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- Please check that this question paper contains 11 printed pages.
- Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- Please check that this question paper contains 15 questions.
- **Please write down the Serial Number of the question before attempting it.**
- 15 minutes time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

FUNCTIONAL ENGLISH

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 100

General Instructions :

- All the questions are compulsory.*
- Your answer should be to the point, try to stick to the word limit given.*

SECTION A (Reading)

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

1 I have often heard my male colleagues comment that women are not devoted to their work. They are not career-minded. They are too distracted running their homes and caring for their families.

2 Twelve years ago, when I began my career and spent most of my waking hours in the office I often disagreed with this assessment and said that they were stereotyping. I believed that women can be

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equally career-minded and apply themselves to the task at hand with the same diligence and sincerity that most (though not all) men do. Of course, like most such controversies examples can be given on either side of the argument.

- 3 But as I grew older and interacted with a large number of male colleagues and friends of all ages – from 21-year-old new recruits to much revered seniors close to retirement – I began to discern a pattern. It was true that most men exhibited a “devotion” to work which had two striking dimensions.
- 4 One was the almost compulsive need to put in long hours at work, irrespective of how productive or necessary that was. The second, which was logical fallout of the first, was that the devotion was achieved at the almost complete neglect of everything else. Not just of home, spouse, and family, who of course are affected, but also “distractions” that are necessary for one’s own growth and self-development, be it an interest in music, theatre, painting, or cooking. I found the adage, “All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy” increasingly applicable to most of the men I encountered. I am not suggesting that excellence at work does not demand extra effort – not only in terms of time but also in terms of emotional energy. The issue is one of balance.
- 5 And that is where I think the gender difference lies. My male colleagues were right. Women are different. They are able to do a lot more timesharing in their life than men can. They not only want to excel at work, but at the same time want to run an efficient and congenial home, find time for raising children, and maintain social relationships.
- 6 They are not devoted to the pursuit of goals related to work alone. And for that reason I think, a lot of women who are trying, against many odds, to balance these multiple dimensions of their life, lead richer lives than most men do. They take interest in and can converse with an amount of ease about the stock market or marketing strategies for a new recipe, an art exhibition or a new store for children clothing ! Try counting the number of men you encounter who exhibit such versatility.



- 1.1 (a) What do men think about working women ? 2
(b) How does the author view women at work ? 2
(c) How ironically does she demolish the male prejudice against working women ? 2
(d) How does a male-worker turn himself into a "dull boy" ? 2

1.2 Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : $1 \times 4 = 4$

- (a) met with / ran into (para 4)
(b) pleasant to spend time at (para 5)
(c) plans (para 6)
(d) ability to do many things (para 6)

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

The existence of oil wells has been known for a long time. Some of the Indians of North America used to collect and sell the oil from the wells of Pennsylvania. No one, however, seems to have realized the importance of this oil until it was found that paraffin-oil could be made from it; this led to the development of the wells and to the making of enormous profits. When the internal combustion engine was invented oil gained worldwide importance.

What was the origin of the oil which now drives our motor cars and aircraft ? Scientists are confident about the formation of coal, but they do not seem to be so sure when asked about oil. They think that the oil under the surface of the earth originated in the distant past, and was formed from living things in the sea. Countless billions of minute sea creatures and plants lived and sank to the bottom of the sea bed. They were covered with huge deposits of mud; and by processes of chemistry, pressure and temperature were changed through long ages into what we know as oil. For



these creatures to become oil, it was necessary that they should be imprisoned between layers of rock for an enormous length of time.

The statement that oil originated in the sea is confirmed by a glance at a map showing the chief oilfields of the world; very few of them are far distant from the oceans of today. In some places gas and oil come up to the surface of the sea from its bed. The rocks in which oil is found are of marine origin too. They are sedimentary rocks which were laid down by the action of water on the bed of the ocean. Almost always the remains of the shells, and other proofs of sea life, are found close to the oil. A very common sedimentary rock is called shale, which is a soft rock and was obviously formed by being deposited on the sea bed. And where there is shale there is likely to be oil.

The king of the oilfield is the driller. He is a very skilled man. Sometimes he sends his drill more than a mile into the earth. During the process of drilling, gas and oil may suddenly be met at great pressure, and if they rush out and catch fire the oil well may never be brought into operation at all. This danger is well known and steps are always taken to prevent it.

There is a lot of luck in drilling for oil. The drill may just miss the oil although it is near; on the other hand, it may strike oil at a fairly high level. When the drill goes down, it brings up soil. The samples of soil from various depths are examined for traces of oil. If they are disappointed at one place, the drillers go to another.

- (a) Make notes on the passage given above in any format using recognizable abbreviations. Give a suitable title to the passage. 5
- (b) Write a summary based on the notes you have made in about 80 words. 3



SECTION B (Writing)

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3. Amrita is your childhood friend. Her brother is getting married next week. The marriage party is going to Amritsar. She has invited you to accompany her with the marriage party. Write a reply in 50 – 80 words accepting the invitation. You are Aditi, 12 Mall Road, Delhi.

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OR

Ms. Rama Lal is your Principal's P.A. In 50 – 80 words write a factual description of Ms. Lal stating her age, education, appearance, manners, hobbies, ambition in life, etc.

