

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH (SET-I)****Time : 3 Hrs.****M.M.: 80****General Instructions :**

1. *This paper is divided into three sections - A, B and C. All the sections are compulsory.*
3. *Separate instructions are given with each question wherever necessary. Read these instructions carefully and follow them meticulously.*
3. *Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

**SECTION-A (READING)**

Q1. Read the given passage and answer the questions that follow : (12)

1. Life is an institution. We have a principal, God, who looks over the entire working of our life. He allots teacher, namely our parents, to guide us through this path. We learn lessons and it is up to us whether we want to pass or fail. Every morning we wake up and give a tick mark to the attendance file of our lives. The only difference in this school of life is you cannot play truant even for a day! Though from time to time one may doze off and not pay heed to the message that is being given to us.
2. From the start my parents taught me and my sister to be good human beings first. Life has been kind, sometimes harsh but mostly fair. We make many mistakes, some of which we admit and others, we conceal. But now that I'm 22 years old, I can review every step taken by me.
3. Think positive. Yes its that simple. Thoughts are actions. Imagine if there are a billion good thoughts, the universe will throw back a billion good actions.
4. Something within tells me : 'Forget the world and listen to your heart'. If we all just start listening to our inner soul may be we won't be scratching our heads while taking the final exam. I am not at all close to being perfect but I know I want to get near it ... not by mastering the business world, not by having a perfect self. According to me only the kind, compassionate and empathetic ones see the goodness in people and share the good within themselves.
5. The true test is to examine and be honest to ourselves before we give a tick mark to our answer sheets. I had a lot of questions ready, my doubts all written, point by point ... since I could not get the answer from my teachers I made an appointment with God. Doubts about life, love, death, fear, sorrow. I was angry. Why can't He guide us?
6. God was there by my side, every minute, every step. Even though I haven't got all the answers I know I will get there. He will take me there, in my own time, the same way he has got me here, where I am now.
7. Some say one should never pity nor envy anyone else ... and I'm happy to be me. The first important teaching to learn, count your blessings. We all stand to be a little more aware about what life is really trying to teach us and for some be aware that life is trying to teach us something.
8. Money is like our grades in school ... it helps us move to the next steps but after that, who remembers what we scored in maths in the third standard? People forget that when we die ... money does not

- (e) 'Money is like our grades in school.' Explain. (2)
- (f) 'Be in his good books and you will go to the head of the class.' Elucidate. (1)
- (B) Find words from the passage which mean the same as the following : (3x1=3)
- (a) sensitive feeling/sympathy (para 4)
- (b) jealousy (para 7)
- (c) appeal/request (para 9)

Q2. Read the given passage carefully and answer the questions that follow : (8)

1. Education is not an end, but a means to an end. In other words, we do not educate children for the purpose of educating them; our purpose is to fit them for life. As soon as we realise this fact, we will understand that it is very important to choose a system of education which will really prepare

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.

3. But we have to think for 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 would get terrible diseases in our towns. In countries where there are no servants because everyone is ashamed of doing such work, educated people have to waste much of their time doing manual housework.
4. In fact, when we say that all of us must be educated to fit us for life, it means that we must be educated in such a way that, firstly, each of us can do whatever job is suited to his brain, aptitude



