Section-A
(Reading - 20 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully.

Ugly side of beauty

Hill resorts need to clean up their act

(1) The irony with beautiful places is everybody wants to visit them, and then the sheer number of visitors leaves them filled with filth and, therefore, ugly. Kashmir is arguably considered one of the most scenic destinations, and Pahalgam is the cherry on this cake. Unfortunately, it is succumbing to the very tourists who are the lifeline for its economy. A peep behind the hotels, many of them unauthorized, will reveal mounds of garbage, which eventually find its way into the Lidder river, the centerpiece of the beautiful area. Untreated sewage also flows into this major source of water.

(2) To check the pollution, the tourist economy of the valley does not have to be cut back. Only hotels should not be allowed to come up just anywhere, and without pollution clearance. To keep them at a safe distance from the water bodies is also important, as being on the banks facilitates direct release of sewage into the water, and many hotels do not even build septic tanks. The case of Manali in Himachal has been quite similar, if not worse. The hundreds of hotels there have been an assault on the Beas river passing below. One saving grace for Himachal has been its largely successful ban on the use of plastic bags, which are a major component of non-biodegradable pollution. Jammu and Kashmir is still struggling with its ban on plastic.

(3) While cleaning up garbage is a civic issue and a factor of how well rules are implemented, it is also a result of the use and throw culture that has taken root in India, too, along with economic growth.

(1.1) Complete the following statements with the help of options that follow each:

(a) The lifeline for Kashmir's economy is ..................

(i) hotels  (ii) tourists  (iii) rivers  (iv) mountains
(b) One saving parameter for Himachal has been its .................
   (i) ban on tobacco
   (ii) ban on hotels coming up anywhere
   (iii) ban on use and throw culture
   (iv) ban on plastic

(c) The only way to solve the problem of use and throw culture is ............... 
   (i) implementation of civil and environmental laws
   (ii) implementation of ban on plastic laws
   (iii) implementation of no garbage laws
   (iv) all of the above

(d) Removing and treating of garbage is a/an .............. 
   (i) civic issue  (ii) environmental issue
   (iii) government issue  (iv) none of the above

(e) In the above passage, a major river talked of in Himachal is the .............. 
   (i) Sutlej  (ii) Bhakra
   (iii) Beas  (iv) Lidder

2. Read the following passage carefully: 5

   Dim Sun

   We are all seeing rather less of the Sun, according to scientists who have been looking at five
   decades of sunlight measurement. They have reached the disturbing conclusion that the amount
   of solar energy reaching the Earth's surface has been gradually falling. Paradoxically, the
   decline in sunlight may mean that global warming is a far greater threat to society than
   previously thought. The effect was first spotted by Gerry Stanhill, an English scientist working
   in Israel.

   Comparing Israeli sunlight records from the 1950s, with current ones, Stanhill was astonished to
   find a large fall in solar radiation. "There was a staggering 22 percent drop in the sunlight, and
   that really amazed me."

   Although the effect varied from place to place, overall the decline amounted to one to two
   percent globally every decade between the 1950s and 1990s Stanhill called it 'global dimming'.

   Burning coal, oil and wood, whether in cars, power stations or cooking fires produces not only
   invisible carbon dioxide- the principal greenhouse gas - but also tiny airborne particles of soot,
   ash, sulphur compounds and other pollutants. This visible air pollution reflects sunlight back
   into space, preventing it from reaching the Earth's surface. The pollution also changes the
   optical properties of clouds.
Because the particles seed the formation of water droplets, polluted clouds contain a larger number of droplets than unpolluted clouds. Recent research shows that this makes them more reflective than they would otherwise be, again reflecting the Sun's rays back into space.

Scientists are now worried that dimming, by shielding the oceans from the full power of the Sun, may disrupt the rainfall pattern of the world.

