1. Read the poem given below and answer the questions given below by choosing the correct option.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light:
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor,
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws,
Now answer the questions that follow

(1) The season in the poem is

(a) summer  
(b) autumn  
(c) winter  
(d) monsoons

[Answer: (b) autumn]
(2) The word 'feud' in the poem means
   (a) an ongoing quarrel with bad feelings on each side
   (b) a game that creates feelings of comfort
   (c) a waterway that is similar to a deep river
   (d) a home with separate living quarters for servants

(3) What does "redress" mean in this poem?
   (a) to get dressed again, to change clothes
   (b) clothing worn by an older person
   (c) making up for a wrong or injustice
   (d) playing holiday music

Read the following and tick the correct option:

(4) I said to Gopal, "Have you found out your mistake?"
   (a) I told Gopal that he had found out his mistake.
   (b) I asked Gopal that he had found out his mistake.
   (c) I enquired of Gopal if he had found out his mistake.
   (d) I enquired of Gopal whether he had found out her mistake.

(5) There is a mosque in that street,------------------?
   (a) is it
   (b) is not it
   (c) aren't there
   (d) isn't there

(6) Tick the sentence which is in Past Perfect Continuous Tense.
   (a) Reema had sung a song
   (b) Reema had been singing a song.
   (c) Reema have been singing a song.
   (d) Reema has sung a song.

(7) In the lesson 'The Elder Brother', the elder brother was older than the narrator by- 1
   (a) three years
   (b) seven years
   (d) eight years
   (d) five years

(8) In the poem 'Harry Pushed Her', Harry pushed his sister's wheelchair through--- 1
   (a) spring, sunshine, rain and wind
   (b) rain, winter, sunshine and snow
   (c) snow, rain, autumn and spring
   (d) snow, sunshine, wind and rain
(9) In the lesson 'Cricket for the crocodile' the narrator wants to be a --------
    (a) umpire
    (b) football player
    (c) Test cricketer
    (d) bank manager

(10) According to the mosquito the royal blood contained remedies for--------
    (a) joints and knees
    (b) aches and pains
    (c) diabetes and blood pressure
    (d) fever and headache
Read the passage given below and answer questions that follow by choosing the correct option. from the ones given below.

- Justin was always prepared. His motto was "Never throw anything out; you never know when it might come in handy." His bedroom was so full of flat bicycle tires, bent tennis rackets, deflated basketballs, and games with missing pieces that you could barely get in the door. His parents pleaded with him to clean out his room.

- "What use is a fish tank with a hole in the bottom?" his father asked. But Justin simply smiled and repeated his motto, "Never throw anything out, you never know when it might come in handy."

- When Justin was away from home, he always carried his blue backpack. He liked to think of it as a smaller version of his bedroom—a place to store the many objects that he collected. It was so worn and stretched that it hardly resembled a backpack anymore. It was full of the kind of things that seemed unimportant, but when used with a little imagination, might come in handy.

- Justin had earned a reputation for figuring things out and getting people out of otherwise hopeless situations. Many of his classmates and neighbors sought him out when they needed help with a problem. On the first day of school, his friend Kenny, came looking for Justin.

- "Do you think you have something in your bag that could help me remember my locker combination?" he asked. "I lost the scrap of paper it was written on. I have science class in two minutes and if I'm late on the first day it'll make me look bad for the rest of the year." Kenny looked genuinely worried.

- "Relax," Justin said, taking his backpack off and unzipping the top. "Remember how you borrowed my notebook in homeroom to write the combination down? Well, I know how we can recover what you wrote."

- He took the notebook and a soft lead pencil out of his bag. The page that Kenny had written on had left faint indentations on another page in the notebook. Justin held the pencil on its side and rubbed it lightly over the indentations. Slowly but
surely the numbers of the locker combination appeared in white, set off by the gray pencil rubblings.

* "That's amazing!" Kenny said. "I owe you one." And he dashed off to open his locker. Now answer the questions that follow

1. Why is Justin's room such a mess?
   (a) He always forgets to clean.
   (b) He never throws anything away.
   (c) He has no time to clean.

2. Justin had earned a reputation for figuring things out and getting people out of otherwise hopeless situations. What does reputation mean?
   (a) one's personality
   (b) an award
   (c) how one is thought of by others

3. In what way is Justin's backpack a smaller version of his bedroom?
   (a) He uses it as a place to store objects.
   (b) He uses it to carry his books and sports equipment.
   (c) His parents tell him to clean it all the time.
   (d) He's had for as long as he can remember

4. My father said to me, "What is troubling you my child?"
   (a) My father said that what was troubling me.
   (b) My father said with surprise asked me what was troubling me.
   (c) My father affectionately asked me what was troubling me.
   (d) My father told what was troubling me.

