



**Series FH1EG/4**

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## **ENGLISH (Core)**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

### **General Instructions :**

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**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**(20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below :

- 1 World Conservation Day is celebrated internationally to increase awareness about the best practices needed to protect our natural resources. The Earth is supplied with a limited amount of resources that we all rely upon, like water, air, soil and trees. The World Nature Conservation Movement is a great opportunity to celebrate the progress we've made and determine to take action, wherever needed. It is time to remind ourselves that we need to give back to nature instead of just using resources without thinking about conservation. There is a need to replenish and recycle the resources we consume from nature.
- 2 Our forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide us with the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we irrigate our crops with. We also rely on them for numerous other goods and services. We depend on them for our health, happiness and prosperity. We have a cycle of biodiversity which needs proper conservation.
- 3 The population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted at a very fast rate. Technological advancement and luxurious lifestyles have led to several environmental problems like global warming, ozone layer depletion, river water pollution and deforestation, which threaten the planet's future.
- 4 Humans, animals, marine creatures and the environment, all need to be protected and conserved for the planet's future well-being. There are many examples of conservation. One is a programme to try to preserve wetlands, or a programme to try and save old buildings. Another example is of an attempt to minimise the amount of electricity used by turning off lights when leaving a room, or an attempt to turn off the running tap to avoid wastage of water. There are lots of examples like these which need implementation.
- 5 Following these small steps in our daily lives we can help to maintain the balance of nature, thereby saving humankind from the kinds of natural disasters we may face in the near future.
- 6 Nature also has a profound impact on our minds and our behaviour, helping reduce anxiety, brooding, and stress and increase our attention, capacity, creativity and ability to connect with other people. So there is a need to save nature if we want to save life as the two are interconnected and need each other. If we hurt or destroy the environment, surely we will be ruined. We must create awareness among family members, and try and practise a sustainable lifestyle to protect and conserve nature.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below : 10×1=10

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing the appropriate option.  
There is an urgent need to conserve our natural resources because
- (a) we are aimlessly using the natural resources and not replenishing them.
  - (b) they will be replaced by man-made resources.
  - (c) serious efforts are needed to cut down the consumption of these resources.
  - (d) we must become alert before it is too late.
- (ii) In the opinion of the writer, which are the primary natural resources without which our life is not possible ?
- (iii) In paragraph 1, the writer talks about 'celebrating the progress'. Explain in context.
- (iv) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph 6, *EXCEPT*
- (a) Stress can be relieved by working overtime.
  - (b) Nature can affect man's emotional well-being.
  - (c) Lifestyle cannot be changed permanently.
  - (d) Destruction of the environment is a temporary measure undertaken by man.
- (v) In the context of the given passage, what is the synonym of 'replenish' (para 1) ? Choose the correct option.
- (a) scarcity
  - (b) restore
  - (c) reconcile
  - (d) minimize
- (vi) List two ways in which forests and rivers help mankind.
- (vii) How can the solutions suggested in paragraph 4 be best described ?
- (a) unrealistic
  - (b) short term
  - (c) practical
  - (d) challenging
- (viii) Why is it fair to say that population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted rapidly ?
- (ix) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate reference with respect to the following :  
The writer quotes the example of family awareness in order to \_\_\_\_\_ (Paragraph 6).
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage
- (a) Ways to Save the Environment
  - (b) Save Nature Save Life
  - (c) Nature – A Pharmacy
  - (d) Nature – A Food Factory



