A. **Rearrange these phrases into meaningful sentences.**

1. Characterized/ labyrinth of/ decisions/ is / by/ a/ student life/ choices/ and conflicts.
2. Academic performance/ a toll/ course options/ juggling/ often takes/ between/ on youngsters/ and
3. Often aid/ final decision/ peers/ you/ a/ can/ in making.
4. Listening/ more/ their/ students are/ peers/ prone to/ to.
5. Where you want/ typically/ where you are/ to head next/ as peers/ coming from/ know/ and.

B. **The following passages have not been edited and there is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction against the correct number.**

1. Peer counselling can best be described as a healthy 
   interaction within youngsters, whereby one performs 
   the role of the mentor, while the others seek guidance 
   through the much unfamiliar by-lanes of student life. 
   In fact, the roles of both is interchangeable within 
   the flexible gamut of peer counselling, as that the 
   process and their outcome are both enjoyable 
   and helpful in overcome the phenomenon of 
   peer pressure. 

2. Six thousand years before, the first farmers of 
   Europe were cultivated the Danube valley and 
   the Ukraine. They grown cereals, kept horses 
   sheep and cattle and hunting wild animals. 
   Live off the land, these hunters and farmers 
   developing an astonishingly rich and sophisticated 
   culture, which archaeologists have learning about 
   from the remaining of their villages and from such 
   objects as the clay alter build in the form of 
   a house gable. A typical village contains up to 50 
   houses built with elaborated decorated walls.
C. In the passages given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

1. Her full name Regina Stratten.
   She was suddenly light hearted chatty
   as she swept boys down the walk
   and into the courtyard which she had
   emerged earlier. The courtyard was the middle
   of a U-shaped group buildings,
   with shops the two arms. Regina
   Stratten turned the first shop on the
   Left, bookstore called, 'The Bookworm'.

   E.g. name was Regina
   a. ----------------------
   b. ----------------------
   c. ----------------------
   d. ----------------------
   e. ----------------------
   f. ----------------------
   g. ----------------------
   h. ----------------------

2. The boys went out join the spectators
   on Ocean Front. A barrage firecrackers now
   exploded the beach. Then the parade
   began was like no other parade the boys had ever
   seen. There were high school bands. Instead
   there were marchers bathing suits and leotards,
   jeans and T-shirts, saris, caftans. One man
   strutted past playing xylophone, his head
   was wrapped a turban. Another marcher
   was splendid in a saffron robe had tiny
   bits mirrors sewn to it.

   a. ----------------------
   b. ----------------------
   c. ----------------------
   d. ----------------------
   e. ----------------------
   f. ----------------------
   g. ----------------------
   h. ----------------------
   i. ----------------------
   j. ----------------------
   k. ----------------------

D. Look at the notes given below. Use the information to complete the paragraph by writing suitable words and phrases in each blank. Remember to number them correctly.

( clerk comes late to office – manager- why late- reason – watch slow- manager said –
got a new watch or I get a new clerk)

A clerk was in the habit of (a) ----------------------. One day, the manager caught him
unawares and asked (b) ----------------------. The clerk slyly answered (c) ----------------------
----------------------. The shrewd manager sharply retorted that (d) ----------------------.
E. **Fill in the blanks with the correct forms of verbs in the brackets.**

1. Today almost everyone in the world (a) ----- (expose) daily to advertisements. They (b) ------------- (appear) on television, newspapers, and magazines or on hoardings. Most companies and magazines depend on money (c) ------- (raise) through advertisements (d) ---------------- (meet) a large part of their salary. All newspapers have a section (e) ------------ (call) classified ads where small advertisements (f) --------- (list) under different headings.

2. In today’s competitive world, winning (a) ----------- (become) top priority. There (b) ------- (be) cut-throat competition in every walk of our life. But remember competition (c) -------- (create) anxiety and (d) ------- (make) people nervous. The more nervous they are the more they (e) ----- (be) prone to failure. Therefore, our effort ought to be to compete with one’s own self rather than with others i.e. to keep (f) ----------- (improve) in all fields of endeavor.

F. **Read the following passages and fill in the blanks with one word only.**

1. The best thing (a) ------- the timing of (b) ----------- captain – coach spat is (c) ---------
   It occurred in (d) ----------- middle (e) ----------- an easy test series. (f) ------------------- next assignment is a month away.

2. Shooting (a) -------- just one part of the whole process (b) -------- making a film.
   The first most important step is (c) --------- decide what kind of story to make. It can either be a thriller, comedy, love story or based (d) --------- a true life story. Only (e) --------- the story is decided (f) ----------- dialogues drafted and finalized, the assistant director after ensuring the proper sets, then decides to start (g) ----------- shoot. Shooting a film is followed by a post-production phase which is equally, if not more important (h) ------------- the production.

