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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains four sections.
2. Section A-Reading Section has two passages for comprehension.
3. Section B-Grammar Section one question. Read the instructions carefully.
4. Section C-Writing Section has 4 questions. Adhere to the word limit as given in the instructions with each question.
5. Section D-Literature Section has 3 questions. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

SECTION-A
Reading Section (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below. (12)
 1. On 7 December 2017, a critical milestone was reached, not when a computer defeated a human at chess – that’s old news - but when Google’s AlphaZero program defeated the Stockfish 8 program. Stockfish 8 was the world’s computer chess champion for 2016. It had access to centuries of accumulated human experience in chess, as well as to decades of computer experience.
 2. It was able to calculate 70 million chess positions per second. In contrast, AlphaZero performed only 80,000 such calculations per second, and its human creators never taught it any chess strategies – not even standard openings. Rather, AlphaZero used the latest machine-learning principles to self-learn chess by playing against itself. Nevertheless, out of a hundred games the novice AlphaZero played against Stockfish, AlphaZero won twenty-eight and tied seventy-two. It didn’t lose even once.
 3. Since AlphaZero learned nothing from any human, many of its winning moves and strategies seemed unconventional to human eyes. They may well be considered creative, if not downright genius. Can you guess how long it took AlphaZero to learn chess from scratch, prepare for the match against Stockfish, and develop its genius instincts? Four hours. That’s not a typo. For centuries, chess was considered one of the crowning glories of human intelligence. AlphaZero went from utter ignorance to creative mastery in four hours, without the help of any human guide.
 4. AlphaZero is not the only imaginative software out there. Many programmes now routinely outperform human chess players not just in brute calculation, but even in ‘creativity’. In human-only chess tournaments, judges are constantly on the lookout for players who try to cheat by secretly getting help from computers. One of the ways to catch cheats is to monitor the level of originality players display.
 5. If they play an exceptionally creative move, the judges will often suspect that this cannot possibly be a human move - it must be a computer move. At least in chess, creativity is already the trademark of computers rather than humans! Hence if chess is our coal mine canary, we are duly warned that the canary is dying. What is happening today to human-AI chess teams might happen down the road to human-AI teams in policing, medicine and banking too.

6. Consequently, creating new jobs and retraining people to fill them will not be a one-off effort. The AI revolution won't be a single watershed event after which the job market will just settle into a new equilibrium. Rather, it will be a cascade of ever-bigger disruptions. Already today few employees expect to work in the same job for their entire life. By 2050, not just the idea of 'a job for life', but even the idea of 'a profession for life' might seem antediluvian.
- i. What writing technique is primarily used in the extract to emphasise AlphaZero's achievement? (1)

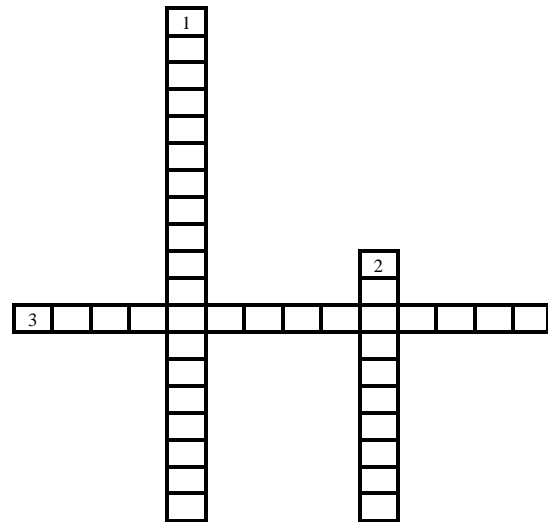
(A) Statistical evidence

(B) Hypothetical Examples

(C) Rhetorical Questions

(D) Analytical Speculation

- ii. Fill the crossword using the context clues given below.



Across: 3. being out of the ordinary (PARAGRAPH 3) (1)

Down: 1. ridiculously old-fashioned (PARAGRAPH 6) (2)

2. a significant point in development (PARAGRAPH 1)

- iii. "Hence if chess is our coal mine canary, we are duly warned that the canary is dying." which literary device has been used here? (1)

- iv. In what context is the idiom "Canary in a coal mine" used here? (1)

(A) Chess which was the pride of the human race is now dying.

(B) The case of AI taking over chess is a warning bell.

(C) Chess is a beautiful game that is being forgotten by humans and taken over by AI.

(D) AI will take over the human race one day.

- v. What is the writer's tone? (1)

(A) Cautionary

(B) Humorous

(C) Melancholy

(D) Excited

- vi. What is the main difference between AlphaZero and Stockfish? (1)

(A) AlphaZero is slower but more accurate while Stockfish is faster but prone to losing.

