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SECTION-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

~~1.~~ Read the following passage carefully. Make notes and summarise it with a suitable title :

(Tourism has emerged as the world's largest industries. Growing rapidly in the last two decades, today it accounts for 6% of world output and employs some hundred million people around the globe. Since the end of the Second World War, it has developed immense revenue and development potential and stands today as a unique natural renewable industry.

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Turn Over

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Tourism, the travel based recreation, provides people with a change of place and a break from the monotony of daily life. It brings people of different nations together, allowing them to come into close contacts with each other's customs and other aspects of life. It reveals the scenic beauty and vast heritage of a country to people belonging to other nations. The knowledge and experience gained in the process can lead to greater understanding and tolerance and can even foster world peace.

The contribution of tourism can be nowhere seen more clearly than on the economic fronts. A study conducted by the United Nations has shown that developing countries in particular, can reap handsome benefits out of tourism which greatly boosts national income. It also generates employment and adds to the entrepreneurial wealth of a nation. While tourism's advantages are many, its undesirable side effects have raised many fresh problems.

Tourism can cause social, cultural or environmental disruptions. One of the greatest concern is its damage to the environment. In order to attract more tourists, sprawling resorts are built which take neither the local architectural styles, nor the ecology into consideration. National systems come to be destroyed as a result of indiscriminate construction to provide water and waste disposal facilities and recreational arrangements to the tourists. Over use of environmental wealth disturb the ecological balance. Damage is most in wildlife parks which remain the foremost sites of tourist attraction. Tourists vans and the visitors' fact destroy the ground vegetation, thus affecting the feeding habits of the animals and the landscape as well. Over crowding brings about congestion, leading to environmental and health hazards. For example, the Taj Mahal has suffered a lot of wear and tear from the trampling feet of the tourists.

Some socio-cultural effects of tourism have been damaging. Tourism often ushers in new life styles; arrangements as desired by the tourists in order to make them feel at home. The emergence of this 'other' culture in various places has caused dissatisfaction among the locals. The concern is that the local people tend to imitate the foreign values, breaking away from their own traditions.

To promote safe tourism while ensuring to keep it remain a profitable industry, it is imperative to understand the factors that hamper the growth of tourism and check them effectively. General instability of a nation is damaging. Political disturbances, in particular, pose a serious threat. The growing violence in the international scene, the threat of terrorism and sometimes racism affect the flow of tourists. Whatever be the problems, no nation can afford to dwarf tourism. Hence India must also work hard to reap the benefits from this industry, for the country has everything to attract visitors from far and near.

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2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

Man has been constructing buildings for ages now. However some buildings have become popular because of their design or their importance in the culture of a particular society. For instance, The Taj Mahal is not only important because it was constructed as a mark of love of a king for his queen but also as a fine piece of architecture. Such buildings are called man-made wonders (opposite to natural wonders). One such man-made wonder (one of the seven wonders in the world) is in Europe. It was basically a clock or bell tower. It is called "TORRE PENDENTE DI PISA" (The Leaning Tower of Pisa, in Italy). Pisa is eighty kilometers from Florence, Central Italy and ten kilometers from the Ligurian Sea. The construction of Pisa Tower took place between 1173 and 1399. The bell tower was constructed to celebrate medieval era catholicism and christian rituals. It has eight

colonnaded storeys that contain marble columns, which are 207 in number. It was being raised as the third and final structure of the city's cathedral complex. It was designed to stand 185 feet (56 m) high and was constructed on white marble. Three out of its eight storeys were completed when the uneven setting of the building's foundation in the soft ground become noticeable. Unlike other historic buildings in Italy, the Pisa Tower's construction took almost two centuries. (The primary reason behind this was the wars and the battles) disrupting its construction : Research shows that the choice of location affected the tower because the contractors of the time used sandy soil and shifting caly to anchor the tower and materials were not ideal for a sturcture weighing 14 tons. The architect tried to fix the problem by adding short storeys on one side. But it did not work. Research shows that the Pisa Tower was leaning and falling rapidly at 1-2 mm per year. Many other measures were taken upto rectify the problem but nothing proved effective.

Engineers found that (the Leaning Tower of Pisa has a unique dynamic soil structure which prevents) it from reverberating. It has caused instability and leaning, it protects the tower from falling. It is why it has survived several seismic events, including four earthquakes.

Questions :

- (i) Why do some buildings become popular ?
- (ii) The research shows the Pisa tower is leaning annually about :
- (A) 1–2 Meters
 - (B) 1–2 mm
 - (C) 3 cm
 - (D) 1–2 cm
- (iii) The total number of storeys in the Pisa Tower are :
- (A) Three
 - (B) Five
 - (C) Eight
 - (D) Twelve

(iv) The completion of Pisa Tower took about almost two centuries.

