

TIME: 2 ½ Hours

ENGLISH (F.L) (WSN Subject code S -

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Total No. of Questions: 10

(Printed Pages: 16) Maximum Marks: 80

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This paper consists of our sections:

Section A: Reading 16 marks

Section B: Text and Supplementary. 32 marks

Section C: Grammar 16 marks

Section D: Writing 16 marks

Instructions:

- i. All questions are compulsory.
- ii. Do not write anything on the question paper except the seat number in the space provided.
- iii. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper.
- iv. Ensure that questions for each section are answered together.
- v. Adhere to the word limit given in each question.

## Section A

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it.

The only woman in the world who has scaled Mt. Everest twice was born in a Society where the birth of a son was regarded as a blessing, and a daughter though not considered a curse, was not generally welcome. When her mother was expecting Santosh, a travelling 'holy man', giving her his blessing, assumed that she wanted a son. But, to everyone's surprise the unborn child's grandmother who was standing close by, told him that they did not want a son.

Santosh was born the sixth child in a family, with five sons, a sister and five brothers.

Wishing always to study "a bit more" and with her father slowly getting used to her urge for more education. Santosh passed the high School examinations and went to Jaipur.

1(A) With reference to the passage do as directed. (2)

- i. Find a word from paragraph opposite in meaning to 'curse'.
- ii. Find a word from passage 2 similar in meaning to 'extra'.

1(B) On the basis of your reading of the passage.

Choose the correct alternative and write the appropriate letter only.  
(Do not copy the stem). (4)

- i. Santosh was born.....
  - a) The only child
  - b) The sixth child
  - c) The first child
- ii. Santosh had an urge for .....
  - a) Climbing mountains
  - b) Finding a job
  - c) More education

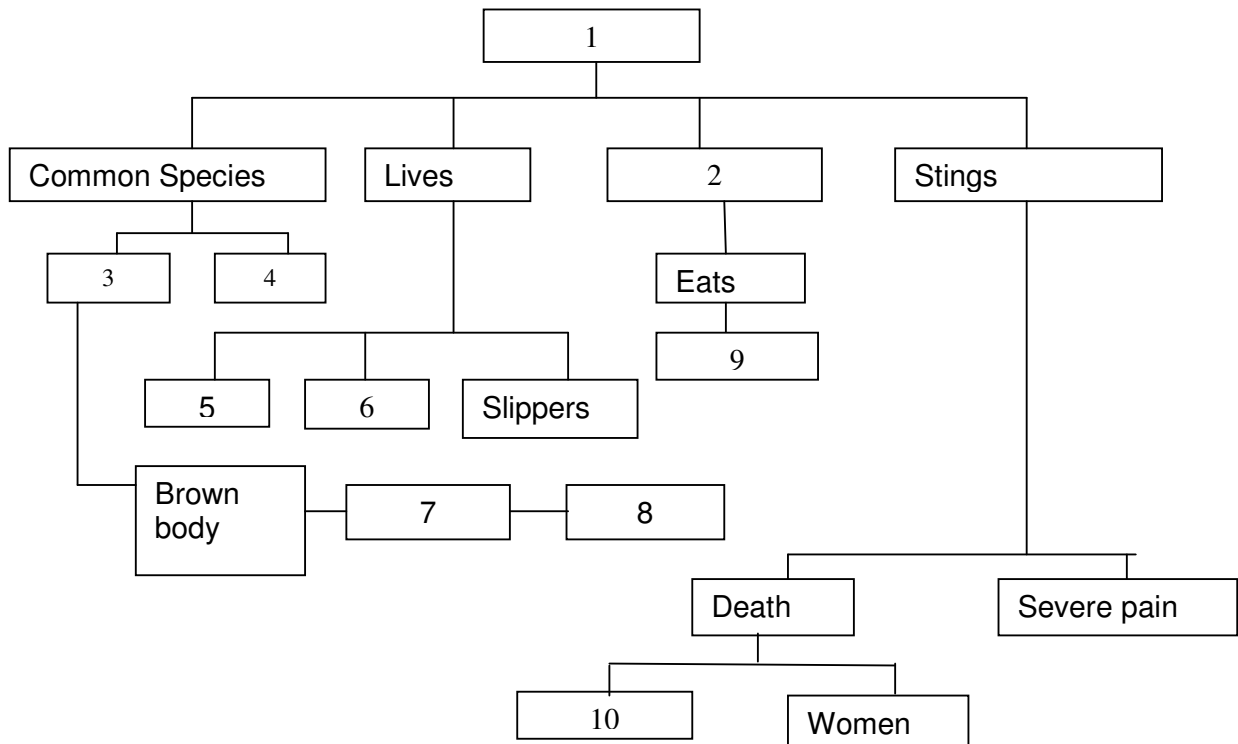
- iii. The only woman who scaled Mt. Everest twice was born...
  - a) In a society which accepted the birth of a girl child.
  - b) In a society which regarded a girl as a blessing.
  - c) In a society where the birth of a son was a blessing.
  
