Class- VII   Maximum Marks: 80
Subject- English   Time: 3hours
The question paper is divided into **four sections.**

Section A	:	**Reading**	**20 marks**	
Section B	:	**Writing**	**20 marks**	
Section C	:	**Grammar**	**15 marks**	
Section D	:	**Literature**	**25 marks**	

Section – A (Reading) 20 marks

Q1. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.   (1x10=10)

Today there is lot of talk about the environment. All Indians are coming to an agreement to save planet – earth. Like we pollute the earth, we pollute the water; we also pollute the subtle environment through our negative feeling and emotions. We have become a victim of our environment. We are not in control of our mind. We hear a lot about other things in life but we spend very little time to hear about ourselves. This is where we miss a very fundamental principle that governs our environment, our mind, our emotions and our life in general.

Our body has the capacity to sustain much longer, the vibration of bliss and peace than it does negative emotions because positivity is in the centre of our existence; centre core of our existence is bliss, positivity and joy but it is surrounded by a cloud of negative ions. Through the help of breath we can easily get over our negative emotions in a short period of time. Through meditation and certain breathing techniques, we can clear this negative cloud.

This life has so much to offer to you. You can see this once you take some time off, rejuvenating the soul. Your soul is hungry for smile from you. If you could give this, you feel energized the whole year and nothing can take the smile from you.

Everyone wants to be successful in life. But without knowing what is success, you want to be successful. What is the sign of success? You may have a big bank balance, but, you have stomach aches, ulcers, you may have to go for bypass surgery; can't eat this, can't do this, can't do that. We spend half our health to gain wealth and spend half our wealth to gain back the health. Is this success? It is very bad mathematics.

Look at all these who claim to be successful- are they successful? No, they are miserable. Then, what is the sign of success? It is confidence, compassion, generosity and a smile that none can snatch away, being really happy and being able to be more free. These are the sign of a successful person.

Take some time off to look a little deep into yourself and calm the mind down. Thus, erasing all the impressions that we are carrying in our minds and experience the presence the divine that is very core of our existence. This is feeling the presence!

Answer the following questions by choosing an appropriate option from those given below.

i. How do we pollute our environment?   [1
      a) By becoming victims to our environment
      b) By not listening to indications about ourselves
      c) Through our negative thoughts and feeling
      d) By not being in control of our mind

ii. How can we get rid of our negative emotions?   [1
      a) By keeping longer the vibrations of bliss
      b) Through meditation and using some breathing techniques
      c)   by ignoring clouds
      d) by a cloud of negative ions

iii. What according to the author is `bad mathematics'?   [1
      a) Having a bank balance
      b) Having stomach aches, ulcer and bypass surgery
      c) Can't eat this, can't do this or that
      d) To spend our health to gain wealth, and wealth to regain health

iv. What are signs of a successful person? [1
    a) Confidence, compassion, generosity and happiness
    b) To be free, rich, powerful
    c) To be not miserable
    d) Generosity, not being miserable, good health and wealth

v. Choose the correct antonym of the word `make' from the options: [1
    a) Unmade   b) mar   c) Dismantle   d) ruin

vi. Find the words from the passage which convey the similar meaning as `to make someone feel or look younger and more lovely. [1
    a) Energized   b) smile   c) Rejuvenating   d) hungry

vii. Find the words from the passage which means the same as: [2
    a) Make impure and dirty   b) basic

viii. Write the antonym of the following words. [2
    a) Miserable   b) success

2. Read the poem given below and choose the correct option for each questions that follow.

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THE BAT
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Most bats fly high
Swooping only
To take some insect on the wing;
But there is one bat I know
Who flies so low
He skims the floor;
He does not enter at the window
But flies in at the door,
Does stunts beneath the furniture---
Is his radar wrong,
Or does he just prefer
Being different from other bats?
And when sometimes
He settles upside down
At the foot of my bed.
I let him be
On lonely nights, even a crazy bat
Is company.

2. i) Where does the poet see the bat? (1x10=10)
    a) in the sky   b) in his room   c) under his furniture

ii) What does the bats hunt?
    a) other birds   b)insects   c) their offspring

iii) This bat does not like to enter the room through the
    a) door   b)window   c) skylight

iv) What does the poet sometimes wonder?
    a) if his senses are working   b) if his wings are working   c) if his sounds are imitating

v) The poet is surprised to see
    a) the bat flies so low   b) the bat flies in the sky   c) the bat flies above the furniture

vi) Write the synonym of company.
    a) foe   b) friend   c) partner

vii) Who settles himself upside down?
    a) The poet   b) He   c)The bat

viii) Find the word which meant 'swoop'?
    a) downwards   b) upwards   c) swing

ix) Is his radar wrong? (Change into Affirmative sentence)

x) 'On lonely nights, even a 'crazy bat'
    Is company.'
    What do you mean by 'crazy'?
    a) clever   b) foolish   c) friendly

Section – B (writing) 20 marks

Q3. Write the bio-sketch of the following famous personality in 50- 70 words. (4)

    Name: Kalpana Chawla

    Birth: March 17th 1962 Karnal, Haryana, India

    Nationality: American

    Occupation: Research scientist and NASA astronaut

    Selection: 1994 in National Aeronautics and space Administration.

