

ENGLISH

Time: 3Hrs

Marks: 100

This paper consists of four sections.

Section A – Reading	20 marks
Section B – Writing	30 marks
Section C – Grammar	20 marks
Section D – Literature	30 marks

Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Do **not** write anything in the question paper.
3. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.
4. Attempt all questions in each section before going on to the next section.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION A – READING

A.1 Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow: (8 marks)

The cries of working children can be heard the world over. The International Labour Organization estimates that 75 million children between eight and fifteen work in the labour forces of the developing world; the United Nations suggests that almost twice that number work world-wide. Children today often labour under extremely hazardous conditions, handling poisonous chemicals, inhaling noxious fumes, hauling excessive weights. They are usually overworked, underfed and underpaid-if they are paid at all. Many risk both their physical and mental well-being and surrender their childhood so that they, and their families, can survive.

Though many countries have laws that forbid the use – and abuse – of children in the work force, the ILO states that ‘there are no grounds for optimism’ that the plight of working children will improve in the near future. That sombre conclusion stems from one inescapable fact; the families of most working children depend on their labours in order to stay alive.

Because child labour means cheap labour, the young – even the very young – are often the most employable in developing economies. The director of a textile enterprise in Istanbul admits without hesitation or regret that 70 per cent of his employees are between fourteen and seventeen. ‘They provide the same productivity as adults,’ he says, ‘but for a fraction of the cost.’ A Thai factory owner finds youthful employees attractive for other reasons as well. ‘They are more manageable and more adept at certain kinds of jobs,’ he says. ‘Also, they don’t go out and get drunk.’ Children, of course, are unlikely to organize or to complain to authorities when they are overworked and underpaid. Few of these children know of their legal rights, and even fewer question their meagre earnings and often dire work conditions. Instead, most are grateful to be working. ‘There are always strings of kids waiting to take your job,’ says one Indian youth who works in a fireworks factory. ‘You may earn a pittance, but you put up with it.’ Often, however, children put up with far worse.

A.1.1 On the basis of your reading of the passage answer the questions. Write your answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank number.

- a) According to the figures given by International Labour Organization and United Nations _____
- b) Some of the dangers children face in their work environment are _____
- c) The writer feels the abuse of children will not stop because _____

Child labour is popular in developing countries for various reasons. Some of these are: (Mention any two)

- d) _____
e) _____
f) As most of these children are unaware of their rights they are _____

Children continue to work despite low wages and dangerous working conditions because g) _____ and h) _____.

A.2. Read the following passage carefully:

(12 marks)

36 year old Kalpana Chawla had no fear of flying. In fact, for the 'girl from Karnal', now the first Asian woman in space, flying is "sheer fun". From where did this love for a conventionally 'male' domain spring from? Did the suggestion made in jest by her brother Sanjay, that her mother secretly wanted a boy, play a part in forming a tomboyish temperament, with hiking, backpacking and karate taking precedence over more 'feminine' pursuits? Or was it that she had always reached for the stars? Her former Principal, Vimla Raheja, now director of Tagore Bal Niketan, the school Kalpana left in 1976, recalls that her environment project was in the form of 'huge, colourful charts, and models, depicting the sky, stars'. Or perhaps, it was her father, Banarasi Lal Chawla who convinced her that barriers are only those of one's own making. He encouraged her to join the Karnal Flying Club, while gently suggesting that she opt for medicine as a career.

A chip of the old block, she stuck to her first love – aviation. "I have a mind of my own," she said at the time. A mind that ignored her teacher's counsel at the Punjab Engineering College to opt for electrical or mechanical engineering, because "aeronautical engineering was more of a man's domain." She was the college's first woman aeronautical engineer.

Realising that the US "was really big in aviation," she made that her next destination. And met her would-be husband, Jean Pierre Harrison, a flight instructor and aviation writer, almost on arrival.

Flying was a luxury she could ill afford as a post-graduate student at the University of Texas. Only when she got a bigger stipend while working for her doctorate in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado, that she could afford flying lessons. She got a commercial pilot licence and qualified as a flight instructor as well.

This motivated her to apply for the space shuttle programme, while working as a research scientist at the NASA Ames Research Center in California in 1988. She finally made it as one of 19 astronauts, chosen from 2962 applicants.

All along, she had a feeling that she would be chosen, for she had "the right Stuff" – a technical background and "a strong desire to go out in the space".

Within a year of joining the Johnson Space Center in March 1995, she was assigned to work on technical issues for the Astronaut Office, EVA/Robotics and Computer Branches. And finally Kalpana became a mission specialist on the crew of the fourth US Microgravity Payload flight – mission STS-87 – which took off on November 19, 1997.

