

**2023**  
**ENGLISH**

Total marks : 80

Time : 3 hours

**General instructions:**

- i) *Approximately 15 minutes is allotted to read the question paper and revise the answers.*
- ii) *All questions are compulsory. Internal option/ general option is given in some questions.*
- iii) *The question paper consists of 18 questions, divided into Units I, II, III and IV.*
- iv) *Marks allocated to every question are indicated against it.*
- v) *Alternate question for the visually impaired has been provided in question no.13. **ONLY** the visually impaired are to attempt this alternate question.*

**N.B:** *Check that all pages of the question paper are complete as indicated on the top left side.*

**UNIT – I (Literature)**

**Answer the following questions:**

1. Why was Morusa grief stricken? (Mehouviü and Morusa) **3**
2. Why did Gandhiji eventually give up the ambition of becoming an English gentleman? **3**
3. Why did Macbeth seek out the witches again? **3**

**Or**

Why was it almost impossible to defeat the New Zealand team? (Invictus)

4. Banquo and Macbeth both receive exciting prophecies from the witches, but they react in very different ways. How do their reactions reflect their different personalities and ambition? How do they act towards each other after the prophecies? **2+3=5**

**Or**

Gandhiji took up various activities to make himself an accomplished gentleman. What were these activities? **(5)**

5. **Answer either 5(i) or 5 (ii) or 5 (iii)** **5**

**(i) a.** Read the lines and answer the questions that follow:

*For he suddenly smote on the door, even  
Louder, and lifted his head:  
“Tell them I came, and no one answered,  
That I kept my word”, he said.*

- (i) Who do you think 'them' refers to in Line 3? (1)
- (ii) What was the word that the traveller has kept? (2)
- (iii) Is there a suggestion of impatience on the part of the traveller? What gives you this impression? (2)

**Or**

- b. Describe how Jina and Etiben spent their happy days when they fell in love. (5)
  - (ii) Give the summary of the poem, 'The Windhover'. (5)
  - (iii) Do you agree with the poet's view that it is futile to take pride in one's birth and state? Why/ Why not? (Death the Leveller) (5)
6. "I seen the fearfulest thing"
- (i) Who is the speaker here? 1
  - (ii) What is the fearfulest thing referred to here? 2

7. Give a character sketch on Maurya.

**Or**

Why was the mother unable to bless her son, Bartley? 3

### UNIT – II (Reading)

8. **Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

Keep your watch accurate. For some people, moving up the time on their watch will help them get up earlier. For others, they will remember that the time on the watch is wrong and will disregard it altogether. It may be helpful to set your watch just two minutes ahead instead of five or ten. Keep a clock, phone, computer or anything that displays time in each room of your house. One of the easiest ways to run late is simply by not realizing that the time is passing as quickly as it is. Set all your clocks and watches to the same time. Don't be an optimist. Things usually take longer than what you'd expect, even without major delays. If you have a dinner appointment at 7.30 p.m., don't think you can work till 7 p.m., then take a bath, dress and reach on time. Realistically, calculate the time you will take at each step and then add 10 minutes more to allow for unexpected delays, or you cannot get to your job in time.

Wake up when you are supposed to wake up. Don't hit the snooze button, keep on lying in bed, and watch TV at the very start of your day. Maybe try even setting your clock 10 minutes earlier than you need. If you have difficulty with this, move your alarm clock to somewhere away from your bed, that way, you have to get up to turn it off. Commit yourself to being 15 minutes early for everything. If you

have to reach your place of work at 8:00, don't even tell yourself this. Just tell yourself (and everyone else who listens - but don't annoy them or make them think that they are late or early!) "I have to be at work at 7:45". If you do this, you will be on time even with little unforeseen delays. You will be on time even with a traffic jam.

- (i) Answer the following questions:
- a. What is one of the easiest ways to run late? **1**
  - b. How can we get to our job on time? **2**
  - c. Mention any two ways to set a wake up alarm. **2**
- (ii) Find words in the passage that has the same meaning as: **3x1=3**
- a. exact and correct ,without mistakes
  - b. one who sees the positive side of things
  - c. not expected

**9. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:**

People who smoke are being hounded out of all public places - offices, restaurants, educational institutions, buses, trains etc. Away from home now it is becoming nearly impossible to find a place to smoke. Growing restrictions and the fear of various diseases caused by tobacco are prompting many smokers to stop smoking. 19 states in the U.S. have made laws against smoking. Taxes on tobacco products are being raised. Smoking is banned at several places. Still the number of smokers is rising in India. More than 25 crore people in India are addicted to tobacco. Also, according to a WHO report around half of them will die of tobacco related diseases. Unfortunately most people in India still need a strict warning based on a test report before they decide to give up smoking. Patients too seek medical help only after they show serious symptoms of an illness. Some hospitals have set up centres to identify risk factors among the young so that they can take preventive measures like giving up smoking early in life.

