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Section–A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following poetic passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title :

Tourism has emerged as the world's largest industry. Growing rapidly in the last two decades, today it accounts for 6% of world out put and employs some 100 million people around the globe. Since the end of the Second World War, it has developed revenue and development potential and stands today as a unique natural renewable resource industry.

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Tourism–the travel based recreation–provides people with change of place and a break from the monotony of daily life. It brings peoples of different nations together, allowing them to come into close contact with each other's customs and other aspects of life. It reveals the scenic beauty and past heritage of a country to people belonging to other nations. The knowledge and experience gained in the process can lead to greater understanding and tolerance, and can even foster world-place.

The contribution of tourism can be nowhere seen more clearly than on the economic front. A study conducted by the United Nations has shown that developing countries, in particular, can reap handsome benefits out of tourism which greatly boosts national income. Tourism also generates employment, and adds to the entrepreneurial wealth of a nation. While tourism's advantages are many, its undesirable side-effects have raised fresh problems also.

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Tourism can cause social, cultural or environmental disruption. Of the greatest concern is its damage to the environment. In order to attract more tourists, sprawling resorts are built which take neither the local architectural styles nor the ecology into consideration. Natural systems come to be destroyed as a result of indiscriminate construction to provide water and waste disposal facilities and recreational arrangements to tourists over usue of environmental wealth disturbs the ecological balance.

Damage is most in wildlife parts which remain the foremost sites of tourist attraction. Tourist vans and the visitors' feet destroy the ground vegetation, thus affecting the feeding habits of the animals and the landscope as well. Overcrowding brings about congestion, leading to environmental and health hazards. The Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world, has suffered a lot of wear and tear from trampling feet of tourists.

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Some socio-cultural effects to tourism have been damaging. Tourism often ushers in new life styles; arrangements as desired by tourists are provided in order to make them feel at home. The emergence of the 'other' culture in various places has caused dissatisfaction among the local people. The local people tend to imitate the foreign values, breaking away from their own traditions. Again to promote safe tourism, to keep it profitable industry, it is imperative to understand the factors that hamper the growth of tourism. Some factors which damage the tourism prospects are; political disturbances, terrorism, growing violence in the international scene etc. are some of them. Whatever the problems, India must work hard to reap the benefits from this industry, for the country has everything to attract visitors from far and near.

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2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

Superstitions have played a unique role in the human life right from the beginning of the civilization. Even today we find many people who are superstitious about different things and do not want to give them up for some reasons or others. In fact, the ancient man was ignorant about and at a loss to explain various natural phenomena like thunder, lightning and climatic changes. He knew little about the sun, moon, comets and meteors etc, so he formulated his own theories about these celestial bodies and happenings and so devised methods to protect himself against their adverse effects. However with the advance in science, man came to understand many heavenly bodies and their

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physical characteristics. As a result, the old beliefs should have died down. But somehow they continue to have their hold on people.

A superstition is a belief, usually born out of fear, which is contrary to reason and cannot be proved by experience of logic. For example, a comet was a mysterious phenomenon. It was taken to be a sign of imminent plague, or war or some big calamity. People also believed that if one looked at the moon for a long time, he would get "moon struck". In fact the word 'Lunatic' has been derived from the latin word "Luna" which means moon. Since the ancient people also failed to understand the behaviour of animals, they built up superstitions about them. A black cat crossing your path was a sign of bad luck. The hoot of an owl was a sign of destruction or the approaching death and so on. Over the centuries superstitions about 'luck' and 'unlucky'

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numbers were also developed. For example, 13 is still considered to be unlucky throughout the world even now. Scandinavian countries believed that thunder and lightning were caused when their god Thor threw his hammer at his enemies. Sneezing is considered to be bad omen everywhere and it causes failure in the cause for which one is about to go. It was why, on sneezing people often say "God bless you". It is how there are numberless superstitions prevailing over human beings. With the advancement of science, a good number of superstitions have definitely decreased but still there are many which continue to have their way into human life. It is funny to know that not only illiterate or less literate people are in grips of so many superstitions but also well educated fail to shed off the superstitious behaviour.

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Questions :

(i) How do you define a superstition ?

(ii) With the advancement of science, superstitions have died down completely. (True/False)

(iii) Give the noun form of 'ignorant'.

