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Time : 2½ Hours

ENGLISH LANGUAGE-I

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Total No. Of Questions : 10

(Printed Pages : 6)

Maximum Marks : 80

- INSTRUCTION* : (i) This question paper is divided into *four* Sections A, B, C, D. *All* the sections are compulsory.
- (ii) Write the answers to each main question on a fresh page.
- (iii) Write the numbers of the questions and sub-questions correctly. Marks are indicated to the right.
- (iv) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the question.
- (v) Main questions are to be answered sequentially.

**SECTION – A (READING SKILLS)****1. Read the following passage carefully:**

One success leads to another success. If you get one success, it is usual that you get an encouragement to try to get another success. Success boosts confidence of a person. Success imbibes self-respect; success motivates and fills one with glory. This change in emotional state has something to do with a truism we've all heard: "Nothing succeeds like success." When you feel successful, you're willing to tackle uncertain jobs in the belief that you're going to succeed again. Success is the aim of success. What we aspire for, reflects our ability and capability to do that thing.

Dedication, devotion to the task and positive thinking with determination have been the important factors of success of every successful man. Nothing that comes too easily is worth having. When you want to succeed, be ready to pay the price for it, which includes braving failures and setbacks and being persistent with your efforts till the goal is achieved. Mere idle talk, day dreaming or aimless drifting, will not take you to your goal, but only divert your attention and dissipate your energy and strength. Hardships, obstacles, failures are the various points in the path of success.

But mind it; achieving success is not an easy task. Success needs a lot of hard work, devotion and dedication to the task. Sometimes one has to face failures while trying to achieve something, but for getting success, such in-between failures must be dealt with without any depression or frustration on the part of the person.

Once you succeed, keep the momentum. Keeping oneself at the top is a task more difficult than achieving success. You are to put in more hard work, more energies to get success further and maintain your hitherto achieved success. I believe in the saying that nothing succeeds like success.

(300 words : Source : [http : //WWW. newspeech topics.com/5697-2/](http://WWW.newspeechtopics.com/5697-2/))

1. **A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions in complete sentences of about 10-15 words each.**

- a) What changes does success bring about in a person? [1]
- b) Which are the factors that contribute to the success of a person? [1]
- c) How should one approach in-between failures while attaining success? [1]
- d) What must one do to maintain one's achieved success? [1]

**1.B. Choose the correct meaning of the word given below, from the alternatives provided:**

i) Persistent [1]

- a) strong belief
- b) determined, continue firmly
- c) blind faith
- d) utmost trust

ii) Aspire [1]

- a) plead for
- b) suffer for
- c) aim for
- d) work for

**1.C. The alternatives provided are words from the passage. Select the alternative that best matches the meaning given below:**

i) to waste or lose [1]

- a) motivate
- b) aimless
- c) divert
- d) dissipate

ii) **impetus or drive**

[1]

a) momentum

b) confidence

c) determination

d) dedication

**2. Read the following passage carefully:**

The Indian railways has flagged off a RORO service in the country to promote green transport. RORO means Roll-On/Roll-Off, where loaded trucks are directly carried by railway wagons to their destination. RORO is an innovative means of establishing a synergistic relationship between the railways and the roadways instead of being competitors. This service has helped the railways to get back freight traffic which had got diverted to the road traffic.

The Railways came with the concept of RORO, which has benefitted in saving of fuel and relief to drivers from driving in extreme conditions. Drivers get relief from driving through ghats, undulating surfaces, narrow roads and poor road and weather conditions. This also helps in decongestion of roads and lowering of pollution. This concept has been beneficial for both truck operators and the railways. As per a Centre for Science and Environment study, commercial vehicles run on outdated technology and emit excess smoke. In fact, light and heavy trucks make up almost 30 per cent of the total particulate load, and 22 per cent of the total nitrogen oxide load in the capital of the country. (186 words)

**2. A. On the basis of your reading of the above passage, give it a suitable title and write the para-wise topics and sub-topics using the format given below. Do not write single words or sentences but use only meaningful phrases.**

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

[5]

I : \_\_\_\_\_

II : \_\_\_\_\_

A : \_\_\_\_\_

B : \_\_\_\_\_

**2. B. Write a summary of the above passage in about 65 words using the topic sentences of the paragraphs.**

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**SECTION- B (WRITING SKILLS)**

**3. Attempt any one of the following.**

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You are Amanda / Armando Botelho, the General Secretary of St. Joseph Higher Secondary School in Margao. Write a notice for your school notice board inviting students' participation in a Wall-paper competition on the theme 'SAVE MOTHER EARTH'. (30-40 words)

