SECTION A—READING (15 marks)

1. Read the passage carefully.

First introduced in 1927, The Hardy Boys Mystery Stories are a series of books about the adventures of brothers Frank and Joe Hardy, teenaged detectives who solve one baffling mystery after another. The Hardy Boys were so popular among young boys that in 1930 that a similar series was created for girls featuring a sixteen-year-old detective named Nancy Drew. The cover of each volume of The Hardy Boys states that the author of the series is Franklin W. Dixon; the Nancy Drew mystery Stories are supposedly written by Carolyn Keene. Over the years, though, many fans of both series have been surprised to find out that Franklin W. Dixon and Carolyn Keene are not real people. If Franklin W. Dixon and Carolyn Keene never existed, then who wrote The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mysteries?

The Hardy Boys and the Nancy Drew books were written through a process called ghostwriting. A ghostwriter writes a book according to a specific formula. While ghostwriters are paid for writing the books, their authorship is not acknowledged, and their names do not appear on the published books. Ghostwriters can write books for children and adults, the content of which is unspecific. Sometimes they work on book series with a lot of individual titles, such as the Hardy Boys and the Nancy Drew series.

The initial idea for both The Hardy Boys and the Nancy Drew series was developed by a man named Edward Stratemeyer, who owned a publishing company that
specialized in children's books. Stratmeyer noticed the increasing popularity of mysteries among adults and surmised that children would enjoy reading mysteries about younger detectives with whom they could identify. Stratmeyer first developed each book with an outline describing the plot and setting. He then hired a ghostwriter to convert it into a book of slightly over 200 pages. After the ghostwriter had written a draft of a book, he or she would send it back to Stratmeyer, who would make a list of corrections and mail it back to the ghostwriter. The ghostwriter would revise the book and then return it to Stratmeyer. Once he approved the book, it was ready for publication.

Because each series ran for so many years, Nancy Drew and The Hardy Boys both had a number of different ghostwriters producing books; however, the first ghostwriter for each series proved to be the most influential. The initial ghostwriter for The Hardy Boys was a Canadian journalist named Leslie McFarlane. A few years later, Mildred A. Wirt, a young writer from Iowa, began writing the Nancy Drew books. Although they were using prepared outlines as guides, both McFarlane and Wirt developed the characters themselves. The personalities of Frank and Joe Hardy and Nancy Drew arose directly from McFarlane's and Wirt's imaginations. For example, Mildred Wirt had been a star college athlete and gave Nancy similar athletic abilities. The ghostwriters were also responsible for numerous plot and setting details. Leslie McFarlane used elements of his small Canadian town to create Bayport, the Hardy Boys fictional hometown.

Although The Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books were very popular with children, not everyone approved of them. Critics thought their plots were unrealistic and even far-fetched, since most teenagers did not experience the adventures Frank and Joe Hardy or Nancy Drew did. The way the books were written also attracted criticism. Many teachers and librarians objected to the ghostwriting process, claiming it was designed to produce books quickly rather than create quality literature. Some libraries—including the New York Public Library—even refused to include the books in their children's collections. Ironically, this decision actually helped sales of the books, because children simply purchased them when they were unavailable in local libraries.

Regardless of the debates about their literary merit, each series of books has exerted an undeniable influence on American and even global culture. Most Americans have never heard of Edward Stratemeyer, Leslie McFarlane, or Mildred Wirt, but people throughout the world are familiar with Nancy Drew, Frank and Joe Hardy.

1.1 Based on the above passage, answer the following questions: (6 x 1 = 6 marks)

1.1.1 According to the passage, the Nancy Drew mystery series was introduced in:

(a) 1925
1.1.2 Which of the following was a real writer?
(a) Carolyn Keene
(b) Franklin W. Dixon
(c) Leslie McFarlane
(d) Tom Hardy

1.1.3 Who is a ghostwriter?

1.1.4 How was Edward Stratemeyer associated with the Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew series?

1.1.5 Why did some people not appreciate these books?

1.1.6 The decision by some public libraries to not include Hardy Boys in their collection was .................................................................

1.2 Which word in the passage means the same as: (2 x 1 = 2 marks)
1.2.1 Recognized (Para 2)
1.2.2 Guessed (Para 3)

2. Read the following passage carefully:

Acupuncture is a system of treatment for diseases that has been practiced in China for nearly 5000 years. It consists in the rapid insertion of fine steel needles about 6 centimeters long, on particular spots on the body of the patient. After inserting the needle the doctor twirls the needle between his thumb and forefinger. There are hundreds of acupuncture points on the body. When a puncture is made on a spot on the body, energy flows from there along lines known as meridians to the diseased organs. This flow of energy helps to restore the balance of the system and thus correct the disorder. The points of treatment may be far from the seat of the disease. For example, to cure a toothache, the acupuncturist may insert a needle on the palm of the patient.

Although China is considered to be the country where acupuncture originated, anthropologists have reported some forms of treatment resembling it from other parts of the world. Among some ancient tribes, stone and arrows were used to prick the skin. In another form of treatment, the skin on particular spots of the body was burnt to find a cure for certain diseases. Whether these kinds of treatments can rightly be classed with acupuncture will be known only after further research.

