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ENGLISH (Compulsory)**इंग्रजी (अनिवार्य)****Time : 3 hours****Maximum Marks : 100****Note :**

- (i) Answers must be written in English.
- (ii) All questions are compulsory.
- (iii) Figures to the RIGHT indicate marks of the respective question.
- (iv) Number of optional questions upto the prescribed number in the order in which they have been solved will only be assessed. Excess answers will not be assessed.
- (v) Credit will be given to correct spelling, punctuation, good handwriting and neatness.
- (vi) Irrelevant and rambling answers will be penalised SUITABLY.
- (vii) Candidate should not write roll number, any names (including his/her own), signature, address or any indication of his/her identity anywhere inside the answer book except mentioned in the questions, otherwise he/she will be penalised.

1. Write an essay in about 300 words on any of the following topics : 15
 - (a) A visit to a historical place.
 - (b) Life in city.
 - (c) My Favourite Author.
 - (d) Happy Childhood.
 - (e) Computer and Society Today.

2. (a) Write in about 100 words a letter to : 5

[Write your name and address as Shri Rohit Deshpande, 9, Shri Yashomangal Society, Shivajinagar, Nasik - 422 001. Write your friend's name and address as Shri Kiran Jadhav, 10, Shri Sainath Society, Savarkar Nagar, Nagpur - 400 018].

 - (i) Your friend giving him an account of science exhibition in which you have played prominent role.

OR

- (ii) Your father giving details of progress in your studies.

[Write your father's name and address as Shri Vinayak Deshpande, 'Hemant', Gulmohar Colony, Ahmednagar - 414 001.]

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- (b) Write in about 100 words.

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[Write your name and address as Shri Jagdish Patil, 2 'Krishna' Chetna Nagar, Pune - 411 009].

- (i) You are attending an evening course in French at the Institute of Foreign Languages, Aundh, Pune. You want to be absent from the course for a week. Write a letter to the director for getting permission for it.

OR

- (ii) You read the following advertisement in your local newspaper.

For Sale : imported Bullworker exerciser with built in powermeter, as good as new. Write to Box 2078.

Write a letter to the advertiser, asking the price, and when and where the exerciser may be seen.

OR

- (iii) Write to the editor of 'Sakal' Pune drawing his attention to bad conditions of roads of your area.

3. (a) Write a report in about 150 words on *any one* of the following :

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- (i) You are Secretary of Gymkhana of your college. Various competitions have been just held in your college. Prepare a report of it for submission to the Principal of your College.

OR

- (ii) You are working as a reporter for the newspaper 'Sakal'. Write a report of flood affected area of river Godavari for press.

- (b) Write on *any one* of the following communicative activities in about 100 words :

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- (i) You are Chief Officer of NSS of your college. Write a notice of meeting for programme officers and group leaders for planning winter camp of ten days.

OR

- (ii) Blood donation camp is going to be held in your institution with the help of 'Arpan' blood bank. Make an appeal to all students of your institution for donating blood.

4. (a) Write on *any one* of the following communicative activities in about 100 words : 5

(i) Write a dialogue between you and your friend on recent Bomb Blasting in Hyderabad.

OR

(ii) Write a speech delivered by eminent social worker on 'Child labour'.

(b) Write on *any one* of the following communicative activities in about 100 words : 5

(i) You are facing an interview for the post of Managing Director of the company of cosmetics. Write a conversation between you and interviewers.

OR

(ii) Being a Civil Surgeon of Nasik Civil Hospital, you have called Press Conference to give information of annual National Programme. Write a conversation between you and press reporters.

(c) Write on *any one* of the following communicative activities in about 100 words : 5

(i) The performance of some of the cricket players of the Team India is far from being satisfactory. Drastic change in the team is the need of the time. You happen to be the member of selection committee. Discuss the issue and come out with a new team.

OR

(ii) In our towns and cities noise pollution has been increased on account of traffic, celebration of festivals with great use of loudspeakers etc. Mayor of your city has called meeting of higher authorities of different fields to think over it and find out solutions. You are one of the higher authorities. Discuss the issue and come out with some solid solutions for the problem.

5. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words in about one - third (about 100 words) of its original length and suggest a suitable title :

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[N.B. : - *Marks will be deducted if your precis is longer or shorter than the prescribed length.*]

Often students who are very fond of reading books are labelled by their comrades as bookworms. Sometimes they are also considered to be 'cissies'. Those disparagements generally come from the mouths of students who consider themselves as being 'gamesters'. Boys who shine in athletics or in the playing of some game - particularly cricket - consider that the games field is a better or nobler arena for their activities and the expenditure of their energies than the classroom or the reading desk. The idea is born out of an inferiority complex inherent in the games-minded students who actually envy their fellows who shine academically. Academic honours have a glamour which is quite unique.

It is not to be denied that the playing of games is a worthy activity : it is worthy in the sense that the team spirit can be engendered in the individual only if he has learnt to participate in the playing of games. It is also true that the feeling of cooperation can be cultivated in a person only through group activity. But it is obvious that whole-hearted participation in such activities is prejudiced to the utilisation of faculties which should be channelised into the improvement of the mind. Studies should not be sacrificed in order that students devote their time only to the playing of games. It is my observation that those boys who become obsessed with the playing, particularly of cricket, begin to ignore their studies and then their academic ability suffers, as it must.

