General Instructions:
(i) The paper is divided into four sections A, B, C and D. All the sections are compulsory.
SECTION A: Reading - 15 Marks
SECTION B: Writing - 20 Marks
SECTION C: Grammar - 10 Marks
SECTION D: Literature - 35 Marks
(ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them faithfully.
(iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions. Marks will be deducted if this limit is crossed.
(iv) Write down the serial number of the question in the answer script before attempting it.

SECTION – A – READING (15 M)

I) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow it. (7 M)

1. LAPROSCOPY, which was used to remove gall bladder, will be used in various kinds of surgery for the advantages it has over the techniques such as small incision, reduced post-operative pain and short hospital stay. One of the major difficulties in laparoscopic surgery that the keyhole has been the stitching of tissues. So expensive mechanical devices called staplers are used to overcome the difficulty. But the stitching called suturing and knotting, using laparoscopy obviates the need for these tools and add considerably to the kinds of surgeries which can be done laparoscopically.

2. The department of Surgery of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences has organised a two day workshop on various advanced laparoscopic techniques. The workshop is the largest of its kind in the country giving hands on experience in a stimulated environment using state of the art ‘endo trainer stations’. As many as delegates, surgeons of many years’ experience and faculty members of medical colleges from all over the country are attending the workshop. In open surgery doctors are first taught to put stitches. In the laparoscopic surgery of gall bladder using a stapler to put the stitches is alright as there are few stitches but in some cases, such as liver surgery, stapler can’t be used as it is feared that the stapler might give way and the patient bleed to death. Hence ‘Suturing and knotting is the best’, said Dr. Arvind Kumar, Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery.

3. ‘By doing away with the use of stapler the cost of the surgery can be brought down considerably as the stapler as well as the staples are quite expensive’, said Dr. Arvind Kumar. In laparoscopy a tiny telescope is inserted through a small hole in the area being operated upon. The doctor inserts the instrument for operating through other small holes and operates by looking at the image of the insides as projected on a screen from the telescope that has been inserted. Suturing and knotting looking at a screen require a high degree of precision and eye-hand co-ordination.

4. A lot of training is needed to master this kind of suturing and knotting. ‘In Laparoscopic suturing and knotting, the doctors never comes into contact with tissues. He has to do using long instruments inserted into the body which have to be used like extensions of the fingers. This is more demanding on the surgeon’s skills and they need workshops to learn and not patients’, said Dr. Michael JMC Mahon of the Leeds Institute of Minimally Invasive Surgery. One has to teach the participants in the workshop.
5. The advantage of endo trainers in doctors can learn to stitch tissues in laparoscopy without using human as guinea pigs. The doctors train by stitching tissue simulators or animal tissues. ‘A single workshop cannot teach them enough but one workshop is better than no workshops. This workshop is to serve as a trendsetter for similar continuing education programmes on laparoscopic suturing and knotting all over the country’, said Dr. Kumar. The technique is better adopted by younger surgeons as it is difficult for a surgeon used to following the open surgery method to change and relearn new techniques, said Dr. M. C. Mishra of the surgery department.

1.1 On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions. (1x5=5)
1. Mention two advantages of laparoscopy.
2. What is used for stitching in laparoscopy?
3. Why is laparoscopic surgery expensive than open surgery?
4. What skills are required by a laparoscopic surgeon?
5. How is the laparoscopy surgery performed?

1.2 Find meaning of the following words and phrases from the passage (0.5*4=2)
   a) Expensive (para 1)
   b) Way of doing something (para 2)
   c) Careful about details (para 3)
   d) A person or thing used as a subject for experiment (para 5)

II) Read the following passage. (8M)

1. Fashion is a force – a powerful force of constantly altering patterns of change and growth. Its constant movement affects the fate of the designers and manufacturers, who distribute it and of course, the lives of the consumers, who follow what it dictates. All of its facets taken together add up to a multimillion dollar industry. Fashion today means mega bucks.

2. Fashion is also a science. It involves known facts and basic principles, and its actions and reaction can be predicted as these are based on those facts and principles. Fashion is one of those distinct and unique trades that is highly dependent on the environment and the changes that are continuously taking place in it.

3. For one to make it to the top in fashion business and stay there, one has to continue to discover and innovate to fulfill the needs and wants of the customers. For this, most of the top designers such as Yves Saint Laurent, Karl Lagerfeld, Claiborne, etc. all rely upon their creativity backed by years of invaluable experience. In this lone of work, instinct and intuition play a very major role.

4. As the power of fashion to influence our lives grows, a number of misconceptions about it continue to abound. The most common of these is that the designers and the retailers dictate what the fashion will be, and force their fancies on the helpless consumers. In reality it is the consumers themselves, who dictate what the fashions will be, by either accepting or rejecting the styles and trends that are offered. They are truly, as one ‘fashion guru’ once said, ‘Variety vultures’.

