SECTION-A (READING)

1. Read the passage carefully.

Given the constant reminders we get of impending disasters from the green house effect, climate changes and water shortages—going green is essential, if we want to save our planet. But changing one's lifestyle drastically isn't a piece of cake. Worse, these green changes can be extremely taxing on your pocket, at least initially. Take for instance moving to solar energy. In theory, it will reduce away your electricity bills, but to begin with, solar panels are expensive. But there are a few easy ways to start green. There are a few gadgets to help you plug into the go green drive immediately.

One needs to know the carbon footprint in one's daily life to find ways to be able to chop. This is where applications like Carbon Diet, Be Green and Makemustainable.com come in. They figure out what activities contribute to it and have tips of saving energy with smart devices to keep your daily carbon footprint in check. For instance, Makemustainable.com has in it a gadget that integrates into social networks such as Facebook and lets you show off your green efforts. This also encourages friends into going green. Studies have proved that not buying new gadgets can cut down on your footprint. So look for refurbished or pre-owned electronics that are in good shape. Today smart TVs dim by 50% thus saving power and reducing carbon emissions, if you are not in front of them. They also automatically adjust using sensors to measure the room light. Today you can use portable solar chargers to charge your cell phones. Similarly, there are
chargers such as Hymini wind turbine that can charge your cell phone or MP3 player just by sticking it out of the window or taking it with you on your daily commute in a train or car.

1. On the basis of your reading, complete the following sentences:
(a) To save our planet earth is important
(b) There are a few easy ways to start green, because
(c) The applications like carbon diet, be green and Makemesustainable.com help us in
(d) The phrase 'extremely taxing on your pocket' means

2. Answer briefly:
(a) Suggest 2 ways to reduce the greenhouse effect.
(b) How can one charge one's cell phone with a Hymini wind turbine charges?

2. Read the given poem carefully:

The Leader

Patient and steady with all he must bear,
Ready to meet every challenge with care,
Easy in manner, yet solid as steel,
Strong in his faith, refreshingly real,
Isn't afraid to propose what is bold,
Doesn't conform to the usual mould,
Eyes that have foresight, for hindsight wont do,
Never backs down when he sees what is true,
Tells it all straight, and means it all too.
Going forward and knowing he's right,
Even when doubted for why he would fight,
Over and over he makes his case clear
Reaching to touch the ones who wont hear.
Growing in strength, he wont be unnerved,
Ever assuring he'll stand by his word.
Wanting the world to join his firm stand,
Bracing for war, but praying for peace,
Using his power so evil will cease:
So much a leader and worthy of trust,
Here stands a man who will do what he must.

3. On the basis of your reading of the above poem complete the following sentences:
(i) This poem is about

(2)
(ii) ‘Doesn’t conform to the usual mould’ suggests that the person being described ................................ .

(iii) The leader should fight war bravely even, if ................................ .

(iv) Using his power so evil will ‘cease’. Here ‘cease’ means ................................ .

(v) A true leader is a man who possesses .............................. .

(vi) One example of alliteration in the poem is ............................... .

(vii) A true leader will always pray for peace, but ......................... .

3. Read the following passage carefully:

With the pace of life speeding up, youngsters, who can easily adapt to and lead these changes, find the cards in their favour. Today, the young symbolise change, innovation, positivity and a pure mind not twisted by the shoulds and shouldn’ts of a one-track ideology. With over 40 per cent of India’s population under the age of 35, and a similar figure worldwide, this stratum of society is just learning to harness its power that has been lying latent.

Often branded as rebellious or inexperienced by those older than them, it is from this passion of youth that genius develops and talent is uncovered. Albert Einstein, undoubtedly one of the greatest scientists to have lived, came up with his inspirational theories while in his late 20s. Mark Zuckerberg, founder of the social networking site; Facebook, started it while still a student at Harvard University.

Bill Gates started Microsoft and oversaw the creation of the operating system Windows all before he was 30. The field of sports has always been the domain of the young. Lewis Hamilton, who has won championships at Formula 1 and three other racing levels; Michael Phelps, who has won 14 Olympic gold medals and has broken 37 world records in swimming; and Usain Bolt, the Jamaican sprinter and three-time Olympic gold medalist are all under 25 years of age.

