This paper consists of 4 Sections:

Section-A 20 marks
Section-B 20 marks
Section-C 10 marks
Section-D 30 marks

General Instructions:

1. Answer all questions.
2. All answers must be written in the answer sheets.
3. Attempt all questions in each section before starting the next section.
4. Adhere to the word limit. Marks will be deducted for exceeding word limit.

Section-A READING

1. Read the passage given below carefully and answer the questions that follow:

THE HI-TECH KITCHEN

1. Today the kitchen has changed. It has shelves and drawers lining the top and the bottom wall with every utensil and spoon behind their closed doors, complete with a cooking range, OTG, microwave and in place of the noisy exhaust a sleek looking chimney, which, if you please, also takes care of the noise and not just the fumes. The more enterprising ones go in for glass fronted doors so that their lovely crockery is visible. And the little more adventurous go in for bright coloured tiles and woodwork to make the kitchen bright and cheery, somewhere to escape the Black Dog. Only when the cooking is taking place will things be strewn around, once that is over the kitchen is back to looking sparkling clean. As if nothing happened, no smoking gun.

2. Oh! to have a kitchen like that-from where the Lady of House could proudly "govern" the house. Earlier, she spent ages inside cutting, chopping, grinding, kneading and cooking. So much so that it was not an exaggeration when it was
said that a woman spent more time in the kitchen than in any other room. From breakfast to lunch to evening snacks to finally dinner. Not to mention the in-between snacks. She barely had time for anything, or any place, else. It was like a dungeon, holding her in chains.

3. Today, the dungeon has been replaced by a recreation facility. Cooking is fun, so much so that grumpy self-centred man of the house doesn’t mind stepping in for a while or even longer, or probably stays on to play around with the hand-held whizzer, using it as a gun to shoot from his waist much like his screen-idol John Wayne.

4. But seriously, life in a kitchen has become much simpler and so it seems for at least a majority of women, specially the working women. It is a great help not to have to manually cut and chop at the end of a long working day. Also increasingly with the advent of these ‘helping hands’ women are trying out more and more exotic dishes-the dal, roti, chawal, sabzi meals have become passe. Now even the most complicated of recipes has become the in thing to try out. The fact that the ingredients that go into the making of these delicacies are easily available also helps. And given the fact that today’s children are well aware of the western cuisine, it does not come as a surprise when they ask the mother to cook the same for them: a lasagna, risotto, quiche, mousse or truffle.

5. The new fangled gadgets that are available today are a boon for a housewife living in a joint family which has five growing up children of all age groups, and where on holidays food becomes the main priority.

6. It is truly the instant age- instant noodles, now instant fried rice and even an instant snack maker. All you have to do is put the raw material into the container, switch it on and in two minutes flat the snack is ready. But it’s really the food processor that gets the maximum votes.

—Seema Kumar [HT Magazine]

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:

1. Today’s kitchen has changed because ...........
   (a) It has everything on display
   (b) It has every utensil behind closed doors
   (c) It resembles a workshop
   (d) The gas cylinder is very visible under the stove

2. The sleek looking hi-tech electric chimney is an asset as ...........
   (a) It provides fresh air
   (b) It drives away fumes noisily
   (c) It takes care of fumes quietly
   (d) It drives the sweat of the housewife

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3. Life in the kitchen in old times was
   (a) A recreation
   (b) A fun
   (c) Enjoyable
   (d) An ordeal

4. Working women find it simple to try out the most complicated of recipes as
   (a) Gadgets and ingredients for delicacies are easily available
   (b) Children ask their mothers to cook western cuisine
   (c) They feel tired of eating instant noodles or instant rice
   (d) Their friends and 'helping hands' are at their beck and call

5. The most popular kitchen gadget among ladies is
   (a) The electric toaster
   (b) The instant chappati maker
   (c) The food processor
   (d) The microwave oven

6. The word 'grouchy' in para 3 means
   (a) Very thin because of hunger
   (b) Old fashioned/out of date
   (c) A lover of food and wine
   (d) Sullenly discontented

2. Read the following poem carefully and answer the questions that follow:

   Death The Leveller

   The glories of our blood and state
   Are shadows, not substantial things;
   There is no armour against fate;
   Death lays his icy hands on kings.
      Sceptre and crown
      Must tumble down,
   And in the dust be equal made
   With the poor crooked scythe and spade.

