

General Instructions:

- i) This paper is divided into three sections.
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| Section A : | Reading | 15 marks |
| Section B : | Writing and Grammar | 17 marks |
| Section C : | Literature | 28 marks |
- ii) All the questions are compulsory.
- iii) Kindly attempt all the questions of each section in order.

SECTION - A : READING

1. Read the following passage carefully:

- 1 We enjoy winter only because we have ways of keeping our body warm. But this season is not a comfortable one for many animals. If they do not have enough fur or feathers, they cannot bear the cold. Their body temperature drops in winter and they keep alive by hibernating. Animals that are cold blooded, like frogs, toads, lizards, snakes and turtles sleep through the winter and are stirred into activity only when the environment gets comfortably warm.
- 2 Warm-blooded animals go through phases of sleep and wakefulness. They sleep through most of the winter, but get up once in a while to feed or find some food, which is usually stored up in their winter home. Hedgehogs, badgers, bears, bats and squirrels are some warm-blooded hibernators.
- 3 A number of insects die in winter while many others survive the cold by hibernating in the form of eggs, larva or pupa. Adult insects like butterflies, moths, houseflies and mosquitoes hibernate in storehouses, holes in the ground, caves or other sheltered places.

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate option given below:

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- i) Human beings can't enjoy winter unless:
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| a) they have fur and feathers | b) they sleep throughout winters |
| c) they have ways of keeping our body warm | d) they hibernate like animals |
- ii) Which of the following is a false statement?
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| a) Snakes are cold blooded animals. | b) Bats are warm blooded animals. |
| c) Bears are cold blooded animals. | d) Squirrels are warm blooded animals. |
- iii) Which of the following animals, is the odd one out?
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| a) Frog | b) Badgers | c) Lizards | d) Snakes |
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- iv) Warm-blooded hibernators wake up once in a while to _____.
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| a) socialize | b) drop temperature |
| c) feed | d) expose their body to sun |
- v) Find a word in the passage that means 'not exposed to rain or wind':
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| a) stirred | b) sheltered | c) store | d) sleep |
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2. Read the following story:

- 1 There once was a little boy who had a very bad temper. His father decided to hand him a bag of nails and said that every time the boy lost his temper, he had to hammer a nail into the fence. On the first day, the boy hammered 37 nails into that fence.
- 2 The boy gradually began to control his temper over the next few weeks, and the number of nails he was hammering into the fence slowly decreased. He discovered it was easier to control his temper than to hammer those nails into the fence.
- 3 Finally, the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father the news and the father suggested that the boy should now pull out a nail every day he kept his temper under control.
- 4 The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence.

- 5 "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out. It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there."

Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions:

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- 2.1 According to the story, the boy was good at managing his temper. True or False
- 2.2 What did the father hand over to the boy to be hammered?
a) Wood b) Thumbtacks c) Nails d) Pins
- 2.3 On the first day, how many nails did the boy hammer into the fence?
a) 37 b) 36 c) 35 d) 38
- 2.4 As days passed, the number of nails hammered by the boy _____.
a) was same b) increased
c) kept fluctuating d) decreased
- 2.5 What did the father want the boy to do once he completely learned to control his temper?
- 2.6 Which of these is the correct explanation for "did not lose his temper"?
a) Lost his toy named 'temper' b) Stopped getting angry
c) Always seemed to be angry d) Managed to control his temperature
- 2.7 Which of these is the message conveyed by the story?
a) Hammering nails can damage your fence.
b) You can heal people's wounds.
c) One can revive a person after stabbing.
d) Harm caused by one's action in anger cannot be healed.
- 2.8 Why did the boy finally stop hammering anymore nails into the fence?
- 2.9 Which of these is a synonym for "wound"?
a) Injury b) Judge c) Interior d) Exterior
- 2.10 Which of these is an antonym for "discovered"?
a) Detected b) Disclosed c) Exposed d) Concealed

SECTION – B : WRITING AND GRAMMAR

3. Draft a poster to increase awareness among the youth about blindness and the importance of donating eyes issued by the Red Cross Society. (50 words) 5
(OR)
Design a poster on the importance of tree plantation in your school and surrounding areas, issued by the Eco Club of your school. (50 words)
4. Your school is organizing a carnival. Write a notice inviting students to donate their old pieces of clothing, books, and other articles to be sold in the carnival. Sign yourself as a member of the Social Club of your school. (50 words) 5
(OR)
You are the secretary of the Music Club of your school. Draft a notice inviting students for an Interclass Music Competition organised by the Xavier's Music Club in not more than 50 words.
5. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options given below: **(Attempt any 3)** 3
- i) Children _____ playing in the park.
a) love b) have loved c) has loved d) loves
- ii) Shivam _____ football since May 2018.
a) plays b) has been playing c) have been playing d) will play
- iii) When Mohan entered the room, he saw that Mohini _____.
a) danced b) is dancing c) dance d) was dancing

