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SUBJECT: WRITTEN ENGLISH (Old Course)

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

- a) We have _____ beautiful garden. _____ garden is full of roses.
- b) Is cricket _____ most popular sport in the world? No, it isn't.
- c) I'd like _____ glass of orange juice, please.
- d) Is there _____ post office near here?
- e) Can you give me _____ envelope, please?
- f) Certainly. Oh! Where's _____ envelope? I remember keeping it here.
- g) Would you like _____ glass of water?

3) Supply **question tags** to the following sentences:

2 marks

- i) She has got a lot of attitude, _____?
- ii) The girls have lost the match, _____?
- iii) Cricket is the most popular game in India, _____?
- iv) The bus has come very late, _____?

4) Change the **Voice**

2 marks

- i) We elected Hanif as our team leader.
- ii) Santa Claus distributed toffees to all the children in the shop.

5) Punctuate the following:

2 Marks

- a) it looks as if the sun goes around the earth but of course the earth really goes round the sun
- b) will you please drop this letter in the mailbox for me on your way to school dad asked ajay

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

4 Marks

- i) When the politician promised 10 kg rice free every month, people smelt a rat.
- ii) The football stadium is just a stone's throw away from my house.
- iii) When Raghav wanted to keep his job 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) Are we doing enough to protect endangered animals?
- b) One incident which changed my life
- c) Are we slaves to technology?
- d) Is there too much pressure on youngsters to look good?
- e) What is true patriotism?

Q. No. D) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: **15 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 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 House with the Red Gate
- b) Vimala's Magic Carpet
- c) The Post Man
- d) The Village Doctor

Q. No. F) Compose a classified advertisement for the sale of a 3BHK apartment. 5 marks
