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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

Young boys and girls are mad after fashion these days. They pay more attention to their clothes and hair styles. They do not pay any

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attention to their studies. They spend a lot of time before the dressing table. They carry combs in their pockets to the classroom in the college. Girls are more crazy after fashions than the boys. College students are very fashionable. They are tailor-made men and women. They put on clothes of the latest fashion. A few years before tight trousers and tight salwars were the fashion. They were replaced by the young people to bell bottom trousers and loose salwars. Now Jeans and baggy trousers have caught the fancy of the young people. The young people ape the actors and actresses in the matter of fashion. It is interesting to see college students going to their educational institutions in their best clothes. While sitting in the college canteen they discuss nothing but beautiful girls, latest fashions and

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their favourite film stars. It seems that fashion is their God, religion and their shrine. It is regrettable that they are quite indifferent to the finer value of life. If we compare the students of J K and Himachal Pradesh with the students of Bengal, Tamil Nadu and U.P., we find that latter are very simple in dress, but they are in no way inferior to our students so far as scholarships are concerned. It is an irony of fate that even after the partition of our country which reduced so many families of the J. K. State and the Punjab homeless and penniless, the parents are being made to pay through their nose for the stylish excesses of their fashionable sons and daughters. It is high time that schools and universities should prescribe a simple uniform

for all the students both boys and girls so that the young students

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don't waste the hard-earned money of their parents on fashions.

Spending money on cosmetics and hair-dressing is useless. Inner

beauty is more valuable than outer face beauty.

All of us are born to live on this planet but our way of living makes

a difference. We prefer to look at the best and dress according to

fashion, but the real meaning of fashion is a bit vast. Actually, fashion

teaches us to live and improve our standard of living, which includes

our way of talking, wearing clothes footwear, education carrying

anything and above all the way we behave with others.

Thus, fashion is something that adds and gives meaning to life in the

real sense.

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2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The Taj is a splendid piece of art. It is situated on the bank of the Jamuna river. The monument was built by Moghul emperor Shah-Jahan on the death of wife Mumtaz Mahal. The Taj is a standing monument of pure love. The Taj is on a raised platform. This building is of white marble, there is spacious hall. In the hall, the queen was buried. The windows are made of fine marble screen. There are beautiful flowers, captivating designs, some other prices of Mughal grandeur on the walls of the Taj. There are also precious stones of different colours. The walls are decorated and engraved with verses from the Holy Quran. The monument stands as a striking wonder in a beautiful and very big garden. In the middle, there is a big white dome. There are four tall and magnificent minarets on the sides. If

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looks really wonderful in the rays of the setting sun. In a full moon light, it looks more impressive, its beauty is beyond the description. The beds of flowers in the lawns are attractive and the beautiful colours captivate the visitors. Through the garden runs a channel of clear water. The Taj looks more beautiful in midst of fountains playing day and night. The main building stands over a basement in a rectangular shape. The Taj is a fantasy, a dream in marble as it shines in the moonlight. It possesses an artistic beauty. The tombstone bears the words "Mumtaz Mahal lies here and God alone is powerful".

The Taj is one of the seven wonders of the world simply because of its overwhelming beauty. It is beautiful to look at from a distance. It is wonderous from up close. To think that its walls were studded with

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actual jewels (that were ransacked) at one time makes one imagine : if it is so beautiful even today, surely it would have been even more so before the ransacking took place.

Then of course there is another print : the artistry that went into its making, the knowledge of its architects and engineers in dealing with problems of creating a structure that was almost everlasting with the minimum of maintenance keeps on inspiring architects engineers till today.

Questions :

- (i) The Taj was built by :
- (A) Aurangzeb
 - (B) Akbar
 - (C) Shah Jahan
 - (D) Birbal

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(ii) The walls are decorated and engraved with verses from :

(A) The Geeta

(B) The love story of Heer and Ranhja

(C) The Holy Quran

(D) The Bible

(iii) The main building stands over a big mountain. (True/False)

(iv) Synonym of 'captivating' is

(v) The antonym of 'Magnificent' is

(vi) The building is made of red marble. (Yes/No)

(vii) Who did build Taj Mahal ? Why did he build it ?

(viii) Use the word 'fantasy' in a sentence.

(ix) It looks really wonderful in the rays of (Complete it).

(x) Give the passage a suitable 'Title'. 1×10=10

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Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are Rivan Choudhuri, president of an NGO that works for the medical care of senior citizens. You are going to organise a medical check-up camp for senior citizens, free of cost : Design a poster encouraging people to avail this opportunity. (50 words)

Or

You are Marketing Manager for Black King Security Pvt. Ltd., Srinagar.

You need security guards especially retired armyman. Draft an advertisement for 'Situation Vacant' column of a local newspaper stating your requirements in detail. (50 words)

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4. Your friend Ali is in love with a Harijan girl. Write a letter to your friend giving your views on inter-religion/intercaste marriages. You are A.N. Chowdhuri, 125-Mani Road Kuchha Danga, Udhampur.
(120-150 words)

Or

A room of your school collapsed when there was a function going on. Sugam, Head girl took command of the situation, provided first-aid to the injured and called ambulance. Imagine you are the Principal of JNM-Public School, write a letter to the Director of Schools, recommending your student's name for a bravery award. (120-150 words).

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5. Write an email to your aunt who has been ill and asking about her health and wishing her better health.

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6. Sales of readymade garments have touched an all-time high in the festive season this year in your city. Write an article for a newspaper giving an analysis of the trend.

Or

Write a newspaper report on traffic jamming in your city, a common affair in the early hours of the day, causing lot of hardships for school going children, highlighting wrong driving as the main cause of this mess.

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7. Eight grammatical errors in the following passage have been underlined. Write down the correct forms only against the respective underlined words.

The last time, I see Shahid is on 27 October, at his brother house in Amherst. He was intermittently able for converse and there was moments when we talked just as we have in the past. He was aware, as he had long been, of his approaching end he had made her peace with it.

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Section-C

(Literature)

8. Read the extract given below and answer any *two* of the questions

that follow :

"See Betty

And Dolly, she'll say "and look how they

Dressed us for the beach," The sea holiday.

Was her past, mine is her laughter.

Questions :

(i) How did she react whenever she looked at the snapshot ?

(ii) Explain 'The Sea Holiday!' was her past.

(iii) Why is mother's laughter, "past" for the narrator ?

1×2=2

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9. Answer any five of the following questions :

(i) Describe the changing relationship between the author and his grand mother. Did their feelings for each other change ?

(ii) Why is scientific intervention necessary to unearth buried mysterious ?

(iii) Does the poet talk of an exclusively personal experience or it is fairly universal ? (Father To Son).

(iv) What helped the writer to fulfil the pledge he made to Shahid ?

(v) Indian society has moved a long way from the way the marriage is arranged in the story. Discuss. (Ranga's Marriage)

(vi) What do you understand by the terms outsider art and art

but ?

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10. How are the earth's principal biological systems being depleted ?

Or

The story is called "The Adventure". Compare it with adventure described in "We're Not Afraid To Die".

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11. 'The Address' is a story of human predicament that follows war'. Comment.

Or

How do you distinguish between information gathering and insight formation ?

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12. Give the character-sketch of Taplow.

Or

Discuss the sensitive behaviour of hill-folk with reference to "Silk Road".

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