5. Have some more rice,-----------------------?
   (a) haven't you (c) hadn't you
   (b) will you (d) will you not

6. Tick the sentence which is in Past Perfect Continuous tense
   (a) Gopal has been typing for two hours
   (b) Gopal had typed for two hours
   (c) Gopal has typed for two hours
   (d) Gopal had been typing for two hours

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(7) In 'Cricket for the crocodile' which subjects does the narrator's mother say that he needed to study?
   (a) Science and Maths
   (b) Hindi and Science
   (c) History and Maths
   (d) Social science and History

(8) The elder brother in the lesson 'The Elder Brother' gives an example to explain Geometry. It is
   (a) dal, rice and roti
   (b) chicken, rice and roti
   (c) roti, curry and rice
   (d) dal, roti and soup

(9) Who said this line, "Let me test the bed springs now."
   (a) king
   (b) louse
   (c) mosquito
   (d) guard

(10) The prince requests the pilot to draw him a
     (a) goa
     (b) sheep
     (c) mouse
     (d) cow
Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow by choosing the correct option:

Much of the information we have today about chimpanzees comes from the ground breaking, long-term research of the great conservationist, Jane Goodall.

Jane Goodall was born in London, England, on April 3, 1934. On her second birthday, her father gave her a toy chimpanzee named Jubilee. Jubilee was named after a baby chimp in the London Zoo, and seemed to foretell the course Jane's life would take. To this day, Jubilee sits in a chair in Jane's London home. From an early age, Jane was fascinated by animals and animal stories. By the age of 10, she was talking about going to Africa to live among the animals there. At the time, in the early 1940s, this was a radical idea because women did not go to Africa by themselves.

As a young woman, Jane finished school in London, attended secretarial school, and then worked for a documentary filmmaker for a while. When a school friend invited her to visit Kenya, she worked as a waitress until she had earned the fare to travel there by boat. She was 23 years old.

Once in Kenya, she met Dr. Louis Leakey, a famous paleontologist and anthropologist. He was impressed with her thorough knowledge of Africa and its wildlife, and hired her to assist him and his wife on a fossil-hunting expedition to Olduvai Gorge. Dr. Leakey soon realized that Jane was the perfect 'person-to'-complete-a-study-he-had-been-planning-for some-time. She expressed her interest in the idea of studying animals by living in the wild with them, rather than studying dead animals through paleontology.

Dr. Goodall now travels extensively, giving lectures, visiting zoos and chimp sanctuaries, and talking to young people involved in environmental education. She is truly a great conservationist and an amazing human being.

Now answer the questions that follow
(1) Jane Goodall was interested in the study of animals from the age of
   (a) 10 (b) 25 (c) 18 (d) 23

(2) Dr. Louis Leakey was impressed with her because
   (a) Jane was the perfect person to complete a study he was planning for a long time
   (b) Jane had an extensive knowledge of chimpanzees
   (c) He was impressed by her knowledge of Africa
   (d) She travelled extensively

(3) Jane was interested in studying about the animals
   (a) by studying anthropology
   (b) by living with them in the wild
   (c) by travelling to Kenya
   (d) By studying paleontology

(4) I said to the bookseller, "Can you show me some good story books?"
   (a) I asked the bookseller if he could show me some good story books.
   (b) I asked him if he could show me some good story books.
   (c) I told the bookseller that he could show me some good story books.
   (d) I said that the bookseller could show me some story books.

(5) I am right, -----------------?
   (a) is she not (b) aren't I . (c) isn't (d) don't I

(6) Tick the sentence which is in Past Perfect Continuous Tense.
   (a) I have been studying for two hours.
   (b) I had been studying for two hours .
   (c) I had been in the study for two hours.
   (d) I have been studied for two hours.

(7) The poet of the poem 'Harry Pushed Her' is------------------
   (a) Walter De La Mare (b) O'Henry
   (c) Zulfikar Ghose (d) Peter Thabit Jones
(8) Who said this: 'How can you be so cold in hospitality?'
   (a) mosquito   (b) guard
   (c) king       (d) louse

(9) When Nakoo didn't leave the pitch the boys threw these things at him:
   (a) mud, stones and mango
   (b) paper balls, orange
   (c) pebbles, mud balls and orange
   (d) an apple, stones and marbles

(10) The little prince wanted to know if the sheep would eat up the:
     (a) saplings of rose plant  (b) seeds of apples
     (c) saplings of baobab trees (d) leaves of mango trees
This paper consists of four sections:

Section-A – Reading (12 marks)
Section-B – Writing (25 marks)
Section-C – Grammar (12 marks)
Section-D – Literature (21 marks)

Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions
2. Do not write anything in the question paper
3. Answer the questions in each section before going on to the next section
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
5. Adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.
6. Read each question paper carefully and follow the instructions.

