A1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow. (7 marks)

"Look out, Irene! Don't dash across the road. Let's use the overhead bridge."

"Suzanna, it's so troublesome. The traffic is quite light now. Can't we just make a dash for it?"

"Huh! That's what you think. Look, there's a car just rounding the corner. You won't be talking to us now if you had just simply dashed across," retorted Suzanna. "Do you know that according to statistics collected by the World Health Organization, half a million people in the world are killed in road accidents each year? The injured accounted for some fifteen million people, a great number paralyzed for life. The report stated that most of these victims were young men, women and children who should be contributing to the building of the nations."

"Oh! Yes. I read that article in the papers too. It appears that traffic accidents may soon be the world's third leading cause of death after heart disease and strokes," added Irene, as they climbed the bridge.

"I think most of the traffic accidents that occur are caused by careless and inconsiderate drivers who refuse to give way to others. The other day, I witnessed an accident involving a motorcyclist and a taxi-driver. "You know, Suzanna, all this talk about road accidents is really scary. Shall we change to another topic, please?" Irene interrupted.

"Well, it was for you that we started this in the first place - Lazy pedestrians who not only endanger their lives but others as well."

"I agree with that wholeheartedly," said Irene.

1. The children were
   a. waiting for a bus
   b. crossing a road
   c. playing along a road
   d. watching the cars go by
2. Worldwide, ______ lives are lost in traffic accidents each year.
   a. half a thousand
   b. five million
   c. half a million
   d. 15 million

3. Why did Irene want to change to another topic for discussion?
   a. She was ashamed for not observing safety rules.
   b. She was afraid that she would lose her friend.
   c. She was tired of talking about traffic accidents.
   d. She wanted to tell her friend about road safety.

4. What is the main cause of death in the world?
   a. lung cancer
   b. strokes
   c. heart disease
   d. road accidents

5. Who were the main victims of these accidents?

6. Find words in the passage which mean the same as the following.
   a. unable to move or feel
   b. not thinking about the feelings of others

7. Find the antonyms of the following words from the passage
   a. cautious
   b. industrious

A2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow. (5 marks)

The Fog

I saw the fog grow thick
Which soon made blind my ken;
It made tall men of boys,
And giants of tall men.

It clutched my throat, I coughed;
Nothing was in my head
Except two heavy eyes
Like balls of burning lead.
And when it grew so black
That I could know no place
I lost all judgment then,
Of distance or of space.

The street lamps, and the lights
Upon the halted cars,
Could either be on earth
Or be the heavenly stars.

A man passed by me close,
I asked my way, he said,
"Come, follow me, my friend "
I followed where he led.

He rapped the stones in front,
"Trust me," he said, "and come"
I followed like a child
a blind man led me home.

W.H.Davis

1. 'It clutched my throat, I coughed' tells us that
   a. the poet was suffocating because of the fog
   b. the fog and the poet were fighting fiercely
   c. the fog held the poet by the throat
   d. the poet had a sore throat

2. The word halted shows that the cars were probably
   a. stolen
   b. moving
   c. expensive
   d. stationary

3. 'the stones in front' in the last stanza refers to
   a. the stones the blind man carried on a pouch in front of him
   b. the stones that were lying by the side of the road
   c. loose gravel
   d. the road they were on

4. The blind man could lead the poet through the fog because he
   a. had been to the poet's house
b. had a stick with him

c. knew his way

d. he was wearing a pair of sunglasses

5. The last stanza of the poem tells us that

a. the blind man was boastful
b. the poet trusted the blind man
c. the poet could not return home
d. the fog had hurt the feeling of the poet

SECTION B-WRITING  (12 MARKS)

B1. You are Preeti/Prem. You have noticed many stray dogs in your locality. You have written to the concerned authorities but no action has been taken so far. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper about the nuisance created by these animals. (7 marks)

Hint: Dogs wandering- not vaccinated - bark all night – cannot walk freely – children cannot play - harm people - bite and chase people - litter everywhere - unclean – request authorities to take this issue seriously - Should be sent to municipal shelters

B2. Read the telephonic conversation between Jay and Ray. (4 marks)

Jay: Hello! Can I speak to Varun please?

Ray: I am sorry, he’s not at home. May I know who is calling?

Jay: I am Jay, his classmate.

Ray: May I take a message for him?

Jay: Please inform him that the chemistry practical exam has been postponed to Monday, 15 March. Tell him that he has to submit his practical book before exam starts.

Ray: I will tell him. Thank you for the information.

Jay: Bye.

You are Ray. You have to go for tuition. Leave a message for Varun.

B3. Read the news items and fill in the blanks with information provided. (2 x ½ =1)

1. Indian fans hail win over Pakistan:

Indian fans (a) ______________ fire crackers after the National team won over Pakistan in their opening World cup match in Adelaide.
2. Bahrain Traffic Rules Modified:
With effect from January 2015, the traffic rules and penalties for various offences by the Ministry of Bahrain.

C1. Change the voice. (2 x 1 = 2)
1. Issac Newton discovered the law of gravity.
2. By whom is the car being driven?

C2. Change the narration. (3 x 1 = 3)
1. The teacher said to the pupil, "Do you study at home?"
2. The crocodile told the monkey that he would carry him on his back.
3. The prisoner said, "Alas! My youth is gone."

C3. State whether the underlined verbs are finite or non finite. (4 x ½ = 2)
1. Seeing is believing.
2. I tried to learn French.
3. Deceived by his best friends, he lost all hope.

C4. State giving reasons whether the underlined group of words are phrases or clauses. (2 x 1 = 2)
1. I know that you like comics.
2. She is fond of playing chess.

C5. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each of the following lines. Write the error along with the correction in your answer sheet. (5 x ½ = 3)
Years went down and the Giant grew very old and feeble. He sat with a huge chair and watching the children at their games.
One winter mourning he looked out of his window. In the farthest corner from the garden was an tree covered with lovely blossoms.

SECTION D - LITERATURE (24 MARKS)

D1. Read the following extracts and answer the questions in a complete sentence. (9 marks)
1. "Tacooma shakes his head, No, no. Heard nothing at all."
a. Who was Tacooma?
b. When did Tacoma say so?
c. Name the lesson and the author.

2. "He should be lurking in shadow,
Sliding through long grass,
Near water hole
Where the plump deer pass."
a. Whom does 'he' refer to?
b. Why should he be lurking near the water hole?
c. What is a water hole?

3. "With spectacles perched
On the nose, they researched
As they took nineteen barrels of snuff."
a. Whom does the pronoun 'they' refer to?
b. What did they research?
c. Name the figure of speech used in the above lines.

D2. Write the synonym of: (4 x ½=2)
a. incredible
b. abandon
c. vivid
d. swear

D3. Write the antonym of: (4 x ½=2)
a. terrible
b. death
b. progress
d. captivate

D4. Give one word for the following: (4 x ½=2)
a. evil and frightening
b. to take a long time to do something
c. a piece of rock floating in outer space
d. a man who treats people in an unkind, cruel way

D5. Make sentences: (2x1=2)
a. pondered
b. ban

D6. Use the correct form of the word given in the bracket. (2x1=2)
a. His ____________ (intelligence) answer was appreciated by the crowd.
b. The company decided to ____________ (regularity) the pay scale of the workers.

D7. Answer the following. (2x2 ½ =5)
a. Write the character sketch of Amma?
b. What are the differences between Margie’s school and the school described in Tommy’s book?