- iv. Santosh's father was.....
  - a) Not allowing her to study further.
  - b) Keen in getting her married.
  - c) Was slowly accepting her wish to study more.

2. Read the following passage and complete the tree diagram given below. (Do not draw the diagram). (5)

Scorpions are creatures with an evil reputation. Deaths from scorpion stings have been known in India, but in most cases the victims have either been small children or women in weak condition. The poison is rarely strong enough to kill a healthy man, but it can give him several hours of severe pain.

Scorpions avoid being seen, so they live under stones or fallen tree trunks, in deep burrows – and sometimes in shoes or slippers. There are over 35 different species of scorpions in the world and India provides a home for at least 80 of them.

One of our commonest species is the red scorpion. It has a reddish brown body, yellowish legs and a robust yellow tail with sting attached. Another common species is the knock Scorpion, a black and hairy beast. All scorpions are carnivorous, feeding mainly on insects. How such a wary creature as the cockroach allows itself to be caught by the slow moving scorpion is a marvel. The effect of the poison varies according to the size and health of the scorpion, and the constitution of the person who is sting.



3. Read the following passage and answer the questions set below it.

Nainital is a famous hill town of the Country. It is an unusually attractive place which provides a breathtaking view of the Himalayas. Nainital is rightly called the 'Lake District' of India because it is scattered with lakes in and around. Its Naini Lake is the most beautiful sight for all tourists. It looks all the more charming when its waters reflect sunrays in shimmering ripples, surrounded by several hills on all sides. You can enjoy boat riding or paddling.

In and around Nainital you can visit a number of places that captures one's heart. Situated 2.5 km away from the town, Snow view is accessible through cable car. It is one of the most – visited tourist spots. Based at an altitude of 2611 mts, Naina Peak is the highest peak of snow laden Himalayas. Gurney House, the former residence of John Corbett and St. John's Church are worth seeing tourist spots.

3(A) With reference to the passage, do as directed.

- I. Find a word in paragraph 2 similar in meaning to 'attracts'.  
(1)
- II. Find a word in paragraph 1 opposite in meaning to 'ugly'.  
(1)

3(B) On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the following in not more than 10 words each. (3)

- I. Why is Nainital called the 'Lake District' of India?
- II. Which is the Charming feature of Naini Lake?
- III. Name the tourist spots worth seeing in Nainital.

## Section B

(4)

**4. A) With reference to the text complete the following by choosing the correct alternative.**

i) Courage was not the absence of fear but \_\_\_\_\_

- a) they can be taught to love
- b) the triumph over it.
- c) I was born free

ii) A baker's family depicts a plump physique which proves that \_\_\_\_\_

- a) the baker and his family never starved.
- b) he and his family was prosperous.
- c) baking was a profitable profession.

iii) Valli did not go to the stall to have a drink because \_\_\_\_\_

- a) She saw the young cow lying dead in the middle of the road.
- b) She was afraid of losing her seat to other passengers.
- c) She did not have the money to buy the drink.

iv) The Sermon of Benares reflects Buddha's wisdom \_\_\_\_\_

- a) about one inscrutable kind of suffering
- b) to seek enlightenment concerning sorrows.
- c) to be free from sorrow.

