ENGLISH
(Communicative)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

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Globalization is the way to open businesses, improve technological growth, economy, etc., at the international level for all countries. It is the way in which manufacturers and producers of the products or goods sell their products globally without any restriction. It provides huge profits to the businessmen as they get low cost labour in poor countries easily. It provides a big opportunity to the companies to deal with the worldwide market.

Globalization helps to consider the whole world as a single market. Traders are extending their areas of business by treating the world as a global village. Earlier till the 1990s, there was a restriction on importing certain products which were already manufactured in India like agricultural products, engineering goods, food items and toiletries. However, during the 1990s there was a pressure from the rich countries on the poor and developing countries to allow them to spread their businesses by opening their markets. In India the globalization and liberalization process was started in 1991.

After many years, globalization brought about a major revolution in the Indian market when multinational brands came to India and started delivering a wide range of quality products at cheap prices. Prices of good quality products came down because of the cutthroat competition in the market.

Globalization and liberalization of the businesses in India have flooded the market with quality foreign products but has affected the local Indian industries adversely to a great extent resulting in the job loss to poor and uneducated workers. Globalization
Globalization has had some very positive effects on the Indian consumer in all sectors of society. It has affected the Indian students and education sector to a great extent by making study books and a lot of information available over the internet. Collaboration of foreign universities with the Indian universities has brought about a huge change in the field of education.

Globalization of trade in the agricultural sector has brought varieties of quality seeds which have disease resistance property. However, it is not good for the poor Indian farmers because the seeds and agricultural technologies are costly.

It has brought about a huge revolution in the employment sector by the spread of businesses like cottage, handloom, carpet, artisan carving, ceramic, jewellery, and glassware etc.

Attempt any eight of the following questions : 

(a) What is globalization ?

(b) Write any two advantages of globalization.

(c) What was the pressure from the rich countries in the 1990’s ?

(d) What is the effect of multinational brands entering the Indian market ?

(e) How are the prices of quality products affected due to globalization ?

(f) How have the foreign products affected the local industry adversely ?

(g) What has been the impact of globalization on the Indian students ?

(h) Why has globalization had a negative effect on the poor Indian farmer ?

(i) How has the cottage industry benefited from globalization ?
Everybody wants to succeed in life. For some, success means achieving whatever they desire or dream. For many it is the name, fame and social position. Whatever be the meaning of success, it is success which makes a man popular.

All great men have been successful. They are remembered for their great achievements. But it is certain that success comes to those who are sincere, hardworking, loyal and committed to their goals.

Success has been man’s greatest motivation. It is very important for all. Success has a great effect on life. It brings pleasure and pride. It gives a sense of fulfilment. It means all-around development. Everybody hopes to be successful in life. But success smiles on those who have a proper approach, planning, vision and stamina. A proper and timely application of all these things is bound to bear fruit. One cannot be successful without cultivating these certain basic things in life. It is very difficult to set out on a journey without knowing one’s goals and purposes. Clarity of the objective is a must to succeed in life. A focused approach with proper planning is certain to bring success. Indecision and insincerity are big obstacles on the path to success.

One should have the capability, capacity and resources to turn one’s dreams into reality. Mere desire cannot bring you success. The desire should be weighed against factors like capability and resources. This is the basic requirement of success. The next important thing is the eagerness, seriousness and the urge to be successful. It is the driving force which decides the success. It is the first step on the ladder of success.

One needs to pursue one’s goals with all one’s sincerity and passion. One should always be in high spirit. Lack of such spirit leads to an inferiority complex which is a
big obstruction on the path to success. Time is also a deciding factor. Only the punctual and committed have succeeded in life. Lives of great men are examples of this. They had all these qualities in plenty which helped them rise to the peak of success.

Hard labour is one of the basic requirements of success. There is no substitute for hard labour. It alone can take one to the peak of success. Every success has a ratio of five percent inspiration and ninety-five percent perspiration. It is the patience, persistence and perseverance which play a decisive role in achieving success. Failures are the pillars of success as they are our stepping-stones and we must get up and start again and be motivated.

2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(a) To whom does success come certainly?
(b) What are the basic things in life we need to achieve success?
(c) What did great men have in plenty to rise to the peak of success? Give any two examples.
(d) What is the one basic requirement of success?
(e) Explain: “Failures are pillars of success.”

