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**Sample Paper**  
**2024-2025**  
**ENGLISH**

**TIME: 3 HOURS]**

**[Max Marks: 80**

- Note:** (I) This question paper is divided into four **Sections:-A, B, C and D.**  
(II) **All** questions are **compulsory**. Marks are indicated against each question.

**SECTION-A (Reading)**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow-

“Uttarakhand, a paradise on earth, is a popular tourist destination in india. The state is home to several sacred Hindu temples, including the famous Kedarnath and Badrinath. The scenic beauty of Himalayas, lush green forest, and picturesque valleys make Uttarakhand a nature lover’s paradise. Adventures seekers can enjoy activities like trekking, rafting, and skiing in destinations like Rishikesh, Mussoorie, and Auli. The state is also famous for its yoga and wellness centers, attracting tourist from around the world. Uttarakhand’s rich cultural heritage and delicious cuisine and to its charm making it an ideal destination for tourists.”

- (a) Uttarakhand is famous for- 1
- (i) Kedarnath and Badrinath
  - (ii) Tirupati and Vaishno Devi
  - (iii) Rameshwaram and Madurai
  - (iv) Somnath and Dwarka
- (b) What activities can adventure seekers enjoy in Uttarakhand? 2
- (c) Which of these locations are as adventure sports destination in Uttarakhand- 1
- (i) Jaipur, Udaipur and Mount Abu
  - (ii) Rishikesh, Mussoorie and Auli
  - (iii) Mandi, Shimla and Kullu
  - (iv) Dehradun, Haldwani and Kotdwar
- (d) What is the significance of Uttarakhand’s yoga and wellness centers? 2

2. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:-

“In today’s fast-paced, ever-changing world, skills become an essential component of education. Gone are days when mere academic knowledge was enough to succeed. Now, students need to acquire a wide range of skills to stay ahead in the game. Critical thinking, problem-solving, communication, collaboration and creativity are some of the key skills that student need to develop. These skills will enable them to navigate the complexity of the 21<sup>st</sup> century make informed decision, and adapt to new situation. Moreover skills like Time management, self-motivation and Emotional Intelligence are crucial for students to become indecent learners and take charge of their own education by emphasizing skill in education, we can equip student with the tools they need to succeed in all aspect of life.”

- (a) Why have skills become important in education today? 2
- (b) What are some key skills that students need to develop? 1
- (c) How will acquiring skills benefit students in the long run? 1
- (d) What is the ultimate goal of emphasizing skills in education according to the passage? 1
- (i) To help students to get high paying jobs.
- (ii) To make learning more enjoyable.
- (iii) To equip students with tools for success in all aspects of life.
- (iv) To reduce academic pressure.
- (e) Choose the correct option and write in your answer book: 1\*2=2
- (I) What is the main idea of the passage?
- (a) Knowledge (b) Skills
- (c) Education (d) Technology
- (II) Which skill is not mentioned in the passage?
- (a)Critical Thinking (b) Problem-solving
- (c)Memory (d) Communication
- (f) 1\*2=2
- (I) Which word in the passage is similar to ‘Crucial’?
- (a) Important (b) Essential
- (c) Vital (d) Necessary
- (II) Which word in the passage is the opposite of “Critical”?
- (a) Creative (b) Analytical
- (c) Posture (d) Uncritical

### SECTION- B (Writing)

3. You are Aman/Ambika living at Belni, Rudraprayag.

The residents of your locality are facing a problem of irregular water supply. Write a letter to the Executive Engineer Jal Nigam Board Rudraprayag to short out this problem.

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OR

You are Rohan/Sony living in Hotel Birla School, Pauri. Your school has organized an educational tour to Nainital during summer holidays. Write a letter to your parents seeking their permission for the tour.

4. Write a paragraph on any **one** of the following in about 60 words 4

- (I) My favorite Destination.
- (II) My aim of life.
- (III) My Maternal Grandmother.