**4B). Answer the following questions in about 10 words each: (Any four) (8)**

i) Why was lencho angry when he counted the money?

ii) Why did Anne Frank decide to keep a diary?

iii) What does the Indian legend say about the discovery of tea?

iv) What adventure sports are available at Coorg ?

v) What pained Mandela when he remembered the freedom fighters of the past?

vi) According to Buddha, what kind of life does man experience in this world?

**4C). Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow in 15 to 20 words each ( Any two) (4)**

i) “ God if you don’t help me, my family and I will go hungry this year”  
why did the writer need God’s help?

ii) “ After a minute or so he uttered a joyful scream”  
Why was the seagull so happy?

iii) “May we start now, Madam?”  
Why does the conductor refer to Valli as Madam?

**4D) Choose the correct meaning of the underlined word:- (2)**

i) His father and mother had come around calling him shrilly upbraiding him.

- a) perfecting
- b) taunting
- c) scolding

ii) The most laidback individuals become converts to the life of high energy adventure

- a) relaxed
- b) best
- c) courageous

**5 .A. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow in not more than 10 words each:-**

i) The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree

- a) Name the poet of the poem? (1)
- b) What is meant by ‘hemlock’? (1)

ii) I would not intrude on him  
A dime another ball is worthless  
Now, he senses first responsibility

- a) What happened to the ball? (1)  
b) What was the boy's first possession? (1)

**5B. Answer the following questions in 10-15 words each:- (4)**

**(Any two)**

- i) What is the central idea of the poem 'Trees'?"  
ii) What do 'fire' and 'Ice' represent for the poet?  
iii) What does the poet suggest, to identify the lion and the tiger?  
iv) How does Leslie Norris bring out the contrast in the life of a tiger in the zoo and that in its natural habitat?

**6. Answer the following questions in 10 – 15 words each:- (Any two) (6)**

- i) Give a brief character sketch of Hari, the boy thief?  
ii) Why does Horace get angry when he hears anyone talk about 'honour' among thieves?  
iii) Explain how Noodles played an important role in 'The Book that saved the Earth'?  
iv) Do you agree with the statement 'Griffin, was a brilliant scientist but a lawless man'. Why?  
v) How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?

**Section C**

**7.A. Fill in each blank with a suitable word given in brackets: (3)**

(but, over, and)

- i) \_\_\_\_\_ happiness depends upon how we look at life.  
ii) the air was bitterly cold \_\_\_\_\_ he could not do without clothes.  
iii) Maddie was glad she would not have to make fun of Wanda.



7.B. What would you say if you were the speaker in the following situations? (3)

Your younger brother eats unhygienic food from the vendors. Instruct him about the risk involved. Frame 3 sentences using each of the modals given below.

must, shouldn't, can

Use each modal only once.

7.C. Do as directed in the sentences given below (4)

i) India got its freedom on 15<sup>th</sup> August 1947

(Add a question tag)

ii) Ravi is tall in the class

(Change to Superlative)

iii) The Lion chased the deers.

(Change the gender)

iv) He was able to do his homework quickly.

(Use prefix)

7.D. Report what was said by Deepa and Sarita using the appropriate reporting verbs: (3)

i) "What about having a party on Saturday."

(Deepa to Sarita)

ii) "Yes, let's invite everybody from the neighbourhood."

(Sarita to Deepa)

iii) "That's a good idea. Then, even if there is noise no one will complain."

