InSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES:

A. Check up the number of questions and number of Printed pages mentioned at the top left-hand and right-hand corner of this page along with the number of questions and number of printed pages of this question-cum-answer booklet soon after the receipt of it. Verify whether the Set Symbol in this page is printed in all other pages and write this Set Symbol on the space provided for writing the Set Symbol on the cover page of the question-cum-answer booklet.

B. In case of discrepancy collect a fresh correct question-cum-answer booklet in exchange of the defective one from the invigilator of your hall/room after receipt it.

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1. Answer the following questions, each in about 50 words. 5 × 2
(a) What made Lencho write a letter to God?

Or,

Why did Gavaskar consider Kapil to be a good cricketer?

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INSTRUCTIONS :

A. Answer all the questions in your own words as far as practicable.
B. The numbers at right hand side represent the marks of the question.
(b) What are the causes of air pollution?

Or,

How does success in life largely depend on good health?

2. Write an essay, in about 250 words, on any “One” of the following topics, keeping to the outline given:

(a) My Grandmother:

[Her name, age, appearance – her qualification and occupation – her qualities – her work – her relationship with family members and neighbours – her care for you – why you like her.]

(b) The Annual Sports Day of My School:

[Date and place – earlier practice by athlete – preparation by school – inviting guests, keeping the field ready etc – conduct of events – distribution of prizes – enjoyment – end of the day and your feelings.]
(c) A Picnic I Joined:

[Selection of date and spot – preparations – the journey – food and fun – memorable moments – the return journey.]
3. Suppose you are Sonali Lakra, living in Plot No.- 53, Mission Road, Sundargarh. Your friend Mitali Rath, who lives in Kalapathar, Cuttack, has been qualified for Pathani Samanta Talent Scholarship. Write a letter to her, in about 100 words congratulating her on her success.

Or,

Imagine you are in R.C.B.M. High School, Jeypore. Write an application in about 100 words to your Headmaster/ Headmistress to arrange extra classes to enable you to take the H.S.C. Examination, 2014 in the new pattern.
4. **Read the following passage and write its summary in about 60 (sixty) words:**

Trees give shade for the benefit of others. They stand in the sun, bear the scorching heat and produce fruits by which others make profit. The character of good man is like that of trees. What is the use of this perishable body, if there is no use of it for the benefit of Mankind?

Sandal wood, the more it is rubbed, the more scent it produces; sugarcane, the more it is burnt, the more brightly it shines. The men who are noble at heart do not lose their qualities even in losing their lives. They do not want praise from others. They may die at this moment or they may live long, but follow the right path.

Life itself is unprofitable to a man who does not live for others. Those who lay down their lives for the sake of a noble cause, a friend or even for the sake of a stranger will certainly live for ever in a world of happiness.
Or,

Imagine you are a reporter. You are now at a railway station. You see a man sitting in the waiting room with one foot missing. Collect the information about his missing foot and write a report for the newspapers.

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5. **Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow in about 30 (thirty) words :**

Kanyakumari is a beauty spot surrounded by sea on three sides; the Indian Ocean stretches away to the south; to the east lies the Bay of Bengal, and to the west the Arabian Sea. Pilgrims from many parts of the country come here to bathe at the meeting point of the three seas and to worship in the temple. The
sea around Kanyakumari is generally calm; many visitors feel that a certain peace and quiet always rests over the place.

The hours of sunrise and sunset are the best hours for enjoying the beauty of the place; the sun rises from the Bay of Bengal in the morning and sets in the Arabian Sea in the morning. In fact, it is the only spot in India where one can see the sun rising from the sea and setting in the sea. On the day of the full moon, the sun goes down in the Arabian Sea and the moon comes up from the Bay of Bengal at the same time, looking like two balls of fire.

(a) What are the three seas that meet at Kanyakumari?

(b) What is the beautiful sight one can see on the day of full moon?

(c) How do the visitors feel here during their visit?
(d) Why do pilgrims from many parts of the country come to Kanyakumari?

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(e) Which are the best hours for visitors to enjoy the beauty of the spot?

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