**Final Examination in ENGLISH** 

Time : 3 hrs. Max. Marks : 80

General Instructions:

- i) 15-minutes prior reading time is allotted for question paper reading.
- ii) The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
- iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

# Section – A : Reading Skills (20 marks)

1. Read the following text.

(10 marks)

- 1 The difference in the ways of thinking and perception in the people of two different generations, with behavioural differences and sometimes, conflict among them is usually called generation gap.
- 2 Generation gap is generally seen in the family between parents and their children. It is not only because of the gap in age, but also because of the way some parents react to a particular situation. Children being very young and immature do not understand the way of thinking of their parents. In many cases, the parents, even if they are mature, do not empathise with the changing values and thinking patterns of the modern world. This creates a communication gap between these two generations.
- 3 Generation gap is also caused by increased life expectancy, rapid changes in society and mobility of the society. The biggest difficulty arises as a result of mental gap in terms of thinking style and the current trends. Children feel that they have become adults and that the time for them to be self sufficient. Similarly, in today's world things are rapidly changing and this makes the older generation feel bad as they cannot update themselves like the new generation. Younger and the elders share psychological and emotional gaps which give rise to a lot of highs and lows between them.
- 4 Changes in technology have also led to the generation gap in this modern world. Children tend to spend most of their time with their digital devices and are so busy with social media, that they do not discuss their problems with their parents. The internet provides solutions to most of the worldly problems. So children, instead of contacting their own parents, seek the help of internet in case of any problem, thus again reducing the communication, leading to a generation gap between them.
- 5 The generation gap has greatly increased these days because the time is changing fast and people find it difficult to cope up with this change. To overcome this problem, parents should show interest in all matters of their children and deal with them positively. Giving time to the children, having open communication, and allowing the child to feel free and not in any kind of pressure, will eventually reduce the generation gap to a tolerable extent.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above:

| 1.1 | What is the biggest difficulty that arises due to the mental gap in the above passage?A.Lack of communicationB.C.IgnoranceD.Awareness  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
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| 1.2 | What do you mean by 'generation gap'?  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.3 | Why do older generations feel inferior?  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 1.4 | The passage includes some words that are similar in meaning to each other. From the setsi-v below, identify <b>two sets</b> of synonyms:(ii)(i)thinking and conflict(ii)(iii)ultimately and eventually(iv)(v)usually and generally | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.5 | Complete the sentence appropriately.<br>Some children do not spend quality time with their family because  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.6 | Infer two reasons why children are responsible for the generation gap. (Para 4)  | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 1.7 | What has also led to the generation gap in the modern world?A.Social mediaB.Age groupC.Work load on parentsD.Changes in technology   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 1.8 | The problem of generation gap can be resolved by (any one reason)  | 1 |  |  |  |  |

2. Read the following passage:

## (10 marks)

- 1 Children in India live in diverse circumstances and have equally diverse needs and rights. Along with their need to be educated, healthy and skilful, they need, and have rights to adequate nutrition, to live in a safe and supportive environment, have opportunities to reach their optimal potential and generally lead healthy, joyful, and fulfilling lives so that they can become productive and well-adjusted citizens of tomorrow.
- 2 Children in our country face many challenges. Peer pressure and lack of positive role models may prompt them to make unsafe and unhealthy choices. Anxiety and depression amongst the students, to the point of turning them suicidal, have been a cause for concern in the recent past.
- 3 Child malnutrition is rampant in most parts of the country. This has an adverse bearing on their cognitive capacities, learning performance and physical capacity. India is one among the many countries where child malnutrition is severe. Malnutrition is a major underlying cause of child mortality in India. Trends in various nutritional indicator values and Under 5 mortality rate from 2000 to 2018 are shown in the figure below:
  - 1. Prevalence of stunting in children under five years (%).
  - 2. Proportion of undernourished in the population (%).
  - 3. Prevalence of wasting in children under five years (%).
  - 4. Under-five mortality rate (%).



