

**2025**  
**ENGLISH**

**Time: 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks: 150**

**Instructions: Attempt all questions**

1. Write an essay in about 200 - 250 words on any one of the following topics: **20**
  - (a) Plastic Pollution: A Threat to Our Oceans and Future
  - (b) Is Technology Making Us More Connected or More Isolated?
  - (c) A Vibrant Market Scene
  - (d) My Grandmother's Kitchen
  
2. You are a government employee living in government residential quarters. The condition of government residential quarters is so dilapidated that it poses significant health and security issues for your family. Write a formal letter in about 100 words to the Administrator of the Housing Allotment Committee requesting the change of your residential quarter. Provide ample reasons for the same. **10**
  
3. Your school, Green Valley Public School, has recently won the 'Best Eco-Friendly Campus Award 2025' in a national-level competition organised by the Ministry of Environment. As the Student Coordinator, draft a press release on behalf of the school, announcing the achievement and highlighting the efforts made by students and staff in promoting environmental sustainability. **10**
  
4. Your school recently organised its Annual Day Function, which was held in the school auditorium on 10 April 2025. The event was attended by students, teachers, parents, and invited guests. The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Ramesh Khanna, a well-known educationist. As the School Reporter, write a detailed report on the Annual Day Function for the school magazine in about 150-200 words. Your report should include details about the event, its highlights, and the overall response of the audience. **15**

5. The given graph data shows the percentage of students using different modes of transport to school in a city.

1. Walking – 15%
2. Bicycle – 10%
3. School Bus – 35%
4. Public Transport (rickshaw, auto rickshaw, metro rail etc.) – 15%
5. Private Vehicles – 25%

Write a report in about 150 words interpreting the above information. Mention the most and least popular modes of transport, make comparisons, suggest possible reasons for these choices, and conclude with ideas to promote eco-friendly transport options. **15**

6. Your school is hosting an education seminar on the topic 'The Future of Learning in the Digital Age'. Experts from the fields of education and technology have been invited to share how digital tools are transforming classrooms and learning methods, for example, use of smart boards, interactive exercises, online classes and e-material. As a student representative, you have been selected to deliver a welcome speech at the beginning of the seminar. Write a formal speech in about 150–200 words, welcoming the guests, highlighting the importance of the topic and expressing how such seminars benefit students and educators alike. **15**

7. Read the passage given below and write a precis on it in your own words in about 100 words: **15**

In today's rapidly globalizing world, preserving cultural heritage is more crucial than ever. Cultural heritage encompasses the traditions, customs, and artifacts that define a community's identity and history. It is what sets one culture apart from another, providing a sense of belonging and continuity. However, with the increasing homogenization of cultures, many traditional practices and customs are at risk of being lost. Preserving cultural heritage is essential for maintaining community identity and promoting cultural diversity. By protecting historical sites, artifacts, and traditional practices, we can ensure that future generations have a connection to their past. This not only helps to preserve cultural heritage but also promotes cross-cultural understanding and appreciation. Moreover, cultural heritage preservation has numerous economic benefits. Historical sites and cultural

events attract tourists, generating revenue and creating jobs. Additionally, preserving cultural heritage can foster community development and social cohesion. The loss of cultural heritage would be irreparable, resulting in the erasure of community identity and history. It is our responsibility to protect and preserve cultural heritage for future generations. Governments, organizations, and individuals must work together to safeguard historical sites, artifacts, and traditional practices. By preserving cultural heritage, we can promote cultural diversity, community development, and cross-cultural understanding. It is essential to recognize the importance of cultural heritage and take action to protect it. We must ensure that the rich cultural heritage of our communities is preserved for generations to come.

8. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. **15**
- Women empowerment is crucial for achieving sustainable development. It involves improving women's political, social, economic, and health status. Empowered women can take part fully in both family and societal roles. However, many women across the world still face challenges such as limited access to education, few economic opportunities, and low representation in leadership positions. Education plays a key role in empowering women. It provides knowledge, skills, and confidence. Governments must work to eliminate gender inequality and promote equal participation in public life. Access to quality education and healthcare, along with the removal of discriminatory practices, is essential to ensure equal opportunities for all women. National policies should support women's ability to earn income, access resources, and balance family and work life. Equal access to education and jobs benefits not just women but the entire society. Empowered women build stronger communities and play a vital role in creating fair and inclusive societies.
- (a) Select the most appropriate title for the passage.
  - (b) What is the main idea of the passage?
  - (c) What is the structure of the passage?
  - (d) Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word, from the passage.  
"Endless"
  - (e) Select the most appropriate ANTONYM of the given word, from the passage.  
"Dispensable"