4. Wedding, instead of being a simple and beautiful occasion is fast turning into a hugely expensive affair. A large number of guests, lavishly decorated pandals, variety of food, five star hotels or farm houses, all indicate one's status. Write a letter in 125 – 150 words to the editor of a national daily making a plea for simple and inexpensive weddings. You are Adesh, 15 Aram Bagh, Delhi.

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OR

In India sports persons, once they succeed in their respective fields are attracted towards commercial advertising which sometimes hurts their performances. Write a letter in 125 – 150 words to the editor of a national daily giving your views on the issue. You are Aditi, 12 Mall Road, Delhi.

5. There is a debate going on in the media whether we should allow tourist activities in and around wild life sanctuaries or not. The tourists add to the locals' as well as national income. It also results in the degradation of environment. Keeping the above in view, write an article in about 200 words on 'Tourism in wildlife sanctuaries'.

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We worship our rivers. Most of our holy places are located around the rivers. Yet very disgustingly we are polluting them. We dump our city waste and industrial waste into them. Even after festivals, used flowers add to river pollution. When population was sparse rivers regenerated themselves, which is almost impossible today. Keeping these clues in mind, write an article in about 200 words on 'River pollution and how to prevent it.'

SECTION C (Grammar)

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6. Rearrange the following sentences sequentially to make complete sense :

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- (a) Its dark coat blends with the shadows of the thick rain forest.
- (b) It hides the panther from the animals it hunts.
- (c) This dark coat acts as camouflage.
- (d) Deep in the shadows of the Asian jungle, the black panther hunts.
- (e) This big cat hunts monkeys in the trees.

7. The Principal of your school has won Sahitya Akademi award (year 2011) for her book, 'Reawakening'. Based on the following clues write a dialogue you had with her. The first exchange has been done for you. Add five more exchanges.

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Akriti : Good morning, madam. Congratulations on having won Sahitya Akademi award for your book of poems, 'Reawakening'.

Principal : Thank you.



- start writing — at 11
- occasion — birth, baby girl
- Why ? the birth of a poem — people sad, disgust
- dominant theme — hopes, aspirations, woman
- next book — long poem, Mary Jo Kom

8. The following passage has ten errors, one in each marked line. Identify the errors and write them along with the corrections as shown in the example :

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$$

Many peoples find the black panther the most interesting in all spotted leopards because it is rarer and most unusual than it's fair cousins. But whether black, tan, straw coloured and chestnut coloured, all members in the spotted

Error Correction

e.g. peoples people

(a) _____

(b) _____

(c) _____

(d) _____

(e) _____



leopard species is handsome. If

(f) _____

the lion is a king of beasts, then the

(g) _____

spotted leopard was the prince. For

(h) _____

its size, it is the stronger and bravest

(i) _____

of the big cat.

(j) _____

9. Mrs. Sarin, your French teacher led a group of students to a school in France on a cultural exchange programme. On her return you decide to interview her on her experiences during the programme. Frame 10 questions you will ask her with the help of the following clues. The first question has been done for you.

$$\frac{1}{2} \times 10 = 5$$

Ma'am, how did you get the idea of the programme ?

- choice of school
- welcome there
- attend classes
- way of teaching
- cultural events
- lodgings
- food
- impression, French life
- places visited
- invitation, return visit



SECTION D (Literature)

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10. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow : 6

When the first bird sings and the first bud opens,
And the faint perfume from its chalice steals —
I know what the caged bird feels !

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1
(b) Describe the contrast between the sense of the first line and that of the third. 2
(c) Identify and explain the figure of speech used in the second line. 2
(d) What is a chalice ? 1

OR

No doubt they'll soon get well; the shock and strain
Have caused their stammering, disconnected talk,
Of course they're 'longing to go out again,' —
These boys with old, scared faces, learning to walk.

- (a) Name the poem and the poet. 1
(b) Who are 'they' ? 1
(c) What has given them shock and strain ? 2
(d) Describe the irony inherent in these lines. 2



11. Answer any *two* of the following questions in 80 – 100 words each : $4 \times 2 = 8$

- (a) Describe any two important features of a good poem as mentioned in 'Ars Poetica'.
- (b) Identify the two images with the help of which A.K. Ramanujan describes his mother in her old age.
- (c) What picture of autumn is painted by Keats in the second stanza of 'Ode to Autumn' ?

12. Answer the following question in 80 – 100 words : 5

Alexander : Can I kill the devil that's in me ?

Which devil is Alexander talking about ? Why does he want to kill him ?

OR

There is an element of tragic irony in Herbert's suggestion to his father that he should wish for two hundred pounds to clear the debt on the house. Comment.

13. Answer any *two* of the following questions in about 80 words each : $3 \times 2 = 6$

- (a) What did the small boy dream of and why ?
- (b) Why are the bee and the wasp called noble animals ?
- (c) 'Lisa would go home to her dark little room and write : "I cannot pretend any longer".' What can't she pretend any longer ? Why ?



14. Answer the following question in about 100 words :

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What according to Einstein is the role of school in the system of education ?

OR

How did Robichon's performance of Jacques Roux's role surpass his conception of it ?

15. A casual reading of the story, 'A Room 10' × 8" may make one say : As you sow so shall you reap. Did Mrs. Malik deserve the treatment she got from her daughter-in-law ? Will you treat your elders the way her daughter-in-law treated Mrs. Malik ? In about 100 words give reasoned answers to both the questions.

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