- 4 Our children have the right to have a good quality education, skill-building facilities, a safe and supportive environment, positive role models, empowerment, and friendly health services and counselling. Well-informed and skilled children are likely to make better decisions concerning their careers and relationships, habits, physical and mental health, and also will be successful and an asset to the society.
- 5 They also need to understand and deal with emerging issues like newly available career choices, pollution, water and energy conservation, global warming, protection of the environment, terrorism and disasters. Dealing with anxiety and depression, negative peer pressure, violence, and accidents are some other significant issues that impact an individual's health and also the social, economic and health indicators of the country. Children require guidance and assistance both covert and overt from their parents, teachers, peers and society in general to complete the various tasks of development and deal with such issues.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

| 2.1 | What is the percentage of under-five mortality rate in the year 2000?   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| 2.2 | Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage.<br>The aim of good education is to make students (unaware/aware) about the (better/worse) choices for themselves and for the world.   | 2 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.3 | Complete the sentence appropriately.<br>Well-informed children prove to be better than other children because   | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.4 | In which year the stunting among the children under five was the most prevalent?  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2.5 | Select the option that correctly replaces the word `generally' in the passage.<br>A. Restrained B. Limited<br>C. Controlled D. Usually  | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.6 | What rights do the children have?   | 1 |  |  |  |  |
| 2.7 | <ul> <li>The passage presents the observation that:</li> <li>A. Children should be subjected to education.</li> <li>B. Children's problems should not be a major concern.</li> <li>C. Children's growth should be the major concern for the society.</li> <li>D. Children should not be given a new environment of growth.</li> </ul> |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2.8 | What kind of challenges do children face in our country? (any two)  |   |  |  |  |  |

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#### SECTION – B : WRITING SKILLS and GRAMMAR (20 marks) GRAMMAR 3. Attempt **ANY TEN** of twelve of the following tasks as directed. $(1 \times 10 = 10)$ 3.1 Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow at nine in the morning. The package \_ Α. will arrive would arrive B. C. arrive D. cannot arrive Read the conversation between Vipin and Vikas. Complete the narration correctly. 3.2 Vipin: Where are you going? Vikas: I am going to Mumbai to attend a seminar. Vipin asked Vikas where he was going. Vikas informed that \_\_\_\_ There's never \_\_\_\_\_ petrol left after Rehaan uses the car. 3.3 much Β. many C. little D. Α. some Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Ananya and Maanya: 3.4 Why ask so many questions, Maanya? Ananva: Maanva: I believe that if you don't know the answer, keep asking till you do! Ananya asked Maanya the reason for the many questions she was asking. Maanya exclaimed good humouredly that in the event of not knowing the answer one should keep asking till one does Β. kept asking till one does Α. C. keep asking till one do D. kept on to ask till one do Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the verb in the bracket. 3.5 (write) the letter before he arrived. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line. 3.6 \_\_\_\_\_ under the bed when his parents came. The boy has been hiding was hiding Α. Β. C. have hid D. had hidden Identify the error in the given sentence: 3.7 Clean air was vital to human health and fitness. ERROR CORRECTION

3.8 Select the option which identifies the error and supply the correction for the following line: She told him that she will meet him later.

| OPTION | ERROR | CORRECTION |
|--------|-------|------------|
| А      | later | latest     |
| В      | will  | would      |
| С      | told  | told to    |
| D      | that  | if         |

- 3.9 Change the following sentence into indirect speech. Ashu said to Amit, "Do not go to the park today."
- 3.10 Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the conversation. By the time we reach the school the bell \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. will be ringing B. will have rung
  - C. would have been ringing D. would have rung
- 3.11 Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. Has dinner \_\_\_\_\_ (prepare) by the cook?
- 3.12 Rice and curry \_\_\_\_\_ (is/are) my favourite dish.

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### WRITING

- *NOTE:* All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.
- 4A. Read the cues and write a descriptive passage of the person in 100-120 words:

HINTS: Thomas Edison - February 11, 1847- October 18, 1931 - inventor and businessman - America's greatest inventor - developed electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording and motion pictures - established the first industrial research laboratory - married twice - six children - died 1931 - complications of diabetes.

