

**Q.1 Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. (8)**

- (a) Explain in about 40 words, what reason did Hooda give why enough attention was not paid to the infrastructure.
- (b) In the line”, And it is only to retain the tactical advantage that they have had for long.” Which country is General (Rtd) D S Hooda referring to?  
(i) Pakistan (ii) China (iii) Afganistan (iv) Russia
- (c) Write about the plan of the project that India undertook to build. Support your answer from the text.
- (d) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option.  
Because of the terrain, building roads on the Indian side was----- .  
(i) Smoother (ii) Mandatory (iii) harder (iv) Not mandatory
- (e) Select the correct option.  
ICBRs with a total length of 3,346 km is spread across  
(i) Arunachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir  
(ii) Sikkim, uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh  
(iii) Both (i) and (ii)  
(iv) Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
- (f) Enumerate how the road construction got accelerated after the Doklam episode.
- (g) Complete the sentence appropriately.  
The old belief of the Indian Forces was if the roads were melted----- .
- (h) State True or False.  
The Indian-China Border Roads (ICBRs) were given the go-ahead for construction in 1990. True/False

**Q. 2**

**(A) On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions briefly. (1x4=4)**

- (i) What makes language disagreeable and incorrect?
- (ii) What factors lend ambiguity to prose construction?
- (iii) Why is there a tendency towards using pretentious or showy diction and foreign words in modern English?
- (iv) Why does the author consider a large number of words in the English language meaningless?

**(B) On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the statements given below by choosing the correct options from those given below. (1x6=6)**

- (i) The use of showy words makes the language----- .  
(a) Influential (b) unclear (c) expressive (d) easy
- (ii) People use obsolete or old metaphors because-----  
(a) They like using classical themes  
(b) They do not want to devise new metaphors  
(c) It is considered fashionable  
(d) It reflects their learning
- (iii) “Verbal False Limbs’ are expressions that-----.  
(a) Are vague  
(b) Do not give correct information  
(c) Appear more important sounding  
(d) None of the above
- (iv) A problem observed in people using dying metaphors is that.....  
(a) The user does not know its meaning  
(b) Their meaning is changed from the original meaning  
(c) The metaphors are mixed  
(d) All of the above
- (v) The word----- used in para 4 is a synonym of ‘contemporary’.  
(a) Modern (b) Current (c) Pretentious (d) Elegant
- (vi) The word ----- used in para 1 is an antonym of ‘Tidiness’.  
(a) Slovenliness (b) Habits (c) Ugliness (d) Smartness

**Q.3**

- (a) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes on it using headings and subheadings. Use recognizable abbreviations,(min 4). (5)**
- (b) Write a summary of the above passage in (80) words. (3)**

## Section B Grammar and Writing (23 marks)

**Q.4 The following passage is an extract from an article but some of the words have to be filled in the blanks. Complete the paragraph by writing one suitable word in each blank. Correctly number and write the answers in your answer sheets. (3)**

Good manners are (a)-----inherited, nor do they come naturally. They (b)----- be learnt and practiced. They are based (c)----- the concept of consideration for others. They are easy to acquire and there is nothing more profitable. Good manners are a necessary complement in (d)----- walk of life. Organisations (e)-----employees are very well mannered enjoy a (f)----- reputation.

**Q.5 Look at the words and phrases below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences. (4)**

- (a) Communications/not matter/were slow/it did/between different/when the/parts of the world.
- (b) Unconnected with/creation of/ the first/ an artificial language/ was the/ any existing language.
- (c) Synthetic,/ world's scientists/ the need/ during/ severe shortages/ or/ World War I,/ alerted/ a number of/ the/ to / man-made materials/ for.
- (d) Governments of/ the/ international language/ almost unlikely /to an / world will agree/ that the/ it is.

**Q.6 You are Dr. Madhu, MD. You are looking for an independent house in Ghaziabad on a reasonable rent for your residence-cum-clinic. Draft a suitable advertisement in not more than 50 words to be published in The Hindustan Times, New Delhi. (3)**

Or

“Climate Change and the World in 2050”. Design a poster on the theme.

**Q.7 Your school has organized a five-day Trekking ,Mountain Climbing and Rappelling camp at Rishikesh for the students of Classes XI and XII during the Dussehra Vacations. As the President of Adventure Club, draft a notice to be put up on Students' Notice Board, telling students about the trip and inviting them to join it.(50 words). (3)**

Or

The Environment Club of your school has organized a Tree Plantation Drive in your school. As the President of the Club, write a notice in 50 words informing the students about the same and inviting them to join it. You are Shobhit/Shobhika of Indore Public School, Indore.