Let each type of activity have its own place in our daily round and then only and then alone, will the balanced division of interests produce the individual with proper perspective of things. (300 words)

6. (a) Read the following passage and answer in your own words the questions below :

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Education is not an end, but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children only for the purpose of educating them; our purpose is to fit them for life. As soon as we realize this fact, we will understand that it is very important to choose a system of education which will really prepare children for life. It is not enough just to choose the first system of education one finds; or to continue with one's old system of education without examining it to see whether it is in fact suitable or not.

In many modern countries it has for sometime been fashionable to think that, by free education for all - whether rich or poor, clever or stupid - one can solve all the problems of society and build a perfect nation. But we can already see that free education for all is not enough : we find in such countries a far larger number of people with university degrees than there are jobs for them to fill. Because of their degrees, they refuse to do what they think 'low' work; and, in fact, work with the hands is thought to be dirty and shameful in such countries.

But we have only to think a moment to understand that the work of a completely uneducated farmer is far more important than that of a professor : we can live without education, but we die if we have no food. If no one cleaned our streets and took the rubbish away from our houses, we should get terrible diseases in our towns. In countries where there are no servants because everyone is ashamed to do such work, the professors have to waste much of their time doing housework. We must realize that all jobs are necessary to society.

Questions :

- (1) What does the author mean when he says that 'education is not an end but a means to an end' ?
 - (2) Why do we educate children ?
 - (3) What should guide us in choosing a system of education ?
 - (4) Why should we examine the system of education which we have ?
 - (5) Does the author think that free education for all will solve all our problems ?
- (b) Paraphrase the following prose passage in your own words expressing the ideas in the passage clearly and in simple and direct language (*not* more than 100 words) :

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Indian Philosophy is quite unlike that of any other people; it is distinguished by three characteristics. The first is continuity. Indian thinkers have been enquiring into the nature and meaning of the universe more or less continuously for a period of some three thousand years. Only the Chinese can show a similar record. The second is unanimity. Broadly speaking, all Indian thinkers have concurred in holding that the universe in its real nature is in an important sense a unity, and that this unity is spiritual. Now the universe, it appears, is certainly not a unity but a heterogeneous diversity. It contains, that is to say - it apparently is - a collection of an enormous number of people and things. Hence there must be a distinction between the universe as it really is and the universe as it appears, a distinction which may be expressed by saying that the universe is a reality which manifests itself in diversity. Just as the leitmotif or underlying theme of a piece of music manifests itself in the diversity of individual notes which all express the same musical idea. Now, it is broadly true that all Indian thinkers have concurred in making this distinction. Thirdly - and here we come to the link between philosophy and religion - Indian Philosophy has never been confined to the activity of the intellect. Formally, no doubt, it is a search for truth; but Philosophy in India does more than search for truth; it also seeks and prescribes a way of life. In fact, in the last resort, it is a way of life, a way of life as well as a way of believing. This practical effect of Indian Philosophy follows inevitably from the doctrines of Indian Philosophers. Indian Philosophy teaches that life has a meaning and a goal; it is our duty to discover the meaning and our privilege ultimately to attain the goal.

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7. (a) Rewrite **any three** of the following sentences using the correct forms of the verbs given in the brackets : 3
- (i) He (remember) the day he first (go) to school.
 - (ii) He (work) in Bajaj Industries since 1987.
 - (iii) Lend me your rubber I (make) a mistake and (want) to rub it.
 - (iv) Hitesh has been learning to drive for some years now; but he still (not pass) his driving test.
 - (v) The ground is wet. It (rain) during the night.
- (b) Do as directed (**any two**) : 2
- (i) You are likely to be punished, if you don't express your regret.
(Rewrite by using 'unless').
 - (ii) As soon as I reached the platform, the train left.
(Use 'No sooner than' construction and rewrite the sentence).
 - (iii) He has answered my questions.
(Change the voice).
- (c) Transform **any five** of the following sentences as directed : 5
- (i) We were fast asleep. The burglars came at that time.
(Make complex sentence)
 - (ii) The boy showed great alertness.
(Make it exclamatory)
 - (iii) She was too busy to notice the prince.
(Remove 'too')
 - (iv) No other city in the world I have visited is as big as Delhi.
(Make it superlative)
 - (v) Leela said to Kedar, "I am your sister."
(Change into indirect speech)
 - (vi) She is working in an exclusively male-dominated domain.
(Remove gerund and rewrite the sentence)
 - (vii) I feel like a song bird whose wings have been torn off.
(Rewrite removing 'whose')

8. (a) Punctuate the following paragraph : 2
- christ said if thy brother trespass against thee seven times a day and seven times a day turn again to thee saying i repent thou shalt forgive him but what if the man is not my brother
- (b) Correct *any three* of the following sentence : 3
- (i) Please, you may post this letter for me ?
 - (ii) Does Mani smoke ? Yes he smokes.
 - (iii) They have not spoken to each other since two weeks.
 - (iv) I wonder whether there is sometime left.
 - (v) They are work hard.
- (c) Give meanings of *any five* of the following phrases and use them in sentences of your own : 5
- (i) Give up
 - (ii) Bring up
 - (iii) Carry out
 - (iv) Go through
 - (v) Get rid of
 - (vi) Make up
 - (vii) Call off