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ENGLISH-1

Time : 2 Hours

Maximum Marks : 50

Note : *Answer all questions.*

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow :

(1) My father gets a faraway look in his eyes that's unmistakable. As he looks towards

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the horizons and his eyes seek out the bright flashes of snow-capped peaks, we all know that he's thinking Mountain tops have always had that magnetic effect on him.

(2) As I grew up I inherited some of my father's restlessness. I know many people think there must be some compulsion for the son of Edmund Hillary to climb mountains. They assume that I need to compete, or measure up as if there was some strong mark on stone that stays, "Thou shalt climb mountains"— and in particular Everest, whether you like it or not. But for me it is simpler than that. I think families are like factories : some

manufacture lawyers while others produce landscape gardeners. The Hillary family is a limited production mountaineering establishment.

- (3) Today at the age of 48, I am determined mountain man : love to climb them; love to dream about them. I have been on more than 30 mountaineering expeditions, from the Himalayas to the Antarctic. And yes I have climbed Everest—twice. I treasure the same things that drew my father to climbing—great feeling of friendship and trust among people who work together, sense of pleasure and excitement, especially in dangerous places where your life depends upon making the right call. I guess I am luckier than most because I can

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fall back on all that my father has taught me. One devastating day in 1995 this advice saved my life.

- (4) Just below the summit of the mountain known as K2 or the “savage mountain” of the Himalayas—there is a steep ice channel called, “The Bottleneck”. I was among a party of eight climbers heading for the summit, with just 400 metres left to climb. Perched there, 8200 metres above sea-level and looking east along the northern edge of the Karakoram Mountains to the Tibetan Plateau, I noticed curls of ominous cloud had began to move in suddenly and quickly with great force.

- (5) As the weather worsened, I became very concerned. I stopped. Something didn't feel right. At that moment I clearly heard my father's voice—*Down. Go down. Stick to your guns, Peter.*
- (6) Then, from above me, I heard another voice – a woman's "Come on up. Use the red rope". Alison Hargreaves, a fellow climber, was encouraging me to join her. "Not for you, Peter." Was that my father's voice again ? The unsettled felling in me grew stronger. Finally I told Jeff Lakes, my climbing partner, that I was going down. He too was feeling unsure, but decided to go on ahead. As I headed down, I looked back at Jeff a couple of times, until a thick,

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- threatening cloud blocked the view. Soon, the same fast-moving cloud would engulf the summit and plunge me into an isolated world of terror.
- (7) Don't be afraid to make your own decisions. Don't be afraid to stand alone. That was my father's voice.
- (8) Alone in body but not in spirit I descended. But with fear tapping upon my shoulders, I was caught in the frightening situation of the rising storm. The flanks of the mountain were out of control and so, perhaps, was I.
- (9) Fear makes you careful. Fear makes you good. Fear, my father told me, is not something you manage. So I seized on

what I could control; a well clipped descender and a taut rope. For hours I continued to go down rope after plunging rope—every rope one closer to the ice ledge at Camp-2.

(10) When I awoke in my tent the next morning, it was silent, sunny still. I along had successfully descended from the summit pyramid of K2 that night. The seven above were dead.

- (a) (i) What does the son read in his father's eyes ? Who is the father ? 2
- (ii) State *two* qualities of the father that have rubbed off on the son.

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- (iii) In what way does the author consider himself more fortunate than other mountaineers ? 2
- (iv) What was the father's opinion about 'fear' ? How did it help the author ? 2
- (v) What was the fate of the seven companions who climbed the K2 summit ? Why ? 2

(b) Find words/phrases from the passage which mean the same as the following : 10

- (i) captivating (Para 1)
- (ii) to be as good as (Para 2)
- (iii) can make use of (Para 3)
- (iv) ruthless/terrible (Para 4)

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- (v) threatening/menacing (Para 4)
- (vi) refuse to change (Para 5)
- (vii) uncertain (Para 6)
- (viii) extreme fright (Para 6)
- (ix) came down (Para 8)
- (x) very tight and completely stretched (Para 9)

2. Do as directed : $1 \times 10 = 10$

- (i) Before the system, I'd like to review it completely. (Change)
(Put the verb in brackets in the correct form)
- (ii) Anita said, "I need to put the children to bed." (Change the sentence to indirect/reported speech)

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- (iii) People sometimes don't understand me because of (Complete the sentence)
- (iv) You must do the homework you are absent.

Absence is no excuse for not doing the homework.

(Complete the sentence with the correct

option : if, unless, even if)

- (v) I came to this institution learn English (Fill in the blank with the correct option : because of, in order to, so that)
- (vi) It is important for a new immigrant to the USA to know English therefore

(Complete the sentence)

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(vii) The home I grew up had a beautiful fireplace. (Fill in the blank with the

correct option : where, that, which)

(viii) How do you get noticed when you are working as part of team, and are expected to blend seamlessly with rest ? (Fill in blanks with

appropriate articles : a/the)

(ix) The director will give us instructions.

(Change into passive voice)

3. Write a paragraph of about **200** words on any *one* of the following topics : 10

(i) Caring for the aged.

(ii) Social media in actually disrupting our social life.

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(iii) Creating a pollution-free world.

(iv) Problems faced by our population.

4. You are the secretary of a green club, "Nature Calls." Your club organised a massive tree planting drive. Write a report about this. 10

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