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SECTION-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

- ✓ 1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks) and write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

A device that calculates or manipulates data in some way is a computer. However, today, the term computer generally refers to an electronic device that can manipulate data at high speed, with great

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accuracy and through complex series of steps without human direction.

The heart of such a computer consists of electronic components such as transistors and integrated circuits.

Wired to a huge variety of other devices, computers process numbers, words, electric pulses and many other forms of information in specific ways that are specially useful to particular people and organizations.

Computers can perform millions of complicated mathematical calculations in seconds. They can also be used to produce printed text at blinding speeds, draw complex pictures and control manufacturing processes. In some instances a computer can do in minutes what might take a person a lifetime.

The awesome power of computers along with their widespread use has triggered social and economic changes of great magnitude. Computers in myraid roles in manufacturing have improved the quality and increased the quantity and variety of products. In the process, computers have replaced some workers but have created new jobs for others. Many, perhaps, most people believe that the overall impact of computers has been good. They point to some of the positive aspects of computer use. In medicine, computers have revolutionised many aspects of diagnosis and treatment. In business, they have relieved workers of boring, repetitive tasks and have performed those jobs better and faster. In the home they are also

useful, for example, tiny computers in wrist watches, automobiles, television sets, microwave ovens and other products have made them more efficient and reliable.

Other people, however, think that the computer is largely a negative factor. They resent the 'depersonalised' numbers assigned to human beings so that computers can more easily perform such tasks as billing and recording licenses. These people also point to computer errors, which, though infrequent, are sometimes difficult to correct. They also wonder whether the use of the small computers called calculators is not creating a generation of mathematics illiterates. A more serious change is that without computers nuclear weapons and modern warfare would be impossible. Then, there is concern about the opportunity for invasion of individual privacy because of the huge amount of data about people stored in and accessible from computers.

- ✓ 2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow :

The self-image we harbour is the key to the success or failure of our most cherished plans and aspirations. If the image is inadequate and psychologists say most of us habitually underrate ourselves—it behaves us to correct it. We do this by systematically imagining that we are already the sort of person we wish to be. If you have been painfully shy, imagine yourself moving among people with ease and poise. If you have been fearful and over-anxious, see yourself acting calmly, confidently and with courage.

If we picture ourselves performing in a certain manner, this imaginative exercise impresses our subconscious mind almost as much as does actual performance.

What we believe about ourselves often imposes rigid and quite false limits on what we are able to accomplish.

As a school boy Dr. Alfred Adler, the famous Psychiatrist, got off to a bad start in arithmetic. His teacher became convinced that he was 'dumb in mathematics'.

Adler positively accepted the evaluation and his marks seemed to prove it correct. One day, however, he had a sudden flash of insight and announced that he thought he could solve a problem the teacher had put on the board which none of the other pupils could solve. The whole class laughed. Whereupon he became indignant strode to the blackboard and solved the problem. In doing so he realized that

he could understand arithmetic. He felt a new confidence in his ability and went on to become a good mathematics student.

The point is that Adler had been hypnotized by a false belief about himself. For the power of hypnosis is the power of belief. If you have accepted an idea from yourself, your teachers, parents, friends or any other source and if you are convinced that the idea is true, it has the same power over you as the hypnotist's words have over his subject.

Negative thinking can limit each of us if we let it. And, conversely within your right now is the power to do things you never dreamed possible.

Questions :

- (i) What is the impact of our self-image ?
- (ii) How can we improve our self-image ?
- (iii) How did Dr. Adler break loose from his negative self-belief ?
- (iv) Dr. Alfred Adler was a famous :
 - (A) Psychologist
 - (B) Cytologist
 - (C) Psychiatrist
 - (D) Hypnotist

(v) Negative thinking cannot limit each of us if we let it.

(True/False)

(vi) The word 'Cherished' in the passage is used as :

(A) An adverb

(B) An adjective

(C) An interjection

(D) A noun

(vii) 'Got off to' means :

(A) Ended

(B) Began

(C) Reached

(D) None of these

(10)

(viii) The synonyms of 'Indignant' is

(ix) The power of is the power of belief.

