Section – A (Reading)

A1. Read the passage carefully and answer the following:

The Island

I was born in the year 1632, in the city of York, of a good family. At a very early age I wanted to go to the sea. My father was a wise man, and he begged me not to do so. For a time I decided not to think of it any more. But one day in the city of Hull I met a friend who was going to sea on his father’s ship. He asked me to go with him. Then without asking my father, without asking God’s blessing, without any thought of the result, I went on board the ship.

On the same day, we left Hull, meaning to go to the African coast. We guided the ship as if we were going to the island of Fernando de Noronha. Then we passed to the east of that island.

After a few days there came a fearful storm. The wind and the waves threw the ship this way and that for twelve days. The ship was badly broken and a lot water was coming in. Then one of our men, early in the morning, cried out, ‘Land! Just after that, the ship ran onto some sand. The waves come over the ship, and we knew that very soon it would be broken to pieces. We had a small boat on board: we let the boat down into the water and got into it.
When we had gone some distance in the boat, a great wave came from “oh, God!” we cried, and we were all thrown into the water.

A great wave took me and carried me on towards the shore. It left me on the land, badly hurt. I was very weak, but I got up on my feet and ran up to a dry place and lay there, more dead than alive. After a time, I was sick and threw up a great deal of sea water which had got into my stomach. Then I wanted to rest, but I dared not sleep on the ground for fear of being eaten by wild beasts.

So I climbed up into a tree and remained there until morning. I was sure that all my friends had been killed and I alone had been saved. I was very tired and I quickly fell asleep.

A1.1  **Answer the following:**  
1. When was the narrator born? Where?  
2. What had the narrator wanted to do since childhood?  
3. Where did the narrator sail from?  
4. Where did they want to sail to?  
5. Why did they desert the ship?

A1.2  **Find words in the passage opposite in meaning to those given below:** (.5x6=3)  
1. Dead  
2. Bad  
3. Foolish  
4. West  
5. Strong  
6. Wet

A1.3  **Make sentences with** – Decide, Blessing (2)

A2.  **Read the following poem carefully:**

I had a Dove

I had a dove and the sweet dove died  
And I thought it died of grieving;  
O what could it grieve for? Its feet were tied  
With a silken thread of my own hands weaving;  
Sweet little red feet! Why should you die-  
Why should you leave me.  
Sweet bird’ Why?  
You lived alone on the forest tree,  
Why, pretty thing! Would you not live with me?  
I kissed you often and gave you white peas:
Why not live sweetly, as in the green trees?

A1 Answer the following questions as briefly as possible: (1x6=6)

a. Before the poet caught the dove it was living on ___________________________ and it lived _______________________________________________
b. The bird ‘die of grieving.’ The cause of bird’s grieving was ___________________________
c. The poet showed his love to the bird by ____________________________________________
d. The silken thread stands for ____________________________
e. To keep the sweet dove in captivity was even worse than__________________________

A2.2 Fill in the blank with one word only: (1x4=4)

Once I reared a dove. It was a very sweet dove but alas! I felt a sudden loss in it’s (a) _______ due to grief. I showered all my love upon this little pretty thing and kept it (b) ________ with a self woven silken thread. When it was free, it had (c) ________ by itself in a forest tree. But when it was under my care it lived in a green tree. But despite all my love and care it couldn’t (d) ________ with me for long.

Section –B (Writing)

B1. You are Aman you forgot to inform your mother about your friend Nikhil’s birthday party. Now, your mother is in the office and your phone is out of order. You leave a message for your mother along with the keys of the house with your neighbour. Write the message on behalf of Aman in not more than 50 words also telling her that Nikhil’s father would drop you home at about 8p.m (5)

B2. You are the monitor of your class. Your school Tagore Public School, Karnal is organizing class picnics. Write a notice giving information to your class fellows and inviting the names of those who would like to join the picnic. Also include the departure time, arrival time and the picnic charges. (5)

B3. You have had a fight with your best friend but now you have realized your mistake and want to be friends again. Write a letter of apology for it. (10)
B4. Write a paragraph on the given topic ‘Importance of Newspaper’ in about 150 words. Take help of the guidelines given:

Cheap………..easy to buy…… good source of knowledge……..read by people of all ages……..good for vocabulary building …….. colourful advertisements…… old newspaper can be reused………..etc.

Section- C(Grammar)

C1. Write the following sentences in a proper order: (1x2=2)

a. wealthier/most/kings/he/other/was/than

b. brewing up/seemed to/ a storm/be

C2. The given passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line. Underline the incorrect word and write the correct word in the space provided: (.5x6=3)

The boys are playing yesterday a) ________________________

They were happy. It do not make b) ________________________

any difference to them. It were very hot c) ________________________

The tallest boy throw the ball d) ________________________

And the shortest boy catched e) ________________________

It and the match end in the evening f) ________________________

C3. Change the following sentences into passive voice. (1x3=3)

a. She wrote a poem.

b. Rahul hates me.

c. No one can cheat God.

C4. Rewrite the following sentences by inserting the word given in the bracket correctly: (1x4=4)

a) The plane has landed. ( just )

b) The prince was crying. (bitterly)

c) She behaved at the party. (foolishly)

d) She is seen in public. (rarely)
C5. Change the Tenses as given in the brackets: (1x4=4)
a) Tom fights with John. (Past Tense)
b) Sita sang sweetly. (Past Continuous)
c) The bird flies out of the cage. (Past Perfect)
d) She writes interesting stories. (Present Continuous)

C6. Fill in the suitable Connectors to complete the following sentences. (.5x8=4)
a) You must exercise _________ you wish to keep well.
b) There are few applicants _________ this is a good college.
c) You do not have much time, ______ you must work hard.
d) Do not go _________ I am ready.
e) _________ the match was over, we returned home.
f) Glass is used as window panes _________ it is transparent.
g) Look _________ you leap.
h) He has big _________ black eyes.

Section- D (Literature)

D1. Answer the following questions with reference to context:

D1.1 ‘When the green woods laugh with the voice of joy.’
   a. Name the poem and the poet of the above lines. (1)
   b. What is the poem about? (2)

D1.2 They stretch’d in never-ending line
   Along the margin of the bay:
   a. Name the poem and the poet. (1)
   b. What has been referred to as ‘they’? Where does the speaker see them? (2)

D1.3 ‘But how about wisdom? Not wisdom in the great undertakings but judgement in
   the little things!
   a. Who said this to whom? (1)
   b. Why does the speaker make this statement? (2)
D1.4 ‘Do not taunt me, a poor fisherman, who can hardly support his family.’
   a. Who was the fisherman speaking to? (1)
   b. Why does he make this statement? (2)

D2. Answer the following questions: (3x4=12)
   a. What is the good news Jerusha has to give to Daddy long Legs?
   b. What is Mona Lisa? Where can you see it?
   c. Describe the jar. What came out of the jar when it was opened?
   d. Where was Leonardo da Vinci born? What did his parents do?

D3. Many a times you see small children working on roadside to make their living either by working as child labour or begging. Write a page in your diary expressing your anger on people who make small children work. (6)