

Section B

1. As the Head Boy/Head Girl of your school, you are organising a career counselling session for XI and XII standard students of your school. Write a notice in 50 words giving details of it to be displayed on your school notice board. **(4 marks)**

OR

You are a graduate in Commerce and require a job. Draft an advertisement for a newspaper, giving particulars of qualifications and experience.

2. Write an article in about 150 words for your school magazine, justifying the need for education of girls in the country for national development. **(8 Marks)**

OR

Owning a car has become a status symbol in modern times. However, the increase in the number of cars has added to various types of pollution and other problems. Write an article in 150 words to be published in the local daily highlighting the urgent need for reducing this mad-made pollution.

3. Your school has recently celebrated its Golden Jubilee, organising a number of inter-school competitions and awarded the prizes in a gala function. As the Secretary of the Cultural Club of your school,

write a report in 150-200 words, suitable to be published in your school magazine. You are Sunil/Sunita. **(8 Marks)**

OR

You are Amrita/Amrath, staff correspondent of 'The Times of India'. You have been asked to cover an accident involving a petrol tanker on the National Highway passing through your city. Write your report in about 150 words for the publication in the newspaper.

Section C

4. Read any one of the stanzas given below and answer any **two** questions that follow: **(1 X 2 = 2 Marks)**

“My mother’s, that was before I was born.
And the sea, which appears to have changed less,
Washed their terribly transient feet.”

- (i) Where was the mother standing and why? (1)
(ii) How did she look at that time? (1)
(iii) Find a word in the passage that means ‘momentary’? (1)

OR

‘And who art thou?
Said I to the soft-falling shower,
Which strange to tell,
Gave me an answer, as here translated:
I am the poem of the Earth, said the voice of the rain.’”

- (i) Name the poem and the poet? (1)
- (ii) What was 'strange to tell'? (1)
- (iii) Why does the poet say 'as here translated'? (1)

5. Answer the following questions in about 20 – 30 words each.

(2x8 = 16 Marks)

- (a) Why does the rain say that it is 'the poem of the Earth'?
- (b) 'Both wry with the laboured ease of loss'. Explain.
- (c) What was the unique trait of the tribe Aram belonged to?
- (d) Why did the author Marga Minco resolve to forget the address?
- (e) How did Mrs. Dorling react on seeing the daughter of Mrs S outside her house?
- (f) What was the happiest moment of the day for the author's grandmother?
- (g) Howard Carter's investigation was resented. Why?
- (h) Why was Tut's body buried along with gilded treasures?

6. Did the boys return the horse because they were conscience-stricken or because they were afraid? Explain in your own words.

(120 – 150 Words)

(6 Marks)

OR

Describe both the visits of the narrator to 46, Marconi Street and highlight the differences.

(120 – 150 Words)

7. What kinds of things were placed along with Tut's dead body inside his tomb? What did tourists find inside the tomb?

(120 – 150 Words)

(6 Marks)

OR

Give a description of the author's grandmother after your reading of "The Portrait of a Lady."

(120 – 150 Words)