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, fill in any two of the following blanks with appropriate words/phrase:

(a) ________ plays a decisive role in achieving success.
(b) Goals have to be pursued with ________ and ________.
(c) Ratio of success is ________ inspiration.
2.3 Find out the words from the passage that mean the same as the following: *(any two)*

(a) endurance (para 2)
(b) obstruction (para 4)
(c) motivation (para 5)

SECTION – B

(Writing)

3. Two main parks in your locality have suffered from neglect on the part of local authorities. They have virtually been taken over by undesirable elements. As a result the residents have stopped going to the parks.

Write a letter in **100-120** words to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern about the problems the neglect has created and suggest measures to reclaim the parks for children. You are Gautam/Gauri 2, Gobind Enclave, Meerut.

OR

You intend to join coaching classes at International Coaching Center situated in Raipur. The institute specializes in teaching science to classes XI – XII. Write a letter of enquiry in **100-120** words addressed to the Administrator incharge of the institute seeking clarification about the timings, duration, staff, transport and other necessary details for joining the institute. You are Rajesh/Rajni 2, Library Road Jabalpur.
4. In **200-250** words write a story based on the input given below:

Two teams – in the playground – whistle blew – match about to begin – the two captains looked tense – suddenly there was a commotion.

**OR**

A long wait for the bus – people impatient – a large crowd – a lot of confusion – felt the pocket being touched – looked around – caught the hand – and …………

5. Fill in **any four** of the blanks in the sentences given below choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer-sheet against the correct blank numbers:

(A) Concentration is (a) ________ by alertness.

(B) Effective speaking (b) ________ on effective listening.

(C) Economic growth (c) ________ attitudes and lifestyle.

(D) The environment has always (d) ________ in control of our destiny.

(E) They believe that logic (e) ________ no place in faith.

(a) (i) help (ii) will help (iii) helps (iv) helped

(b) (i) depends (ii) depend (iii) depended (iv) depending

(c) (i) change (ii) will change (iii) changes (iv) changed

(d) (i) is (ii) be (iii) been (iv) was

(e) (i) has (ii) have (iii) had (iv) having

1 × 4 = 4
6. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing words in any four lines of the given paragraph, along with the words that come before and the words that come after it in the space provided. 

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7. Rearrange any four of the following word clusters to make meaningful sentences: \(1 \times 4 = 4\)

(a) very exciting / can be / new country / travelling to / a

(b) it / a lot of / before / actually requires / the visit / preparation

(c) option / is / light / travelling / best / the

(d) also need / we / the local weather / in mind / to / keep

(e) always / enriched / we / return / experience / the / with
8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:  

But speak all good you can devise of Caesar, 

And say you do it by our permission; 

(a) Identify the speaker. 
(b) Who is being granted permission? 
(c) What is the speaker afraid of? 
(d) What opinion do you form of the speaker? 

OR 

“You must make your public happier: 

Give them something, sharper, snappier. 

We must aim for better billings.” 

(a) Identify the speaker of the above lines. 
(b) Who does ‘we’ refer to? 
(c) What must be done for ‘better billings’? 
(d) What trait of the speaker’s character is revealed through the above lines?
9. Answer **any four** of the following questions in **30-40** words each :  

2 \times 4 = 8

(a) In the story “Shady Plot”, why did Helen appear in bits and pieces ?

(b) What will Shakespeare’s friend realize when he rises on the Day of Judgment ?

(c) Why does the author say that Louisa Mebbin had a “protective elder sister” attitude towards money ?

(d) How do we know that Michael’s father was fascinated by computers ?

(e) In the poem “Snake”, why does the poet say “I have something to expatiate.” ?

10. Answer the following in **100-200** words : 8

“Patol Babu, Film Star,” by Satyajit Ray emphasizes the valuable contribution of a mentor in changing a negative mind-set into a positive one. Describe how Mr. Pakrashi’s advice helps Patol Babu in performing his role.

OR

Time humbles even the greatest of the great. One should cultivate the quality of humility. Describe how time has reduced the mighty Ozymandias to nothing.

11. Answer the following question in **200-250** words : 10

(a) Describe the relationship between Anne and Margot ?

