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- Instructions :** (i) Dedicated marks for each question is written next to it.
- (ii) There are four sections in this paper which are reading, writing, grammar and textbooks.

Section A

(READING)

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions given below :

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'Birds of a feather flock together' is an old maxim. The teenagers also behave in a similar fashion, and are hence more influenced by their peers than their elders. This is quite natural for the teenager's mind in impressionable and is influenced by their peers in school or college. So great is this influence that there is a perceptible change in their behaviour and personality as soon as they enter college. The teenagers try to emulate their peers in the dress they wear, their hairstyle, clothes, language and behaviour so much that their personality gets completely transformed.

This happens because they directly relates with them being in the same age group and class. Quite often, they idolize their peers and have them as their role models. The same is not the case with adults, whom they perceive as old fashioned and irrelevant. This is on account of the ever-increasing generation gap, which exists between today's youth and elders.

The teenagers spend most of their time with their peer group and then with adults. It is therefore, quite natural for them to imbibe the values, culture and behaviour of the group. They often succumb to peer pressure and do things that they would not normally do like smoking, abusing etc. Some under the influence of peer pressure improve their academic performance or sporting skills while each take to drugs and crime for the momentary thrill and adventure it entails.

The influences of peers is also greater because they feel more comfortable and reassuring in their company. This is contrary to the awkwardness they feel, when interacting with adults, whom they perceive as old and stern.

Shrewd market men exploit these characteristics to promote the sale of products targeted for them. Thus we find motorcycles, dresses, cosmetics and even lifestyle products being endorsed by peers. They soon become a craze with the teenagers. This in itself is an ample proof of the profound influence of the peers on the teenagers. This influence will increase, with

increasing materialistic value permeating to society. It is because of this, parents ensure that they have the right peers in school and college, so that they do not remain distracted in their life.

(i) The word used for describing a proverb or an old saying in this passage

- (a) flock
- (b) maxim
- (c) feather
- (d) teenagers

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(ii) Teenagers get influenced more by their

- (a) teachers
- (b) elders
- (c) peers
- (d) birds

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(iii) The word "emulate" means here

- (a) copy
- (b) inspire
- (c) praise
- (d) hate

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(iv) Why do peers are idolized as role models ?

(a) They are in the same age group.

(b) They are in same class.

(c) They are not old fashioned.

(d) All of the above

(v) The influence of peers is greater because —

(a) They are reassuring

(b) They make you feel comfortable.

(c) Both (a) and (b)

(d) None of the above

(vi) Adults are not taken as

(a) Stern

(b) Irrelevant

(c) Comfortable

(d) Old

(vii) What becomes the craze in teenagers ?

(a) Shrewd market

(b) Awkwardness

(c) Academic performance

(d) Lifestyle products

(viii) Parents ensure that their ward should have right

- (a) Peers
- (b) Motorcycle
- (c) Dresses
- (d) Perfume

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(ix) The peer influence increases

- (a) with changing school
- (b) with sporting skills
- (c) with materialistic influence
- (d) with crime

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(x) Find the appropriate word of the similar meaning of "intense or great"

- (a) ample
- (b) profound
- (c) values
- (d) permeating

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2. Read the following passage and make "Notes" on it using abbreviations.

Also give a suitable title to the passage :

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Almost 3000 years of food evolution has taken place for the pizza pie to reach its current delicious state today. Although flat bread have

been around for 6,000 years. The word, "pizziare" started appearing in Italian writings as far back as 1000 B.C. The word pizza itself is believed to have originated from an old Italian word meaning, "a point" which in turn became the Italian word "Pizziare" which means to pinch, or to pluck.

Tomatoes were first introduced to Italy from South America in 1522. At first, the tomato was believed to be poisonous. Fortunately, the poor peasants of the region finally overcame their doubts about tomatoes in the 17th century and began adding it to the bread dough, and the first pizzas were created. Before the tomato arrived in the 1500s, the first pizzas in Naples were white, made with garlic, olive oil, salt, anchovies and probably lard. Napolitans were the first in Europe to embrace the tomato, since it was deemed poisonous in Europe as a member of the night shade family. With the rise in popularity of tomato, people started using it more. Mozzarella cheese was also slowly gaining ground. Mozzarella had become available in Italy only after water buffalo were imported from India in the 7th century (Mozzarella was first made with water buffalo milk). Its popularity grew very slowly until the last half of the 18th Century. In fact, cheese and tomatoes did not meet on a pizza until 1889.