5. The second misconception is that fashion acts as an influence on women only. Men today, are as much influenced by and, responsive to fashion, as women. As a matter of fact, the male fashion industry has been growing at a dizzying rate. Yes, there was a time when men’s wear was not exactly worth talking about. It was staid and unimaginative. But that does not mean that men did not dress up according to the latest trends of the day.

6. There were changes in Western dressing that followed the dictates of the designers and the fashionable elite trend setters. These gave the fashion world the drainpipes in the 1960’s, the popular safaris in the 70’s, the denims in the 80’s and the ethnic wear that has caught on these days.
7. Fashion today is more lifestyle oriented and quite practical. The modern male and female want to
dress differently for office and leisure. Designers are becoming more daring, the women as well as the
menfolk have a wide choice. There are different designs for every moment of a busy social schedule –
from work, lunch to afternoon tea, cocktails, dinner and gala banquets.

8. Lastly, fashion is the force that causes women to raise and lower their skirt length, straighten or fizz
their hair and change from sportswear to dressy clothes. Fashion is also that force that influences men
to grow or shave off their moustaches and beards, choose wide or narrow ties and lapels and change
from casual jeans into three piece suits and tuxedo. It is indeed this dynamic and varied force that
adds spice and colour to our life.

a) On the basis of your reading of the passage, make notes on it using recognisable abbreviations
wherever necessary. (5 marks)

b) Write a summary of the above passage in not more than 80 words. (3 marks)

SECTION – B – WRITING (20 M)

III) You are Isha/Ishaan of R. K. Memorial Senior Secondary School, Gurgaon. As the Cultural Secretary
of your school, write a notice for your school notice board inviting names for the excursion trip to Goa
planned in the last week of September. Give all relevant details. (5M)

OR

Draft a poster on the topic ‘Save Environment Save Earth’.

IV) You are Akshay/Akshaya of Wintergreen Fields School, Nainital. Recently your school celebrated
its Annual Day. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine, describing the celebration.
(8M)

OR

You were going to your village or town as soon as the examinations were over. Your bus broke down
on the way; you had to spend the night at a village. Narrate your experience in about 150 words.

V) You have noticed many stray animals on the road during the busy hours of the day. These animals
cause traffic jams as well as accidents. You have already written to the concerned authorities but no
action has been taken so far. Write a letter to the editor of a leading newspaper telling him about the
nuisance created by the stray animals. (7M)

SECTION – C – GRAMMAR (10M)

VI) In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word
along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it against the correct blank
number. (4M)

Have you ever seen banyan tree? The banyan
must be biggest tree found in India. A full
grown banyan is as high as three storeyed building.
We don’t see banyan trees in cities. They are so huge that
they can only grow in open places. Banyan looks like
palace standing on pillars. It doesn’t have
just main trunk like others do. It has many
roots coming down. These hanging roots enter ground
and look like smaller trunks.
VII) Rewrite the following passage using the verbs (in brackets) in their correct form:  (4M)

For a while I 1)___ (can) not decide whether I should speak to her or not. I did not have the guts to tell her that her mother 2)___ (die) before the doctor 3)___ (arrive). She 4)___ (turn) her eyes towards me. She 5)___ (anxious) to know about her mother. I 6)___ (collect) courage and 7)___ (move) my lips and silently told her that her mother 8)___ (pass away).

VIII) Complete the following sentences with proper clauses.  (2M)

1) God helps those ……………………
2) You should act ……………………
3) She cannot convince her husband ……………………
4) There are many places ……………………

SECTION – D – LITERATURE & LONG READING TEXT  (35M)

IX) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow.  (4M)

The cardboard shows me how it is
When the two girl cousins were paddling
Each one holding one of my mother’s hand
And she the big girl – some twelve years or so

a) Why is the ‘cardboard’ important?
b) What does the word ‘cardboard’ suggest here?
c) Where did the girls go? What was the position of the poet’s mother here?
d) Name the other two girls.

X) Answer any five of the following in about 30-40 words. (5x2=10)

a) Which thought about the grandmother was often revolting and for whom?
b) What were the funerary treasures found in the Pharaoh’s tomb?
c) ‘A suspicious man would believe his eyes instead of his heart’. In what context was this observation made and by whom?
d) Why did the narrator of the story want to forget the address?
e) How does Khushwant Singh describe his grandfather in the lesson ‘The Portrait of a Lady’?
f) ‘But our respite was short-lived’. Why does the narrator in ‘We Are Not Afraid to Die’ say so?

XI) Answer the following in about 120-150 words.  (6M)

People of city differ in emotions with those of village. Express your views in context to ‘The Portrait of a Lady’.

OR

The children faced the situation more bravely than their elders. Discuss in context to ‘We’re Not Afraid to Die.

XII) Answer the following questions in about 120-150 words.  (15M)

a) Narrate two incidents in which the Canterville Ghost was successful in frightening the victims.

OR

The blood stain in the Canterville Chase kept on changing colours. How did this change the belief of the Otis Family?

b) Persistent blood stains fail to move the Otis family. Do you think they are foolish, highly modern or enviable? Justify giving reasons.

OR

The twins left no stone unturned to trouble the ghost. What light does this statement throw on their character?