

**ENGLISH**  
**PAPER 1**  
**(LANGUAGE)**

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*Maximum Marks: 80*

*Time Allotted: Three Hours*

*Reading Time: Additional Fifteen Minutes*

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**Instructions to Candidates**

1. You are allowed an **additional fifteen minutes** for **only** reading the question paper.
2. You must **NOT** start writing during reading time.
3. This question paper has **7 printed pages and one blank page**.
4. It has **four questions** in all.
5. Answer **all** questions.
6. You are advised to spend not more than **45 minutes** on **Question 1**, **55 minutes** on **Question 2**, **30 minutes** on **Question 3** and **50 minutes** on **Question 4**.
7. While answering **Multiple Choice Questions** in **Question 4**, you are required to **write only one option** as the answer.
8. You should begin each answer on a **fresh page**.
9. The intended marks for questions are given in brackets [ ].

## Question 1

[20]

Write a composition (in approximately 400 – 450 words) on **any one** of the following subjects.

(You are reminded that you will be rewarded for the orderly and coherent presentation of the matter, use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

- (i) As part of the school annual trip, you were taken on a jungle safari. You explored the beauty and wilderness of nature for the first time in an open jeep. Describe the thrilling sights you saw, sounds you heard and the smells of the jungle that caught your attention. How did this entire experience change your perspective about nature?
- (ii) You and your classmate were selected to represent your school at an inter school sports competition. However, both of you had stopped talking to each other due to a misunderstanding in the past. Narrate what had caused the misunderstanding and your initial reaction on being part of the same team. Elaborate on the efforts you made to resolve the differences and thereby renewed your friendship.
- (iii) Tourism results in loss of local culture and tradition. Argue either **FOR** or **AGAINST** the topic.
- (iv) Magic
- (v) Happiness is a state of mind. Present your reflections on this statement.
- (vi) Write an original short story that **begins** with the following words:  
It was a familiar voice, and this could only mean that....

## Question 2

- (i) You are seeking admission into a prestigious college. The college requires a Statement of Purpose to be convinced of your suitability and genuine interest in the institution. Write a Statement of Purpose in about 250 – 300 words based on the following guidelines: [15]  
Your personal qualities – your academic performance – your achievements in extra-curricular activities – the course of study you wish to pursue and your future plan – reasons for choosing this institution – how you wish to contribute to the institution
- (ii) As president of the Student Council of your school, you wish to organise an exhibition on 'The History of India'. Write a proposal in not more than 150 words, stating the steps you would take to make it a success. [10]

### Question 3

Answer subparts (i), (ii) and (iii).

- (i) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each of them in brackets. [5]
- (a) As soon as he wakes up, he reads the newspaper.  
(Begin: No sooner .....)
- (b) Rajani was writing a long essay.  
(End: .....Rajani.)
- (c) I would rather sing than dance.  
(Use: prefer)
- (d) Do not tamper with the beautiful artwork.  
(Begin: Let .....)
- (e) We watched the movie as well as had dinner at a restaurant.  
(Begin: Not only.....)

- (ii) Replace the **INCORRECT** underlined words to make the following sentences meaningful and grammatically correct. Do not copy the sentences. [5]
- (a) He gave up most of his money to a charitable institution.
- (b) The authorities are showing signs of giving away to the workers' demands.
- (c) We need to cut up the article to five hundred words.
- (d) After a few months, he realised he was not cut in for the job.
- (e) I handed on the application for the visa to the officer.
- (f) The athlete in the relay race handed in the baton to the next runner.
- (g) I am surprised you fell by that simple trick.
- (h) Our plan to start a new project fell down due to lack of financial support.
- (i) The coach tried to bring about the best in every player.
- (j) The teacher brought on an important matter for discussion with the parents.

- (iii) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. Do not write the passage but write the verbs in the correct order. [5]

A large notice on the window of a shop \_\_\_\_\_ (1) (announce) a big sale, with sweeping reductions, \_\_\_\_\_ (2) (start) at 9:00 a.m. An enormous queue had \_\_\_\_\_ (3) (begin) to form by 7:30 a.m.

Just before the shop was about to open, an inconspicuous little man \_\_\_\_\_ (4) (walk) to the beginning of the queue. Angry customers \_\_\_\_\_ (5) (elbow) and pushed him until he was right at the back of the line. Undaunted, the little man \_\_\_\_\_ (6) (go) to the start of the queue again.

Once more, he was \_\_\_\_\_ (7) (shove) unceremoniously to the back. This time he \_\_\_\_\_ (8) (receive) a few smacks on the face and a couple of thumps from umbrellas wielded by those in the queue.

The little man walked to one side of the queue and said, "If that \_\_\_\_\_ (9) (be) your attitude, I won't open the shop at all today. We can all go home, if you continue to \_\_\_\_\_ (10) (behave) like this."

#### Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions (i), (ii) and (iii) that follow.