In the later half of the 19th century, pizza migrated to America with the Italians. By the turn of the century, the Italian immigrants had begun to open their own bakeries and were selling groceries as well as pizza. Gennaro Lombardi opened the first true US pizzeria in 1905 at spring street in New York City, a part of town known as "Little Italy".

Section B

(Writing)

3. You are Amit/Amita the secretary of the photography club of your school i.e. Sunrays Public School, Vidisha. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words informing the students of class XII about a proposed photo walk of the historical monuments of the city. (4) 5

Or

Draft a classified advertisement to be published in a newspaper regarding the sale of your flat as you are leaving this city due to your transfer. You are Harsh Mittal, 5A-Rachna Towers, Bhopal-26.

4. You are Mr. Raj Khurana, E-8 Extension, Rohit Nagar, Bhilai. Write a letter to the Editor of the popular newspaper of your city about the unpleasant experience at a Govt. Hospital where doctors were on strike leaving the patients at the mercy of God. (4) 5

Or

You are Arpan/Arpana living at Subhash Hostel, Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal. Write a letter to your family in Indore about the benefits you experienced after a ban of using mobile phones on weekdays.

Do mention how you cherish more about writing letters than chatting on phone.

5. Write an article in 120-150 words on "India : A Land of Festivals" focussing on :

- (i) Unity in diversity
- (ii) Major festivals
- (iii) Themes, common elements in all the festivals
- (iv) Uniqueness and variations.

Or

Write a report for your school magazine in 120-150 words. You are Preeti/ Preetam of class XII and attended a workshop on spreading awareness about eating vegetables and fruits. Do not forget to mention the special gifts you received as seeds of seasonal vegetables can be grown in your home garden.

Section-C

(Grammar)

6. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct answer from the given options (Any five) :

5×1=5 ✓

- (i) My father is Ph.D. (a, an, the)
- (ii) We are going a wedding in Delhi. (attend, attending, to attend)
- (iii) I have books on the History of India. (much, many, some)
- (iv) He is working hard lest he fail. (should, would, could)
- (v) She likes coffee more tea. (than, then, only)

- (vi) Mr. Raman is very rich unhappy. (and, or, but)
- (vii) You obey your elders. (should, have to, must)
- (viii) The cat jumped the chair. (about, across, between)

7. Do as directed (any five) :

5×1=5

- (i) If you do not come on time, you will miss the train. (Rewrite using unless)
- (ii) As soon as he left the place, people started gossiping about him. (Rewrite using 'No sooner than' in place of 'As soon as')
- (iii) The man is wearing Red Jacket.
The man is my English Teacher.
(Combine the sentences using 'who' to make a relative clause)
- (iv) They (watch) television since morning.
(Rewrite using the correct form of the verb)
- (v) Neeta says, "I will give you my blue bag."
(Change the narration)
- (vi) team / our / yesterday / the / won / match.
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
- (vii) Raj helps the poor on daily basis.
(Change the voice)
- (viii) The Pacific ocean is the largest ocean in the world.
(Rewrite using positive degree of adjective)

Section-D

(Text-Books)

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

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Subbu was the No. 2 at Gemini Studios. He couldn't have had a more encouraging opening in films than our grown-up, make-up boy had. On the contrary he must have had to face more uncertain and difficult times, for when he began his career, there were no firmly established film producing companies or studios. Even in the matter of education, specially formal education, Subbu couldn't have had an appreciable lead over our boy. But by virtue of being born a Brahmin a virtue indeed, he must have had exposure to more affluent situations and people. He had the ability to look cheerful at all times even after having a hand in a flop film. He always had work for somebody.

- (i) Why was Subbu considered No. 2 at Gemini Studio ?

- (a) Owing to his flattering of boss.
- (b) Owing to his talent.
- (c) Owing to his being Brahmin.
- (d) All of the above

- (ii) Which of the following adjective suits Subbu ?