(B) AlphaZero has fewer moves but is faster while Stockfish has 70 million chess positions per second.

(C) AlphaZero has not learnt a single move from humans while Stockfish has centuries of accumulated human experience.

(D) AlphaZero plays chess more creatively even if it means cheating while Stockfish sticks to age-old moves.

- vii. What purpose does the AlphaZero example serve? (1)
- (A) To prove that AI can defeat humans in terms of mental abilities.
 - (B) To prove that AI will soon eat up our jobs.
 - (C) To prove that AI is faster and better than humans.
 - (D) To prove that now AI can be both calculative and creative.
- viii. Sakhi is a content writer for a publishing house who believes her job is safe as she works in the creative sector. She feels that AI is raising a dust cloud which will soon settle. Based on the passage, refute Sakhi's belief. (2)
- ix. Which of the following is false? (1)
- (A) Chess was deemed the ultimate yardstick for human intelligence.
 - (B) AI may prove to be more creative than humans in multiple fields.
 - (C) AlphaZero's moves were unfamiliar to human eyes
 - (D) The writer advocates the use of AI over employing humans.
2. Read the passage given below. (10)
1. Anxiety is related to fear, but is not the same thing. The Diagnostic Manual of Psychiatry (DSM-5-TR) defines fear as "the emotional response to a real or perceived imminent threat", whereas anxiety is "anticipation of future threat." Both can be healthy responses to reality, but when excessive, they can become disorders. Anxiety and its associated disorders seem to be the defining mental illnesses of young people today. Across a variety of mental health diagnoses, you can see that anxiety rates rose most, with depression following closely behind.
 2. It is healthy to be anxious and on alert when one is in a situation where there really could be dangers lurking. But when our alarm bell is on a hair trigger so that it is frequently activated by ordinary events- including many that pose no real threat -it keeps us in a perpetual state of distress. This is when ordinary, healthy, temporary anxiety turns into an anxiety disorder. It is also important to note that our alarm bell did not just evolve as a response to physical threats.
 3. Our evolutionary advantage came from our larger brains and our capacity to form strong social groups, thus making us particularly attuned to social threats such as being shunned or shamed. People-and particularly adolescents- are often more concerned about the threat of "social death" than physical death. Anxiety affects the mind and body in multiple ways. For many, anxiety is felt in the body as tension or tightness and as discomfort in the abdomen and chest cavity. Emotionally, anxiety is experienced as dread, worry, and, after a while, exhaustion.
 4. Cognitively, it often becomes difficult to think clearly, pulling people into states of unproductive rumination and provoking cognitive distortions that are the focus of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), such as catastrophizing, overgeneralizing, and black-and-white thinking. For those with anxiety disorders, these distorted thinking patterns often elicit uncomfortable physical symptoms, which then induce feelings of fear and worry, which then trigger more anxious thinking, perpetuating a vicious cycle.
- i. Which is the second most common mental illness among college students according to the passage? (1)
- (A) Anxiety
 - (B) OCD
 - (C) ADHD
 - (D) Depression

- ii. According to the passage, which of the following is false about anxiety? (1)
- (A) It is unhealthy and should be avoided consciously.
 - (B) It is natural but too much of it can become a disorder.
 - (C) Anxiety and fear are human instincts for survival.
 - (D) Fear response is triggered even before information reaches the fear centres of the brain through the eyes.
- iii. The word “rumination” in paragraph 4, most closely means _____. (1)
- (A) The action or fact of ruining someone or something.
 - (B) The act of thinking carefully and for a long period about something.
 - (C) The action of chewing the cud.
 - (D) The action or process of giving new energy or vigour to something.
- iv. **Tharini:** I think I have an anxiety disorder. I become rather panicky whenever I have to travel. I should buy myself some anti-anxiety medication. (2)
Explain to Tharini that what she is suffering from is not an anxiety disorder.
- v. What does the author mean by “Social Death”? (1)
- (A) Issuance of a fake death certificate
 - (B) Holding a large funeral gathering
 - (C) Being shunned by the society
 - (D) Pretence of death to gain sympathy
- vi. Assertion: Fear is a natural human instinct (1)
Reason: Humans are social creatures afraid of Social Death
- (A) Assertion is True. Reason is false.
 - (B) Assertion and Reason both are true but are unrelated.
 - (C) Assertion and Reason are both true and logically related.
 - (D) Assertion is false. Reason is true.
- vii. Statement 1: Anxiety takes a toll on you. (1)
Statement 2: Anxiety can cause physical and emotional exhaustion
Conclusion: If you are exhausted all the time, you have an anxiety disorder
- (A) Both statements are true and the conclusion is accurate.
 - (B) Both statements are false and the conclusion does not follow.
 - (C) Both statements are true but the conclusion is a generalisation.
 - (D) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- viii. Your friend has gained a lot of weight and feels very uncomfortable going to parties. Her/his grades have been falling and she/he feels tired and sad all the time. What would you say to placate such a friend? (1)
- (A) You may be ridiculed, but you mustn't let that affect your mood
 - (B) This is no big deal, stop being so shallow
 - (C) Gaining weight is normal at our age, don't be ashamed of it.
 - (D) What you are feeling is natural, don't stress yourself, or you will be caught in a vicious cycle of fear and anxiety

