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**ANNUAL EXAMINATION SYSTEM**



**ENGLISH**

**(Morning Session)**

**Time Allowed : 3 Hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

- Note :** (i) You must write the subject code/paper code **02/B** in the box provided on the title page of your answer book.
- (ii) Make sure that answer book contains **24** pages (including title page) and are properly serialled as soon as you receive it.
- (iii) Question/s attempted after leaving blank page/s in the answer book would not be evaluated.
- (iv) No extra sheet will be given. Write suitable answer and do not strike the written answer.
- (v) **All questions are compulsory.**

**SECTION – A**



**[ Marks : 10**

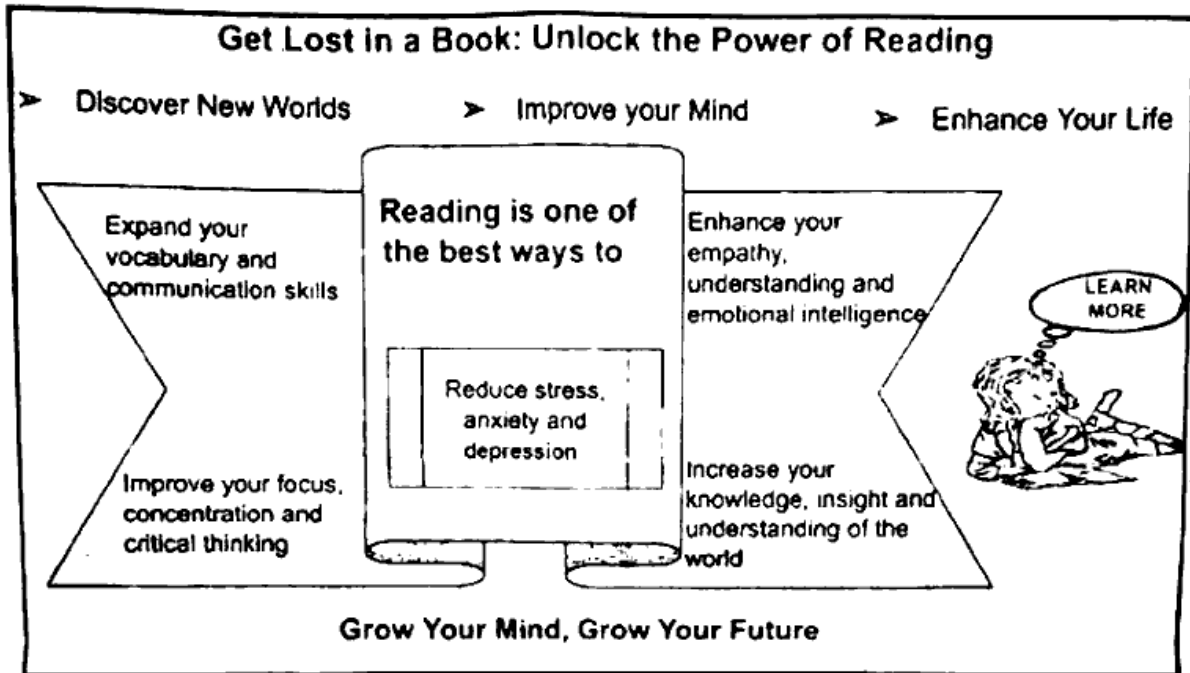
**(Reading Skills)**

1. (a) Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$
- Water is a vital resource that is essential for human survival. It is necessary for drinking, cooking, cleaning and growing crops. However, with the increasing global population and climate change, the demand for water is rising, while the supply is dwindling. This has led to a severe water crisis in many parts of the world. To address this issue, it is crucial to adopt effective water conservation strategies. One of the most significant ways to conserve water is to reduce waste. Leaks, overflowing toilets and inefficient appliances can

- (v) What is the main reason for the increasing demand for water ?
- (a) Growing global population
  - (b) Climate change
  - (c) Decreasing industrialization
  - (d) Both (a) and (b)

(b) Study the given poster carefully and answer the questions that follow :

5 × 1 = 5



- (i) How does reading affect your mind ?
- (a) It makes you more forgetful.
  - (b) It increases your focus and concentration.
  - (c) It reduces your critical thinking skills.
  - (d) It has no impact on your mind.
- (ii) What is another advantage of reading ?
- (a) Reduced empathy and understanding
  - (b) Increased stress and anxiety
  - (c) Enhanced emotional intelligence
  - (d) Decreased knowledge and insight
- (iii) Why is reading important for mental health ?
- (a) It increases stress and anxiety.
  - (b) It lessens symptoms of depression.
  - (c) It has no impact on mental health.
  - (d) It only benefits physical health.