- (a) Cheerful
- (b) Helping
- (c) Resourceful
- (d) All of the above

- (iii) Who was more educated than Subbu according to Asokamitran ?
- (a) Lawyer
 - (b) Office boy
 - (c) Stephen
 - (d) Gemini
- (iv) The boy in the make-up room was jealous of
- (a) actors
 - (b) author
 - (c) visitors
 - (d) Subbu
- (v) Subbu is called a troubleshooter because
- (a) he always had work for all.
 - (b) he was a sycophant.
 - (c) he was tailor made for films.
 - (d) he helped his relatives.

9. (A) Read the extract and answer any *three* of the questions that follow :

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Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool.

Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.

The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band

Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.

- (i) Why is she finding the needle so hard to pull ?
- (a) because of fluttering fingers.
 - (b) because of trembling hands.
 - (c) because of her fears.
 - (d) because of the heavy weight of her marriage ring.

(ii) Uncle's wedding band sits heavily on Aunt Jennifer's hand because

- (a) it is an expensive and heavy ring.
- (b) she was married against her will.
- (c) she feels burdened in her marriage.
- (d) their relationship is lacking in love.

(iii) How would you describe Aunt Jennifer based on the above extract ?

- (a) oppressed
- (b) malnourished
- (c) aging
- (d) diseased

(iv) The rhyming scheme in the above stanza is

- (a) aabb
- (b) abab
- (c) abcd
- (d) abba

(B) Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :

Have you ever been there ? It's a wonderful town still with big old frame houses, huge lawns and tremendous trees whose branches meet overhead and roof the streets. And in 1894, summer-evenings were twice as long and people sat out on their lawns, the men smoking cigars and talking quietly, the women waving palm-leaf fans, with the fire-flies all around, in a peaceful world. To be back there with the First World War still twenty years off, and World War II over forty years in the future. I wanted two tickets for that.

(i) Who does 'you' refer to ?

- (a) Charley's psychiatrist
- (b) Charley's wife
- (c) The reader
- (d) None of the above

(ii) What is the significance of 1894 in the lesson ?

- (a) It was past
- (b) Author's parents were alive
- (c) Author's childhood time
- (d) A peaceful, romantic time

(iii) How would you describe Charley ?

- (a) confused, happy go lucky
- (b) escapist, adventurous
- (c) imaginative, nostalgic
- (d) friendly, responsible

(iv) Which wonderful town is the author talking about ?

- (a) New York
- (b) Illinois
- (c) Grand Central
- (d) Galesburg

10. Answer any *five* of the following in 30 words :

5×2=10 ✓

- (i) In what context did Gandhiji say, "The battle of Champaran is won" ?
- (ii) What did Sophie think she would gain by revealing the meeting with Danny Casey to Geoff ?
- (iii) Why did Douglas label his fear of drowning as a handicap ?
- (iv) Why are the bangle makers unable to organize into co-operatives ?
- (v) Whom did M. Hamel blame for not learning of the mother tongue ?
- (vi) Why did the Peddler pretend to be Nils Olof before the ironmaster ?
- (vii) What disparity in Kipling's behaviour do you observe regarding interviews ?

11. Answer the following questions (any *three*) :

3×2=6

- (i) Who are referred to as "the mighty dead" ?
- (ii) Why did the poet compare the mother's face to that of a corpse ?
- (iii) Now we will count to twelve Is there any special reason the poet used the number twelve.
- (iv) What did the folk who had put up the roadside stands want from the city dwellers ?

12. Answer the following questions (any *two*) :

2×2=4

- (i) For whom did the Tiger King announce a three year exemption from all taxes ?
- (ii) Which words of Annan inspired Bama ?
- (iii) Why was Sadao not sent with the Japanese Army, although he was an expert doctor ?

13. Answer the following (any *two*) :

2×3=6

- (i) "I am a professor who writes novels on Sundays" — Discuss the time management skill of Umberto Eco.
- (ii) What was MRA ? Why was the MRA given a warm welcome at the Gemini Studios ?
- (iii) What did Gandhi do for the social and cultural development of Champaran ?

14. Answer the following (any one) :

(i) Why did the "Polished traffic" stop at the roadside stand ? Which poetic device is used in "Polished traffic" ?

(ii) What does the poet want to say to those preparing for green wars ?

15. Answer the following questions (any one) :

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(i) How did Mr. Lamb infuse positive attitude in Derry ?

(ii) The Tiger King's quest for tigers was full of hurdles and challenges.

Justify the statement.