   Some men with swords may reap the field,
   And plant fresh laurels where they kill;
   But their strong nerves at last must yield;
   They tame but one another still:

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Early or late
They stoop to fate.
And must give up their murmuring breath
When they, pale captives, creep to death
The garlands wither on your brow;
Then boast no more your mighty deeds;
Upon Death's purple altar now
See where the victor-victim bleeds
Your heads must come
To the cold tomb
Only the actions of the just
Smell sweet, and blossom in their dust

----- James Shirley

Answer the following questions by selecting the most appropriate options from the ones given below:  

1. People should not feel proud of high birth or position because .  
   (a) These are man-made  
   (b) These reflect false pride  
   (c) These are unreal and hollow  
   (d) These are transitory  

2. The figure of speech used in 'scythe and spade' is .  
   (a) Personification  
   (b) Irony  
   (c) Alliteration  
   (d) Metonymy  

3. Death has been called 'the leveller' because .  
   (a) There is no defence against death  
   (b) It buries all under the earth  
   (c) It makes the workers rulers  
   (d) It reduces the power of the rulers  

4. Brave fighters are helpless before death as .  
   (a) They creep to death as pale captives  
   (b) They reap the field with their swords  
   (c) They tame only their fellow men  
   (d) They plant fresh laurels where they kill

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5. Only some persons are remembered after their death because ............
   (a) They were born in royal families
   (b) They occupied high positions
   (c) They were famous conquerors
   (d) They performed just and noble actions.

6. Death's altar is called 'purple' because.
   (a) It is too grand in style
   (b) It has blue colour mixed in it
   (c) It is covered with human blood
   (d) It makes people bleed others

3. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

DEGRADATION OF YAMUNA

1. Had it not been for an alert and environmentally conscious judiciary, chances are
   that we would have literally been wallowing in our own filth. Once again, the
   Supreme Court has intervened decisively to prevent the further degradation of the
   Yamuna by asking industries discharging effluents into the river to install
   treatment plants by November 1 or face closure. The river, once Delhi's lifeline, is
   now 'dead' for a stretch of around 32 km around the Capital. The courts have
   been forced into this sort of judicial activism time and again in the face of blatant
   violations of environmental norms both by industries and citizens. Over the last
   few years, the courts have facilitated the introduction of lead-free petrol, ordered
   the phasing out of automobiles which are over 15 years old and made pollution
   checks for all vehicles mandatory. The apex court has been relentless in its
   opposition to any move which affects the environment adversely. From banning
   polythene bags in cities to censuring polluting shrimp farms in Tamil Nadu and
   chemical units in Rajasthan, it has always upheld the principle that pollution
   prevention is better than control. The courts have laid down rigorous standards for
   industries right from the inception stage. Indian industry has been particularly
   indifferent to preserving the environment and the health of those in and around
   industrial units.

2. The Central Pollution Control Board has come up with a number of positive
   suggestions on enforcing the green agenda. But the response from industries has
   been tardy. One was a scheme which sought to pool the resources of industrial
   units so as to fund a common effluent treatment plant. But, industries find it more
   convenient to discharge their waste any way, endangering the lives of those in the
   vicinity and degrading common resources like land and water. Proposals to levy
   commercial rates on water supply to industries have been overlooked so far,
   leaving industries with little incentive to treat and reuse water. Now the
government itself has agreed to foot part of the cost to set up effluent treatment plants in the hope that this will motivate industry to take action. The common refrain that the technology required for waste management is expensive is valid, but industries have to realise that they cannot indulge in poisonous practices in the pursuit of profit to the detriment of the greater common good. It is this attitude that the polluter will not pay that has led the courts to step in. An example of the efficacy of judicial activism is the manner in which Agra has been rid of highly polluting industries which were destroying the fabled Taj. The Indian experience has shown that when faced with censure, industries prefer to shut rather than invest in clean technology. Many do so in order to cash in on burgeoning real estate prices as in the Bombay mills story. In this context, the courts' insistence that environmental norms be built into project proposals is commendable. Denying permission to them is hitting the industry. This will, in the long run, force it to stop taking the green agenda quite so lightly.

(1) Make notes on the contents of above passage in any format, using abbreviations. Supply a suitable title also.

(2) Answer the following:
(a) The word in para 1 that means 'unashamed/flagrant' is ....................
   (i) violation          (ii) blatant.
   (iii) facilitated      (iv) degradation
(b) The antonym of 'enhancement / betterment' in para 2 is ..................
   (i) response          (ii) effluent
   (iii) degrading        (iv) detriment
(c) The word 'burgeoning' in para 2 means ................
   (i) exhilaration      (ii) brightening
   (iii) growing rapidly  (iv) diminishing

Section-B WRITING
4. As a candidate selected for mountaineering at Darjeeling, you have just come back after finishing a course of two months. Write your experience for the school magazine highlighting the points given below. You are Raman/Ravi. (Word Limit-120 words)

Training at Mountaineering Institute - renowned mountaineers like Bachendri Pal and Santosh Yadav as instructors-rigorous training - qualities like courage, toughness, companionship etc. are taught - good discipline - evenings bonfire with songs, dance, etc.- receiving certificate; your educative experience - learning national integration in company of many students.
5. Arun Kumar is a resident of Kalkaji. He is an active member of Citizen's Forum. He is shocked to read the news that the government has decided to increase the prices of petroleum products with immediate effect. He wants to enlighten fellow citizens about the impact of government decision on the common man. Draft Arun's speech in about 180-200 words highlighting the impact of the hike in prices of petroleum products on the life of common man.