### (OR)

- 4B. You are Neha/Naitik. You recently watched the successful landing of 'Chandrayaan-3' on the moon on the television. You are really proud and inspired by the success of your country. Write a diary page expressing your feelings in 100-120 words. 5
- 5A. Write a short story in 100-120 words by using the following hints. Give a suitable title to the story.

One day Rohit was playing in the garden - an old woman fainted - sought help - called ambulance - used first aid - saved her life.

(OR)

5B. Complete the given story in 100-120 words. Also give a suitable title to the story.

It was a freezing cold night. Sneha and her elder brother were alone at home. The doorbell rang. When Sneha opened the door she found two young homeless boys standing at the doorstep ...

### SECTION – C : LITERATURE (40 marks)

- 6. Read the two given extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the two.
- A. "I just can't come to terms with the artificiality and glamour of the film world," he says with emphasis. Award and recognition come thick and fast. Bismillah Khan became the first Indian to be invited to perform at the prestigious Lincoln Centre Hall in the United States of America'. (Sound of Music)
  - i) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'thick and fast' as used in the extract.
    - A. The games are coming thick and fast.
    - B. My mind is growing thick and fast.
    - C. The invitations are coming thick and fast.
    - D. She picked up the language thick and fast.
  - ii) Explain, 'I just can't come to terms with the artificiality and glamour of the film world.' 2
  - iii) Replace the underlined word with its right synonym contextually.
     Reena won one of the most <u>esteemed</u> awards in her field of creativity.
     A. minor
     B. prestigious
     C. humble
     D. lowly
  - iv) From the given extract we can infer that Bismillah Khan was a great \_\_\_\_\_\_. 1

(OR)

B. "Actually, the overall pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory."

And he patted Margie's head again. He said that Margie was learning at a good pace. He again patted Margie's head in order to cheer her up. Margie was disappointed.

(The Fun They Had)