- (iv) What is the overall message of the poster ?
- (a) Reading is not important.
  - (b) Reading is only for certain people.
  - (c) Reading has the power to transform your life.
  - (d) Reading is only for entertainment purposes.

- (v) What is one benefit of reading ?
- (a) Improved physical health
  - (b) Increased screen time
  - (c) Enhanced vocabulary and communication skills
  - (d) Reduced creativity



**SECTION – B**

[ Marks : 8


**(Objective Type Questions)**

2. Answer the following questions :

8 × 1 = 8

- (i) What was the name of Phatik's brother ? (The Home-coming)
- (ii) A happy man obeys the rules of ..... (Character of a Happy Man)
- (a) traffic
  - (b) king
  - (c) goodness
  - (d) government
- (iii) The author was a ..... before he lost his eyesight. (Bed Number 29)
- (iv) To whom did Bobby Gillian give his one thousand dollars ? (One Thousand Dollars)
- (a) Butler
  - (b) Miss Hayden
  - (c) Lawyers
  - (d) Miss Lotta Lauriere
- (v) What was Watson by profession ? (The Dying Detective)
- (vi) The instructor threw a tin in the pond. (True/False)
- (vii) According to the writer, Science is doing 'less than nothing for material things'. (Return to Air)
- (viii) The proud possession of Jim was ..... (Where is Science Taking Us ?)
- (a) salary
  - (b) Della
  - (c) gold watch
  - (d) flat

waste a substantial amount of water. For example, a single dripping faucet can waste up to 20 gallons of water per day. Fixing leaks and installing low-flow fixtures can save a significant amount of water. Additionally, using water-efficient appliances and turning off the tap while brushing teeth can also make a big difference. Another way to conserve water is to harvest rainwater. Rainwater harvesting involves collecting and storing rainwater for non-potable purposes such as flushing toilets, washing clothes and watering plants. This can reduce the demand on municipal water supplies and decrease the amount of storm water run-off. For instance, a typical household can collect and store up to 10,000 gallons of rainwater per year, which can be used for various purposes. Furthermore, water conservation can also be achieved through sustainable agriculture practices. Techniques such as drip irrigation and mulching can reduce water usage and increase crop yields. Moreover, using drought-resistant crops and implementing crop rotation can also help conserve water. In conclusion, water conservation is critical for ensuring a sustainable future. By adopting simple habits and practices, we can make a significant impact on the global water crisis.

- (i) What is the purpose of rainwater harvesting ? 
- (a) To provide drinking water
  - (b) To reduce the demand on municipal water supplies
  - (c) To increase crop yields
  - (d) To increase storm water run-off
- (ii) How can sustainable agriculture practices help conserve water ?
- (a) By using drip irrigation and mulching
  - (b) By using drought-resistant crops
  - (c) By implementing crop rotation
  - (d) All of these
- (iii) What is the overall message of the passage ?
- (a) Water conservation is not important.
  - (b) Water conservation is crucial for a sustainable future.
  - (c) Water conservation is only relevant to agriculture.
  - (d) Water conservation is a complex issue.
- (iv) Which word in the passage has the same meaning as 'diminishing' ?
- (a) increasing
  - (b) rising
  - (c) dwindling
  - (d) adopting

SECTION – C

[ Marks : 27

(English Textbooks)

[ English Main Course Book : Prose ]

3. (a) Answer any **three** questions in about **15-20** words each : 3 × 2 = 6
- (i) How can weak personalities become strong ? (Secret of Happiness)
- (ii) What was Phatik's 'new manoeuvre' ? (The Home-coming)
- (iii) Define solar system. (The Making of the Earth)
- (iv) What is the basis of social contract ? (The Rule of the Road)
- (v) Describe the seamstress in the words of the prince. (The Happy Prince)
- (b) Answer any **one** question in about **50** words : 1 × 4 = 4
- What does the practice of 'langar' stand for ? Explain.  
(Some Glimpses of Ancient Indian thought and Practices)

OR

What should be the ultimate aim of Science ? (Where is Science Taking Us ?)

[ English Main Course Book : Poetry ]

4. (a) Answer any **two** questions after reading the stanza : 2 × 2 = 4
- Beneath the morning stars they rode,  
Beneath the evening sun,  
And their blood sang to them as they rode  
That all good wars are one.
- (i) How long did the two continue riding together ?
- (ii) How did they feel while riding together ?
- (iii) Name the poem and its poet.
- (b) Answer any **one** question : 1 × 4 = 4
- What is the central idea of the poem 'Where the Mind is Without Fear' ?

OR

How does 'a religious book or a friend' give happiness ?

(Character of a Happy Man)



(b) Translate any *three* sentences from Punjabi/Hindi to English :  $3 \times 1 = 3$

(i) ਕੀ ਮਾਲੀ ਸਵੇਰ ਤੋਂ ਪੌਦਿਆਂ ਨੂੰ ਪਾਣੀ ਨਹੀਂ ਦੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਹੈ ? / क्या माली सुबह से पौधों को पानी नहीं दे रहा है ?

