ENGLISH

PAPER 1

(LANGUAGE)

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Maximum Marks: 80
Time Allotted: Three Hours
Reading Time: Additional Fifteen Minutes

Instructions to Candidates

1. You are allowed **an additional fifteen minutes** for **only** reading the question paper.
2. You must **NOT** start writing during reading time.
3. This question paper has **7 printed pages and one blank page**.
4. It has ***four*** **questions** in all.
5. Answer ***all*** questions.
6. You are advised to spend not more than **45** minutes on **Question 1, 55** minutes on **Question 2, 30** minutes on **Question 3** and **50** minutes on **Question 4.**
7. While answering **Multiple Choice Questions** in **Question 4**, you are required to **write only one option** as the answer.
8. You should begin each answer on a fresh page.
9. The intended marks for questions are given in brackets [ ].

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Instruction to Supervising Examiner

1. Kindly read **aloud** the Instructions given on page 1 to all the candidates present in the examination hall.

Question 1 **[20]**

Write a composition (in approximately 400 – 450 words) on **any one** of the following subjects.

(You are reminded that you will be rewarded for the orderly and coherent presentation of the matter, use of appropriate style and general accuracy of spelling, punctuation and grammar.)

(i) The children's library in your locality was in a neglected condition. You and your friends visited it recently and decided to do something about it. What did you see there and how did you bring about a significant change? Describe the excitement on the reopening of the library and how you felt when many children began to visit it eventually.

(ii) You depended on technology to complete an important task. However, it failed you at a crucial moment. Narrate what happened, your attempts to fix it and the lessons you learnt from this experience.

(iii) Film stars are good role models for youngsters. Argue either **FOR** or **AGAINST** the given statement.

(iv) Friendship

(v) Clothes define a person. Present your reflections on this statement.

(vi) Write an original short story which **ends** with the following words:

He stood looking out of the window, with a smile on his face.

Question 2

(i) Write a feature article in about 300 words, to be published in your school magazine on the topic 'The Importance of Sports'. Your article must use the guidelines given below: **[15]**

Inculcates discipline – builds teamwork – has health benefits – develops leadership qualities – leads to character building – provides career options

(ii) You are the President of The Nature Club of your school. You want to organise 'Tree Plantation Day' in order to celebrate its tenth anniversary. Write a proposal in about 150 words stating the steps you would take to organise the programme and make it a success. **[10]**

Question 3

Answer subparts **(i), (ii)** and **(iii).**

(i) Rewrite the following sentences according to the instructions given after each of them in brackets. **[5]**

(a) As soon as Mira found her lost diamond pendant, she ran to her mother in excitement.

(Begin: No sooner .....)

(b) The doctor said to the elderly lady, "Will you be able to follow the schedule for taking medicines every day?"

(Begin: The doctor asked .....)

(c) Heavy rains have caused several landslides.

(End: ..... heavy rains.)

(d) Sunita is the best debater in our team.

(Begin: No other .....)

(e) The news is too good to be true.

(Use: ..... so.....that.....)

(ii) Replace the **INCORRECT** underlined words to make the following sentences meaningful and grammatically correct. Do not copy the sentences. **[5]**

(a) Never put <u>out</u> until tomorrow what you can do today.

(b) Put <u>by</u> your best dress. We are going to attend a party.

(c) She is so friendly that she gets <u>away</u> with everyone.

(d) I must get <u>up</u> to writing this assignment as it is due tomorrow.

(e) The engagement was called <u>through</u> at the last moment.

(f) This situation calls <u>about</u> necessary action.

(g) Saloni chose to stand <u>up</u> her friend in times of crisis.

(h) IPL stands <u>of</u> Indian Premier League.

(i) Neha turned <u>out</u> the job offer as she wanted to continue her higher studies.

(j) I did not expect so many people to turn <u>over</u> for the conference.

(iii) Fill in the blanks in the passage given below with the appropriate form of the verb given in brackets. Do not write the passage but write the verbs in the correct order. [5]

Once upon a time, there _____ (1) (live) three old monks. They _____ (2) (be) poor and without any worldly goods. They would travel from village to village and, in every village they _____ (3) (stop), they would sit in the center of the marketplace and start laughing.

At first, everyone just _____ (4) (pass) by without giving them any attention. But slowly, a small crowd formed that would linger around every day and laugh with them. The laughter was so addictive that eventually, the whole marketplace had tears running down their cheeks.

This was when the monks would finally get up and _____ (5) (move) on to the next village. Their fame _____ (6) (grow) with time. Nobody ever _____ (7) (preach) the way they did with laughter and nothing else. They never laughed at anything in particular, but it was as if they _____ (8) (understand) a cosmic joke.

Just _____ (9) (imagine)! Three monks _____ (10) (spread) joy and laughter without saying a single word.