- ix. Choose the statements which are true. (1)
1. Anxiety disorder manifests as physical symptoms at times.
 2. Fear and anxiety are natural responses to threat.
 3. Anxious people are mostly dramatic.
 4. Humans are social beings and hence scared of being shunned.
 5. You can simply stop being anxious by quitting overthinking
 6. Anxiety and fear are related but not the same
- (A) 1, 2, 3, 4 (B) 1, 2, 4, 6
(C) 2, 4, 5, 6 (D) 2, 3, 4, 6

SECTION-B

Writing Section (24 Marks)

3. 'Brain rot' is the Oxford word of the year 2024. It means decline of a person's mental or intellectual state due to excessive consumption of online content specifically related to social media. You, as the cultural secretary of Kalidas H. S. School, Indore, have been given a responsibility of issuing a notice for the students of classes VIII to XII regarding an orientation about the ill effects of excessive use of social media. Write the notice for the school notice board. (50 words) (4)
4. Sudepta and Kuldeep study in class IX. They are discussing Unit-3- 'Environment'. While discussing the sub-unit 'Save Mother Earth', Sudepta says, she is quite happy to see infrastructural development in India which would ensure economic development of the country. She believes that this would improve the life quality of poor in India. Kuldeep has a different point of view. He feels that this development accelerates the concrete jungle and deteriorates environment. He is of the opinion that this blind development is not sustainable and would cost heavily to the people in the long run. Write their conversation in the form of a dialogue. (100 words) (5)
5. Attempt any one of the following in 120 words. (7)
- A. You have recently read the book 'Wings of Fire' written by APJ Abdul Kalam. Impressed with his life and personality you write a letter to your cousin living in Gangtok and recommend her/him to read the book. Write the letter explaining his personality. You can take help from Unit-1 'People-An Exemplary Leader' and following hints.
- Joined Aeronautical Development Establishment of Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) as a scientist.
 - Believed in plurality and had interest in all religions.
 - Wrote many inspirational books like 2020-A Vision for the New Millennium, Envisioning an Empowered Nation, Ignited Minds, My Journey, Developments in Fluid Mechanics and Space Technology, The Luminous Sparks etc.
 - Helped in the management of projects for developing missiles such as Agni and Prithvi.
 - The Government of India honoured him with the Padma Bhushan in 1981 and the Padma Vibhushan in 1990, received India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna.

OR

B. After listening to the song ‘We Are the World’ from the Unit-6 ‘Children’ you feel that children have a role in solving problems prevalent in society. The theme of the song is to make the world a better place by helping those in need. It is sung from a first-person viewpoint, allowing the audience to internalise the message by singing the word ‘*WE*’ together. It has been described as “an appeal to human compassion”. Using the clues from the chapter, write a letter to your friend, living in Jammu, to listen to the song and tell him/her how children can change the world for better by solving contemporary problems of the society and the world. You may also use following hints.

- access to education essentially for all the children
- forgetting differences based on caste, religion, race etc.
- ensuring environment protection by adopting green ways
- practising soft skills and life values

6. Attempt any one of the following in 150 words. (8)

A. Anandalaya celebrated the Annual Sports Day-2024 in a different way by conducting a mix relay race. The school believes in gender equality and uses sports and games to instil this value among its students. Write a paragraph on the conduct of the Annual Sports Day of Anandalaya. You can use following points along with the hints from the Unit-7 ‘Sports and Games’.

- no difference in the sports competitions for girls and boys
- equal weightage in terms of points for the four houses
- equal felicitation for both girls and boys
- no advantage given on the basis of gender

OR

B. The Unit-2 ‘Adventure’ talks about different aspects of adventure. Write a paragraph about how adventures play an important role in our life. You can use the points given in the unit along with following benefits of doing adventures;

- It invigorates us to do physical exertion, builds self-confidence, and provides experiences of new cultures and breathtaking landscapes that would be otherwise inaccessible.
- It expands our mind by building up our bravery.
- It can help us develop our strength and give us an opportunity to transcend our beliefs.
- We can move forward towards fulfilling our potential, learning how to trust ourselves, and develop a greater sense of our capacity.