    Time in space: 31 days, 14 hours, 54 minutes.

    Died on: 1st February, 2003 (killed in the space shuttle in Columbia's disaster over Texas, in USA)

Q4. Write a speech on the topic " You can succeed, if you think you can". Take the reference from your MCB Unit 'Achievers' and include your own idea. (8)

Q5. You are Pratibha Goswami, a correspondent of `The Hindu'. Write a report for the newspaper about a shop that caught fire. Three people have been killed in the fire and several injured. Property worth lakhs of rupees has been destroyed. Write in 120-150 words. (8)

OR

Write an article about 120-150 words on the topic ` Role of the grandparents in the families in which both parents are working'. Take the hints from the unit "Relationship "of your Reader Book and add your own experiences.

Section – C (Grammar) 15 marks

Q6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Write the incorrect word and correct in your answer sheet against the correct blank. Under line the word that you have supplied.

(½X6=3)

	Incorrect	Correct
Listening effectively is a essential skill	i) _____	_____
for everyone on the workplace. This can	ii) _____	_____
be a challenge to a generation that is	iii) _____	_____
yet to be learn many more potential	iv)_____	_____
on communication technology. A genuinely	v) _____	_____
curious individual are likely to been a good	vi) _____	_____
discussion but also great ideas.		

Q7. Rearrange the jumble words to form meaningful sentences. (1x3=3)

    i)   in traditional/ playing/ have been/a role/manufacturing/ sector/Robot

    ii)   every morning? / by her / read / is the / newspaper

    iii)   animal /a /social /being /is /human

Q8. Fill in the blanks with appropriate articles (a, an, the) (1x3=3)

    i)   He got his higher education at_____ university in the USA.

    ii)   The Nile is considered to be _____ longest river in the world.

    iii)   Everybody wants to be _____ honourable person.

Q9. Do as directed. (1x6=6)

    i)   You_____ get a visa if you want to visit the U.S.A. (have to ,will)

    ii)   Ayesha said to me, " I had visited the Taj Mahal long ago".

    iii)   Riya is down with fever. She will not come today. (therefore, so, and)

    iv)   The teacher asked student where do you want to go for picnic.(punctuate the sentence)

    v)   He has written a letter. (Change into passive form)

    vi)   My mother is baking a cake for me. (Change into perfect progressive tense)

Section – D (Literature) 25 marks

Q10. Read the following extracts and answers the questions that follow. Write the correct option in your answer sheet. (1x4=4)

A) Thus of every grief in heart
   He with thee doth bear a part,
   These are certain signs to know
   Faithful friend from flattering foe ;

1) He with thee doth bear a part means_____
   a) Shares with you the pain of your grief
   b) Feels comfortable if you are in trouble
   c) Leaves you when your fortunes are low

2) The archaic word 'doth' means_____
   a) did   b) does   c) done

3) The antonym of `foe' is_____
   a) enemy   b) friend   c) faithful

4) Name the poet of this poem?
   a) William Shakespeare   b) William Wordsworth   c) Mary Howitt

B) `a world I dream where black or white,
   Whatever race you be,
   Will share the bounties of the earth,
   And every man is free,'   (1x4=4)

1) Name the poem from which the above extract has been taken.
   a) Birdie, will you pet?
   b) Friends and flatterers
   c) I dream a world
   d) The spider and the fly

2) What type of freedom is referred here?
   a) Freedom of speech
   b) Freedom forget education
   c) Freedom of enjoying the natural resources by all man
   d) Freedom to share the thoughts and feelings.

3) What do you mean by ` the bounties of the earth'?
   a) The green grass
   b) Forest
   c) The generous gift of nature
   d) All the above

4) What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
   a) abcd   b) abcb   c) aabb   d) aabc

Q11. Answer the following question in 30-40 words (any four)   (2x4=8)
   a) What is Fable? Why has the poem been called a Fable?
   b) How was Trishna Saved?
   c) How did the soldier react to the unwelcoming attitude of the villagers?
   d) Why was Ram Singh arrested and summoned to the court?
   e) What did Tutu do with the necklace? How was it restored to the shopkeeper?

Q12. Answer the following question in about 45-50 words.   (3)
   `Presence of mind is more valuable asset than wealth or strength. Explain the statement with reference to the lesson ` Stone Soup in Bohemia'.

Q13. Imagine yourself to be Vishal. Write an article for the School magazine describing your adventurous journey.   (6)

OR

   Imagine yourself Gopa. Write a speech on the topic "Technology can be very beneficial for mankind, if it is used properly, while misusing can lead the disastrous consequences.
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