5. On the basis of hints given below, write a paragraph on "morning assembly of my School" in about 80 words. 5

**Hints:** Begins with a Bell  
Prayers and Songs  
Principal's motivational words  
Sense of unity and discipline  
National Anthem  
Patriotic feeling

### SECTION-C (Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks with correct form of non- finites given in the brackets :  $\frac{1}{2} * 4 = 2$

- (a) .....breakfast is essential. (Eat)
- (b) I want to.....French. (Learn)
- (c) .....is a good exercise. (Swim)
- (d) Having.....his work he went out for a party. (Finish)

7. Combine the following pairs of sentence using sentence connectors given in the brackets :  $1 * 2 = 2$

- (a) I eat breakfast. I go to school. (Before)
- (b) I get home, I will start my homework. (As soon As)

8. Join the following pairs of sentences as directed-  $1 * 2 = 2$

- (a) The capital of France is Paris. It is a well-known fact. (Begin with "it is a well-known fact.....")
- (b) Kalidas is a great dramatist. We know it (Begin with 'we know .....')

9. Fill in the blanks with correct form of verbs given in the brackets-  $1 * 3 = 3$

I..... (Go) to the movies last night. She..... (Finish) her homework before bed.  
The company..... (Launch) a new product last year.

10. Complete the following sentences using suitable modals.  $1 * 2 = 2$

- (a) .....you speaks French fluently?
- (b) You.....apologize for your mistake.

11. (a) Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences-  $1 * 2 = 2$

- (I) In/the/rain/Planning/Children/are.
- (II) The/really/very/difficult/assignment.

- (b) Transform the following sentences into Passive Voice.  $1 * 2 = 2$

- (I) "The Teacher is writing on the board."  
(II) "I will read the book tomorrow."

**SECTION-D (Text Book)**

**(Prose)**

12. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

'Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this skill-backed notebook grandly repressed to as a 'diary', useless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

- (a) What was the writer feeling at the beginning of the passage? **1**  
(b) What did the writer realize about paper? **1**  
(c) Name the chapter from which above passage has been taken? **1**  
(d) Find a word in the passage which means "Miserable"? **1**

13. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow-

Day after day she watched the bus and gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and grew there: she wanted to ride on that bus, even if just once. This wish became stronger and stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire. Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on or off the bus when it stopped at the street corner.

- (a) Who wanted to ride on the Bus? **1**  
(b) What's going on her mind? **1**  
(c) Find a word in the passage which means 'desire'? **1**  
(d) How did Valli's friends react to her fascination with the Bus? **1**

14. Answer the following question in about 80 words-

Why did such a large number of international leaders attend the inauguration? What did it signify the triumph of? **5**

**OR**

Did Lencho try to find out who had sent the money to him? Why/ Why Not?

15. Answer the following question in about 30-40 words **3**

Describe in your words the chemistry between Lomov and Natalya?

**OR**

Do you think Indian and Russian weddings have any customs in common?

**(Poetry)**

16. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears. And ink and blink chased lions down the stairs; mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage but custard cried for a nice safe cage.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet? 1
- (b) Who wants a nice safe cage? 1
- (i) Belinda
- (ii) Mustard
- (iii) Ink and blink.
- (iv) Custard
- (c) Find out the rhyming words from the above stanza? 1

**OR**

Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued

- (a) Name the poem and the poet? 1
- (b) Find out rhyming words from the above stanza? 1
- (i) Heart-part
- (ii) Heart-mood
- (iii) Mood-part
- (iv) Part-rued
- (c) What does the line “and saved some part of a day” mean? 1

17. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 30-40 words each : 2\*2=4

- (a) Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?
- (b) Where are the trees in the poem?
- (c) Why does the poet say, “I would not intrude on him? Why doesn't he offer him money to buy another ball?”

**(Supplementary Reader)**

18. Answer the following questions in about 100 words: 7  
How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?

**OR**

Do you think people like Anil and Hari Singh are found only in fiction, or are there such people in real life?

19. Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words : 3  
How did Boli's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?

**OR**

Does Anil realize that he has been robbed?

**20.** Answer the following question in about 20-30 words :

**2**

Is the narrator as rich as Trick's mistress?

**OR**

How do they replace the necklace?

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