

WRITTEN ENGLISH

Duration: 2 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

Instructions:

Figures to the right indicate maximum marks.

Start each question on a fresh page

All questions are compulsory

GRAMMAR

I. A. Answer the questions given below by following the instructions in the brackets. (5Marks)

1. Does the police officer catch the thief? (Change the voice)
2. She was being interviewed for the job. (Change the voice)
3. With a look of horror she said, "Oh! It is a snake! Do not go near it children." (change to direct/indirect speech)
4. The science teacher told the students that ice floats on water. (Change to direct/indirect speech)
5. I love drinking an orange juice early in the morning; also, cup of green tea in a evening is the must. (Insert/Delete appropriate articles and rewrite the sentence in its correct form.)

B. Fill in the Blanks with the Correct Form of the Verb. (5 Marks)

It \_\_\_\_ (rain) since last night, and it \_\_\_\_ (look) as if it may rain for the rest of the day. This \_\_\_\_ (to be) sad. I think I \_\_\_\_ (have) to cancel my plan to go shopping in the evening because it is so wet outside. I \_\_\_\_ (look) forward to buying a new dress.

C. Spot the Errors in the Following. Rewrite the Sentences in the Correct Form. (5Marks)

1. I saw an injured dog driving down to the beach.
2. The robber was described as a six foot-tall man with brown hair and blue eyes and a moustache weighing 150 pounds.
3. At this painting I can see a family sitting above their kitchen table.
4. If He will fail the Exam unless he studies well.
5. If I was a bird, I would fly everywhere.

## COMPREHENSION SKILLS

II. Read the following passage and answer the questions below it: (10 Marks)

K2 is “a savage mountain that tries to kill you,” according to American climber George Bell. Rising steeply above the Karakoram Range along the Pakistan-China border and battered by atrocious weather, this pyramid-shaped mountain has always been the ultimate challenge for the world’s best mountaineers—and the graveyard of many of their ambitions. In 2008, in the worst accident in its history, 11 climbers perished trying to climb K2.

While making a documentary for the BBC, Mick Conefrey was lucky enough to meet a number of the pioneers who attempted to conquer the mountain, first summited by Italian Ardito Desio’s team in 1954. Conefrey’s book, *The Ghosts of K2: The Epic Saga of the First Ascent*, draws on those interviews, as well as newly released diaries and letters, to take us inside the obsessions, feuds, and acts of heroism that K2 inspires in those who dare to climb it.

It was first surveyed as part of the British Survey of India in 1856, by T.G. Montgomery. The British wanted to work out in particular where the border was between Kashmir and China, as there was a fear the Russian Empire would extend southwards. It’s called K2 because it’s found in the Karakoram Range to the northeast of the Himalayas on the border of today’s Pakistan and China. When they were doing the original survey, they gave all of the mountains K numbers. The surveyor would get the altitude of a mountain, write that down as K1 and the next one would be K2, K3, and so forth. Later, they went back and asked local people, “What’s this mountain over here called?” Then they would give it a local name, like Gasherbrum or Kanjut Sar. But K2 is so remote even today – it’s 75 miles from the nearest village – that there wasn’t an agreed local name. So K2 stuck. I actually think it’s very poetic because it sums up a mountain that is very bare, very austere, a perfect pyramid. It’s the very epitome of a mountain.

It’s so deadly because of the combination of elements. It is about 800 feet lower than Everest, but the topography is much tougher. Climbing Everest you have stretches that are steep, and then it flattens off. Very little of K2 ever flattens off. There’s a shoulder at about 24,000 feet when it flattens off briefly but that’s about the only respite. It’s also avalanche and rock fall-prone. It’s within the death zone, defined as above 25,000 feet. And the weather is terrible and unpredictable. There have been several years recently in which nobody managed to climb K2 because the weather was so bad.

**Answer the Following Questions in not more than two lines. (1x6=6)**

1. Give a suitable title to this passage.
2. List any two reasons that make K2 a deadly mountain for climbers.
3. What according to you is the meaning of the word ‘epitome?’
4. Find a word in the passage that means ‘stern and harsh.’
5. Find the antonym of ‘Harmony/Friendships’ in the passage.
6. Why is the mountain called K2?



**Select the Most Appropriate Option. (1x4=4)**

7. K2 is found
  - A. In the Karakoram Range
  - B. On the Border of today's Pakistan and China.
  - C. Only A is Correct.
  - D. Both A and B are Correct.
8. Conefrey's book is called
  - A. *The Ghosts of K2: The Epic Saga of the First Ascent*
  - B. *The Ghosts: The Epic Saga of the First Ascent*
  - C. *The Ghosts of K2: The Epic Saga of the First Ascent*
  - D. *The Ghosts of K2: The Epic Story of the First Ascent*
9. T.G. Montgomery
  - A. First Discovered K2
  - B. First Climbed K2
  - C. First Drew K2 on the Map
  - D. None of the Above
10. Mick Conefrey
  - A. Is a Mountaineer
  - B. Is a Rescue and Disaster Management Official
  - C. Is a Documentary Film Maker
  - D. All of the Above

**III. A. Attempt any one of the following: (10Marks)**

1. Assume you are Mr/Mrs Naik . Write a letter to an old family friend inviting him/her to attend your parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.
- OR**
2. Assume you are Mrs Nina Diaz. Draft a letter congratulating your Nephew/Niece on securing the First Rank in the Xth std Goa Board Examination.

**B. Write a short note on the Full Block Form Letter Format. (5 Marks)**

**IV. Attempt any one of the following: (15Marks)**

1. Write an essay in about 500 words on 'Challenges of My Life as a Young Adult.'
2. Draft a poem of five stanzas, four lines each on the topic 'Butterfly in the Garden.' Briefly explain the poetic devices used by you at the end of the poem.
3. Construct a short story in about 500-800 words around the following scene. Give appropriate names to all the places and characters in your story.

A little boy/girl stops in front of the display window of a gift shop and stares at the framed picture portraying a mother holding a baby. "I wish I had a mother," he/she thinks. "That would have been wonderful...maybe."

V. Draft a Display Advertisement for **Any One** of the Following:

(10Marks)

1. A sports shoe.
2. A cosmetic brand.
3. A Restaurant.

VI. Choose the Correct Spelling:

(5Marks)

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| i. Beginning     | ii. Begining       | iii. Biginning    | iv. Beegining    |
| i. Maintinance   | ii. Maintenance    | iii. Maintanance  | iv. Maintenance  |
| i. Scizors       | ii. Sissors        | iii. Sciscors     | iv. Scissors     |
| i. Conscientious | ii. Conscientinous | iii. Consciention | iv. Conscientous |
| i. Katchup       | ii. Ketchup        | iii. Catchup      | iv. Ketchep      |

VII. Carefully Study The Line Graph Presented Below and Write an Article on It in Not More Than 300 words

(10 Marks)