**OR**

You are Rochelle / Royston Pereira. You are shifting residence and have household furniture for sale. Draft an advertisement to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper giving relevant details. Contact address: B2 / Rosary Apartments, Rachol – Goa, Mobile number: 9876543210; email: rope\_196@gmail.com. (30-40 words)

**4. Attempt any one of the following. [5]**

You are Siddhesh / Siddhali Dessai, the Secretary of the Cultural Club of St. Peter Higher Secondary School, Vasco – Goa. Write a report for the school magazine on the friendly football match between the teachers and students of your school, organized to celebrate ‘Children’s Day’. (70 – 80 words)

**OR**

You are a staff reporter of a local daily. You attended a rally organized by the NGO ‘Save Goa Foundation’ to create awareness on the threat to Goa’s rivers from pollution. Write a report about it to be published in the newspaper. (70-80 words)

**5. Attempt any one of the following. [8]**

You are Andrew / Andrea D’Souza, residing at House no. 3/FF, Adarsh Apartments, Borim – Goa. Write a letter to the Editor of ‘The Navhind Times’ expressing concern about the social evil of child labour in our society today, and the urgent need for the authorities to enforce the law and severely punish the offenders. (use full block format)

**OR**

You are Luiza / Louis D’Silva residing at House no. 2B, Chamundi Apartments, Curtorim – Goa. Write a letter to the Chief Engineer, Electricity Department, Margao – Goa, complaining about the frequent power shutdowns in your village. (use full block format)

**6. Write an essay of about 200 -250 words on any of the following topics: [10]**

- a) Should the sale of junk food be banned in schools?
- b) India of my dreams
- c) The importance of physical fitness
- d) An experience that taught you a lesson
- e) How hobbies can help you relax

### SECTION C ( GRAMMAR)

7. A Rewrite each of the following sentences according to the instructions given in the bracket . [6]

- a] She usually \_\_\_\_\_ (sit) at this desk, but now she \_\_\_\_\_ (move) to a corner.
- i) sitting, moves
  - ii) sits, has moved
  - iii) will sit, moved
  - iv) sat, had moved
- b) He bought some land and two horses. (*Change to passive voice*)
- c) He is amazing, he \_\_\_\_\_ speak five languages, including Chinese. (use a modal auxiliary of *ability* )
- d) If you do not save some money, you cannot go on a vacation. (Rewrite using 'unless')
- e) Tom is the smartest boy in his class. (Change to comparative degree)
- f) As soon as I got home, I had a bath. (*Use 'no sooner... than'*)

### SECTION D (TEXTUAL)

8 A. Read the following stanzas carefully and answer the questions that follow in complete sentences of about 10-15 words each. [4]

1) *Perhaps the Earth can teach us  
as when everything seems dead  
and later proves to be alive.*

- a) What can the earth teach us?
- b) Name and explain the figure of speech in the first line.

2) "The little old house was out with a little new shed  
In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped  
A road side stand that too pathetically pled  
It would not be fair to say for a pope of bread"

- a) Name and explain the figure of speech in the third line.
- b) What was the roadside stand pleading for.

**8 B. Answer the following questions in about 25-30 words each. [4]**

- 1) What prompted Kamala Das to look out of the car window?
- 2) Why do you feel Aunt Jennifer embroiders bright and chivalric tigers that are so different from her own character?

**9. Answer any six of the following questions in about 25-30 words each. [12]**

- a) Why did M. Hamel blame the parents for the students not learning to speak and write the French language?
- b) How did the peddler betray the confidence reposed in him by the crofter?
- c) What prevented the bangle makers of Firozabad from organizing themselves into a co-operative?
- d) Why did Douglas choose the YMCA pool to learn swimming?
- e) Why was Gandhiji impressed by Shukla's behaviour?
- f) What was different in the legal advisor's attire that made him stand out from the others at Gemini Studio?
- g) In what way is Umberto Eco's style of writing different from the regular academic style?

**10. Answer any three of the following questions in about 50-60 words. [12]**

- a) Do you approve of the behaviour of the Maharaja's minions towards him? Give reasons for your answer.
- b) What do you think could be the possible reasons for the American soldier's reluctance to leave the shelter of Dr. Sadao's home?
- c) How does Mr. Lamb use his deformity to change Derry's attitude towards his handicap?
- d) With reference to the lesson 'Evans Tries An O-Level' do you agree that between crime and punishment it is mainly a battle of wits? Give reasons.
- e) The story telling session, instead of being soothing and comforting proved to be very disturbing for Joe and Jack. Explain why.