Question 4

Read the passage given below and answer the questions (i), (ii) and (iii) that follow.

(1) On an ice-crusted ridge, 3000 feet above the sea level, Emma Nicholson takes a deep breath behind her respirator. She checks her climbing harness, and steps inside the gaping mouth of an active volcano.

(2) It is a little after 4 p.m. on the wind-whipped summit rim of Mount Michael. Located in the uninhabited South Sandwich archipelago, the island is one of the most isolated places a person can travel to on Earth. It is roughly 500 miles from the closest permanent station on South Georgia and more than a thousand miles from the nearest shipping traffic.

(3) After years of planning and enduring a torturous 1,400 miles voyage through turbulence in iceberg-infested seas, the thirty-three year old volcanologist is on the verge of becoming the first scientist to lead an exploration inside Mount Michael's crater, where she hopes to collect new clues about active volcanoes and to find the lava lake.

(4) But Mount Michael is not a volcano that easily reveals its secrets.

(5) The weather being unpredictable, Emma's team estimates that they have only sixteen days to unearth its mysteries.

(6) At first glance, the inner part of the volcano seems harmless, giving way to a gentle snow slope. Emma cautiously descends using the rope which is her only connection to the outside world. She understands that somewhere below, she can encounter danger. The seemingly harmless terrain might end in an unstable ice cliff overhanging the inner rim of the volcano.

(7) As she inches her way down, carrying a computer and a heat-sensing camera, conditions improve - the wind subsides and patches of blue sky appear overhead. Beyond her face shield, Emma can see a circle of vertical walls of ash covered rock and ice.

(8) As she goes deeper into the mountain crater, she looks around, slightly wide-eyed. She understands she is standing inside the Earth's chimney - a place that bears the scars of one of nature's greatest displays of power.

(9) It dawns on her, "I am the first person to peer down the insides of the Earth."

(10) A reassuring tug pulls against her harness. The rope, Emma knows, is connected to a most trustworthy anchor, Carla, the mountain guide. Without a line of sight to Emma, Carla knows that an overhanging cliff could fall without warning, sweeping her friend down the throat of the volcano.

Carla calls out, "Emma, are you alright?" Her voice echoes in the hollow crater acting as a reminder to Emma not to forget herself and go too far. She had to get back up.

(11) As she is pulled up, she realises that only one thing eludes her, the thing that brought her to this remote place - where is the lava lake?

(12) Sixteen futile days pass looking for the lava lake. On the last day, during repacking, the photographer lets out an unexpected cry, "Will you have a look at that?" she says, pointing upwards.

(13) Everyone drops what they are doing and stare. A shimmering cloud appears in the night sky above Mount Michael. At first, their eyes register deep reds and violets against the starry black night. It resembles the last light from the sun, except that the sun had set two hours ago. Emma slowly realises that the light is coming from inside the volcano. As they stare at the cloud, the colours seem to gently shift, the red becoming scarlet then orange, the deep violet softening to purple.

(14) She shivers from the excitement. The display they witness, projected onto the underside of the cloud, is the first real sign of what Emma has journeyed halfway around the world for - the lava lake!

*(Adapted from: **Ice and Fire**, National Geographic, November 2023)*

(i) (a) Find a single word from the passage that will **exactly replace the underlined word or words** in the following sentences. **[3]**

(1) The aircraft was designed to overcome <u>sudden and violent changes</u> in weather conditions.

(2) The doctor has advised the patient to continue taking the medicines till the fever <u>comes down</u>.

(3) The thief <u>escapes</u> the police every time.

(b) For each of the words given below, choose the correct sentence that uses the same word **unchanged in spelling, but with a different meaning** from that which it carries in the passage. **[3]**

(1) steps (line 2)

(A) What steps have you taken to rectify the situation?

(B) One should tackle every problem step by step.

(C) The math teacher steps into the classroom with authority.

(D) She stepped forward to help without being asked.

(2) light (line 44)

(A) She could see very well by the light of the candle.

(B) My mother asked me to switch the lights on.

(C) Although the bag was full, it felt light and easy to carry.

(D) The light was burning in the room late into the night.

(3) set (line 45)

(A) A complete set of her novels was displayed in the library.

(B) We should reach home before the sun sets.

(C) The glorious sunset was a sight to behold.

(D) He sets the pace for future discoveries.

(ii) Answer the following questions as briefly as possible in your own words.

(a) Why was the expedition important to Emma? **[2]**

(b) With reference to the role of the mountain guide in the passage, explain how trust plays an important role in Emma's safety. **[2]**

(c) Why is Mount Michael considered a remote place? **[2]**

(iii) Summarise Emma's search for the lava lake and her joy at witnessing it finally (paragraphs 8 to 14). You are required to write the summary in the form of a connected passage in about 100 words. **[8]**