



Series HMJ/C

SET-4

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Candidates must write the Code on the title page of the answer-book.

- Please check that this question paper contains **11** printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains **10** questions.
- Please write down the Serial Number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.
- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.



ENGLISH (Elective)



Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- This question paper comprises **four** sections — A, B, C and D. **All** questions are compulsory.
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| Section A — Reading | 20 Marks |
| Section B — Creative Writing and Applied Grammar | 30 Marks |
| Section C — Literature | 20 Marks |
| Section D — Fiction | 10 Marks |
- There are **10** questions in the question paper.
- Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
- Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.



SECTION A
(Reading)

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1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **12**

- 1 In Ladakh, 30 years ago, it was difficult to cross the stream near Hemis monastery, on the way to a small dharma school. It could be done only early morning or in the afternoon and that too, only on horseback. Now you could just walk across the stream. “It is shocking to see how the stream has shrunk,” said Drikung Chetsang Rinpoche, anguished at the alarming ecological changes in the Himalayan region. Besides, China is reportedly planning to divert the Brahmaputra waters to irrigate the parched Xingjiang region, preventing it from flowing into India, he added. “Let us make the Himalayan region — from Ladakh to Arunachal Pradesh, and the Hindu Kush area — green.”
- 2 “Going green is a mindset, a philosophy. It means, first, to be mindful of what you do and its impact on other living beings and our global ecosystem,” said Rajesh Patel. “Green lives matter, but that alone will not reverse climate change. It has to become a movement to make any impact.”
- 3 Go Green, Go Organic and Goldenmile Learning came together in 2015 and harnessed water from melting glaciers, and planted 25,000 trees at 15,000 ft altitude in the Ladakh region. Now they plan to improve their efforts and develop a 250-acre land donated by Phobrang and its nearby villages of Lukung and Yurgo as a model to promote sustainable living to manage climate change and bring economic prosperity to the Himalayan economy.



- 4 The 250 acres of land will be developed within five years to include facilities for the community to interact with each other, learn new skills, showcase and sell their arts and crafts and other produce. An international standard ice rink for ice hockey, too, has been planned.
- 5 Employing best indigenous practices and proven technologies from the world over, conservation agro-forestry, herbal and vegetable cultivation, green energy from the sun and wind, and traditional and modern water management by way of building artificial lakes to trap the glacial melt, kuls and zings, all have been planned to build a thriving and sustainable environment, economic and social ecosystem for the three villages. “Green Himalayas is an all-in-one project which is taking environment into consideration and it includes all kinds of living things. We want environmentalists, economists and agriculturists, everyone to join this mission,” said Namgyal.
- 6 Meenakshi Singh, the Chief Operating Officer, Green Himalayas, said that they had done a survey of what villagers wanted and have designed the place accordingly. “We are not planning to make nomads into agrarians. The trees we are planting are only to hold the water and they are of the indigenous variety. Greening can happen in many ways, through sustainability and spirituality.” When completed, the project will be transferred to the local community and then they will leave.
- 7 For an auspicious start to the Green Himalayas project, a group of Buddhist nuns and little monks from the Drikung Kagyu Institute (DKI), Dehradun, prayed to the Triple Gems — the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, and invoked Goddess Manjushree, the wisdom deity. “We believe that the Buddha is like a doctor, Dharma is like medicine, and Sangha is like nursing care, and in order to heal any kind of illness, these three things are very important. For any activity, wisdom is very important, so we invoke Manjushree to remove darkness of ignorance,” said Khenpo Konchok Rangdol, general secretary, DKI.



On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions briefly :

- (a) How has the stream near Hemis monastery changed over the years ? 1
- (b) Why does Drikung Chetsang Rinpoche feel very unhappy ? 1
- (c) In what ways have the combined efforts of Go Green, Go Organic and Goldenmile Learning benefitted Ladakh ? 1
- (d) What type of trees is 'Green Himalayas' planting in the area ? 1
- (e) What does the term, 'Triple Gems' refer to ? 1
- (f) Name any two facilities planned for the development of Ladakh. 1
- (g) Choose the correct option : 1
- China is planning to divert the Brahmaputra to
- (i) build a dam to produce power.
- (ii) irrigate the thirsty Xingjiang.
- (iii) deprive India of the water from the Brahmaputra.
- (iv) prevent flooding in China.
- (h) Manjushree is the Goddess of : 1
- (i) wealth.
- (ii) learning.
- (iii) wisdom.
- (iv) beauty.



- (i) Meenakshi Singh is : 1
- (i) a Forest Officer.
 - (ii) the founder of Goldenmile Learning.
 - (iii) a Chief Operating Officer.
 - (iv) a Buddhist monk.
- (j) Choose the correct synonym of 'Indigenous'. 1
- (i) Heavenly
 - (ii) Pure
 - (iii) Salubrious
 - (iv) Native
- (k) Choose the correct antonym of 'Wisdom'. 1
- (i) Rudeness
 - (ii) Hastiness
 - (iii) Folly
 - (iv) Betrayal
- (l) Choose the option which best expresses the meaning of the underlined phrase. 1
- We should be mindful of what we do.
- (i) be worthy of
 - (ii) pay close attention to
 - (iii) be sympathetic towards
 - (iv) show affection for



2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

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Since then, at an uncertain hour,

That agony returns:

And till my ghastly tale is told,

This heart within me burns.

I pass, like night, from land to land;

I have strange power of speech;

That moment that his face I see,

I know the man that must hear me:

To him my tale I teach.

What loud uproar bursts from that door !

The wedding-guests are there :

But in the garden-bower the bride

And bride-maids singing are:

And hark the little vesper bell,

Which biddeth me to prayer !

O Wedding-Guest! this soul hath been

Alone on a wide, wide sea;

So lonely 'twas, that God himself

Scarce seemed there to be.



O sweeter than the marriage-feast,
'Tis sweeter far to me,
To walk together to the kirk,
With a goodly company! —

To walk together to the kirk,
And all together pray,
While each to his great Father bends,
Old men, and babes, and loving friends
And youths and maidens gay!

Farewell, farewell! but this I tell
To thee, thou Wedding-Guest!
He prayeth well, who loveth well
Both man and bird and beast.

On the basis of your reading of the above extract, answer the following questions in 50 – 60 words each :

- (a) The speaker here, the Ancient Mariner has a guilty past and he wants to redeem himself of this guilt. How does he do it as explained in this extract ? 2
- (b) How does he choose his listener ? 2
- (c) Why does the mariner let the wedding-guest go and join the ceremonies ? 2
- (d) What message does this extract convey ? 2



SECTION B

(Creative Writing and Applied Grammar)

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3. Answer **any two** of the following three questions in 120 – 150 words each : 6×2=12
- (a) National safety and security should be our main concern if we wish our country to make progress. Write a speech stressing the need to be ever vigilant to safeguard our country. You are Tania/Tarvinder.
- (b) After the harvest season, the farmers burn the stubble (cut stalks of cereal plants) in the fields. This leads to pollution in the neighbouring cities and states. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily newspaper describing the ill-effects of this burning and what steps can be taken to stop this practice ? You are Ranga/Rajni, 2 Mall Road, Delhi.
- (c) Kite flying is a beautiful pastime. Sometimes the string gets entangled with power lines and disrupts the supply of electricity. Sometimes birds flying in the air are caught in the string and get injured. Write an article on the topic, 'Safe Kite Flying'. You are Pratham/Prathima.
4. Answer **any one** of the following two questions in 150 – 200 words : 10
- (a) You are the President of Science Society of your school. Prepare a speech urging the students to spread scientific knowledge among those who continue to believe in superstitions and other irrational beliefs.
- (b) Every now and then, senior citizens are subjected to violence in spite of the safety measures provided to them by the Police. Prepare an article to be published in a leading daily newspaper highlighting the insecure lives of the vulnerable senior citizens suggesting some more safety measures.



5. Transform the following sentences as per the given instructions : 1×8=8
- (a) We pray to God. We then go to bed. (Combine these sentences)
 - (b) He said to me, “You did right to come.” (Change the narration)
 - (c) He will not listen what you say. (Rewrite after correcting it)
 - (d) If this light drizzle had not taken place, it would have been very hot. (Rewrite using ‘But for’)
 - (e) He is so weak that he cannot walk. (Change into a simple sentence)
 - (f) Send this notice to all the members. (Change the voice)
 - (g) Only the wearer _____ where the shoe _____. (know, pinch)
(Rewrite by using the correct form of the verbs given in brackets)
 - (h) You should caution him so that he does not repeat the mistake. (Rewrite using ‘lest’)

SECTION C
(Literature)

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6. Answer **any one** of the following two questions in 50 – 60 words : 2
- (a) When Captain Hagberd left the tap-room of the New Inn, why did the Colebrook barber laugh ? What did he mean by the expression, “The old one and the young one” ?
 - (b) In the poem ‘Time and Time Again’, why do different clocks show slight variations in time ?



7. Answer **any two** of the following questions in 60 – 80 words each : $4 \times 2 = 8$
- (a) How did the gold ring shaped like a serpent become a crucial piece of information for Gabriel Garcia Marquez ?
 - (b) In his poem, 'On Time', Milton has shown that Time's envy of Man is utterly futile. Comment.
 - (c) What was Dr. Margolin's attitude towards his profession ? How does he show a soft corner for the Jewish community ?
8. Answer **any two** of the following three questions in 80 – 100 words each : $5 \times 2 = 10$
- (a) How is the message of the Gita generally understood and portrayed ? What change in interpretation does Amartya Sen suggest ?
 - (b) What are the issues that Girish Karnad in his play, 'Broken Images' satirises through this TV monologue of a celebrity ?
 - (c) Describe the unbroken flow of thoughts and perceptions of the narrator's mind, using the examples of the Colonel and the Priest.

SECTION D

(Fiction)

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9. Answer **any one** of the following questions in 60 – 80 words : 4
- (a) Describe the upheaval caused by the tiger's entry into Market Road.
 - (b) How did the Collector treat the villagers when they approached him for help to catch the tiger ?
 - (c) Why did Margayya refuse to yield before Arul Doss, the bank peon ?
 - (d) Describe briefly, Margayya's interview with the Madman, the owner of the Central Talkies.



10. Answer any **one** of the following questions in 120 – 160 words :

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- (a) How does Master's wife try to assert her right as a wife ?
- (b) How does the Monk rescue the headmaster after dissuading Alphonso from shooting the tiger ?
- (c) In the second half of the novel, how does Margayya lose his money ?
- (d) How does Margayya treat his wife, Meenakshi ?