SECTION-C

Grammar Section (10 Marks)

7. Do as directed.

A. Read the words and phrases given below and rearrange them to form meaningful sentences.

- (i) has / too / educational / cinema / value / an (1)
- (ii) the / the / people / of / influence / it / mind / a / deep / exercises / upon (1)
- (iii) of / is / most / communication / effective / mass / the / it / means (1)

- B. The following paragraph has not been edited. There is one word missing in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after in your answer sheet. The first one has been done as an example. (4x1=4)

		Before	Missing	After
Every year, many people visit temple	e.g.	<u>visit</u>	<u>the</u>	<u>temple</u>
Town of Kanchipuram Tamil Nadu.	(i)			
Pilgrims have going there in	(ii)			
large numbers many centuries	(iii)			
because they want see the splendid architecture of the temples.	(iv)			

- C. High school is a critical time in the life of young people. On (i) _____ (a/the/an/no article) one hand, teenagers are eager to enjoy their freedom and independence, while on the other hand, they must be disciplined enough to keep (ii) _____ (their/ the/our/ there) priorities straight. In my opinion, the family, the peer group and the school impact high school students the (iii) _____ (best/highest/most/maximum) at this vulnerable time.

SECTION-D

Literature Section (26 Marks)

8. Read the excerpts given below and answer the questions that follow after each excerpt. (Any two)
- A. One chap's got a snapshot of Jimmy Wilde. At least, he says it's Jimmy Wilde, but I believe it's just some ordinary fellow. Anyhow, it's jolly blurred, so it might be anyone. Pa, can't you give me a picture of yourself boxing? I could swank like anything. And you, don't know how sick a chap gets of having chaps call him, 'Goggles'.
- (i) Who is Jimmy Wilde in the extract?
- (A) Famous boxer (B) Celebrity
(C) Hollywood actor (D) Boxing trainer
- (ii) Why is Harold not sure that the person in the photograph is Jimmy Wilde?
- (A) The photograph is blurred.
(B) He has never seen Jimmy Wilde.
(C) The possessor was boasting about the photograph and Harold doesn't trust him.
(D) The possessor used to show off and hence can't be trusted.
- (iii) "Pa, can't you give me a picture of yourself boxing? I could swank like anything."
- Why does Harold want Bill's snap?
- Assertion (A) He wants to show off.
Reason (R) He does not want to be called Goggles.
- (A) A is correct but R is wrong. (B) Both A and R are incorrect.
(C) A is wrong and R is correct (D) Both A and R are correct

(iv) Select the correct use of the word 'swank' in a sentence as it is used in the extract.

(A) Going to the mall or a soccer game has never seemed so swank.

(B) Viewers see the practice court, kitchen area, weight room and a pretty swank lounge area.

(C) I have always been against swanking about all the things I have been lucky enough to win.

(D) The kids wore designer clothes and partied at swank hotels.

B. *"A voice so thrilling ne'er was heard
In spring time from the cuckoo bird;
Breaking the silence of the seas
Among the farthest Hebrides"* (4x1=4)

(i) Why does the poet compare the reaper's voice to the song of the cuckoo bird?

(ii) Explain the line '*Breaking the silence of the seas*'.

(iii) Name the literary device used in the third line.

(iv) Which word from the extract would you associate with the term 'soul-stirring'?

C. "You are an exception. Frenchmen usually have to consult about ten people before they get a move on. Listen! Do you or don't you want to sell this house?" (4x1=4)

(i) Who is the speaker of these lines and who is he/she talking about?

(ii) What is the nationality of the speaker?

(iii) Why is the speaker in hurry?

(iv) In what sense does the speaker say that Frenchmen are different?

9. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words. (Any six) (6x2=12)

(i) Sudha Murthy's grandmother touched her feet. How did she justify this gesture?

(ii) Narrate in your own words the incident that proved to be a turning point in Private Quelch's life.

(iii) How is the symbol of nature used differently in the poems 'The Brook' and 'Song of The Rain'?

(iv) 'The Road Not Taken' is a metaphor of life. Justify this statement. Justify the title.

(v) What is the significance of the phrase "one man in his time plays many parts"? (The Seven Ages)

(vi) How does the author use humour or irony in describing the best-selling novel being discarded by John A. Pescud, and what might this reveal about John's character?

(vii) Why has the line, "Oh! I wish I'd looked after me teeth' been repeated in the poem by Pam?

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 120-150 words. (1x6=6)

A. Chuck Hooper's life changes drastically after he meets with an accident. His wife Marcy supports him economically till he starts working again. This proves that women are able to handle all types of problems and therefore they should to be given equal opportunities to grow. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Economic empowerment: A need for all women'.

OR

B. Norman Mckinnel in his play 'The Bishop's Candlesticks' emphasises on the futility of punishment in reforming a criminal. Write a paragraph on the topic 'Inhumane Punishments Create More Criminals'.