SUBJECT: ENGLISH

Standard : H.S.C.                      Maximum Marks : 100
Nature of paper : Conventional type   Time allowed : 3 Hours

Note :  
(i) All questions are compulsory.

(ii) Figure to the RIGHT indicates marks of the respective question.

(iii) Credit will be given to correct spelling, punctuation, good handwriting and neatness.

(iv) Irrelevant and rambling answers will be penalised SUITABLY.

(v) Candidate should not write roll number, any name (including his/her own), signature, address or any indication of his/her identity anywhere inside the answer book otherwise he/she will be penalised.

(vi) Candidates are expected to answer all the subquestions of a question together. If subquestion of a question is attempted elsewhere (after leaving a few pages or after attempting another question) the later subquestion shall be overlooked.

1. Write an essay in about 1000 words on the following topic :
   Politics without ethics is a disaster.

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2. भारतीय संस्कृति भाषा के इतिहास के लिए विशेष ध्यान के लिए उत्तर दीजिए।

अमेरिका ने अपने संस्कृति के लिए विशेष ध्यान के लिए उत्तर दीजिए।

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3. Make a precis of the following passage in your own words in about 1/3rd of its original length and suggest a suitable title:

(N.B.: Appropriate marks will be deducted if your precis is longer or shorter than the prescribed length.)

In Sicilia lived a king named Leontes. He invited Polixenes, the King of Bohemia to visit him and his Queen. Leontes and Polixenes had been friends since childhood. Polixenes arrived at the castle of King Leontes, who became very happy on seeing his childhood friend. Leontes told his wife, Hermione, to look after his friend, and to leave nothing to chance. After a few days of hospitality, Polixenes told Leontes that he wished to return to his own home. Leontes wanted Polixenes to stay for a few days more, but Polixenes was worried about his own home. He turned down his friend’s offer and decided to leave Sicilia at once. Leontes tuned to his wife Hermione and asked her to convince his friend to stay. Like a dutiful wife Hermione requested Polixenes to stay for some more time. Hermione’s gentle words were so moving that Polixenes could not refuse. He was convinced that any refusal to the entreaties of her royal hostess and her dear friend’s wife would amount to rudeness. Polixenes decided to stay for a few more days. However, Leontes, instead of being pleased with his wife’s gracious charm and his friend’s chivalry, became extremely suspicious of them. His jealousy and extreme suspicion led Leontes to believe that Polixenes and Hermione were having an affair. He called for Camillo, one of his trusted lords, and told him that his wife and friend were having an affair. He ordered Camillo to poison Polixenes. Camillo was convinced that Leontes was suspecting wrongly. He requested Leontes to rethink about the whole affair. Leontes became enraged at Camillo’s needless advice. Camillo realised that his own life may be in danger. He took a vow to kill Polixenes, but went and told him about the king’s plan to poison him. They both decided to run away from Sicilia. They made arrangements and managed to escape from the clutches of the wrathful and stupid king.
4. Rewrite as directed:

(a) Join the sentence by using "too - to":
She was tired. She could not walk.

(b) When we reached the station, the train ________ (leave) already.
(Use correct form of the verb given in bracket)

(c) My character is more important than my career. (Change the degree to positive)

(d) I love her more than you do. (Change into positive degree)

(e) He is quite confident ________, his success. (Use appropriate preposition)

(f) There was nothing he could do about it. (Rewrite as an affirmative sentence)

(g) Do not confide your secrets ________ anybody.
(Fill in the blank with proper preposition)

(h) Ganges is sacred river in India. (Use articles where necessary)

(i) The water of the Krishna is mostly polluted due to industrialization. It is certain.
(Make it complex)

(j) It is very easy to find faults with others.
(Make it negative without changing its meaning)

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