The UN Programme on Youths most recent report, the World Youth Report 2007, reviews the progress and challenges in youth transitions to adulthood and suggests clearly that although youth face a number of challenges as they try to make the transition into adulthood, many are determined to succeed and are using varied approaches to ensure their survival. They are not a passive group waiting for resources and opportunities to be handed to them. In all regions, they want to make a better life for themselves.

4. Answer the following questions by choosing the most appropriate option:

(1) Through this passage the writer wants to convey that ...........................

(a) Youngsters are rebels
(b) Young people are inexperienced
(c) Young people are passive
(d) Youngsters easily adapt and change

(3) $E^V_{H}$
(2) The older people often find the young people .................
   (a) rebellious or inexperienced
   (b) talented
   (c) lazy
   (d) creative

(3) The word Stratum means .....................
   (a) number
   (b) people
   (c) layer
   (d) size

(4) Being in the most active stage of life the young people ..................
   (a) like to remain passive
   (b) grab opportunities and resources
   (c) face challenges
   (d) ensure their survival

(5) The founder of networking site facebook is ...................
   (a) Bill Gates
   (b) Einstein
   (c) Michael Phelps
   (d) Mark Zuckerberg

SECTION-B (WRITING)

5. You are a member of the Environment Club. Write a notice informing students of Classes VI to X about a 'Tree Plantation drive' that the school is organising on Vanmahotsava. (20)

6. Read the following conversation and write the message that Rama leaves for Mr. Debu.
   Mr. Murli : Hello, this is Mr. Murli from Bangalore. May I speak to Mr. Debu please?
   Rama : Mr. Debu is not in at the moment. May I take a message for him?
   Mr. Murli : Please convey my thanks to him. I have just received the encyclopedia I ordered. The last payment would reach him tomorrow. I would also like some information on latest reference books in Geography.
   Rama : I'll make sure he gets that message Mr. Murli.
   Mr. Murli : Thank you. (5)

7. You are Anuj Sharma, a resident of Model Town. Your locality has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes owing to heaps of garbage, poor drainage system, uncovered drains and stagnant water. Write a letter to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern and displeasure. (4)
SECTION-C (GRAMMAR)

8. Combine the following sentences using conjunctions: (Use a conjunction only once)
   (a) He is old. He is active.
   (b) Sit silently. Leave the classroom.
   (c) You are not lazy. You are not ignorant.
   (d) He was tired. He could not walk.

9. Fill in the blanks with Future Perfect form of verb:
   (a) We .................. to our new house next month.
   (b) Our Principal .................. addressed the merit holders.
   (c) The flight .................. at 5.30 a.m.
   (d) By August, we .................. English for two months.

10. Read the following conversation and report it in your own words:
    Salesman : Can I help you?
    Customer : Yes I'd like to buy a shirt.
    Salesman : Follow me please. What type of shirt do you like?

11. There is an error in each line. Mark the error and write the correct word:
    e.g. a an
    The king reached a ashram. A sadhu was watering some plants. A sadhu saw
    a king was tired. He stopped watering
    the plants; ran up to the king or gave him some fruits and cold water. On that
    time, a man, wounded all over the body is
    brought to an ashram, by another sadhu.
    The first sadhu saw this, he go to the
    injured and cleaned their wounds, and gave him some herbs.

12. Rearrange the jumbled up words to form meaningful sentences:
    (a) that life began / centuries ago / scientists think / twenty million / on earth / about.
    (b) endless process / the plants and animals / of evolution / we see around / us / of / an / 
    (c) by their environment / all the animals / and are moulded / are products of / their habitat / 
    (d) for generations to come / they are / as simple duty / our heritage / we have a / to look after them.
13. Read the given lines and answer the questions that follow:
   Amazed the grazing rustics ranged around
   And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew
   That one small head could carry all he knew.
   (a) Name the poem and the poet. (1)
   (b) Who are gazing rustics in the given lines? (1)
   (c) Why did their wonder grow? (2)

14. Answer very briefly: (3 x 2 = 6)
   (a) What lesson had the butcher taught the writer?
   (b) Quote two examples from the poem ‘The listeners’ to show that the house was abandoned.
   (c) What was the poet trying to understand about human nature in the poem ‘Geography Lesson’?

15. Do you think that Tipu had imagined ‘Mr Pinks’ presence? Give two reasons to support your answer. (4)

16. Imagine you are the policeman in the story ‘After Twenty Years’. Write a diary entry depicting your feelings when your colleague, Jimmy asked you to go and arrest his dear friend. (6)