i) What was the county inspector's observation about Margie's progress ? 2

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|  | <ul> <li>ii) " And he patted Margie's head again." This action indicates that</li> <li>A. she was disappointed.</li> <li>B. he wanted to ensure that Margie should continue to study and play.</li> <li>C. he wanted to cheer her up.</li> <li>D. he wanted to encourage her pace of learning.</li> </ul> |  |   |  |  |                          |                |          | 1                |      |
|  | iii) Why was Margie disappointed?   |  |   |  |  |                          |                |          | 1                |      |
|  | iv)   |  | ete the analog<br>ss : deteriorat   |  |  |                          | vord from the  | extract. |                  | 1    |
| 7.   | Read the two given extracts and answer the questions for <b>ANY ONE</b> of the two.   |  |   |  |  |                          |                | 5        |                  |      |
| A.   |   |  | Two roads di<br>And sorry I c<br>And be one t<br>And looked a<br>To where it b<br>Then took th<br>And having p                | ould no<br>raveller<br>lown as<br>pent in t<br>e other,            | t travel both<br>, long I stoo<br>far as I cou<br>the undergro<br>, just as fair,            | d<br>Id<br>wth;<br>laim, | en)            |          |                  |      |
|  | i)  | Which<br>a)<br>b)<br>c)<br>d)  | option suppor<br>The problems<br>Common but<br>The optimistic<br>Walking ahea   | s of hur<br>comple<br>c side o                                     | nan life.<br>ex experience<br>of life.   |                          | nan life.      |          |                  | 1    |
|  | ii) Explain the metaphor used in the given extract.   |  |   |  |  |                          |                |          | 2                |      |
|  | iii)  | <ul> <li>Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word 'diverged' as used in the extract.</li> <li>a) The two friends diverged due to misunderstanding between them.</li> <li>b) The street diverged in a crossing near the main circle.</li> <li>c) Students can easily be diverged from their goals through little distractions.</li> <li>d) Both the boys diverged in their opinion.</li> </ul> |   |  |  |                          |                |          | 1                |      |
|  | iv)   | The sy<br>a)   | nonym of und<br>stand still   | ergrow<br>b)   | th is<br>dirty<br>(Ol  | <br>c)<br>२)             | uncover        | d)       | underwood        | 1    |
| В.   |   |  | A slumber did<br>I had no hun<br>She seemed<br>The touch of<br>No motion ha<br>She neither h<br>Rolled round<br>With rocks an | nan fear<br>a thing<br>earthly<br>as she r<br>nears no<br>in eartr | rs.<br>that could n<br>years.<br>how, no forco<br>or sees,<br>h's diurnal co<br>es and trees | e-<br>ourse              | Spirit Seal)   |          |                  |      |
| <ul> <li>According to the poem, what caused the poet to be numb and how did he fe<br/>after that?</li> </ul> |   |  |   |  |  |                          | he feel        | 2        |                  |      |
|  | <ul> <li>ii) Identify the poetic device used in the lines:</li> <li>`Rolled round in earth's diurnal course</li> <li>With rocks and stones and trees'.</li> </ul>   |  |   |  |  |                          |                | 1        |                  |      |
|  |   | 1.<br>a)   | Alliteration  | 2.<br>b)   | Repetition<br>1, 4   | 3.                       | Simile<br>2, 3 | 4.<br>d) | Anaphora<br>3, 4 |      |
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| iii)   | ) State whether the following statement is <b>TRUE</b> or <b>FALSE:</b> `Earth's diurnal course' means the rotation of the earth on its axis.   |          |   |         |  |  |  |
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| iv)  | Identify the option that has the same rhyme scheme as these 4 lines.  |          |   |         |  |  |  |
| " A slumber did my spirit seal-<br>I had no human fears.<br>She seemed a thing that could not feel<br>The touch of earthly years." |   |          |   |         |  |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>a. The people along the sand<br/>All turn and look one way.<br/>They turn their back on the land.<br/>They look at the sea all day.</li> <li>c. I celebrate myself, and sing myself,<br/>And what I assume you shall assume,<br/>For every atom belonging to me<br/>As good belongs to you.</li> </ul> | b.<br>d. | Behold her, single in the field,<br>Yon solitary Highland Lass!<br>Reaping and singing by herself;<br>Stop here or gently pass!<br>Let me fetch sticks,<br>Let me fetch stones,<br>Throw me your bone,<br>Teach me your tricks. |         |  |  |  |
| Ansv   | ver <b>ANY FOUR</b> of the following five questions i   | n ab     | out 40-50 words. (4 x   | 3 = 12) |  |  |  |
| i)   | How did the doctor feel when the snake had<br>(The Snake and the Mirror)  | coile    | ed around his left arm?   |         |  |  |  |

- State the difference between the scene outside the Hindu temple with that of the ii) outside of the Buddhist shrine of Kathmandu? (Kathmandu)
- 'Lakshman Shastry reformed the new teacher at the school.' How? (My Childhood) iii)
- 'Einstein is remembered as a global citizen.' Why? (A Truly Beautiful Mind) iv)
- How does the poet experience complete bliss in his cottage? (Rain on the Roof) v)
- 9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions in about 40-50 words.  $(2 \times 3 = 6)$ 
  - 'Certain human virtues are the essence of every human life.' What human virtues i) are highlighted in the story 'The Last Leaf'?
  - ii) What helped the narrator adapt his new life after the fire incident? (A House is Not a Home)
  - 'Iswaran and Mahendra shared a great bond.' Explain. (Iswaran the Storyteller) iii)
- 10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 100-120 words .
  - A. 'Intelligence, smartness, presence of mind and calmness helps to overcome any situation in life.' Elucidate the statement with reference to 'If I Were You'. (OR)
  - B. 'On Killing a Tree' is a poem which symbolises values in some ways and also has sarcasm in it. Explain.
- Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 100-120 words . 11.
  - A. 'Olga's empathy and compassion and not pity for Lushkoff brought a positive change in Lushkoff.' Justify the statement with reference to the character of Olga in the chapter "The Beggar". (OR)
  - B. 'The guru with his wisdom was able to save his disciple.' Based on the statement given, describe the character of the guru. (In the Kingdom of Fools)

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