OR

Give a pen sketch of Anne’s father as a parent ?
(b) Describe Ms. Sullivan’s teaching methods?

OR

What are Helen’s opinions about examinations?
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1. Read the passage given below:

(1) Tourists to Jammu and Kashmir have another attraction – a floating post office on the Dal Lake in Srinagar, the first in the country. ‘Floating Post Office, Dal Lake’ – claimed to be the only one such post office in the world – is built on an intricately carved maroon houseboat, fastened on the western edge of the Dal Lake.

(2) This post office lets you avail of all the regular postal services available in the country while being afloat. The seal used on everything posted from Floating Post Office is unique – along with the date and address, it bears the design of a boatman rowing a shikara on the Dal Lake. The special feature of this post office is that letters posted from here carry a special design which has the picturesque scenery of Dal Lake and Srinagar city. These pictures reach wherever these letters are posted to and hence promote Kashmir as a tourist destination across the world.

(3) This is actually a heritage post office that has existed since British times. It was called Nehru Park Post Office before 2011. But then the chief postmaster John Samuel renamed it as ‘Floating Post Office’.

(4) The post office’s houseboat has two small rooms – one serves as the office and the other a small museum that traces the philatelic history of the state postal department. It has a shop that sells postage stamps and other products.

(5) But for the locals, Floating Post office is more than an object of fascination. ₹ 1-2 crore is deposited per month in Floating Post Office by communities living in and around the Dal Lake. The lake has several islets that are home to more than 50,000 people.

(6) The greatest fear is the recurrence of 2014 like floods in which the houseboat had gone for a toss uncontrollably pushed by the flood. Rescue teams had to anchor it using special mechanism in a nearby highland. Then it was brought back on the Dal after the water receded. The biggest boon is that at no time of the year do you need a fan in this post-office!

1.1 Attempt any eight of the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read:

(i) What is the location of the Floating Post Office in Srinagar?

(ii) What is special about the seal used in the post office?
(iii) How is the post office helpful in promoting tourism?
(iv) Who renamed the post office as ‘Floating Post Office’?
(v) What are the two rooms of the post office used for?
(vi) How is the post office beneficial to the locals?
(vii) What is the greatest fear that the post office has?
(viii) How is the post office a big boon to the people?
(ix) Find the word from the passage which means the same as ‘attraction’. (para 5)

2. Read the passage given below.

(1) It is an indisputable fact that the world has gone too far with the innovation of new technologies such as mobile phones, the internet and so on, due to which people are able to tour the cosmos virtually sitting at one place using their smart devices or other technological gadgets. Though mobile internet access is oftentimes hurried and short, it can still provide common internet features like alerts, weather data, emails, search engines, instant messages, and game and music downloading.

(2) Due to the easy access of smart phones, communication has been very effective and instant. People are able to convey their message all around the globe to their loved ones without spending hefty sums of money. Adults are always fond of such gadgets and they always welcome and adopt such new technology readily. Further, young people have been able to broaden their minds and improve their skills by doing research on the Internet. For instance, they use smart phones to look up any new word they come across. As we know that most of the universities have online teaching provision and smart phones assist the students to complete their assignments on time.

(3) The mobile phone has been a lifesaver for a lot of people in case of an emergency. Likewise, use of smart phones can be of vital importance in preventing crimes in the society by providing information to the security forces in time.

(4) Nonetheless, for the young the use of mobile phone can be like an addiction and they can misuse it. Young people are also prone to getting involved in undesirable activities on the Internet. This might have adverse effect on their academic performance. Therefore, young people should always be monitored and made aware of its bad outcomes.
Also a major contributor to its popularity is the availability of prepaid or pay as you go services from a phone shop or an online store. This allows subscribers to load text or airtime credits to their handsets by the use of their credit cards, debit cards or by buying a prepaid card from the network they subscribe to. This plan also doesn’t commit a particular customer to a contract. If prepaid card is not that appealing to you, then you can opt to subscribe using the pay by month plan.

2.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(i) How are smart phones helpful in communication?
(ii) What are the benefits of mobile phones for the young generation?
(iii) How can mobile phones be considered ‘lifesavers’?
(iv) Mention any two demerits of mobile phones.
(v) How is a prepaid card useful to mobile phone users?

