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Class: VI

ENGLISH

Time: 3 hrs

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General Instructions:

1. This paper consists of THREE sections :

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| Section A | Reading                      | 20 marks |
| Section B | Writing/Grammar              | 25 marks |
| Section C | Literature/Long Reading Text | 25 marks |
2. Attempt all questions.
3. Do not write anything on the question paper.
4. All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the Answer sheet provided to you.
5. Read each question carefully and follow the instructions.
6. Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question.

SECTION A: READING

1. Read the following passage and answer the following by choosing the correct option: 5

Kiran Bedi was born on June 9, 1949. Her father Prakash Lal Peshawaria, a landlord in Punjab was determined to educate his four daughters at a time when women were largely limited to doing household tasks.

While studying at the Sacred Heart Convent, Kiran joined the National Cadet Corps (NCC) and took up tennis, a game which her father used to play. After school, she went on to study Political Science at the Government College For Women, Amritsar.

Kiran excelled at sports, particularly tennis. She won the Inter-University women's team title and bagged the national title as well as the Asian title in tennis. Bedi says the game taught her the value of hard work, the importance of staying fit and built in her the qualities of fair play, team work, concentration, and the ability to give in that extra bit under stress. Kiran Bedi was selected for Indian Police Service in 1972 and was the first woman police officer of the Indian Police Service. Spectators at the 1973 Republic Day Parade were amazed to see a lady at the head of the Police Contingent.

- a) Kiran Bedi has \_\_\_\_\_ sisters.
  - i) Three
  - ii) four
  - iii) two
  - iv) five
- b) Tennis helped Kiran to learn
  - i) How to get selected for IPS
  - ii) how to perform better under stress
  - iii) How to follow her father's footsteps
  - iv) how to win titles
- c) Kiran's selection to Indian Police Service was unique in the sense that she
  - i) Led the police contingent at the 1973 Republic Day Parade
  - ii) Was the first woman police officer of the IPS
  - iii) She came from NCC background
  - iv) She was a distinguished player of tennis
- d) Kiran Bedi has proved that
  - i) Women can lead police contingents
  - ii) Women can play tennis
  - iii) Women owe their success to their fathers
  - iv) Women can be excellent police officers
- e) One of the chief reasons of Kiran's success in life was her father's
  - i) Love for tennis
  - ii) property and prosperity
  - iii) Determination to educate his daughters
  - iv) reputation in his area

2. **Read the following extract of the story and answer the following by choosing the correct option:**

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King Solomon was famous for his wisdom. The Queen of Sheba wanted to test him. One day she went to the King with two garlands. One of the garlands was made of real flowers. The other one was made of paper flowers. But both the garlands looked exactly alike. She held one garland in each of her hands and stood in front of the King. She said, "O wise King, tell me, without moving from your seat, which one of these two garlands is made of real flowers."

The King looked at each of the two garlands very carefully. They looked very much alike. He could not tell one from the other. When his eyes failed to guide him, the wise King used his brain to solve the problem. A bright idea came to his mind. He ordered one of his servants to open the window overlooking the garden. The servant opened the window. Soon bees came in from the garden and began hovering around the garland in the Queen's right hand.

The King smiled and said, "The bees of my garden tell me that the garland in your right hand is made of real flowers."

The Queen bowed down with respect and said, "O King, your answer is right. You are indeed, a very wise man."

a) **The Queen of Sheba wanted to test King Solomon's**

- i) Wisdom                      ii) honesty                      iii) tolerance                      iv) truthfulness

b) **What was special about the two garlands?**

- i) Both of them looked exceptionally beautiful  
ii) Both of them looked exactly alike  
iii) Both of them attracted bees  
iv) Both of them withered at the same time

c) **When his eyes failed to guide him the king used his**

- i) nose                      ii) heart                      iii) mind                      iv) ears

d) **began hovering around the garland, made of real flowers.**

- i) Insects                      ii) bees                      iii) birds                      iv) all of the above

e) **The word "bowed" in the last paragraph means**

- i) bent head in respect                      ii) overlooked  
iii) showed gratitude                      iv) complained

3. **Read the following passage and answer the following questions:**

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Once when Swami Vivekananda was in Chicago, America, he saw some young children trying to shoot egg shells floating in the river, with their toy guns. The children could not hit the bobbing eggshells and missed the target again and again. Seeing Swami Vivekananda watching them, they asked him if he could do better than they.

Swami Vivekananda took the toy gun, saying that he would try. He started firing. He fired twelve times but never missed the mark even once. The children were rather impressed and amazed at his skill. They asked him whether he had practiced before. When Swami Vivekananda replied in the negative, they were keen to know the secret of his success.

Swami Vivekananda smiled and replied that whatever one does, it should be done with complete concentration. We should not think of anything else. "If you are shooting, keep your mind on the target. Your aim will not fail. Concentration can work wonders."

- a) What did Swami Vivekananda observe?  
b) How many times did Swami Vivekananda fire?  
c) What does the phrase "replied in the negative" mean?  
d) What is the message conveyed in the passage above?  
e) Mention the antonyms of the following words from the passage above:  
i) Sinking -                      ii) positive -

4. Read the following poem and complete the summary given below:

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Trees

Trees are the kindest things I know  
They do not harm, they simply grow  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows,  
And gather birds among their boughs.  
They give us fruit in leaves above,  
And wood to make our houses of,  
And leaves to burn on Halloween,  
And in the spring new buds of green.  
They are first when day's begun  
To touch the beams of morning sun,  
They are the last to hold the light  
When evening changes into night,  
And when a moon floats on the sky  
They hum a drowsy Lullaby  
Of sleepy children long ago.....  
Trees are the kindest things I know.