(Fill in the blank)

(x) What do you think can be an appropriate title for the passage ?
1×10=10

SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

3. You need the services of a tutor for teaching your younger sister who is reading in class 9th. Write classified advertisement for the same to be published in the local newspaper (40-50 words).

Or

You are celebrating your 18th birthday next week. Write an invitation to your bestie for a treat at your home on this occasion (40-50 words).

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4 ✓ You are the student secretary of your school and observe a lot of nuisance created by the vendors and the wrong parking of vehicles outside your school gate. Write a letter to the Mayor of your city, complaining about the same and to resolve the issue (120–150 words).

Or

Write a letter to the Editor of a daily newspaper requesting to publish your views and suggestions about the unhealthy trend of eating junk food among the students, highlighting the hazards of the same (120–150 words). <https://www.jkbboseonline.com>

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5 ✓ You came across a job advertisement by the chairman, J & K SSRB for the posts of English teachers. In response to the advertisement write your resume (4 marks) with a covering letter/application (2 marks) (120–150 words).

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✓ 6. Write a newspaper article or a morning assembly speech on any *one* of the following (200–250 words) :

(a) Drug Addiction or substance abuse — causes and measures to eradicate it in the light of the calendar activities undertaken by your institution during 'Nasha Mukta Bharat' (Drug Free India) campaign.

✓ (b) Corruption and its evils with steps and suggestions to control the menace.

✓ 7. Edit the following passage :

When I reached the station, I didn't **stopped** at the ticket counter but dashed straight to the platform. The **lucknow express** was just moving out: a train had still to pick up speed and I **should have able** to jump to one of the carriages. I hesitated for some unknown reason **but** I lost the chance to get away. I found **ourself** standing alone on the deserted platform. Somebody had been watching me and said **Take it easy**.

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE)

✓ Read the poetic extract and briefly answer the questions that follow :

✓ (a) Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning,

I saw my mother beside me, doze, open mouthed, her face ashen
like that of a corpse and realized with pain that she was as old
as she looked.

Questions :

(i) Whose mother is described in the extract and why does she
doze with open mouth ?

(ii) Give an example of simile from the extract.

(iii) Why is the poet pained to look at her mother ?

(iv) Name the poem and the poet.

1×4=4

✓(b) Answer any *two* of the following questions from the poems in your course (40–50 words) :

Questions :

- (i) What will counting upto twelve and keeping quiet help us to achieve ?
- (ii) What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings with reference to the poem, 'A Thing of Beauty' ?
- (iii) What was the plea of the folks who had put up the roadside stand ?

3×2=6

✓9. Answer any *three* of the following questions in 40–50 words each :

- ✓(a) What did Franz notice that was unusual about the school that day in 'The Last Lesson' ?

✓(b) What is Saheb looking for in the garbage dumps ? Is he happy working at the Tea stall ? Why not ? (Lost Spring)

(c) Why do you think Gandhiji considered The Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life ? (Indigo)

✓(d) How does Douglas overcome his fear of water ? (Deep Water)

(e) What did Sophie dream and fantasise of ? Why does Jansie discourage her from having such unrealistic dreams ?

(Going Places)
3×3=9

✓10. Answer any *one* of the following questions in **150–200** words :

✓(a) What does the Third Level refer to ? Do you think the Third Level was a medium of escape for Charley and in what respect ?

(b) Describe the dilemma that Dr. Sadao faced with the wounded young white American Soldier ? How did he resolve his predicament finally as you go through the story 'The Enemy' ? 6

✓ 11. Answer any *one* of the following question in 120–150 words :

(a) How does Derry get into Mr. Lamb's garden and what is it that draws Derry Towards Mr. Lamb in spite of himself ?

(b) Mr. Lamb displays signs of loneliness and disappointment. What are the ways in which Mr. Lamb tries to overcome these feelings in order to sustain his optimism to deal with the challenges ? 5

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