6. You are Aman/Amita living at 122, Sector 7 Rohini, New Delhi. You are interested in doing a Short term Course in Public Speaking for your personality enrichment during your summer vacations. Write a letter to the Director, Personal Centre, Sector-22 Chandigarh, inquiring about the duration and fee for the course and the terms and conditions for admission.

A leading news channel widely covered cases of police's brutality against villagers, such atrocities shake the very faith of people. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily describing the incident and urge the police to adopt effective measures to curb such brutality. Write the letter as Neel/Neelam.

Section-C GRAMMAR

7. (1) Correct the following sentences. Rewrite the corrected sentences in your answer sheets against the correct serial number. (1/2 x 4 = 2)
   (i) Their all efforts went up in smoke.
   (ii) It rains now, we can't go out.
   (iii) The smoking is bad habit.
   (iv) I already sent a telegram to Manish, before I received your phone call.

(2) Complete the following sentences with an appropriate clause: [2]
   (i) I want a list of boys.................
   (ii) The peon had rung the bell.................

8. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (4)
   I distinctly recall the time we this
   e.g. we toured this

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country in 1999. It was during first half of the English summer, but the Indian cricketers, the climate seemed like winter than summer and I no exception. I used to wear woollen track pant under my cricketing flannels and a woollen vest my cricket shirt, over I'd put on two and sometimes even three sweaters, to the chill away.

9. **Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.**

(a) I/ see/ was sleeping/ him/ he/ when/ yesterday/ went/ to
(b) this/ he/ three years/ in/ for/ before/ school/ worked/ he/ left/ had.

**Section-D LITERATURE**

10. **Read the extract given below and answer the question by choosing the most appropriate option.**

   Silence surrounds us; I would have
   Him prodigal, returning to
   His father's house, the home he knew,
   Rather than see him make and move
   His world. I would forgive him too,
   Shaping from sorrow a new love.

A. 'Us' in first line refers to
   (a) mother and father          (b) son and mother
   (c) father and daughter        (d) father and son

B. The word 'prodigal' has reference to
   (a) the Quran                  (b) the Ramayan
   (c) the Bible                  (d) none of the above

C. 'Silence surrounds us' means
   (a) there is no communication between the two.
   (b) due to silence they don't hear each other
   (c) They are away from each other
   (d) They are doing nothing.
D. The father is willing to
   (a) punish his son    (b) forgive his son
   (c) accommodate his son (d) do nothing to his son

OR

And forever by day and night,
I give back life to my origin,
And make pure and beautify it:
(For song, issuing from its birth-place
After fulfilment, wandering.
Reck'd or unrecked, duly with
Love returns)

A. 'I' in the first line refers to
   (a) the poet         (b) the reader
   (c) the rain        (d) the sun

B. 'I give back life to my own origin'. From where did 'I' originate?
   (a) from the sky    (b) from the earth
   (c) from the air    (d) none of the above

C. 'I give back life to my own origin by
   (a) cleaning all the dust
   (b) making everything pure
   (c) beautifying all forms of life
   (d) all the above

D. What is 'I' compared to?
   (a) a cool wind       (b) a song
   (c) a man            (d) a musician

11. Answer any five of the following questions in 30-40 words. 2 x 5 = 10
   (a) What makes the poet feel that the adult world is full of hypocrisy in the poem 'Childhood'? 
   (b) What does Shirley Toulson say about death in the poem 'A Photograph'? 
   (c) What is 'Shanshui'? What does it represent? 
   (d) The grandmother had a divine beauty. How does the author bring it out? 
   (e) Why did Zahi Hawass resent Carter's work in the 1920's? 
   (f) How did the author and his companions cross the snow blockage on their way to Mount Kailash?

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12. **Answer one of the following questions in about 100-125 words.**

How did Rajendra Deshpande explain Professor Gaytonde's strange adventure on the basis of two scientific theories? According to Deshpande, what caused Gaytonde to catapult into a parallel universe?

**OR**

Describe the difficulties faced by the narrator when he travelled on the silk route?

13. **Answer anyone of the following in about 100 words.**

How did Dr. Andrews feel when he saw the still born child? How did he save the child's life?

**OR**

What are the basic issues discussed in the play 'Mother's Day'?

14. **Answer any two questions in about 30 words each.**

(a) Why did the narrator finally decide to forget the address?
(b) What did the telephonic conversation of 25th April 2001 reveal about Shahid?
(c) Why did Aram consider Mourad as the natural descendent of his tribe?