Though a US citizen, the India connection (her family, who now live in Delhi, and her school) continues: she invited her former Principal to witness launch, and requested a souvenir. They sent two T-shirts, each with the Indian flag, the space shuttle, the school emblem, a girl (representing Kalpana) and children looking up to her. The message on the top said: "Tagoreans are proud of Kalpana".

For the girl who requested her parents not to boast her achievements, the journey had just begun. But as the Greek poet said, journeys in themselves are destinations. Kalpana echoed this: "You must enjoy the journey, because whether or not you get there, you must have fun on the way." Sadly, her journey ended too soon.

A.2.1 Based on your reading of the passage complete the following sentences. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. (6 marks)

- a) Kalpana's tomboyish temperament was formed through her interest in
 i) _____
 ii) _____ and
 iii) _____
 b) Kalpana learnt from her father that _____
 c) Her teachers at the Punjab Engineering College advised her to _____ but she decided to join _____
 d) Kalpana met her husband _____ and is a _____
 _____ when she arrived in _____.
 e) She could afford flying lessons only when she got _____ at the
 _____ where she was doing _____.
 f) Her former school sent her a souvenir consisting of _____ showing
 _____.

A.2.2 Following are some important years in Kalpana Chawla's life. Fill up the following chart to indicate what important event took place in each year. Write your answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. (2 marks)


YEAR	EVENT
1976	a)
1988	b)
1995	c)
1997	d)

A.2.3. Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following. (4 marks)

- a) area, sphere of influence or activity _____
 b) showing, representing _____
 c) end of the journey, goal of journey _____
 d) given a task or duty _____

SECTION B – WRITING

B.1 Aditya, who lives in Delhi, left for Shimla on a week's holiday on Sunday. On the train he realized that he had forgotten to return the NCC uniform due on Saturday. The school is closed on Wednesday. He decided to write to his brother a postcard from Shimla, requesting him to return the uniform which he had left in his wardrobe. Copy the format of the postcard in your answer sheets and do not exceed 50 words. **(5 marks)**

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B.2 You have received the following invitation with a note from Mr. Peter requesting you to inform Mr. Charles, a common friend living in your neighbourhood. Mr. Peter has somehow misplaced Mr. Charles address. Write a message to Mr. Charles, giving the details about the wedding. Also mention in the message your willingness to go together to the wedding. **(5 marks)**

Mrs. & Mr. Peter D'Silva

Invite you

To

*The **Wedding** of their daughter*

Lucy

With

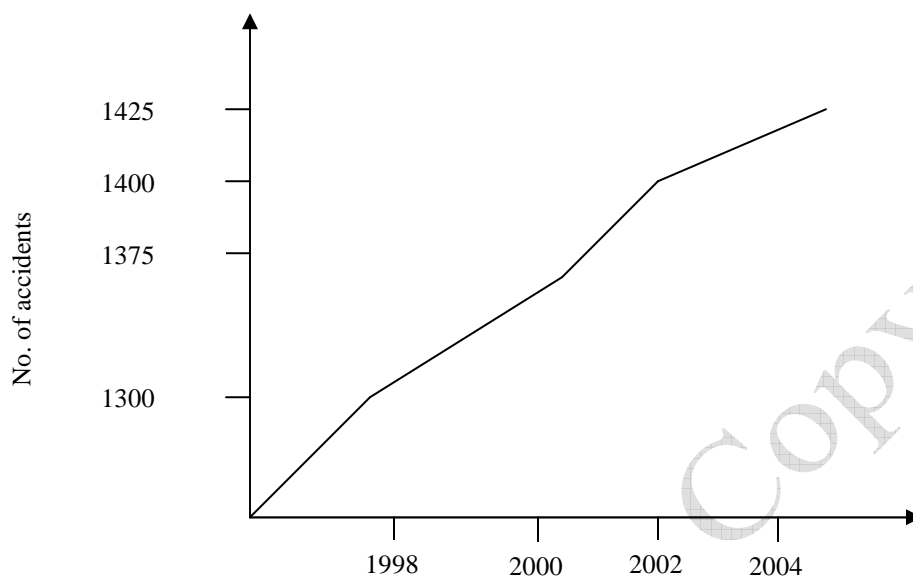
Daniel
(Son of Mrs. & Mr. Samuel D' Costa)

*on **Friday, the 24 February, 2006***
at 8 pm at Rosy Banquet Hall,
Subhash Enclave,
Haridasnagar

Peters
596324

B.3 All the Schools in Bangalore are celebrating a Road Safety month now. You being the Head Boy/ Head Girl of your school have been asked to deliver a short speech on the subject of Road Safety for school children. Study the graph given below showing the number of school children who lost their lives in road accidents. Using the information together with your own ideas, write a short speech stressing the importance of road safety for children. Also make some practical suggestions in this regard. Do not exceed 200 words.