Tobacco is the second biggest cause of death in the world. It is responsible for the death of five crore people each year all over the world. Half of the people who are addicted to tobacco will ultimately be killed by this addiction. Many people get rid of this habit on their own and those who are willing to, but can't, go to de-addiction centres. These centres use counselling, nicotine replacement therapy and prescriptive drugs to deal with withdrawal problems. Quitting cold turkey – stopping the use of tobacco at once – works well but only for those who have control and determination to quit.

- (i) Answer the following questions:
- a. What prompts smokers to stop smoking? **1**
  - b. Mention two steps taken to discourage smoking. **2**
  - c. How do people get rid of their smoking habit? **2**

(ii) Complete the following sentences:

6x½=3

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10. **Read the poem carefully and fill in the blanks:**

### Sympathy

I lay in sorrow deep distressed:  
My grief a proud man heard,  
His looks were cold. He gave me gold  
But not a kindly word.  
My sorrow passed I paid him back  
The gold he gave me.  
Then stood erect and spoke my thanks  
And blessed his charity.  
I lay in want and grief, and pain  
A poor man passed my way  
He bound my head, he gave me bread :  
He watched me night and day  
How shall I pay him back him again  
For all he did to me?  
Oh, gold is great, but greater far is heavenly sympathy.

(Charles Mackay)

**Fill in the blanks to complete the summary of the poem:**

8x½=4

The poet was once in deep distress. A rich man who \_\_\_\_\_ about his sorrow helped him with gold but uttered no \_\_\_\_\_ word. When the poet recovered he repaid the gold of the rich man with \_\_\_\_\_ for his \_\_\_\_\_. Again, he fell into sorrow. Now, he met a poor man who \_\_\_\_\_ over him day and night and gave him \_\_\_\_\_ and nursed his wounds. When the poet recovered he could not think of how he could \_\_\_\_\_ him back. Money can be repaid but \_\_\_\_\_ is a heavenly quality which can never be paid back.

**UNIT – III (Writing)**

11. Answer **any one** of the following questions in about 60 words: **4**

- a. You are Joseph, the President of the Cultural Club of Springfield School, Tuensang. Write a notice to the students of Class X regarding your Annual picnic programme giving all details of time, date, place etc.
- b. You have a three bedroom flat in Dimapur which you want to rent out. Draft an advertisement in not more than 60 words to be published in ‘Nagaland Page’ under the classified column.
- c. You had spent your summer vacation in your uncle’s private estate in Shillong. You had an adventurous time there with your cousins. Write an Email to your uncle thanking him for his hospitality and the opportunity for a memorable experience.

12. Write a paragraph in about 80-100 words on, ‘How to keep healthy’ using the inputs given: **4**

Good health-necessary for success and happiness-rules of healthy living-proper diet-exercise-fresh air-work-sound sleep-avoidance of bad habits-peace of mind

13. Based on the visual input given below, write on “ Road Safety” in about 120-150 words: **5**



**Alternate question only for the visually impaired students: ONLY the visually impaired students should attempt this question.**

Based on the inputs given below, write on ‘Benefits of regular exercise’ in about 120-150 words. **(5)**

keeps the body healthy –improves concentration and focus-strengthens muscles-stamina- boosts immunity- weight management-increases energy level- mental stability

14. Answer **any one** of the following in about 200 words: **7**
- a. You are Amit/Rita, the President of the Social Service Club of your school. Write a letter to the Director of 'Home of Hope' -an old age home, 56, RD Road , Mon Town, enquiring how students can contribute for the care of the old.
  - b. Social Media has taken the public by storm. If there are advantages of Social Media, there is a dark side to it as well. Write an article expressing your views on this for your school magazine.
  - c. You are John, the school student leader of Hills View School, Phek. Write a report of the recent golden jubilee celebrations of your school to be published in the school magazine.

**UNIT – IV (Grammar)**

15. Rewrite the given sentences as directed in the brackets: **5x1=5**
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_ people know as much about computers as Jacob does.  
(Fill in the blank with an appropriate quantifier)
  - (b) Reading increases knowledge.  
(State whether the underlined verb is gerund, participle or infinitive)
  - (c) My friend said \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Complete the sentence with a Noun Clause)
  - (d) Mars is known as the red planet.  
(Underline the phrase in the sentence)
  - (e) Mona loves mangoes.  
(Identify the verb and state whether it is transitive or intransitive)
16. Change the narration: **4x1=4**
- (a) Dave said to me, "Where did you go last weekend?"
  - (b) Marc told me that he had finished his homework.
  - (c) The teacher ordered me not to talk to my neighbour.
  - (d) Chuba said, "What a wonderful painting it is!"
17. Change the voice: **3x1=3**
- (a) The terrorists blew up the vehicle.
  - (b) They have planted some trees.
  - (c) Coins are being collected by my friend.
18. State whether the underlined clauses are Adjective Clause or Adverb Clause: **3x1=3**
- (a) That man, who is singing on the stage, is my brother.
  - (b) Memory is deceptive because it is coloured by today's events.
  - (c) My mother wore the dress which I had given her.

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