2. Read the passage given below :

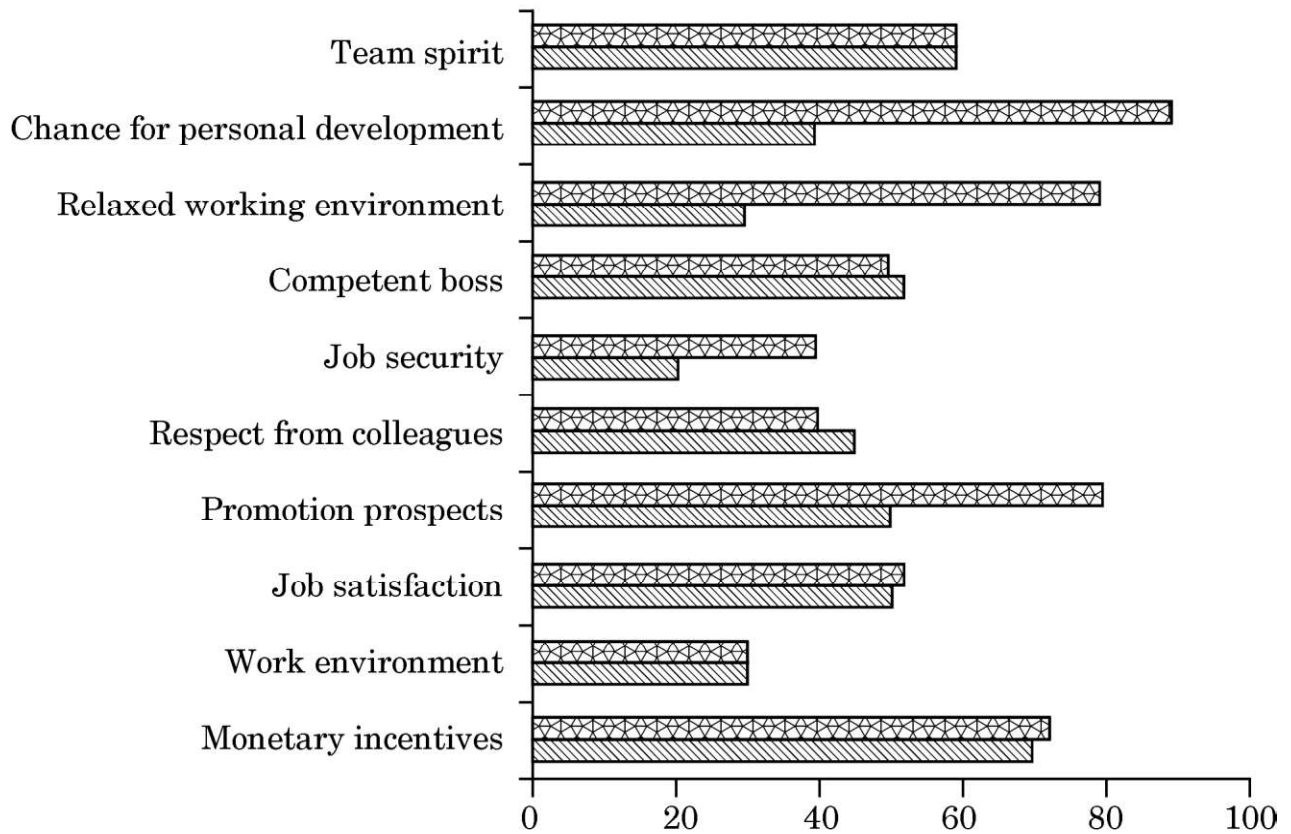
- 1 Nowadays companies demand an outstanding job performance by every single employee to be better than that of their competitors because there is competition among enterprises. The employers make efforts to motivate the employees and optimise performance.
- 2 There are numerous factors affecting job performance. These can be divided into external and internal factors. The internal factors are team spirit, competent boss, respect from colleagues and job satisfaction. The external factors are chance for personal development, job security, promotion prospects and monetary incentives. The decisive determinant is that the employees remain highly motivated. One possible method to increase motivation is the salary. Employees are willing to stay longer hours in the office and perform better, when they have the chance to get financial rewards, for instance, a higher salary or bonuses.
- 3 The bar graph (given below) shows the result of a survey conducted among workers in a company to analyse their work performance across ten different factors that contribute to make their work environment pleasant. The workers are grouped into two categories — those between the ages of 18 – 30 and those between 45 – 60. Interestingly, in six out of the ten factors surveyed, the 18 – 30 age group is shown to be more affected than the 45 – 60 age group. