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SUBJECT: WRITTEN ENGLISH

Duration: 2 hrs Total Marks: 80

Instructions: 1) All the questions are compulsory.

2) Figures to the right indicate the marks allotted per question.

Q No. A)

1) Choose the appropriate word from the options given below each sentence: 4 marks

a) Worth remembering because of being special or unusual

- i) memorial
- ii) memorable
- iii) mending
- iv) striking

b) Having a large population

- i) populous
- ii) popular
- iii) poplar
- iv) populist

c) A person's employment or main occupation

- i) vacation
- ii) vacant
- iii) vocation
- iv) invocation

d) Not clear enough to be read

- i) illegible
- ii) illegal

iii) illegitimate

iv) illicit

2) Fill in the blanks correctly with the appropriate article:

4 marks

- i) Reader's Digest is \_\_\_\_\_ truly inexpensive gift for all occasions. It reminds your friends of your thoughtfulness twelve times \_\_\_\_\_ year.
- ii) Mr. Gopal Krishnan was a little over thirty, but looked much older. He was fat, with \_\_\_\_\_ red face and \_\_\_\_\_ loud voice. He wanted to be \_\_\_\_\_ important lawyer, and he was quickly becoming more and more successful. He was a clever lawyer who did not care whether he was fighting for good or bad. He was very skilful at finding \_\_\_\_\_ facts in every argument. \_\_\_\_\_ more business he got, \_\_\_\_\_ more skilful he became.

3) Supply question tags to the following sentences:

2 marks

- i) She has got the highest mark, \_\_\_\_\_?
- ii) The boys have won the match, \_\_\_\_\_?
- iii) Cricket is the most popular game in India, \_\_\_\_\_?
- iv) The train wasn't late, \_\_\_\_\_?

4) Change the Voice

2 marks

- i) The auditor submitted the report on time.
- ii) The class put on an exhibition of their work in the seminar hall.

5) Punctuate the following:

2 Marks

ah thats the most beautiful spectacle i ve ever seen in my life john and madhu reached the summit much ahead of the other campers in their group quick take out your camera said an excited john

6) Identify the idioms in the following sentences, write their meanings and use them in sentences of your own.

4 Marks

- i) When the shopkeeper sold the 10kg sack of rice for just Rs 100, the consumers smelt a rat.
- ii) The railway station is just a stone's throw away from my colony.
- iii) When Raghu planned to keep his marriage a secret, his friend spilled the beans.
- iv) We should turn a deaf ear to people who gossip and spread rumours about our friends.

7) Change to *direct* speech

2 Marks

The judge asked the witness if he had seen the convict at the site of the accident. The witness, after a long silence, agreed that he had seen him running away just as the police van arrived at the spot.

Q. No. B) Write a letter to the librarian of a local library, requesting him to keep the library open even on Sundays. **10 marks**

Q. No. C) Write an article/essay of 400 words on any one of the following topics: **15 marks**

- a) Does banning make the world a better place?
- b) One incident which changed my life
- c) Are there more dangerous things than smoking and drinking among teenagers?
- d) Is there too much pressure on youngsters to look good?
- e) Do Apps help you or waste your time?

Q. No. D) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: **10 marks**

Child workers, some as young as 10, have been found working in a textile factory in conditions described as close to slavery, to produce clothes that appear destined for one of the major high street retailers.

Speaking to a British newspaper, the children described long hours of unpaid work and threats and beatings. The company said it was unaware that clothing intended for its stores had been improperly outsourced to a sweatshop that used child labour. It further announced it had withdrawn the garments involved until it had investigated the alleged breaches of the ethical code it imposed on manufacturers three years ago.

The discovery of these children working in appalling conditions in the Shahpur Jat area of Delhi has renewed concerns about the outsourcing by some large retail chains of their garment production to India, recognised by the United Nations as one of the world's hotspots for child labour. According to one estimate, over 20 per cent of India's economy is dependent on children, which comes to a total of 55 million youngsters under 14 working.

Consumers in the West should not only be demanding answers from retailers about how their goods are produced but also should be looking into their consciences at how they spend their money and whether cheap prices in the West are worth the suffering caused to so many children.

- i) What conditions do the children go through in the textile factory?
- ii) How did the company react/respond to the complaint made to the British newspaper?
- iii) What is the meaning of 'sweatshop'?

- iv) What advice does the author give to the western consumers about discouraging child labour?
- v) Suggest an appropriate title for the above passage.

**Q.No. E) Write a short story in about 400 words on any one of the titles given below:**

**15 marks**

- a) The Hidden Box
- b) The Boy Who Never Grew Up
- c) The White Paper
- d) Open the Door!

**Q.No.F) Compose a classified advertisement for the sale of a 3BHK apartment.**

**5 marks**

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