

**2022**

**ENGLISH**

**Full Marks : 100**

**Pass Marks : 33**

**Time : Three hours**

*The figures in the right margin indicate full marks for the questions.*

*Answer the questions in your words as far as practicable.*

**SECTION – A**  
**(READING)**

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

Too many parents these days cannot say no. As a result, they find themselves raising 'Children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want does not satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing numbers of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important : values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never tougher and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future: when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.

Psychologists say that parents who overindulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where no was a house-hold word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this generation were born in late 1980s,

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just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TV as essential utilities and they have developed strategies to get them. And today's parents are not equipped to deal with the problem. But what parents need to find is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits on their behaviour because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure. Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges is essential to becoming a successful adult.

- (a) In what way are children affected as a result of parents' failure to restrain their children? 2
- (b) What values do parents and educators want children to learn? 2
- (c) What become of those adults who were given too much too soon as children? 2
- (d) What do the parents need to do for their children? 2
- (e) Why do children need limits on their behaviour? 2
- (f) Find out the words from the passage which have the same meaning as the following :
  - (i) Plans 1
  - (ii) Wealthy / rich 1

2. *Read the following passage and give your answer as directed :*

The most alarming of man's assaults upon the environment is the contamination of air, earth, rivers and sea with lethal materials. This pollution is for the most part irrevocable; the chain of evil it initiates is for the most part irreversible. In this contamination of the environment, chemicals are the sinister partners of radiation in changing the very nature of the world; radiation released through nuclear explosions into the air, comes to the earth in rain, lodges into the soil, enters the grass or corn or wheat grown there and reaches the bones of human



beings, there to remain until his death. Similarly, chemicals sprayed on crops lie long in soil, entering living organisms, passing from one to another in a chain of poisoning and death. Or they pass by underground streams until they emerged and combine into new forms that kill vegetation, sicken cattle, and harm those who drink from once pure wells.

It took hundreds of millions of years to produce the life that now inhabits the earth and reached a state of adjustment and balance with its surroundings. The environment contained elements that were hostile as well as supporting. Even within the light of the sun, these were short wave radiations with power to injure. Given time, life has adjusted and a balance reached. For time is the essential ingredient, but in the modern world there is no time.

- (a) Make notes of the important points of the passage in a suitable format using recognisable abbreviations wherever necessary. 4
- (b) Write a summary using the notes. 4

**SECTION – B**  
**(HIGHER LEVEL WRITING SKILLS)**

3. As a volunteer, riding a two-wheeler, you also joined the awareness campaign for Free and Fair Election, organized by the Pioneer Club. You went to various places of your district, held awareness programme at many places. Make a diary entry of your day's experience in about **50** words. 3
4. (a) The Government of Manipur has banned the use of plastic bags. You are Paojel, a reporter of a local daily. Write a report in about **125** words on how the ban is ignored by the public and unchecked by the authority, and also the damage, the indiscriminate use of plastic bags is causing to the environment. 8

*Or*

- (b) Give a factual description of a picnic you enjoyed in about **125** words. 8



5. (a) You wish to do English language Teaching (ELT) course after your Higher Secondary Examination from Institute of Foreign Languages, Thangmeiband, Imphal. Write a letter to the Administrator to enquire about the course, fees, durations, timing etc. etc. Sign yourself as Cheng-Lee. 8

*Or*

- (b) You are Ashim, Secretary, Games & Sports, Alpha Senior Secondary School, Imphal. As the Annual Sports Meet is soon to be held, write an application to your Principal requesting to release Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten thousand) only in advance for the purchase of sports goods/kits and to make play-worthy of play fields. 8
6. *Make a precis of the following passage in about one-third of its length.* 4

Whenever I get a chance of visiting a person's library, I walk around the bookshelves to learn what sort of person he is, and when he comes in, I feel that I know the key to his mind and the range of his interests. A house without books is a soul-less house, no matter how rich the Persian rugs and how elegant the sertees and the ornaments he may have.

The Persian rugs will not tell you whether he has got a mind as well. It is not the question of money that we don't buy books, I repeat that books are the cheapest as well as the best part of the equipment of a house. You can begin your library with an expenditure of a couple of shillings a week. For five pounds, you can get a library of fifty books. Even if you don't read them yourself, they are a priceless investment for your children.

