex)
- (4) It is fun to chase a ball on the soft green grass. (Make it Exclamatory)
- (5) We left him where he was. (Add question tag)
- (6) Great good luck sometimes touches a person at least once. (Change the voice)
- (7) I didn't get as mixed up as another student of my economics class. (Change the Degree)

Q.10. Given below are some verbs. Write their noun forms. Make sentences using both the forms in the same sentence.

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[1] Pretend [2] renew [3] assume

Q.11. The passage given below has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Identify the error and write the correct words in the space provided. The first one has been done as an example.

[3]

The author sat and pondered on the symptoms, over he found he had all the diseases mention in the _____book without housemaid's knee. He considered _____himself to be a very interest case from a medical _____ view point, ' How an acquisition I should be to _____ a class', he thought. Students shall have no _____ need to walk the 'hospital,' if they has him _____

Q.12. Combine the following sentences.**[4]**

- (1) Hearing aids are available. There are adjustments and fittings in them. They help to handle each type and extent of hearing loss.
- (2) An aerial messenger took charge of the man. He made a mistake. He found him a place in Worker's Paradise. It came to pass.

SECTION – D : Reading**Q.13. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.****[6]**

There are people who seem to be always busy, and yet never seem to accomplish anything. They are capable and they really work hard, and yet they have little to show for all their work. Their failure is probably due to lack of method in their work. Method in work means a certain wise orderliness in doing the work. It is working according to some plan which experience has provide to be sound. It involves mapping out our time, taking things in their turn, finishing one job before we tackle another. As one writer well says: " The habit of method is essential to all who have much work to do, if they would get through it easily and with economy of time." No really satisfactory work can be accomplished in a haphazard way. Lack of method spells worry, overwork, waste of time, inefficiency and often failure. For a student, method in study is very important. Lazy students, who take it easy in their first year of college, get hopelessly behind with their work, and at last have to take to feverish cramming as the examination approaches. As a result of this lack of methodical work from the start, they generally fail.

Questions :

- (1) Why do some students fail even though they work hard ?
- (2) What is method in work ?
- (3) Why is the habit of working methodically necessary ?
- (4) What will be the result of working unmethodically ?
- (5) Why do lazy students fail ?
- (6) Give a suitable title to the passage.

Q.14. Read the poem and answer the questions.**[4]**

The poetry of earth is never dead,
When all the birds are faint with the hot sun,
And hide in cooling trees, a voice will run
From hedge to hedge about the new mown mead,
That is the grasshopper's ; he takes the lead
In summer luxury; he has never done
With his delights for when tired out with fun,
He rests at last beneath some pleasant weed
The poetry of earth is ceasing never;
On a lone winter evening when the frost
Has wrought a silence, from the stove there shrills
The cricket's song, in warmth increasing ever,
And seems to one in drowsiness half-lost,
The Grasshopper's among some grassy hills.

Questions:

- (1) In what way are the grasshopper and the cricket similar ?
- (2) What is meant by 'New-mown mead' ?
- (3) How does the poet prove that 'the poetry of earth' is ever alive ?
- (4) What is the grasshopper's summer luxury ?

Q.15. Read the following passage. Reduce it to one-third of its length and

give it a suitable title

[5]

The evils due to bacteria have received more attention than the goods. Their contribution to well – being is prodigious and varied. Some bacteria are capable of living in the dark entirely on chemicals, without the assistance of sunlight. These bacteria can produce life out of the indisputable dead. This fact suggests a bacterium may have been the first kind of organism to evolve from dead matter. That is one justification for regarding bacteria or some organism of that sort as the link between the dead and the living matter. Another kind of bacterium can eat bricks. It is found in decaying stone, and perhaps is a type of organism which helped to manufacture soil in the Earth's youth.

Q.16. Read the notes below in a reporter's diary and complete the news story he is writing for his newspaper.

[5]

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Meditation camp at Abu – calm and quiet place – one with nature – follow regular routine – meals to be taken at scheduled time – method of meditation stressed – fellowship and brotherhood – aim – to attain freedom from stress and anxiety

OR

You are representing your school in a Blood Donation Camp. Make a note of all that you observe there

[objective – doctors – attendants – instruments – donors]

SECTION – E : Writing

Q.17. Write a report on the Independence Day Celebrations held in your school for the school magazine.

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Q.18. Write a letter to the Health Department voicing your concern about the swine flu which has spread in your city.

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Q.19. Write an E-mail to a book seller complaining about the damaged condition of a book sent by him.

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Q.20. Write a paragraph on any one

[3]

(1) Honesty is the best policy.

(2) Manners Maketh Man

OR

Write a notice on behalf of the Principal for the students of standard VIII, IX and XI asking them to attend a trekking Camp at Shimla.

Q.21. Write an essay of about 200 words on any one of the following topics.

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(1) The Importance of Education

(2) My Ambition in Life.