(Deepa to Sarita)

7. E. Fill in the blanks using the correct verb forms of the verb given in brackets:- (3)

i) Dr. Satish Kumar \_\_\_\_\_ in Vasco (born)

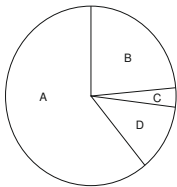
ii) But he \_\_\_\_\_ abroad for 3 years (go)

iii) He \_\_\_\_\_ the best employee award in 1992 (award)

Section D (3)

8 .A. Recently a survey was conducted in Goa on 'road accidents'. The only question asked was 'what is the main factor responsible for road accidents in Goa?'

The results are shown in the following pie chart



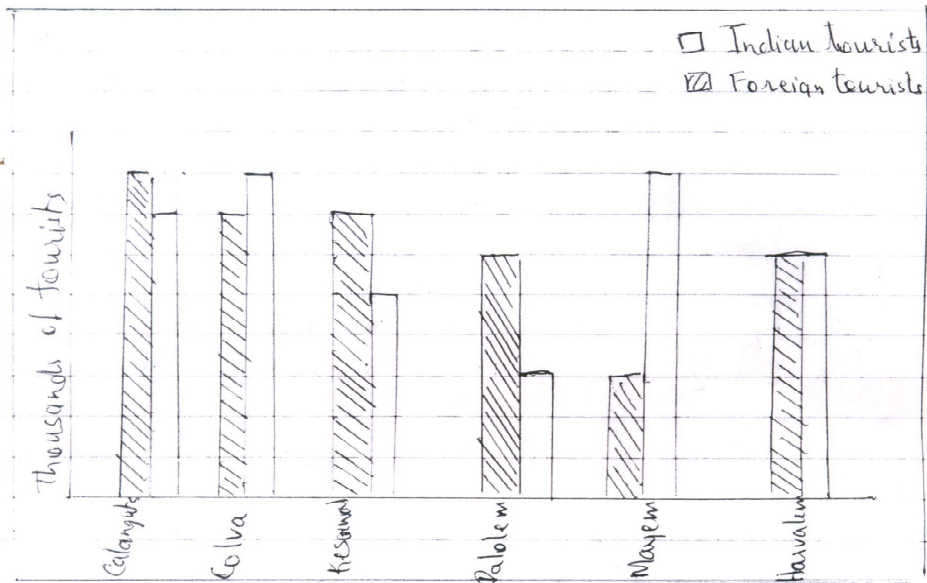
- A- Bad roads
- B- Rash driving
- C- Use of mobiles by the riders
- D- Increase in the number of vehicles.

Look at the pie-chart and in 45-50 words write a summary of the results and your comments.

OR

Given below is a bar diagram comparing particular quantities. Write a short report. Divide your report into two paragraphs, each one pertaining to one quantity.

Graph to show the number of tourist visiting some of the tourist spots in the state in 2008 ( 45-50 words)



B. Given below is a picture that shows the scene of a literate customer at the grocery shop. Write two paragraphs in 50-60 words. You may include your views on it. (5)



9. You are Sharmila Naik/ Santosh Desai residing at Khobra Vaddo Calangute. Write a letter to your aunt thanking her for a gift. (5)

OR

You are a villager from Siolim, Mr. Vallab Naik/Sheela Bhagkar. You are shocked to notice the illegal cutting of trees in your area. Write a letter to the Sarpanch, Siolim Bardez Goa, expressing your concern and suggest ways to stop this.

10. At the end of the day Mohan is writing down an entry in his personal diary. Using the points he has noted down throughout the day, help him to write a paragraph of about 20-25 words. (3)

Points :-

Woke up- middle of the night-smell of smoke- rushed downstairs - kitchen full of smoke.

OR

In order to save electricity, you want to purchase a solar heater. To book it, you have to send an advance of Rs. 500/- to Messrs Solar Technologies, A-13, Industrial Complex, Faridabad by Money Order. Fill in a Money Order Form with the information given here. You are Gaurav living at F-246, Mayur Vihar Delhi.

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