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## General Instruction:

The questions paper is divided into three sections:

Section A	:	Reading	20 Marks
Section B	:	Writing and Grammar	30 Marks
Section C	:	Literature Textbook and Extended Reading Text	30 Marks

## SECTION-A (Reading)

**Q. 1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: (8 marks)**

I was born in the small but beautiful mountain village of Nakuri near Uttarkashi in Garhwal, with the gurgling, playful Bhagirathi river flowing nearby. My parents were a hard-working and extremely self-contained couple. Even though our family was poor, barely managing the essentials, my father taught us how to live and maintain dignity and self-respect– the most treasured family value till today. At the same time my parents also practised the creed, "Kindness is the essence of all religions." They were large-hearted, inviting village folk passing by to have tea at our home, and gave grain to the sadhus and pundits who came to the house. This characteristic has been ingrained in me so deeply that I am able to reach out to others and make a difference in their lives– whether it is in my home, in society or at the workplace.

I was the third child in the family– girl, boy, girl, girl and boy in that order- and quite a rebel. I developed a tendency to ask questions and was not satisfied with the customary way of life for a girl-child. When I found my elder brother, Bachchan, encouraging our youngest brother, Raju, to take up mountaineering I thought, why not me? I found that my brothers were always getting preferential treatment and all opportunities and options were open to them. This made me even more determined to not only do what the boys were doing, but to do it better.

The general thinking of mountain people was that mountaineering as a sport was not for them. They considered themselves to be born mountaineers as they had to go up and down mountain slopes for their daily livelihood and even for routine work. On the other hand, as a student, I would look curiously at foreign backpackers passing by my village and wonder where they were going. I would even invite them to my house and talk to them to learn more about their travels. The full significance of this came to me later when I started working. The foreigners took the trouble to come all the way to the Himalayas in order to educate themselves on social, cultural and scientific aspects of mountaineering as well as to seek peace in nature's gigantic scheme of things.

**1.1 Based on your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly. (1 × 8 = 8)**

- Where was the author born?
- Explain 'self-contained'.
- Give an example to show that the author's parents were very hospitable.
- What kind of girl was the author?
- How do you know that the author's parents discriminated between sons and daughters?
- Why do the mountain people consider themselves to be born mountaineers?
- Why would the author invite foreign mountaineers to her house?
- Why were foreigners drawn to the Himalayas?

**Q. 2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. (12 marks)**

Stress is a disease of modern times. It afflicts people regardless of their situation in life. Stress is present in the lives of the rich and poor, literate and illiterate, men and women. Stress is, however, more evident and is probably more widespread in technologically advanced countries. It is common among higher qualified professionals.

Stress is of various kinds—physical, emotional, intellectual and it is characterized by a feeling of being burned: of being unable to cope. At a physical level, modern technology and facilities have actually increased workloads and decreased relaxation. Mobile phones and laptops have made it easy to carry the office to the home.

Emotional stress increases when there is disharmony and friction in relationships. Unfortunately the trend today is to take the easy way out – people prefer to break away from relationships rather than repair them.

The answer to stress can be found in the very letters of the word, STRESS. 'S' stands for strength: physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual. Physical and emotional weakness leads to irritability. A strong healthy body developed through proper diet, exercise and pranayama techniques helps reduce stress at the physical level. Love, compassion and friendship are valuable strength givers that help us cope with stress.

The scriptures say that knowledge of the self cannot be gained without inner strength. Rabindranath Tagore, in a poem, prays to the Lord not to remove all obstacles, but instead, he asks for strength to bear them. Before the start of the Mahabharata War Arjun was seized with a bout of emotional weakness and he refused to fight the war. Lord Krishna rescued him by giving him emotional strength.

'T' stands for traffic control of thoughts. We need to regulate and control our thoughts. We can cope with stress best if our thoughts are orderly and methodical. Unnecessary accumulation leads to clogging of the mind. The key lies in being able to live one moment at a time. Eat while eating, work while working, and leave the home at home and the office in the office. Remember, however long we have to travel we can only take one step at a time. Worrying only reduces efficiency and then even simple tasks cannot be completed correctly and in time.

'R' is for redesign. We tend to view life and ourselves through our own philosophy. A readjustment or reorientation in this philosophy increases our capacity to bear heavier loads.