**Complete the following statements by choosing the most suitable options.**

(i) Over the last five decades, the amount of solar energy reaching the earth's surface ..........
   (a) has been increasing  (b) has been decreasing
   (c) has been constant  (d) has been fluctuating

(ii) The visible airborne pollutants are responsible for the 'dimming of the sun' by ..........
   (a) absorbing sunlight
   (b) forming a barrier between the sun and the Earth
   (c) reflecting sunlight back into space
   (d) none of the above

(iii) The visible pollutants affect the clouds by ................
   (a) impregnating the clouds with soot, sulphur compounds etc.
   (b) changing the optical properties of clouds.
   (c) changing the colour of clouds
   (d) none of the above.

(iv) Polluted clouds contain a large number of water droplets because ............
   (a) the clouds trap the pollutants
   (b) the pollutants capture the water droplets
   (c) the pollutants facilitate the formation of water droplets
   (d) none of the above.

(v) Another effect of the dimming of the sun is that ............
   (a) the polar regions are becoming colder
   (b) the temperature of the earth is decreasing
   (c) the agriculture is affected
   (d) the rainfall pattern is affected.

3. **Read the poem given below and complete the statements that follow with the help of given options:**

   Sweet day, so cool, so calm, so bright,
   The bridal of the earth and sky:
   The dew shall weep thy fall to-night,

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For thou must die.
Sweet rose, whose hue angry and brave
Bids the rash gazer wipe his eye,
Thy root is ever in its grave,
And thou must die.
Sweet spring, full of sweet days and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie,
My music shows ye have your closes,
And all must die.
Only a sweet and virtuous soul,
Like reasoned timber, never gives;
But though the whole world turn to coal,
Thou chiefly lives.

(i) The various aspects of nature mentioned in this poem are ......................
(a) the day, the dew, the rose and the spring.
(b) the day, the dew, the grave and the spring.
(c) the rose, music, coal and the autumn.
(d) earth, sky, night, day and the spring.

(ii) According to the poet, the common feature in all the aspects of nature is .............
(a) that they are all immortal.
(b) that they can be partly destroyed.
(c) that they shall all die.
(d) that they can be revived whenever required.

(iii) The main theme of the poem is that ......................
(a) though every aspect of nature finally dies, a sweet and virtuous soul lives on forever.
(b) ultimately everything has to come to an end.
(c) though every aspect of nature finally dies, yet man's memory lives forever.
(d) though all the aspects of nature die, yet nature lives forever.

(iv) The figure of speech used in the given lines is .......................
'Sweet Spring, full of sweet days and roses,
A box where sweets compacted lie'
(a) a simile  (b) a metaphor
(c) personification  (d) hyperbole
(v) The four qualities of a 'sweet and virtuous soul' that will never die are .................
(a) kindness, generosity, patience, love, understanding.
(b) kindness, selfishness, meanness, love.
(c) love, understanding, miserly, self-centered.
(d) generosity, patience, understanding, cruelty.

Section-B
(Writing - 25 Marks)

4. You are Secretary of the English Literary Club in your school. Write a notice in 50-60 words informing the students that a Literary Quiz Contest is going to take place in your school. You can use an imaginary date and other important details. 3

5. Imagine that you want to keep alive the sweet memories of your grandparents' golden anniversary of their wedding. You decided to write about those memorable moments in your diary. Write a diary entry in 50-60 words. 3

6. Given below is an assessment of Leonardo da Vinci in the form of notes. Using the points given, write a description of Leonardo da Vinci in 80-100 words:
Leonardo da Vinci - popular painter, sculptor scientist
Work at art - expression of sheer beauty
Conversant - aerodynamics
A genius - complex mathematical calculations
A genius - masterpiece
Painting - Monalisa

7. Nowadays it has become a trend with almost all commercial organizations dealing with consumer products to announce attractive offers and discounts in order to boost their sales. Write a letter in 120-150 words to the editor of a local daily giving your opinion about such schemes and their ill effects on the middle class people. 5

8. Real the following opening sentence of a story. Then complete the story in 120 -150 words.
   It was dusk. I was waiting for bus number 621 at .................