(iv) When some one sneezes, what does he utter quickly ?

(A) Sorry for it

(B) God bess you

(C) No problem

(D) It is O.K.

(v) In 'Mysterious phenomenon' the word 'mysterious' is :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

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(vi) Why did ancient people formulate so many superstitious beliefs ?

(vii) Give the antonyms of 'adverse'.

(viii) 'The hooting of an owl, particularly at night' is taken as a sign of ..... . (Complete it)

(ix) Where from the word 'lunatic' is believed to be derived ?

(x) Give a suitable title to this passage. 1×10=10

Section–B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are the cultural secretary of your school. Your school is going to organise 'A cultural evening' in school auditorium to collect funds for the slum children. Prepare a poster to be displayed in different areas of the city. Entry is by a tickets (nominal) (**50** words).

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Or

Your younger sister is a student of class 10th. She broke her foot accidently and hence cannot go to school at least for a month. Draft an advertisement (not exceeding **50** words) for the local Newspaper, for a teacher for teaching Science and Maths to your sister at home. 1×4=4

4. The road leading to your school is very congested and full of potholes. Students and parents are often caught in traffic jams. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper drawing the attention of the government to this problem and requesting for improving the condition of the road. (**120–150** words)

Or

You are the librarian of your school. As desired and ordered by the Principal, write a letter to M/s Unique Book Shop, ordering for the supply English books and Books in Physics and Chemistry, which have recently been introduced by BOSE, for the school library.

(**120–150** words) 6

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5. Write an e-Mail to your friend congratulating him on becoming the Captain of the school cricket team, as conveyed by a notice on the school notice board from Principal's office. (**50–80** words) 4

6. Incidents of "Crimes against Women" are increasing. As the student editor of your school magazine, write an article on "How can youth help in fighting against this evil and the sin" for your school magazine.

(**200–250** words)

Or

You are the press correspondent of "ABC News World". There was an incident of theft in your locality, where much of cash and gold ornaments were stolen by some one. Write a report of the incident giving a detailed information for your Newspaper. (**200–250** words) 8

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7. Edit the following passage and correct the errors underlined as (1 ..... to ..... 8).

As soon as I opened the door, I see..... (1) my friend sohan ..... (2). glad to see you, I said, "..... (3) come in please." I made him sit on the sofa and offer him..... (4) a glass of water. "When did you came from ..... (5) from Delhi ?" I asked. He only smiled and said, "I came yesterday. But friend, I has learnt ..... (6) that East or West, home is the best. I would advice all not to left home..... (7, 8) unless it is unavoidable and necessary." 1×8=8

8. Read the extract from a poem given below and answer any *two* questions given at the end :

Where did my childhood go ?

Was it the time I realised that adults were not,

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all they seemed to be.

They talked of love and preached of love

But did not act so lovingly,

Was that the day !

Questions :

(i) What does the poet experience about the adults ?

(ii) When does the poet feel having virtually lost her childhood ?

(iii) Explain "But did not act so lovingly." 2×1=2

Attempt any *five* of the following questions :

(i) Why did the grandmother accompany the narrator to his school ?

What did she do there ? (The Portrait of a Lady)

(ii) What happened when Wu Daozi clapped his hands ?

(iii) Why was the narrator disappointed with Darchen ? (Silk Road)

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(iv) When did Ranga plan to marry and why ?

(v) Why couldn't the narrator believe that his cousin Mourad couldn't have bought the horse ?

(vi) What are the earth's principal biological systems ? 2×5=10

10. All the dangers and disasters could be confronted with patience, courage and determination. These were the basic virtues which enabled the writer, his family and crew members to reach safely to the island. Describe how the writer and his family etc exhibited these virtues in crises and conclude with brief comments as to how these virtues are essential for life. (**120–150** words)

Or

What is the change that has come in human perceptions ? What is the role of the Green Movement in bringing such a change ?

(**120–150** words)

11. Describe how Mrs. Pearson is treated by her own children and husband. How does she set them right ?

Or

The exaggerated nation of justice led the king to his own death. Give a reasoned answer.

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12. What do you understand by outsider art ? Describe the world-wide recognition achieved by Nek Chand as a living example of outsider art.

Or

Compare Frank and Crocker Harris to bring to light those qualities that Frank missed which make a great teacher. 6

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