Section-A (READING 12 marks)

1. Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow: (5 marks)

Upon this barren land
Once stood a great tree
In the once brown rich sand
For mortal eyes to relish and see
Its leaves were emerald,
Its fruits were rubies, bright and fair
Squirrels leaped about as heralds
For the spring that was in the air
Spring passed out and Autumn came to dwell
The trees leaves blushed and fell,
fluttering in the wind like a ship's sail

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But the trees bowed not to the gale.
Winter came and did its worst,
Coated the tree with a shower of snow,
But the tree did not freeze and burst
It stood to offer perch to the homeless sparrow.
The tree survived nature’s ravages,
To bloom again in summer.
But came along man, the savage
Hacked it down and called it lumber

1. How does the poet describe the transition from spring to autumn?
2. What do the words ‘once brown rich’ indicate?
3. What do you understand by ‘mortal eyes’? What did they relish and see?
4. How did the winter affect the tree?
5. What is the message of the poem?

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

Not very long ago, a man was driving from Mumbai to Pune. He decided not to take the new express way as he wanted to enjoy the scenery. But the inevitable happened when he reached the Ghats-his car broke down. He was stranded, miles from nowhere.

Having no choice, he started walking along the roadside, hoping to get a lift to the nearest habitation. It was dark and raining, soon he was wet and shivering. He could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly he saw a car coming towards him. It slowed down and stopped next to him. Without wasting a moment the man opened the door and got into the car. Seated in the back seat he leaned forward to thank his savior when he realized that there was nobody in the car. Then the car started moving slowly and soundlessly. There was no sound of the engine.

The man was too terrified to do anything. When he looked ahead at the road, he saw a curve. As this was a hilly area, there was bound to be a steep drop beyond the curve. Scared almost to death, he started praying, begging the Lord to save his life.

Just before he hit the curve, a hand appeared through the window and moved the steering. The car safely turned and continued on the road till the next bend. The man paralyzed by fear, watched how a hand appeared every time before a curve and steered the car to safety! Finally, the man spotted some lights in the distance.

Gathering his courage he wrenched open the door of the slow moving car and ran as fast as he could towards the lights.
Wet and in shock, he reached a roadside dhaba and asked for some water. Then, he narrated his horrible experience to some willing listeners. A silence enveloped everybody.

Just then two men walked into the dhaba. One pointed at the miserable man and said, "Look, that's the guy who got into our car when we were pushing it." "Just imagine," said the other, "he took a free ride while we braved the rain trying to push the car to the nearest filling station."

3. **Write the correct option in your answer sheet:**

(i) The man was shocked when he got into the car because
(a) The car was moving soundlessly
(b) There was no other vehicle in sight
(c) There was no driver

(ii) The people in the dhaba became silent because
(a) They were eating their food
(b) They thought the man was crazy
(c) The man's story was very strange

4. **Give reasons for the following**

(i) The man decided not to take the new express way because
(ii) The car moved soundlessly because
(iii) The man was very scared when he reached a curve because
(iv) There was nobody in the car yet it was moving because
(v) Do you think the story is a horror story or a humorous one? **Give reasons for your answer.**

5. **Unscramble these words to find words which mean the following:**

(i) Certain to happen - NAVL BLETI
(ii) Lose the ability to move - RADELSY AP

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**Section-B (WRITING = 25 marks)**

9. Read the following telephonic conversation between Shweta and Amit. Since Amit will not be able to meet Chetan, he leaves a message for Chetan. Write this message using not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

Shweta : Hello! I am Shweta from Pune. Can I speak to Chetan? I am his sister.

Amit : Hello Shweta! I am Amit, Chetan's partner. Chetan has gone to the State Bank and may return only after lunch. Can I take the message?
Shweta: Yes, Amit. I am coming to Delhi tomorrow. Ask him to pick me up at the airport. I have an interview for the post of Creative Producer in Doordarshan day after tomorrow.

Amit: Which flight are you coming on?

Shweta: It is Sahara India flight which reaches Delhi at 8.55 or so in the morning. I am bringing two suitcases with me. I hope it won't be any trouble for you.