- (1) It was a mellow October morning in the countryside. Judson Webb entered the primitive living room of his mountain camp and opened a cupboard in which he kept his most prized possessions. Among them were bottles of exotic and expensive fruit juices gifted to him. Not even his wife was allowed to have a key for he felt a sense of deep outrage if the cupboard was touched by any hand but his own. 5
- (2) He had been packing his things and getting ready to leave. He looked at the shelf in the cupboard on which the fruit juices were kept. All the bottles were unopened except one which had only half of the grape juice left in it. A small glass stood by its side. 10
- (3) As he took it from the shelf, he smiled in a sinister manner. His wife, Maria spoke from the adjoining bedroom. "I'm all packed, Judson. Has not Alec come to get the keys?" Alec was the caretaker for the city folks when they were away. 15  
"He's down at the lake and will be back in half an hour," replied Judson.
- (4) Maria came into the room carrying her suitcase. But she paused in surprise as she saw the bottle in her husband's hand. 20  
"Judson!" she exclaimed, "We'll be late if you sit down to have juice in the morning."  
"You wrong me, my dear," he chuckled, "I'm not drinking anything out of this bottle. I am merely putting a little 'kick' into it. Someone has had a drink from this bottle while we were away."  
She dreaded that tone of his voice. Her eyes narrowed as she watched him. He put upon the table two tiny white tablets as he started to open the bottle.

- (5) "Whoever broke into my cupboard and stole the expensive drink will probably try it again once we are out of here," he went on, "only this time he will wish he had not." 25
- She caught her breath at the cruelty of his manner as one by one he dropped the tablets into the bottle and held it up to watch them dissolve.
- She asked, "What are they? Something to make the intruder sick?" 30
- "And how!" He seemed fascinated as he saw the harmless drink change into a dangerous dose. He closed his bottled vengeance and set it back on the shelf alongside the little glass.
- "Everything nice and handy," he remarked approvingly. "Now, Mr. Thief, when you break in, drink hearty; I won't stop you." 35
- (6) Maria's face grew pale. "Don't do it, Judson," she gasped. "It's horrible. You have no right to take the law into your own hands."
- "Of course, I have every right! When it comes to protecting my property, I make my own laws," he thundered.
- "But all the thief did was to steal a little fruit juice. He did not do any real damage," she pleaded. 40
- "That's not the point," he said. "If a man holds me up and robs me of five dollars, it makes me just as angry as if he took a hundred. A thief is a thief."
- (7) It was useless to argue, she knew. He had always been ruthless in business. He was vindictive when offended by anyone. Things had to be done *his* way. 45
- (8) She turned toward the outer door with a sigh of defeat. "I will walk down the road and say goodbye at the farmhouse," she said while leaving. Judson started to close the cupboard, but paused because he remembered his boots were drying outside on the mahogany table. So, he went to fetch them.
- (9) Alec was coming up from the lake and waved to him from a distance. A monkey sitting near the table heard Judson's heavy footstep, abandoned the banana it had stolen and fled. Judson stepped on the banana, his foot slid, and his head struck the massive table as he fell. 50
- (10) Several minutes later he began to regain his senses. Alec held Judson's head in his strong arms and said in his kind voice, "It was not much of a fall, Mr. Webb. You are not seriously injured, just knocked out. Here, take this. It will pull you together." 55
- A small glass of the grape juice was pressed to Judson's lips. Dazed and half-conscious, he sipped.

(Adapted from *Ruthless* by William Churchill DeMille)

- (i) (a) Find a single word from the passage that will **exactly** replace the **underlined** word or words in the following sentences. [3]
- (1) Extremely old tools were found in the excavation site.
  - (2) There was something cold and dangerous about the look in his eyes.
  - (3) The video was stopped for a while when she went to answer the phone.

(b) For each of the words given below, choose the correct sentence that uses the same word **unchanged in spelling, but with a different meaning** from that which it carries in the passage. [3]

(1) glass (line 10)

- (A) I wear glasses while driving.
- (B) He drank a big glass of water as he was very thirsty.
- (C) Exotic flowers are grown in this glass-house.
- (D) I cut myself on a piece of broken glass.

(2) right (line 38)

- (A) The Right to Information Act empowers the public.
- (B) M.S. Dhoni is a fabulous right-handed batsman.
- (C) Go ahead and turn right to reach the library.
- (D) Our constitution defines our rights and duties.

(3) table (line 49)

- (A) There is a table of contents at the beginning of this book.
- (B) I left the assignments on your table.
- (C) They have tabled a motion for debate at the next conference.
- (D) The tables have turned in his favour after he won the lottery.

(ii) Answer the following questions as briefly as possible in your own words.

- (a) Give two examples from the passage to show that Judson Webb was possessive of his cupboard. [2]
- (b) Why did Maria think it was useless to argue with her husband? [2]
- (c) In your opinion, is Judson Webb justified in saying "I make my own laws."? [2]

(iii) Summarise the actions that led to Judson Webb falling into his own trap. (paragraphs 8 to 10). You are required to write the summary in the form of a connected passage in about 100 words. [8]