

June 2013

English

Time : 2 hrs.

MM : 125

Instructions :

1. Read all the **twenty** questions and their sub-parts thoroughly before answering.
2. Write the answers on the sheet provided separately. Do not write answers on the question paper.
3. Write only the answers suitably numbered as per the question paper.
4. **All questions are compulsory.** Neatness has a suitable award.
5. The paper consists of three sections :
 - (A) Reading—20 marks
 - (B) Writing—30 marks
 - (C) Grammar—75 marks

Section 'A' : Reading

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

The crowd lining the streets of Cleveland had gone wild. People heaved and jostled against the barriers of policeman shielding the slowly approaching car, 'Jesse Owens', they screamed. "Long Live Jesse Owens ! Long Live America !"

The tall, dark man in the open car threw both arms up into the air and waved to the crowd. Occasionally the car stopped and Jesse Owens stood up to shake a hand or kiss a blushing teenager on her cheek, accepting flowers with a bow and a radiant smile. He lifted the three gold medals he had won at the Berlin Olympics and shouted, "I did it for you, the people of America."

Aunanimous soar rent the air, "Long Live Jesse Owens ! Long Live America !"

The car moved on. Autograph hunters thrust their books at him. As his pen moved over yet another sheet of paper, Jesse Owen's eyes fell on a dark, skinny little boy, flattened against the car, staring wide-eyed at his hero. 'Next', said Jesse Owens, handing back the autograph book.

'Next'. The little boy did not answer. He did not move. 'Next', said the fastest man on earth. "Next. Come on now." The boy stretched forward on tiptoe. "Gee, Mr. Owens." He nervously bit his lips. "Gee, Mr. Owens, I would do anything to become like you, to be an Olympic Champion." The tall man smiled down at the boy with dark, serious eyes. Dropping a friendly hand on the young admirer's shoulder, he said, "that's exactly what I wanted when I was your age, son. He gripped the boy by his arms and continued, "Listen, if you work for it, work really hard, you'll make it. If you believe in a thing strongly enough, you'll achieve it. You'll get it. If you think you can do it, you will. But listen." He bent his face closer to the boy's. "You have to sweat for it, slog for it. Yes, man ! For years, I practically lived in my track gear, worked, ate and slept in it. It worked, boy. It worked for me. It got me where I am today. And it'll for you too !"

The boy shook the tall man's hand warmly. "It will work with me too, Mr. Owens, Sir," he said. "I'll do it. I promise."

The boy kept his promise. Twelve years later in 1948 at the Empire Stadium in London, a young American won the gold medal for the 100 meter dash. He won it in a record time of 10.3 seconds. His name was Harrison Dillard.

- (a) How did the crowd acclaim Jesse Owens' achievements ?(2 marks)
- (b) Who was the little boy and what was his desire ? (1 mark)
- (c) What advice did Jesse Owens give to the little boy ? (3 marks)
- (d) What was the promise that the little boy made and how did he keep it ? (2 marks)
- (e) Find words in the passage that mean the same as the following words— (2 marks)
 - (i) In complete agreement
 - (ii) Very lean or thin
 - (iii) Accomplish
 - (iv) Held firmly

2. Read the following poem and answer the questions that follow :

(10 marks)

The Centipede

The little creature
with a hundred feet
was on its journey
to where
Only it knew.
My civilized foot