Amit: Not at all. I'll leave a message on his table.

Okay, Shweta bye.

Shweta: Thank you, Amit bye.

10. To mark the World Day against Child Labour on 12th June, the people all over the world plan activities to celebrate abouishment of child labour. Design a poster put up by 'CONCERN; an NGO TO CONVEY A SPECIAL MESSAGE FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD; SCHOOL IS THE BEST PLACE TO WORK'

11. Write a biographical sketch of Sachin Tendulkar with the help of the following clues, in about 150 words:

- Known as Master Blaster
- Born on April 24, 1973 Shivaji Park, Mumbai named after music director Sachin Dev Burman
- Father Ramesh Tendulkar, poet not interested in cricket but supportive
- Learnt from Ramakant Achrekar, played almost 13 matches a day practiced 12 hours a day, used to sleep with cricket gears
- Fond of tennis icons- John Mc-Enroe and Boris Becker
- Wanted to be fast bowler – Dennis Lillee advised batting
- Came into limelight with partnership of 664 runs with close friend, Vinod Kambli
- Test debut 1989 against Pakistan, age 16
- Till December 2005, scored more than 10,000 runs (35 centuries- world record) in tests, more than 13500 runs (38 centuries world record) in one day internationals
- Fond of songs sung by Kishore Kumar, fast cars, playing pranks on friends

'S PRIDE'.

12. Write an article for the school magazine on F1 GLORY, INDIA. Write in three paragraphs. Use the following clues:

- India hosting magnificent event
- Greatest sporting infrastructure ever created by private sector
- Jaypee Group’s Buddh International Circuit
- 514 km long track

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-designed by renowned racetrack designer, Hermas Tilke
-star performers to participate
-great chance to promote tourism
-sound of crackers drowned by roars of powerful cars
-adventure and thrill
-F1 weekend memorable event

Section-C GRAMMAR 12 MARKS

13. **Change the following into indirect speech**: 4 marks
   (a) She said to me, "Are you coming school with me?"
   (b) Rita said to Ram, "When will the play start?"
   (c) The old man said to the boy, "Can you guess my age?"
   (d) Anit said to Anita, "Did I ever say yes to you?"

14. **Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences**: 4 marks
   (a) The robbery/ planned/ it is/ that / was / believed carefully
   (b) put/most of/ in a locker/ the jewellery/ had been
   (c) out/ his dog, was taking/ for / Mr. Sood/ a walk
   (d) Knew/ it / the / thieves/ about it /is/said

15. **Complete the following sentences by adding suitable Relative clauses** 2 marks
   (a) We decide to go for boating in the river .................
   (b) I respect all those people ..................
   (c) Someone has stolen the diamond necklace ................
   (d) A brief case was detected outside a bank ..............

16. **Complete the following statements with suitable question tags** 2 marks
   (a) He could n’t help being dependent, ...................... ?
   (b) You conduct literary classes, ......................... ?
   (c) It wasn’t my destiny, ................................. ?
   (d) It’s a beautiful story, ................................. ?

Section-D (LITERATURE) 21 MARKS

17. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow**
   ‘You are frightening me...............I cannot yawn any more’

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(a) Identify the lesson from where the above lines have been taken and also name the author?  
(b) Who is the speaker? Who is frightening him?  
(c) What prevents him from yawning?  

18. Shylock exclaims. 'A Daniel come to judgement! Is this a suitable description for Portia? Why do you think so?'  

Or  
What logic does Portia give to trap Shylock? Why does she not accept Shylock's plea of accepting the money from Bassanio instead of a pound of Antonio's flesh?  

19. Answer any three of the following questions in about 50-60 words each:  
(3*3=9 marks)  
(a) How was the presence of the adults a hindrance for the children in the story. 'Cricket For The Crocodile's support your answer with examples from the text.  
(b) Give a brief character sketch of the mosquito, supporting your answer with examples from the poem 'The Louse and the Mosquito'  
(c) According to Munshi Premchand, 'Understanding doesn't come from reading books'. Elucidate( My Elder Brother)  
(d) Keeping in mind the statement, 'The whole business of winning a case depends on a clever interpretation of the law' Briefly explain how Portia saved Antonio's life  

20. Imagine you are Harry from the poem "Harry pushed her". Make an entry in your diary expressing your feelings about not being able to lead a normal childhood.  

Or  
As the younger brother from the story "My Elder Brother", write a letter expressing your heartfelt thanks and gratitude towards your elder brother in helping you make a successful career and life.