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**Instructions for Candidates**

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt **all** questions.

1. You are Neelima / Nalnish. You went to your Uncle's house to celebrate Diwali. Write a **diary entry** about your experience of meeting your Uncle after many years. Also mention how the family felt as he had been living abroad for so long. (10)

**OR**

P.T.O.

You are Simmi / Rajesh. Write a **diary entry** about your preparation for the forthcoming semester exams.

2. Write a **paragraph**, in **200 words**, on any one of the following topics : (10)

- (i) Role of media in today's world
- (ii) The importance of parents
- (iii) How gender equal the society is
- (iv) Education and the girl child

3. Read the following passage carefully :

Occasional self-medication has always been part of normal living. The making and selling of drugs has a long history and is closely linked, like medical practice itself, with belief in magic. Only during the last hundred years or so has the development of scientific techniques made diagnosis possible. The doctor is now able to follow up the correct diagnosis of many illnesses – with specific treatment of their cause. In many other illnesses, of which the causes remain unknown, he is still limited, like the unqualified prescriber, to the treatment of symptoms. The doctor is trained to decide when to treat only the symptoms and when to attack the

cause. This is the essential difference between medical prescribing and self-medication.

The advance of technology has brought about much progress in some fields of medicine, including the development of scientific drug therapy. In many countries public health organization is improving and peoples' nutritional standards have risen. Parallel with such beneficial trends are two trends which have an adverse effect. One is the use of high pressure advertising by the pharmaceutical industry, which has tended to influence both patients and doctors and has led to the overuse of drugs generally. The other is the emergence of sedentary society with its faulty ways of living: lack of exercise, overeating, unsuitable eating, insufficient sleep, excessive smoking and drinking. People, with disorders arising from faulty habits such as these, as well as from unhappy human relationships, often resort to self-medication. Advertisers go to great lengths to catch this market.

Clever advertising is aimed at chronic sufferers; who will try anything because doctors have not been able to cure them; can induce faith in a medicine, particularly if it is steeply priced. Advertisements are also aimed at people suffering from mild complaints such as simple colds and coughs which advertisements claim will clear up within a short time due to the intake of a medicinal product.



These are the main reasons why laxatives, indigestion – remedies, pain killers, cough mixtures, tonics, vitamins and iron tablets, nose drops, ointments and many other preparations are found in quantity in many households. It is doubtful whether taking these things even improves a person's health or it simply makes it worse. The preparation of these syrups and ointments may contain unsuitable ingredients, making a person dependent on them. This worsens the situation. They may also cause poisoning and worst of all, the symptoms of an underlying problem may be masked and therefore, medical help may be sought. Self-diagnosis is a greater danger than self-medication.

(421 words)

- (i) On the basis of the above passage, **make notes**, using **headings** and **sub-headings**. Use recognizable abbreviations (minimum 4) wherever necessary.

(5+2=7)

- (ii) Make a **summary** of the passage in **120 words**. Also supply an **appropriate title** to the summary.

(6+2=8)

4. (a) You recently saw an advertisement in a newspaper for the position of 'Help Desk Assistant' in HDFC Bank. Write a **covering letter** as well as your **resume** applying for the post.

5 (Covering letter) + 10 (Resume)

OR

- (b) You wish to work as a travel agent. You recently saw an advertisement in a newspaper for the position of a graphic designer in Animation 3D Agency. Write a **covering letter** as well as your **CV** applying for the post. (15)

5. (a) You are Preetpal / Ragini. You have recently come to know that your cousin has been missing classes in college. Write a letter to your brother. Tell him about the problem and ask him to talk to your cousin to make him/ her understand not to miss any classes. (7)

OR

- (b) Write a letter to your friend asking him/ her to attend your birthday party, which you are organizing at your farm house. Also mention that you are calling the famous singer Shreya Ghosal and that there would also be a DJ. You are Arvinder / Ameena.

6. (a) Write a **letter** to the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation requesting him / her to set up a municipal dispensary in your area. You are Radha/ Charanjit of 77, Model Town 1, Delhi. (8)

OR

(b) Write a **letter** to the Editor of a newspaper telling her / him about the problem of rash and reckless driving. You are Harpreet / Heena, resident of C 501, Pocket 12, Sector 45, Noida.

7. (a) Write the **review of a book** (fiction or non-fiction) that you read recently. Include author's name, title of the book, edition, and other necessary details. (10)

OR

(b) Write the **review of a movie** (Bollywood / Hollywood) that you watched recently. Also include the Star Cast, Producer, Director, Choreographer, Music Composer, Song Writer and the rating.