The poet feels that trees are kind enough because they don't (a) \_\_\_\_\_ anyone. They give (b) \_\_\_\_\_ to cows and (c) \_\_\_\_\_ birds in their branches. Trees also serve humans in many ways. They give us (d) \_\_\_\_\_ that hang in their (e) \_\_\_\_\_. They also supply (f) \_\_\_\_\_ for making our houses. Their dry (g) \_\_\_\_\_ can be used for burning. Trees welcome the (h) \_\_\_\_\_ of the morning (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and they are the last to enjoy the (j) \_\_\_\_\_ of evening. At night, trees hum a lullaby about children. Thus, the poet feels that trees are really kind things.

**SECTION B: WRITING AND GRAMMAR**

5. Taking ideas from the following hints together with your own ideas write a debate against the topic "**Games and sports in Student Life**" in about 100-120 words. 6

[students forget their limits and spends more time in play – without proper training and evaluation all cannot become Sachin , Saina or Abhinav – neglect of studies impacts one's life.]

OR

Taking ideas from the following hints together with your own ideas write a debate in favour of the topic "**Every home should have a pet**" in about 100-120 words.

[Family member-learn day to day things-teaches values-sense of responsibility-relaxes mind-companion in times of loneliness-develop relationships]

6. On the occasion of Teachers' Day, you have to speak on the topic: "**Why we Celebrate Teachers' Day**". Making use of the following ideas, together with your own ideas, write your speech in about 80-100 words. 5

[When we celebrate- why we celebrate – importance of teachers – how Teachers' Day is celebrated – how it is felt by teachers and student]

7. During the summer vacation your school has organized a 5 day trip to Nainital. You were taken to different places such as Naini Lake, Snow View point, zoo. Mall Road etc. Write a report in about 80 words describing these places. Hints are given below: 4

[Nainital, Himachal Pradesh- a beautiful hill station – surrounded by hills and mountains – cool climate – many beautiful places – Cheena Peak – Naina Devi Temple – Naini Lake – Snow View Point-mountains covered with snow – mall roads- filled with markets]

8. The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Underline the incorrect word. Write the incorrect word and the correct word in the space provided. The first one has been done for you. 1/2 x6=3

The Himalayas are the higher mountains in a world. They stand like a gigantic wall all around India's Northern frontier. It extend from the borders of Myanmar in an east to the western limits to Kashmir, covering a distance of 2,500 kilometer. They is also the world's youngest mountain system

|     | INCORRECT | CORRECT |
|-----|-----------|---------|
|     | higher    | highest |
| (a) | _____     | _____   |
| (b) | _____     | _____   |
| (c) | _____     | _____   |
| (d) | _____     | _____   |
| (e) | _____     | _____   |
| (f) | _____     | _____   |

9. Fill in the blanks with the correct words given in brackets:

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|----|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| a) | Neither of the boys                | present in the classroom. (was/were) | 1/2 x6=3 |
| b) | The cost of all vegetables         | soared. (have /has)                  |          |
| c) | Both of the students               | at fault. (is/are)                   |          |
| d) | The villages of our country        | very backward. (is/ are)             |          |
| e) | The poor of our country            | a lot. (suffer/ suffers)             |          |
| f) | Every adult citizen of our country | the right to vote. (enjoy/enjoys)    |          |

10. Do as directed:

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| i)   | He said to me, "Where is Mukul?" (Change into indirect speech)                               | 1x4=4 |
| ii)  | The mariner said, "The storm will come soon." (Change into indirect speech)                  |       |
| iii) | Rivers/dark/our/becoming/are (Rearrange the following to make a meaningful sentence)         |       |
| iv)  | Rotting/fishes/sea shores/are/on/the (Rearrange the following to make a meaningful sentence) |       |

### SECTION C: LITERATURE

11. Reference to Context:

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| a)  | "By means of this storm, my enemies – are cast ashore upon this island,"   |     |
| i.  | Whose „enemies“ are referred to in the above line and who are the enemies?   | 1   |
| ii. | From where is the above line taken?  | 1/2 |
| b)  | "There are pretty curtains drawn around; the sheets are fine and thin, And if you like to rest awhile, I'll snugly tuck you in!" |     |
| i.  | Who is the speaker in the above lines?   | 1/2 |
| ii. | Whom is speaker requesting to rest and why?  | 1   |

- Answer any four of the following in about 40-50 words:

2x4=8

12. a) What does the speaker compare the leaves of the tree to? What is the figure of speech used here?  
 b) Who was Caliban? How did Ariel torment him?  
 c) What makes the Fly change her mind and enter the Spider's trap?  
 d) Why was Mrs. Shaw tidying up the house? What did she expect of her daughter?  
 e) Mention two ways in which the Spider tries to lure the fly.

13. Answer any one of the following in about 80-100 words:

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| a) | Imagining yourself as Miranda, write a letter to your uncle telling him about your experiences on that island. | 4 |
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OR

Write a brief character sketch of Mrs. Shaw from the play, „Say the Right Thing“

14. Answer the following questions given below:

5x2=10

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| a) | How did Huck manage to escape from the clutches of the Duke and the King?                     |
| b) | Write the character sketch of Aunt Sally from the story „The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn“. |