9. (a) Change the following sentence from past tense to future tense. **1**  
"Joseph finished his presentation before lunch."
- (b) Change the following sentence from past tense to present tense. **1**  
"Sunaina visited the museum last week."
- (c) What will be the past tense for following sentence. **1**  
She has been working at the company for five years.
- (d) Change the voice in the following sentences as directed without changing the meaning: **1x3=3**  
(i) The teacher explains the lesson clearly. (Change the voice)  
(ii) The novel was read by millions of people. (Change the voice)  
(iii) The book will be published by the author next month. (Change the voice)
- (e) Transform the sentences below into indirect speech: **1x2=2**  
(i) Rina said, "I have completed my homework."  
(ii) She said, "I will meet you tomorrow."
- (f) Transform the sentences below into direct speech: **1**  
They said that they would travel to Spain next summer.
- (g) Choose the correct one word for this situation: **1**  
A speech delivered without any preparation is called a/an \_\_\_\_\_.  
(i) monologue (ii) extempore  
(iii) debate (iv) dialogue
- (h) Fill in the blanks in the following sentences with appropriate articles: **1x3=3**  
(i) I love to swim in \_\_\_\_ Pacific Ocean.  
(ii) We stayed at a hotel by \_\_\_\_ beach, which is quite popular in the city.  
(iii) Reema is reading \_\_\_\_ interesting novel.
- (i) Choose the correct preposition to complete the sentence. **1**  
"She divided the candies \_\_\_\_ the five children."  
(i) between (ii) in  
(iii) among (iv) across

- (j) Choose the correct phrasal verb to complete the sentence. 1  
 "I can't \_\_\_ how to solve this problem."  
 (i) figure out (ii) take off  
 (iii) call off (iv) put out
- (k) Choose the correct option to complete the sentence. 1  
 "After a long fight, she finally decided to \_\_\_\_\_ and apologize."  
 (i) give in (ii) put up  
 (iii) run into (iv) break down
- (l) Choose the correct idiom to complete the sentence. 1  
 She has a habit of starting too many projects at once, she really needs to stop \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (i) putting all eggs in one basket (ii) burning the candle at both ends  
 (iii) hitting the sack (iv) turning a blind eye
- (m) Write the **synonym** of the following word: "Abandon" 1
- (n) Choose the correct pair of homophones in the given options. 1  
 (i) Cell-Call (ii) Sell-Cell  
 (iii) Break-Bark (iv) Right-Night
- (o) Choose the correct pair of homophones in the given options. 1  
 (i) Heir- Air (ii) Sweet-Sweat  
 (iii) Hall-Hole (iv) Bear-Bear

**10. Translate the passage given below from Telugu to English. 15**

ఈ కింది ఇచ్చిన విషయాన్ని ఆంగ్లంలోకి అనువాదం చెయ్యండి :  
 ఒకప్పుడు శంతన మహారాజు హస్తినాపురాన్ని పరిపాలిస్తుండేవాడు. మంచి పరిపాలకుడని పేరు పొందాడు. ఆయన పరిపాలనలో ప్రజలు సుఖ సంతోషాలు పొందారు. ఆయన తరువాత ఆయన కుమారులు చిత్రాంగదుడు, విచిత్రవీర్యుడు రాజ్యం ఏలారు. వీరిలో విచిత్రవీర్యుడికి ఇద్దరు కొడుకులు పాండురాజు. ధృతరాష్ట్రుడు, ధృతరాష్ట్రుడు గుడ్డివాడు. అందుకని చిన్నవాడైన పాండురాజుకి పట్టాభిషేకం చేశారు. పాండురాజుకి ఇద్దరు భార్యలు. కుంతి, మాద్రి. కుంతికి ముగ్గురు, మాద్రికి ఇద్దరు కొడుకులు పుట్టారు. వాళ్ళే పంచపాండవులు.

పాండురాజు రాజ్యపాలన చేస్తున్నప్పుడు ఒకనాడు వేటకు వెళ్ళాడు. ఆ సమయంలో అక్కడ ఒక ఋషి ఆయన భార్య జింకలరూపంలో స్వేచ్ఛగా విహరిస్తున్నారు. అవి మామూలు జింకలే అనుకున్నాడు పాండురాజు. మగ జింకను బాణం వేసి కొట్టాడు. అది ప్రాణాలు విడుస్తూ 'దుర్మార్గుడా! నేను నా ఆనందంగా ఉన్నప్పుడు నన్ను బాణంతో కొట్టి భార్యతో నా ప్రాణాలు తీశావు గనుక నీవు కూడా నీ భార్యను కలిసిన తక్షణం చనిపోతావు' అని పాండురాజును శపించింది. దానితో ఆయన కుంగిపోయి భార్యలిద్దరీ వెంటబెట్టుకుని అడవులకు వెళ్ళాడు. పుత్రసంతానం లేకుండా చనిపోకూడదని, మంత్ర మహిమవల్ల పుత్రుల్ని కనవలసిందిగా భార్యల్ని కోరాడు. ఆ కోరిక ప్రకారం కుంతి, మాద్రీ దేవతలను వేడుకుని పొండవులను కన్నారు. తరువాత పాండురాజు ఆ అడవుల్లోనే చనిపోయాడు.