9. You are Nisha and you have been asked to deliver a speech on 'Shifting Values Among Teenagers'. Write the speech in 120-150 words with the help of the input given below:
   Self-esteem-Identity crisis.
   Rebellion-breaking the rules
   Impact of popular culture
   Inappropriate behaviour
   Experimentation
   Peer pressure

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Section-C
( Grammar - 20 Marks)

10. Choose the best words from the options given below and complete the following passage. 4

A girl came to the platform, selling baskets. It was a cold morning and the girl had a shawl thrown on her shoulder. Her feet were bare and her clothes were old but she was a young girl, gracefully.

(i) (a) was (b) had been (c) am (d) will be 
(ii) (a) by (b) down (c) out (d) into 
(iii) (a) onto (b) across (c) at (d) around 
(iv) (a) walked (b) had walked (c) was walking (d) walking 

11. Rearrange the following words/phrases into meaningful sentences : 4

(a) a bench was startled/I find/to find/seated/on 
(b) great Cabuliwallah/laughing/with/talking/and/she was 
(c) life/in/her/all/the joy/had/my small daughter/it appeared/that 
(d) I had/listener/a found her/never/patient/so 

12. A hobby is altogether different than occupation different from occupation. 4

It is taken in not for profit but for pleasure. (i) ......................
It shows one’s hidden talent. The kind of (ii) ......................
hobby vary from person to person. Every student (iii) ......................
should be encouraged to pursuing some hobby (iv) ......................

13. Instructions : Use the information in the headlines to complete the sentences that follow. Write the answers against the correct blank numbers as indicated. 4

(a) BLOOD DONATION CAMP ORGANISED
Acharya Clinic .................. for the benefit of the local community.

(b) SCHOOL KIDS’ DRIVE SPURS MILAN PARK REVAMP
A group of school children has spurred the government take up the work of .................. the Milan Park

(c) BEDS FOR FEVER PATIENTS RESERVED
An order has been issued today asking all medical colleges and hospitals .................. beds for patients suffering from fever.

(d) TWO MORE DEATHS ON ROAD OF CRATERS
Two more persons .................. when a Maruti plying along Shambhu Road collided with a private bus on road full of craters.

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14. Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows:

Son : Dad will you please buy me a new pencil box?
Father : No, I will wait till you have scored better marks in Mathematics.
Son : Dad but all my friends have the latest Harry Potter pencil boxes.
Father : That is because they work and study hard and deserve it.

The son asked (a) ............... His father said (b) ................. . The son argued (c)............... . The father retorted that (d) ................. .

Section-D
(Literature - 25 Marks)

15. (A) Read the extract given below and complete the statements that follow:
"We've been called out of our beds a little too often in recent years, and now we're through".

(a) The above line has been spoken by ..................... .
(b) "We've been called out of our beds by ..................... .
(c) "We're through", means ..................... .

15. (B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
So I burst in through the swing doors of the saloon, everyone went silent and glared at me. I strode over to the bar. "Sarsaparilla!" I said.

(a) Who is narrating this incident?
(b) Was this a virtual make-believe or was it for real?
(c) What was ordered at the virtual bar and which ingredient made the concoction?

15. (C) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:
I never stood on ceremonies,
Yet now they fright me.
There is one within, seen
Besides the things that we have heard and
Recounts most horrid sights seen by the watch.

(a) Who is the speaker of the lines and who is the listener?
(b) What is the mood of the speaker?
(c) How does the listener react?

16. Answer any three of the following questions:
(1) How did Patol Babu prepare for his shot to make it genuine?
(2) Why didn't John want his wife to the ghost?

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(3) The poem, 'Ozymandias' shows two aspects of the king by the same name. What are they?

(4) What kind of person does Caesar appear to be in the murder scene?

17. He had done his job well. All these years of struggle, hadn't blunted his sensibility. Gogon Pakrashi would have been pleased with his performance. But all the labour and imagination he had put into this one shot - were these people able to appreciate that? He doubted it. When you put in good work or perform well, you generally expect your colleagues or co-workers to appreciate you. But people believe only in 'self-praise'. A good word for the other person or words of appreciation do not cost much but go a long way in boosting someone's morale. Do you agree?

18. It was indeed 'a merry-go-round the mulberry bush' for Michael. Throw light on how Michael the saviour went about his task of saving Sebastian.

OR

How does Antony mould public opinion in favour of the slain Caesar?