7. (a) Increase of vehicles causes pollution and traffic jams. Write an article, in about 150 words for a local daily, highlighting these man-made problems. Give your suggestion to lessen the problem. Write your name as Hamida. 8

*Or*

- (b) Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on the topic "Time management is the key to success". You are Mary. 8

*Or*

- (c) Write an essay on "The Tourism Potential of Manipur". (Natural beauty-places-adventure-leisure-sports-medical-conclusion) 8



8. (i) Choose the correct Active form from the given alternatives :  
A lion may be helped even by a little mouse. 1  
A. A little mouse may even help a lion.  
B. Even a little mouse may help a lion.  
C. A little mouse can even help a lion.  
D. Even a little mouse could help a lion.
- (ii) Choose the one which expresses the meaning of the underlined idiom / phrase :  
He is a wolf in sheep's clothing. 1  
A. Scoundrel  
B. Rogue  
C. Imposter  
D. Crook
- (iii) Choose the most appropriate one from the alternatives to complete the given sentence :  
\_\_\_\_\_ me about your problem, I would have helped you. 1  
A. Had you told  
B. Had you been told  
C. If you have told  
D. Had you have told
- (iv) Parts of a sentence are broken into and marked P, Q, R and S. Select the one from the suggested combinations to reconstruct a meaningful sentence :  
Work is the one thing 1  
(P) and without it  
(Q) that is necessary  
(R) to keep the world going  
(S) we should all die  
A. QPSR                      B. RPQS  
C. SRPQ                      D. QRPS

**SECTION – C**  
**(PROSE)**

9. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*

(a) Why had Mahmood to spend the period of old age daydreaming in loneliness. 8

*Or*

(b) Justify the decision of Abel Merry weather to marry at the age of seventy two. 8

10. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*

(a) What was the presumption of the psychologist concerning the movement of the Time Machine and what was the narrator's reaction? 4

*Or*

(b) In what way did Hazlitt give advice to his son in order to change his view towards knaves and fools? 4

11. *Answer the following question in about 50 words :*

Why were chief wireless operator, Philips, and his junior Harold Bride called 'heroes'? 3

12. *Answer the following questions in about 40 words :*

(a) "This was the most pathetic and horrible sight of all".

Why did the men on board the raft say so? 2

(b) "I did not know that I have to pay such a heavy price".

What heavy price had Rajen to pay? 2



(POETRY)

13. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

(a) O Captain! my Captain! our fearful trip is done,  
The ship has weathered every rack, the prize we sought is won,  
The port is near, the bells I hear, the people all exulting.

- (i) Who is addressed as 'Captain' here? 1  
(ii) What is the 'fearful trip' referred to? 1  
(iii) What does 'the ship' stand for? 1  
(iv) What does 'the port' signify? 1

Or

(b) And immediately I regretted it,  
I thought how paltry, how vulgar, what a mean act !,  
I despised myself and the voices of my accursed human education.

- (i) What is "it" referred to? 1  
(ii) Why did the poet regret? 1  
(iii) Why is "human education" described as 'accursed'? 1  
(iv) Why did the poet despise himself? 1

14. Answer the following questions in about 40 words each :

- (a) Why is the thrush scared and the nightingale offended as described in God Made the Country? 2  
(b) Why is the song of the Skylark described as "love-prompted strain"? 2  
(c) "It cannot be, that thou art gone !  
Thy vesper-bell hath not yet toll'd:  
Explain. 2  
(d) 'In that rich earth a richer dust concealed':  
What does "dust" signify? Why is the "dust" described to be "richer"? 2

**(SUPPLEMENTARY READER)**

15. *Answer the following question in about 125 words :*
- (a) Write about the sacrifices of Jim and Della to buy Christmas gifts for each other. 8

**Or**

- (b) Bring out the importance of the four objectives of the Indian Republic. 8

16. *Answer the following question in about 60 words :*

- (a) What happened when Najab crossed the International Boundary Pillar No. 1066 ? 4

**Or**

- (b) What are the important things that one should know to get along or live with HIV/AIDS victims ? 4

17. *Answer the following question in about 40 words :*

How did Nancy propose to Charlie to accept her ? 2