(10 marks)



B.4. Gayathri read the following news about an exciting discovery. She is thrilled to read about it and decides to write a letter to her friend in the countryside, on the Advancement in Science and Technology. Write a letter using the information from the newspaper article. You may make use of the ideas from the unit on 'Science' along with your own ideas. The body of the letter should not exceed 150 words. **(10 marks)**

DOWNSIZING TRANSMITTERS

New York: 4th February, 2006

A radio transmitter, as small as a cigarette package that could be used to replace gigantic mobile telephone masts that are thought by some to spoil the countryside, has been developed by Michael Roberts, an electronic expert at Leeds University, England.

SECTION C – GRAMMAR

C.1. Look at the notes below. Then use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words and phrases in each space. Do not add any new information. The first one has been done as an example. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number:

(5 marks)

Notes:

Ridley sea turtles – feed thousands of miles apart – respond to inner urge – visit tiny sandy bar off the coast of Orissa – 100 soft white eggs – hatchling's come out of the nests

Olive Ridley turtles have been making mysterious pilgrimage for 60 million years. They may be a) _____ apart in the sea, but on account of a mysterious b) _____ they visit c) _____ every year in the month of January. Each female digs a pit with her paddle shaped hind flippers and lays d) _____. Millions of hatchlings e) _____ and rush towards the sea.

C.2. Use the instructions given below to complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answer in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentences.

(4 marks)

Instructions:

- Tighten the cap on the nozzle of the Vial
- The spike in the cap will pierce the tip of the Vial
- Remove the cap
- Press the vial gently to dispense drop
- Replace the cap after every use
- Do not touch the tip of the vial since it might contaminate the solution
- Keep the vial in a dark, cool place
- Use the solution within a month

The solution in this vial is easy to use. First of all the cap on the nozzle a) _____. The tip of the vial b) _____. Then the cap c) _____ and the vial d) _____ to dispense drops. Make sure that the cap e) _____ after every use. Please do not touch the tip of the vial because the solution f) _____. The vial g) _____ in a cool and dark place. To have the best results the solution h) _____ within a month.

C.3. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer sheet against the correct blank number. The first one has been done for you.

(4 marks)

The road is one of a great means
in help to mankind. Its varied
effect appear in our daily life. It is

E.g. a.....the

- a) _____
b) _____

a road which determines the sites of many cities. Its framework is the determining factor for economic development. It has the channel of all trade and, what is most important of all, ideas. Road controls all history.

- c) _____
d) _____
e) _____
f) _____
g) _____
h) _____

C.4 Read the conversation given below and complete the paragraph that follows. Write your answers in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. **(3 marks)**

Father : Why are you so late?
Son : I was invited for my friend's birthday party.
Father : Wherever you go, you should reach home before 8 o'clock.

The father asked the son a) _____. The son replied b) _____.
The father c) _____.

C.5. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences. The first one has been done for you as an example. **(4 marks)**

A long / India has / conservation of / history of / forests

India has a long history of conservation of forests.

- a) closed seasons / many communities / follow traditional practices / of forest dwellers / of maintaining / and fisher people
b) as no hunting / the wildlife population / its numbers / or fishing / during this time / can recoup / is allowed
c) have been / and social customs / because of / many species / centuries / conserved / such religious / through the
d) of living beings / conservation of / large mammals / to maintain / will help / the entire web

SECTION D – LITERATURE

D.1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets against the correct question number. **(4 marks)**

*"I watched the flame feeding on my mother.
I watched the holy man perform his rites
To tame the poison with his incantation"*

- a) What had caused the flame? How was it feeding on his mother? **(2 marks)**
b) What was the holy man trying to do? What was the result? **(2 marks)**

D.2. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly. **(4 marks)**

*Oh! The nightingale confessed
Greatly flattered and impressed
That a critic of such note
Had discussed her art and throat:*

- a) Who was the critic in the bird's eyes? **(1 mark)**

- b) What were his comments on the nightingale's singing? (1 mark)
c) What impression do you form about the nightingale? (2 marks)

D.3. Describe how Brutus justifies the killing of Julius Caesar in his address to the Romans in about 100 words.
(5 marks)

D.4. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheets in one or two lines only. Remember to number the answers correctly.
(5 marks)

"Business! Mankind was my business. The common welfare was my business."

- a) Who is the speaker of these lines? Is he dead or alive? (2 marks)
b) What do you understand by "Mankind was my business"? (2 marks)
c) Is the speaker happy about what he did / did not do? (1 mark)

D.5. Describe briefly the Refugee tent where the narrator and her family are put up after crossing the Kruger Park. Your answer should not exceed 75 words. (4 marks)

D.6 Imagine you are the postmaster and have just gone and laid Miriam's letter on Ali's grave. You come back home and reflect on whatever has happened. The newly awakened father's heart in you is reproaching you for having failed to understand Ali's anxiety. As the postmaster write a diary entry in about 150-175 words outlining your feelings.
(8 marks)