- iv) The Chairman _____ attend the meeting yesterday.
 a) can not b) will not c) may not d) could not

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of verb (**attempt any 4**) :

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- i) Jocelyn and her brothers _____ going for a movie.
 a) is b) are c) am d) was
- ii) Either the Chairman or the Head of the Department _____ going to head the meeting.
 a) is b) are c) will d) were
- iii) Mathematics _____ John's favourite subject.
 a) is b) are c) were d) was being
- iv) Ten miles _____ a long way to the hospital.
 a) is b) are c) was d) were
- v) George and Tanya _____ want to see that movie.
 a) doesn't b) don't c) have d) had

SECTION - C : LITERATURE

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

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I was walking on the stone-paved road.
 Sword in hand the King came in his chariot.
 He held my hand and said, "I will hire you with
 my power,"
 But his power counted for naught, and he went away in
 his chariot.

- i) Who is the poet of the poem "The Last Bargain" ?
 a) Rabindranath Tagore b) T. S. Eliot
 c) S. D. Sawant d) Ruskin Bond
- ii) What is the meaning of the word 'naught' ?
 a) Near b) Nothing c) Knot d) Naughty
- iii) What did the king have in his hand?
 a) Money b) Stone c) Sword d) Gold
- iv) Which of the following is a synonym of 'hire' ?
 a) Employ b) Higher c) Catch d) Weigh
- v) Why didn't the man accept the king's offer?

(OR)

When the jet rose six miles high,
 it was clear the earth was round
 and that it had more sea than land.
 But it was difficult to understand
 that the men on the earth found
 causes to hate each other, to build
 walls across cities and to kill.
 From that height, it was not clear why.

- i) Who is the poet of the poem "Geography Lesson" ?
 a) Parimal Ghose b) Zulfikar Ghose
 c) Zubiya Ghose d) Zulfikar Bose
- ii) What is the poet trying to bring out about human beings on earth?
- iii) Which of these was clear to the poet?
 a) Why earth is round. b) That there is less sea than land.
 c) Why people killed each other. d) Why people hated each other.

- iv) Which of these was not clear to the poet?
 a) Why people build wall around their house.
 b) Why men hated earth.
 c) Why men live on earth.
 d) Why people quarrel.
- v) Where was the poet sitting as he made these observations?
 a) Jet b) Hot Air Balloon c) Helicopter d) Rocket

8. Read the passage and answer the following questions:

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But then, if he had really never been to Ranchi, what would Dinesh think if Bepin Babu asked for a confirmation? He would probably conclude Bepin Babu was going nuts. No; it would be ridiculous to ask him.

And he knew how ruthless Dinesh's sarcasm could be.

- i) Who was Dinesh Mukerji?
 a) A friend b) An enemy c) An acquaintance d) A foe
- ii) Why did Bepin Babu change his mind about meeting Dinesh Mukerji?
 a) He was not a very close friend.
 b) He was very ruthless with his sarcasm.
 c) He was a generous person.
 d) He was shy to talk to Dinesh Mukerji.
- iii) Why did Bepin Babu want to meet Dinesh Mukerji?
 a) He wanted to talk to him about a personal problem.
 b) He wanted to take him out for a walk.
 c) He wanted to confirm about his trip to Ranchi.
 d) He wanted to tell him about his lost memory.

(OR)

"You've given the Three extra work ever since Monday morning, all on account of your idleness," said the Djinn. And he went on thinking with his chin in his hand.

- i) Who are the 'Three' that the Djinn is talking about?
 a) Ox, Dog & Camel b) Dog, Camel & Horse
 c) Horse, Dog & Camel d) Dog, Horse & Ox
- ii) Who is the Djinn talking to, in the given passage?
 a) Dog b) Ox c) Camel d) Horse
- iii) Which of the given options is synonym to 'idleness'?
 a) Laziness b) Activeness c) Ideal d) Wellness

9. Answer the following questions 30-40 words : **(Attempt any 5)**

2 x 5 = 10

- a) Explain the statement, 'In the middle of the war we were making peace'.
 b) Why is 'The Ant and the Cricket' called a fable?
 c) What made Velu feel miserable when he got down at Chennai Central?
 d) Why did Velu befriend Jaya at the railway station?
 e) What had happened to the little boy's hands and feet?
 f) From where did the author buy roll-top Desk? Why?

10. Answer the following in about 80-100 words: **(Attempt any 2)**

5 x 2 = 10

- a) Explain in detail any five things that Parimal Ghose remembered about Bepin Babu's trip to Ranchi?
 b) Why did the man reject three things offered to him but accepted the last bargain?
 c) Explain the bond between Princess September and the little bird.