2.2 On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer any four of the following:

(i) In para 1, synonym of ‘innovation’ is ________.
   (i) production  (ii) sincerity  (iii) invention  (iv) prevention

(ii) Mobile internet can provide access to:
   (i) telegram  (ii) emails  (iii) schools  (iv) university

(iii) Grown-ups should _________ the use of new technology by the young people.
   (i) reject  (ii) criticize  (iii) monitor  (iv) accept

(iv) Meaning of the word ‘adverse’ in para 4 is:
   (i) positive  (ii) negative  (iii) admirable  (iv) unguided

(v) According to the passage, one can opt for _________ plan if prepaid plan doesn’t suit.
   (i) yearly  (ii) weekly  (iii) monthly  (iv) daily
Section B
(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. You are Prabhu Kumar/Parvati of I7E, Ravi Dass Road, Kochi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a newspaper about the nuisance caused by loudspeakers in the city during examination days drawing attention of the concerned authorities to the problem.

OR

You are Pratibha/Rahul of Class X. Write an article in 100-120 words on ‘Ill effects on students of too much of television’. You can use the following clues:
- Increasing addiction
- A great variety of programmes
- Easy availability
- Neglect of studies
- Drop in academic performance
- Result – poor physical and mental health

4. Write a story in 150-200 words with the help of the following outline:

OR

Complete the story in 150-200 words which begins as the following:
There was a joint family of six members including grandparents. It was the 75th birthday of the grandmother and the family planned to celebrate … … …

5. Fill in any four of the blanks in the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: 1 × 4 = 4
The modern student (a) (i) understood (ii) understand (iii) have understand (iv) understands the importance (b) physical exercise. He spends one to two hours in open air (c) he takes part in different sports. However, care should (d) not to overstrain (e) body.

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6. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the error as well as the correction as shown in the example. Do any four.

In the prisoner’s room a candle is burning dimly. A prisoner himself sat by the table. Only him back, the hair by his head, and his hands are visible from outside through any window.

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7. Rearrange the following words/phrases to form meaningful sentences. Do any four.

(i) work and play / things / different / parents see / as two
(ii) is a / of time / they / waste / think / that playing
(iii) important / games / studies / are as / as
(iv) a student / to both / proper / should / attention / pay
(v) can / life / only / succeed / he / in / then
8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:  

“But, please, Stephen Stepanovitch, how can they be yours? Do be a reasonable man! My aunt’s grandmother gave the Meadows for the temporary and free use of your grandfather’s peasants. The peasants used the land for forty years and got accustomed to it as if it was their own, when it happened that …….

(a) Who is the speaker of the above lines?
(b) Why did his aunt’s grandmother give the meadows?
(c) Why did the peasants treat the land as their own?
(d) What light do these lines throw on the speaker’s character?

OR

Belinda tickled him, she ticked him unmerciful,
Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,
They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.

(a) Who was tickled by Belinda?
(b) Why did she tickle ‘him’?
(c) Who are Ink, Blink and Mustard?
(d) Why did they all laugh at ‘him’?

9. Answer any four of the following questions in 30-40 words each:

(a) What excited Rajvir? Why did Pranjal not share his excitement?
(b) ‘He senses first responsibility’ – What responsibility is referred to here? (The Ball Poem)
(c) What was Horace Danby’s hobby? How did he manage to fulfill it?
(d) Why did Matilda (Mme Loisel) leave the ball in a hurry? What does it show about her character?
(e) In which queer way did Anil make a living? (The Thief’s Story)
10. Answer the following question in **100-120** words:

   In life, people who easily trust others are sometimes made to look foolish. One should not be too trusting. Describe how Oliver Lutkins made a fool of the young lawyer.

   **OR**

   What lesson on death and suffering did the Buddha teach Gotami in the chapter, ‘The Sermon at Benaras’?

11. Answer the following question in **200-250** words:

   Describe the importance of diary in Anne Frank’s life.

   **OR**

   What problems do Margot and Anne face with regard to the way their parents treat them?

   **OR**

   Helen Keller’s determination to study and compete with the normal children helps her to enter Radcliffe College. What does this show about her personality?

   **OR**

   Describe how Miss Sullivan succeeds in helping Helen Keller achieve her aim in life.