**Q.8 In India around 13-14% of all school children suffer from learning disorders. Unfortunately, most schools fail to lend a sympathetic ear to their problems. As a result, these children are branded as failures. Samir Parikh, a child psychiatrist, opines that early detection of these disorders, acceptance by parents, broad awareness among the academic community, and above all a mature handling of the problem, will help students with LD lead a productive life. Write a letter to Editor of a National Daily, expressing your views on the need for awareness regarding learning disorders. (5)**

Or

As a parent of twelve year old girl studying in a girl's boarding school, St. Agnes Public School, write a letter to the school principal regarding the disturbing letters your daughter has been writing about the ragging being indulged in by senior girls. Ask the principal to take strong action against the erring students.

**Q.9** You are Vinay Shah. Write a letter for the post of Vice Principal at modern Public School, Ahmedabad. Enclose your CV also. Invent other necessary details. (5)

Or

Last week you were coming back from school, you saw a huge plastic bag full of left over food being flung into the middle of the road from a speeding car. You wonder how people can be so lacking in civic sense. Write a speech to be delivered in the morning assembly on 'Why we lack in civic sense' and how civic sense can be inculcated in children at a very young age. You are Shiva/Ashi.

**Section - C Literature**

**(31 marks)**

**Q.10** Read the extract and answer the question that follow. (3)

**I descend to lave the droughts, atomies,  
Dust layers of the globe,  
And all that in them without me were seeds  
Only , latent, unborn;**

- (a) Who is 'I' referred to here? (1)  
(b) What does 'I' do to the globe? (1)  
(c) What is latent, unborn without "I"? (1)

or

**"All three stood still to smile through their hair  
At the uncle with the camera. A sweet face,  
My mother's, that was before I was born.  
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,  
Washed their terribly transient feet."**

- (a) Describe the scene depicted in the stanza . (1)  
(b) Identify the poetic device in "Terribly Transient Feet". (1)  
(c) Name the poem and poet in the above lines. (1)

**Q.11** Read the extract and answer the questions that follow. (3)

**"The first indication of Impending disaster came at about 6 pm, with an ominous silence. The wind dropped, and the sky immediately grew dark. Then came a growling roar, and an enormous cloud towered aft of the ship. With horror, I realized that it was not a cloud, but a wave like no other I had ever seen. It appeared perfectly vertical and almost twice the height of the other waves, with a frightful breaking crests.**

- (a) What do you understand by Impending disaster? (1)  
(b) Describe the weather on 2<sup>nd</sup> January when the waves were gigantic. (1)  
(c) "Fearful Breaking Crest" What does the phrase refer to? (1)

Or

**Regardless of his fame and the speculations about his fate, Tut is one mummy among many in Egypt. How many? No one knows. The Egyptians Mummy Project, which began an inventory in the late 2003, has recorded almost 600 so far and is still counting. The next phase: Scanning the mummies with a portable CT machine donated by the National Geographic Society and Siemens, its manufacturer. King Tut is one of the first mummies to be scanned---in death, as in life, moving really ahead of his countrymen.**

- (a) What were the speculations about King Tut? (1)  
(b) Explain "King Tut is one of the first mummies to be scanned--- in death, as in life . (2)

**Q.12 Read the extract and answer the questions that follow. (4)**

**At the corner of the road I looked up at the name-plate. Marconi Street, it said. I had been at number 46. The address was correct. But now I didn't want to remember anymore.... I resolved to forget the address. Of all the things I had to forget, that would be easiest.**

- (a) Why did the narrator resolve to forget the address? (2)  
(b) Why would it be the easiest thing to do? (2)

Or

**“ Put your foot down, once an' for all, an' be the mistress of your own house an' boss of your family”**

- (a) Who said the above statement to whom? Why? (2)  
(b) Why is the above advice given? What is the reaction of the listener? (2)

**Q.13 Answer any TWO questions in 40-50 words each. (3x2=6)**

- (a) The grandmother had divine beauty. How does the author bring it out?  
(b) Shirley Toulson has brought out her grief beautifully. Explain.  
(c) What do Doris and Cyril feel about Mrs. Pearson's changed behavior?  
(d) What did John Byro perceive about the horse after it was returned? Why?

**Q.14 Answer any ONE question in 40-50 words . (3)**

- (a) "A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart." Who said these words ? Why?  
(b) Why did the narrator decide to visit Mrs. Dorling's house the second time?

**Q.15 Answer any ONE question in 80-100 words. Quote appropriate lines from the text to support your answer. (6)**

- (a) Happy moments are short lived but provide a life time memory. They provide a cushion to bear the difficulties which the future has in store for you. Comment in the light of the poem "A Photograph".  
(b) From a foster mother in the village to a lonely old lady in the city--- describe the grandmother's journey through the later part of her life.

**Q.16 Answer any ONE question in 80-100 words. Quote appropriate lines from the text to support your answer. (6)**

- (a) People like Mrs. Dorling forget the ultimate end of man. For some earthly gain, people discard their values. Elucidate.  
(b) Mrs. Annie Pearson and Mrs. Fitzgerald are totally opposite to each other in their attitude. Show the difference in their personalities.

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