(ii) ਸਦਾ ਸੱਚ ਬੋਲੋ। / सदैव सत्य बोलो।

(iii) ਜਿਹੋ ਜਿਹਾ ਬੀਜੋਗੇ, ਉਹੋ ਜਿਹਾ ਹੀ ਕੱਟੋਗੇ। / जैसा बोओगे, वैसा काटोगे।

(iv) ਤੁਸੀਂ ਐਨੀ ਲੇਟ ਕਿਉਂ ਹੋ ? / आपने आने में इतना विलंब क्यों किया ?

(v) ਉਹ ਇੱਥੇ ਰਿਹਾ ਕਰਦਾ ਸੀ। / वह यहाँ रहा करता था।

8. Do as directed :

$10 \times 1 = 10$

(i) Combine the following sets of sentences using a non-finite verb (Infinitive, Gerund or Participle) :

He took his gun. He fired at the bird.



(ii) Transform the following sentence using 'seeing' :

The magistrate saw the situation getting worse and ordered the police to open fire.

(iii) Change the following sentence into passive voice :

You should teach him a lesson.

(iv) Change the following sentence into the indirect form of Narration :

He said to Rakesh, "We could have done much better."

(v) Rewrite the following sentence using the Past Indefinite Tense :

The peon rings the bell.

(vi) Punctuate the following sentence :

he asked me why i was crying

(vii) Fill in the blank with a suitable determiner :

She likes ..... way she lives.

(viii) Fill in the blank with a suitable preposition :

This behaviour will lead us ..... greater heights.

(ix) Fill in the blank with correct modal :

As he tried his best, he ..... easily win the game.

(could/can)

(x) Fill in the blank with a suitable conjunction :

..... we had limited means, we were honest.



9. (a) Advertise the showroom 'KIDS WORLD'.

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OR

You are Nimisha, Editor, School Magazine, Radha Vatika School, Khanna. Draft a notice inviting entries for the magazine from students. The last date is 10th of October.

- (b) Write a paragraph on any *one* topic using the following hints :

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**Good Manners** : Good manners oil the machine of life ..... earn us respect ..... 'please' and 'thank you' settle bitter quarrels ..... should be observed ..... respect elders ..... be polite to the younger ..... talk less and listen more ..... take turn in the queue ..... civility of behaviour is a moral obligation ..... bad manners create bitterness .....

OR



**Scene at a Railway Station** : I spend some time at the railway station ..... like watching trains ..... before the arrival of a train ..... growing excitement and activity ..... some in great hurry ..... some unhappy at the departure of loved ones ..... coolies run ..... vendor boys move in and out of the train ..... jostling and elbowing ..... after the train has left ..... platform gives a deserted look.

- (c) You are Pramod Kumar living at G-576, Niwas Puri, Delhi. There is no shed at the bus stand in your colony causing hardships to people in bad weather. Write a letter to the Chairman, Delhi Transport Corporation, requesting him to make necessary arrangements.

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OR

Write a letter to your cousin Pulkit inviting him to spend his winter break with you. You are Rohan and you live at 24 Mall Road, Shimla.

[ English Supplementary Reader ]

5. Answer any **three** of the following questions in about **15-20** words :  $3 \times 3 = 9$
- (i) What did Robert Gillian write in his note ? (One Thousand Dollars)
  - (ii) What did Smith ask Watson when he finally met him ? (The Dying Detective)
  - (iii) Bashkirs wanted to repay Pakhom for his gifts. What did Pakhom want from them ? (How Much Land Does a Man Need ?)
  - (iv) Why was the boy called 'Sausage' ? (Return to Air)
  - (v) How much rice did Subbiah agree to sell to him and for how much ? (Half a Rupee Worth)

**SECTION – D**  
**(Vocabulary)**

[ Marks : 4

6. Do as directed :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

- (i) Use the following **idiom** in a sentence :

A bosom friend

- (ii) Give **one word** for the following :

One who lives in a foreign country

- (iii) **Correct** the following sentence :

Law and order are to be maintained.

- (iv) Choose the correct word from the bracket to fill in the blank :

She has patiently ..... her troubles.

(born, borne)

**SECTION – E**

[ Marks : 31

**(Translation, Grammar and Composition)**

7. (a) Translate any **three** sentences from English to Punjabi/Hindi :

$3 \times 1 = 3$

(i) It was a platinum watch-chain.

(ii) A well-known sage named Ashtavakra was also invited to this meeting.

(iii) The sun and the planets with their satellites form a happy family.

(iv) He was obviously a well-intentioned person.

(v) God watches over you and cares for you.