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            (c) winter
   (b) autumn            (d) monsoons
(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 had he found out his mistake.
(b) I asked Gopal that had he 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  (c) aren't there
(b) is not it  (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-
(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----
(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) joint and knees
   (b) aches and pains
   (c) diabetes and blood pressure
   (d) fever and headache
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 1x5
   (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: 1
   (i) Certain to happen – NAVLI BETEI
   (ii) Lose the ability to move – RADELSY AP

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. 5

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 McEnroe 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

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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
-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:
   (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) Anita said to Anita, "Did I ever say yes to you?"

14. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences:
   (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
   (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
   (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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   [P.T.O.]
Identify the lesson from where the above lines have been taken and also name the author? 1

Who is the speaker? Who is frightening him? 1

What prevents him from yawning? 1

18. Shylock exclaims: 'A Daniel come to judgement! Is this a suitable description for Portia? Why do you think so?' 2

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? 2

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. 7

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.