For long, acupuncture was dismissed by the west as a form of superstition like witchcraft and magic cure. Even in China admiration for the western system of medicine was so great that the native systems of treatment were neglected or mistrusted. Moreover, the theoretical basis for acupuncture that was propounded

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in China was a mixture of spirituality, philosophy and physiology. This stood in the way of its acceptance by Chinese scientists. During the 1960's acupuncture came to the notice of western scientist, who viewed it with skepticism as well as curiosity. Doctors from Europe went to China to make a first-hand study of this strange form of treatment. They were convinced by what they saw. Not only were diseases cured, but some operations were performed after administering an anaesthesia by acupuncture. The patient of such an operation could see and know what was being done, but felt no pain. After the operation he/she could get up and walk away. Doctors in other parts of the world took acupuncture seriously and some of them trained themselves and set up practice in their counties. In China itself the status of acupuncture rose when Chairman Mao officially ranked acupuncturists with other physicians.

2.1 On the basis of your reading make notes on the above passage. Use recognizable symbols and abbreviations wherever necessary. (5 Marks)

2.2 Write a summary of the above passage in 80 words. (2 Marks)

SECTION B—Writing Skills (20 marks)

3. The Delhi High Court has made helmets compulsory for women pillon riders on two-wheelers. Draft a poster that can be put up by the Delhi Police on the issue. (5 Marks)

OR

The Cultural Society of your school is organizing an educational tour to Agra and Fatehpur Sikri. Write a notice for the School Notice Board giving instructions and information to the students about the tour. (50 words)

4. After 65 years of Independence, woman in India are still fighting for equal rights and freedom. Society is constantly pressurizing them to 'dress in a certain way', 'go out only at certain times' etc.

Keeping the above in mind, prepare a speech that you will present in the school assembly on the occasion of Womans Day. You are Parth/Preeti, the cultural secretary. Write the speech in 150-200 words. (8 Marks)

OR

Youngsters these days are becoming too brand conscious. Write an article for your school magazine expressing your views on this consumerist attitude in 150-200 words.

5. You are Nakul/Nalina of 3, Jawahar Apartments, Jaipur. A few months ago, you bought a telephone answering system from Electronic world with a two year warranty. Now, the answering machine is not working properly. Write a letter to the dealer in 150 words, complaining about the problem and ask for a replacement against the warranty. (7 Marks)
OR

You are the Office Manager at Springfield School, Nasik. Write a letter to Khanna Stationers, Nasik, placing an order for stationary including A-4 size paper, HP Deskjet Ink cartridge, pen refills, boxes of chalk, envelopes and chart paper. Include information regarding the mode of dispatch and payment and ensure that the letter is not more than 150 words.

SECTION C—GRAMMAR (10 marks)

6. Fill in the blanks with the correct form of the verbs provided in the brackets. Answer the questions on the answer sheet using the correct corresponding letter. (8 × \(\frac{1}{2}\) = 4 marks)

I (a) _______________ (expect) him here yesterday. But, he (b) _______________ (not come) till now. No one (c) _______________ (known) what (d) _______________ (happen) to him. I tried (e) _______________ (call) him many times but he (f) _______________ (not answer). I (g) _______________ (worry) about him and hope he (h) _______________ (be) safe.

7. The following sentences are not edited. Edit them by writing the incorrect word from each line along with the correct one. Follow the given example: (8 × \(\frac{1}{2}\) = 4 marks)

Example: I am the busy man.
Answer: error correction

(a) My day begins on five O'clock in the morning.
(b) It has been so since the last forty years.
(c) except for the two years which I was
(d) very ill. I wake up at the sound of an
(e) alarm clock bought at 1952.
(f) From then until today, it has never
(g) let me down. I had maintained a regular routine all these years.
(h) When I retire on two years' time, I hope I will be able to continue this practice.

8. The below sentences are jumbled up. Rearrange the words to make meaningful sentences. Follow the given example: (4 × \(\frac{1}{2}\) = 2 marks)

For example: think / why / preferred / the / you / to land / dinosaurs / water / do
Answer: Why do you think the dinosaurs preferred water to land?
(a) extremely / become / dinosaurs / huge / heavy / had / the / and
(b) walk / land / became / could not / they / their legs / the / so big / on / that
(c) water / alternative / them / therefore / a / became / in / good / for / staying
(d) most / and / swamps / spent / rivers / they / so / their time / of / in
SECTION D—Literature-Textual Questions (20 marks)

9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. (4 × 1 = 4 marks)

All three stood still to smile through their hair
At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,
My mother's, that was before I was born.
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet.

9.1 Name the poem and the poet.
9.2 Who are the three people being referred to in the lines?
9.3 Where are the three people and what are they doing at the time?
9.4 What does 'terribly transient' feet mean?

10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40 words each: (5 × 2 = 10 marks)
10.1 How did the sparrows mourn the death of the grandmother?
10.2 How did Aram define stealing when he had to decide whether or not to ride the horse?
10.3 Why was Ranga's homecoming such a great event in the village?
10.4 Describe the first visit Mrs. S's daughter made to Mrs. Dorling's house.
10.5 "Optimism and courage help to tide over difficulties". How did the narrator succeed in searching the small island?
10.6 What was Einstein's view on Education?

11. Answer any one of the following questions in 150 words. (6 Marks)

Give reasons why 'King Tut's body has been subjected to repeated scrutiny'.
Compare and contrast the investigations done by the two archeologists.

OR

Write a detailed character sketch of the narrator in Ranga's marriage.

SECTION E—Long Reading Text-Novel (15 marks)

12. Discuss the character of Mr. Otis. What are the key values and attributes of his character that are highlighted in the story? (130 words) (7 Marks)

13. Based on your reading of the first three chapters of The Canterville Ghost, describe all three encounters between the Ghost and the Otis family. (150 words) (8 marks)