

**English**

Time : 3 Hours

Full Marks 80

**General Instructions :**

1. This Question paper is divided into three sections.  
Section A - Reading : 20 Marks  
Section B - Writing and Grammar : 30 Marks  
Section C - Literature Text Book : 30 Marks
2. All questions are compulsory.
3. Figures in the margin indicate full marks.
4. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

**Section – A**

**(Reading) Marks : 20**

**1) Read the Passage given below and answer the questions that follow :**

James cook, the explorer of Australia and New Zealand was born in Morton village, Cleveland, on 28<sup>th</sup> October 1728. From his childhood , he was interested in sea journeys. One day he made up his mind. He, too was going to sea in order to visit beautiful lands. At the age of twenty seven, Cook had become the first mate. The first service Cook saw was in Canada. There he was employed in the task of surveying the St. Lawrence.

Cook on August 25, 1768 was with a company of eighty three men. They set sail in the ship named “Endeavour”. They planned to cover a bigger part of the globe. They reached Tahiti in the spring of 1769. Cook travelled south on his search for the unknown country. At length he reached New Zealand.

**Questions :**

- a) What was James Cook’s interest in childhood? 2
- b) When did he become the first mate? 2
- c) What was the task given to him? 2
- d) Complete the following: 2
  - i) The first service Cook saw .....
  - ii) They reached Tahiti in the .....

**2) Read the Passage given below and answer the questions that follow :**

The Mohwa is one of the most important of Indian forest trees, not for its timber but for its delicious flowers. To the people of Central India it provides the most important article of food as the flowers can be stored almost indefinitely.

The Mohwa tree has a large thick grey bark. Most of the leaves fall from February to April and during that time the scented flowers appear hanging in close bunches of a dozen or so. It is at night that the tree blooms and at dawn each short lived flower falls to the ground. A couple of months after the flowering period the fruit opens. They are fleshy green berries. They are quite large and contain from one to four shiny, brown seeds.

The gathering of the edible Mohwa flowers is an important business to the country people. Below the tree the ground is cleared and swept and at dawn blooms are collected and allowed to dry out on the earth. The flowers taste something like pressed figs. Sugar puddings and other sweetmeats are made from them. All parts of the fruits, both ripe and unripe are used. A thick oil is extracted from the kernels, which being yellowish, gives it the name of ‘Butter Tree’. The oil is used for cooking, making soap and candles.

**Questions :**

- a) Why is Mohwa one of the most important of Indian forest trees? 2
- b) How do the fruits of Mohwa look? How many seeds does each fruit have? 2
- c) What delicacy is made of the flowers? 2
- d) What is the other name of 'Mahwa'? 2
- e) Complete the following : 1+1
  - i) The Mohwa tree has a large thick ..... =2
  - ii) The flowers taste something like .....
- f) Make sentences with the following words: 1+1
  - i) allowed (ii) delicious =2

**Section – B**

(Writing and Grammar)

(Marks : 30)

- 3) Write a letter to your mother about your Hostel life. (In about 100 words) 8

OR

Write a letter to the Area Manager, BSNL to get the dead telephones of your area repaired. (In about 100 words)

- 4) Write a paragraph on any one of the following topics in about 100-150 words. 8
- a) Your aim in life
  - b) Importance of newspaper
  - c) Discipline

- 5) Fill in the blanks with the correct option given below : 1×6  
(to play, where, smoking, until, as, was washing) =6
- a) ..... is injurious to health.
  - b) Plants breathe ..... animals do.
  - c) Do you know ..... she lives.
  - d) I ..... my clothes when my friends came.
  - e) She likes ..... hockey.
  - f) Do not go ..... I say.

- 6) Transform the following sentences as directed in the brackets. 1×4
- a) She was too busy to help me. (Remove 'too') =4
  - b) Who is not afraid of death? (into Assertive)
  - c) My mother said to me, "How are you." (Into indirect Speech)
  - d) He was playing football. (into Passive voice)

- 7) Fill in the blanks with suitable modals given in the Brackets : 1×4  
(can, could, may, must) =4
- a) Parents ..... look after their children.
  - b) It ..... rain today.
  - c) She ..... dance very well.
  - d) I ..... run faster when I was small.

**Section – C**

(Literature Text Book) **Marks : 30**

**(a) Prose - Marks : 10**

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

Very soon Mij would follow me without a lead and come to me when I called his name. He spent hours shuffling a rubber ball round the room like a four-footed soccer player using all four feet to dribble the ball, and he could also throw it, with a powerful flick of the neck, to a surprising height and distance. But the real play of an otter is when he lies on his back and juggles with small objects between his paws. Marbles were Mij's favourite toys for this pastime, he would lie on his back rolling two or more of them up and down his wide, flat belly without ever dropping one to the floor.

**Questions :**

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| a) What did the otter do to a rubber ball?           | 1 |
| b) What is the real play of an otter?                | 1 |
| c) What did he do to the marbles?                    | 1 |
| d) Find a word from the passage which means 'hobby'. | 1 |

B Answer the following question : 6

Describe the narrator's experience as he flew the aeroplane into the storm ?

**OR**

How is Coorg a place worth visiting ?

**(b) Poetry - Marks : 10**

9) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:

What is the boy now who has lost his ball,  
What, What is he to do ? I saw it go  
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then  
Merrily over – there it is in the water!

**Questions :**

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| a) Name the poem form where this extract has been taken. | 1 |
| b) Who has written these lines?                          | 1 |
| c) What has the boy lost?                                | 1 |
| d) Where did the ball go?                                | 1 |

10) Answer any two of the following questions in about 20-30 words each : 3+3

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| (a) What does the poet compare the branches of the trees to? | =6 |
| (b) Describe how the fog comes and what form it assumes.     |    |
| (c) Why does the poet want to turn and live with animals ?   |    |

**(C) Supplementary Reader**

**Marks : 10**

11) (A) Give a character Sketch of Matilda. 8

**OR**

Discuss the role of the teacher in moulding the personality of Bholi.

(B) What work did the thief do for Anil ? 2

**OR**

How did Ebright's mother encourage him ?