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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C-09)

OCT/NOV—2013

DECE—FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION

ENGLISH—I

Time : 3 hours ]

[ Total Marks : 80

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**PART—A**

**Instructions** : (1) Answer **all** questions.

(2) Each question carries **three** marks.

1. You meet your senior at 8 p.m. Write appropriate greetings and responses.

2. Use the following sets of words in your own sentences :

(a) Stare ..... stair

(b) Weak ..... week

(c) Piece ..... peace

3. Give directions to your friend to reach your house from your college.

4. Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets :

Anil — (do) his work still. His sister, Leela who — (work) quicker, — (finish) hers and is playing in the garden.

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- 5.** Fill in the blanks with the appropriate form of verbs given in the brackets :

We — (visit) Kashmir next January. It — (snow) there at that time. We — (learn) skiing.

- 6.** Change the voice of the following sentences :

- (a) We can gain nothing without effort.  
(b) Promises should be kept.  
(c) Our teacher gave us homework.

- 7.** Write three sentences (one each) in given patterns :

- (a) S + V + O  
(b) S + V + IO + DO  
(c) S + V + SC

- 8.** Fill in the following blanks with appropriate prepositions :

The party will be — Saturday — 8 p.m. — the evening.

- 9.** Change the speech of the following :

- (a) Mohan said to Ravi, "I will give your book tomorrow."  
(b) The teacher said, "Don't read so fast."  
(c) She said that she practises Yoga daily.

- 10.** Combine the following sentences using the words given in the brackets :

- (a) This is the flyover.  
It was built in a month. (which)  
(b) Students are found without textbooks.  
They will be sent out. (who)  
(c) He was tired.  
He could not move. (too-to)

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**PART—B**

**Instructions** : (1) Answer **five** questions.

(2) Question Nos. **17** and **18** are compulsory.

(3) Each question carries **ten** marks.

**11.** What are the problems in learning and using English? Suggest solutions to the problems.

**12.** What are the uses of a dictionary? Explain.

**13.** Describe your native place in about 150 words.

**14.** Read the following passage and frame five yes/no questions and five 'Wh' questions :

A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is the universal teacher for millions of Indian students. He has brought a sharper focus on the utility of education and its development values. In addition to these face-to-face interactions, especially with students from underprivileged sections and those with disabilities, Kalam responds to hundreds of mails from students. The message is simple and direct. He wants students to open up their minds so that they can contribute to building India as a developed nation. He has set the target of 2020 for this to happen. He says parents are the first and best teachers, followed by school teachers. He makes children take a pledge that they will work towards this ambition so that global peace is achieved.

**15.** Read the following passage and find *ten* mistakes and correct them :

Last year, we do not receive rains to the expected level and but most of country faced drought-like situations. This effected the formers as well as others. The cost of food grains shot up. Let's hope that this ear we got enough rains to fill up the lakes, provide us with drink water as well as to irrigate our lands. Water are a natural resource which we have been taking for grant. We are so used to wasting these resource that we often don't saw the macro impact that our small thoughtless actions have.

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Not conserving water leads to water shortages, power cuts, crop failure and many much problem. We need to conserve water and do rain water harvesting as well. This will empower us and keep our dependence on the vagaries of nature to an minimum.

16. Write a set of instructions on how to send a message through a mobile phone.
17. Write a paragraph on College Day that you celebrated last year.
18. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

Lots of patience, hours of silent observation and no sudden movements—these are the prerequisites of bird-watching.

You have bought your first pair of binoculars. Congratulations! I hope you have worn your dullest, darkest clothes, because birds have good eyesight and can spot bright yellows, reds and blues from a mile away. That is a green signal for them to scoot!

First locate the bird when it flies and settles on a branch, and then focus your binoculars on the spot. Pointing your finger and letting out a screech of joy when you spot it to let others know, are strictly prohibited. Birds think you are about to shoot at them if you lift your hand up suddenly. Their hearing is sharp too. This is why bird-watching is best done alone or in very small groups.

The time between sunrise and 10 a.m. are the peak hours for avian traffic. You will hear the maximum number of bird calls then and see them out in the open as they search busily for insects, berries and nectar.

- (a) What are the prerequisites of bird-watching?
- (b) What acts as a green signal for birds to scoot?
- (c) What are strictly prohibited while bird-watching?
- (d) How is bird-watching best done?
- (e) What does the writer mean by 'avian traffic'?

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