G. **Read the dialogue between a father and son and complete the paragraph that follows.**

Father: Why were you late from school yesterday?
Son : There was a friendly football match between our school and G. K. Public School.
Father: Why didn’t you inform us that you would be late?
Son : I tried ringing up home but nobody picked up the phone.
Father asked son (a) -----------------, Son replied that (b) -------------- and G.K. Public School. The father wanted to know why (c) ----------- that he would be late. Son said that (d) -------------- but nobody had picked up the phone.
H. Complete the following news reports accompanying the following headlines by filling in the blanks.
   a) Drinking and Driving Banned
      Drinking and driving ____________________
   b) Two killed in Accident
      Two __________________________ between a car and a truck due to the fog on the roads
   c) Drive against Illegal Constructions launched.
      The police __________________________ illegally constructed houses in Mumbai
   d) Cold wave claims 125 lives in country
      The cold wave in North India __________________________ 125 people

I. Sugandh was returning home after her tuition class. It was late and her friend, Avantika, who walked home with her had left early. As she walked along the road she saw, _____________. Complete the story in about 150 words.

J. Comprehension
   Read the poem given below and answer the questions:

   Wind
   Subramania Bharati

   Wind, come softly.
   Don't break the shutters of the windows.
   Don't scatter the papers.
   Don't throw down the books on the shelf.
   There, look what you did - you threw them all down. You tore the pages of the books. You brought rain again.
   You're very clever at poking fun at weaklings.
   Frail crumbling houses, crumbling doors, crumbling rafters, crumbling wood, crumbling bodies, crumbling lives, crumbling hearts –
   the wind god winnows and crushes them all.
   He won't do what you tell him.
   So, come, let's build strong homes, Let's join the doors firmly.
   Practise to firm the body.
   Make the heart steadfast.
   Do this, and the wind will be friends with us.
   The wind blows out weak fires.
   He makes strong fires roar and flourish.
His friendship is good.
We praise him every day.
Wind, come softly.

Given below is the summary of the poem. Fill in the blanks with suitable words to complete the summary. Use only one word for each blank.

The poet begins by a) ________ to the wind to blow softly and not cause havoc by breaking window shutters, scattering paper or throwing books on the shelf.
The poet b) ________ against the wind since it has torn the pages of the books and has brought rain again. The poet feels that the wind is extremely clever as it c) __________ fun of those who are weak. It does not like anything weak.
Everything that d) ________ easily be it houses, doors, wood or rafters, is e) __________ mercilessly by wind. Besides, it also crushes weak bodies, lives and hearts.
The poet f) __________ wind to a God who doesn’t do what people tell him to.
The poet offers a g) __________ to help humanity. He appeals to people to be firm, positive and strong both physically as well as mentally.
They must have a h) __________ heart if they want to be friends with wind.
If we are strong then wind will not only i) __________ us but also aid us in achieving success and in flourishing. It is j) __________ to be friends with wind.

K. Questions to revise (50 – 75 words)

1. Briefly describe how the post office became a place of pilgrimage for Ali. Also describe the attitude of the others towards him.
2. How has the mirror described itself in the poem, ‘The Mirror’? Bring out the physical features and qualities of the mirror.
3. What does the mirror reveal which upsets the poet?
4. Although Nicola and Jacopo are young boys, the author refers to them as gentlemen. Why does he do so?
5. How does the frog scheme to break the nightingale’s spirit and destroy her?
6. The poet says that neither forces of nature nor wars can destroy his poetry. What quality of the poem is revealed through these lines?
7. In what way is the play ‘The Dear Departed’ a satirical comment on the nature of human beings?
1. Answer the following in about 150 words.

   1. Miss Mebin shifts into her weekend cottage near Darking. She writes to her friend telling her how she came by the cottage. As Mebin write the letter.
   2. Victoria in the play ‘The Dear Departed is very upset by the behaviour of her parents. She expresses her feelings in her diary. As Victoria, write the diary entry.

M. Writing Topics

   1. You have recently joined a new school and are greatly impressed by your new teachers and the whole set- up of your school. Write a letter to your father in 120 – 150 words telling him about the school and the friends you have made. You are Surya, Room No. 10, Ahimsa Hostel, K. P. Senior Secondary School, Solan.

   2. Scouts and Guides wing of your school organized ‘Cleanliness Drive’ in the neighbouring area of your school. Write a report highlighting the contribution of teachers and students. You are Ravina, Guide Leader.

   3. You are Rahi, the head girl of your school. You have been asked to speak on the advantages of reading habit. Stressing the points that it increases knowledge, widens outlook, relaxes mind and makes us cultured and refined, write a speech to be delivered for the morning assembly.