(True/False)

(v) What has prevented Pisa Tower to fall down fully ?

(vi) The primary reason for Pisa Tower's long completion was

..... (complete it)

(vii) In Para (2) the word 'rapidly' has been used as :

(A) Noun

(B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

(viii) What does the word 'seismic' means

(Fill in the blank)

(ix) Give the opposite word of 'Effective'.

(x) Use the word 'dynamic' in your own sentence.

1×10=10

SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

3. You are Rajan/Ragni. You are the personal manager of the company 'Technical India'. Draft an advertisement (40-50 words) to be published in a local newspaper, for the posts of office executives. The applicants must have a good knowledge of computer and fluency in English.

Or

Your father is going to retire from his post/job this month. Invite your close friend through an invitation message to the retirement party in the evening of the date of retirement (40-50 words). 4

4. You are Rajesh/Sohail, the sports secretary of your school. As discussed and approved in a meeting with the principal, write a letter to M/s National Prime Sports Jammu/Srinagar, requesting them to supply their trade catalogue for placing order for the sports items required by the school. Mention some of the items required, discount if any, on the catalogue prices and the mode of payment, etc. (120-150 words).

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a reputed/local newspaper highlighting the issue of environmental pollution at various local picnic spots, mostly by the visitors and the indifference of the management. Also suggest some possible measures (120–150 words).

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5. You see a classified advertisement in a newspaper inviting applications for the post of English teacher for class 10th by National Public School, Jammu/Srinagar. Write the resume and the cover letter to be sent to the principal, for the said post (120–150 words).

Resume = 4 marks

Cover letter = 2 marks

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6. There are many Indians, who came from humble origin and background, but achieved great success and glory against all odds because of their hardwork, skill, self confidence and trust and perseverance etc. To name some of them are Dr. Abdul Kalam, M.S. Dhoni, Superstar Rajnikanth, Mary Kom and Arunima Sinha etc. Write a personality profile of any such personality, you admire the most and consider him/her a role model (200–250 words).

Or

Incidents of 'crimes against Women' are increasing alarmingly. As a student editor of your school magazine, write an article for the magazine on 'How can youth help in fighting against this evil and the sin' (200–250 words).

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7. Edit the following passage :

Yesterday, I go to meet my grand parents in a nearby village. They are delighted on seeing me. They hugged me loveful and showered blessings on me. It was such a emotional meeting. After that we sat together while the grand mother served us with tea and some snacks.

Later, I enjoyed the delicious village food in lunch. Then we sat together and talked for so many things. They told me all about village life, its customs and social values. They want me to stay for

some day but I had to attend my office. So I came back.

1×8=8

SECTION-C

(LITERATURE)

8. Read the following poetic extract and answer the questions given at the end :

(a) Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning,
I saw my mother, beside me, doze, open mouthed
her face ashen like that of a corpse and realized with pain
that she was as old as she looked but soon put that thought
away. <https://www.jkboseonline.com>

Questions :

- (i) How does the poet describe her mother's appearance ?
- (ii) Identify the simile used in the above extract.
- (iii) What is the main emotion conveyed in the given extract ?
- (iv) Name the poem and its poet. 1×4=4

(b) Answer any *two* of the following questions (40–50 words each) :

Questions :

- (i) What are the 'ordeals' Aunt Jennifer is surrounded by and why does the poet use the word 'ringed' ?
- (ii) What is the 'childish longing' that the poet refers to in 'A Roadside Stand' ? Why is it Vain ?
- (iii) What image does the poet use to describe the beautiful bounty of the earth in 'A Thing of Beauty' ? 2×3=6

9. Answer any *three* of the following questions in 40–50 words each.:

- (a) What forces conspire to keep the workers in the bangle industry of Firozabad in poverty ?
- (b) How did Douglas overcome his fear of water ?
- (c) What made the peddler think that he had fallen into a rat trap ?

(d) Why did Gandhi consider the Champaran episode to be a turning point in his life ?

(e) Sophie and Jansie were classmates and friends. What were the difference between them as shown in the story ? 3×3=9

10. Answer the following question in 150–200 words :

The story 'The Tigerking' is a satire on the conceit of those in power. How does the author employ the literary device of dramatic irony in the story.

Or

Do you agree that 'The Enemy' teaches us that we have to make hard choices between our roles as private individuals and as citizens with a sense of National loyalty ? Justify the answer. 6

11. Answer the following question in 120–150 words :

Mr. Lamb and Derry are two highly contrasting characters. Highlight their contrasting traits in their characters (On The Face of It).

Or

The actual pain or inconvenience caused by a physical impairment is often much less than the sense of alienation felt by the person with disabilities. Discuss it in the light of 'On The Face of It'.

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