'E' stands for erase the ego. Anger, fear and jealousy are negative emotions that reduce efficiency, leading to mental weakness, causing stress. Too much emphasis on the ego increases stress. Sri Rama asked Sri Hanuman how he was able to cause so much havoc in Lanka and yet return unscathed. Hanuman disclaimed all responsibility. He said, "I did not do it, you did it through me". There is a higher power or strength working through us so we must not stress.

'S' stands for sharing: share your wealth, knowledge, workload or anything else you have. By and large people do not know how to share or delegate.

The last but most important is the 'S' which stands for surrender to the Lord. Free your mind from the weight of worries and become an instrument, adopting an attitude of service.

**2.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly. (2 × 4 = 8)**

- How has stress become a universal disease?
- Name the various kinds of stresses. What is responsible for physical stress?
- How does regulation and control of thoughts help cope with stress?
- What does the word 'STRESS' stand for?

**2.2 Complete the following sentences : (1 × 4 = 4)**

- The unfortunate trend of today is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The best way to cope with stress is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The word 'scriptures' means \_\_\_\_\_.
- The word 'surrender' means \_\_\_\_\_.

### SECTION-B(WRITING AND GRAMMAR)

3. You have often witnessed that children fall down or faint during assembly and games period due to lack of fitness and stamina. Write a letter to your younger brother advising him about the benefits of balanced diet and regular exercise. (8MARKS)

4. Write a story in about 200-250 words and give a suitable title to it: (12MARKS)

Tuhin could not complete the story as he lost interest. Complete his story on the basis of hints given below:

“Once upon a time, the lion king of the forest, was celebrating his son’s birthday. All the animals and birds of the forest were to participate in the grand function.....

5. Fill in the blanks appropriately. (1/2X6=3)

African elephants (a) \_\_\_\_\_ slightly bigger in size and dark (b) \_\_\_\_\_ colour than the Asian elephants. They (c) \_\_\_\_\_ more prominent ears also. Being herbivorous, they depend (d) \_\_\_\_\_ plants in the forest (e) \_\_\_\_\_ fulfill their food demand. It is an intelligent animal and (f) \_\_\_\_\_ be trained easily.

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each of the lines. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the blanks: (4MARKS)

Familiar scenes are worthy  
of observation. Think on the  
village tank, the women fill  
Water or polishing her vessels,  
the men, watering his animals,  
the children jumping of from  
steps. These are indeed smaller  
ordinary activities but , the more  
important for peoples who live  
in the countryside.

Error

Correction

- (a) \_\_\_\_\_  
(b) \_\_\_\_\_  
(c) \_\_\_\_\_  
(d) \_\_\_\_\_  
(e) \_\_\_\_\_  
(f) \_\_\_\_\_  
(g) \_\_\_\_\_  
(h) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Rearrange the jumbled words/phrases into meaningful sentences. (3MARKS)

- (a) very exciting /can/ and /new country/a /travelling to /be/challenging  
(b) and/sites/pleasure/people/new/historical/get/stories/exploring  
(c) people/are/fullest/few/scared/their/to/life//enjoy/the/to

### SECTION-C (LITERATURE)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (4MARKS)

“They, too, aware of sun and air and water,

Are fed by peaceful harvest, by war’s long winter starv’d”

- (a) Who is ‘they’ in the above lines?  
(b) What are they aware of?  
(c) What does the poet mean by peaceful harvest?  
(d) Explain ‘war’s long winter starv’d’



9. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words:

(5X2=10)

- (a) Why does Lushkoff say that he'd indebted to Olga till his dying day?
- (b) What happened when Bill Bryson was penning down thoughts on a plane flight?
- (c) What havoc has the super cyclone wreaked in the life of the people of Orissa??
- (d) Why was Kezia scared of her father?
- (e) What does the poet mean by 'bleeding bark'? How will it heal?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in about 100-120 words:

(8 MARKS)

Describe the strength of character of Maria Sharapova and Santosh Yadav.

OR

How does the author describe Kathmandu's streets?

11. Answer the following questions in about 150-200 words:

(8 MARKS)

'A friend in need is a friend indeed'. Explain with reference to "A House is not a home".

OR

Greed is a quality which God does not like. Discuss it in the context of the poem 'The Legend of Northland'

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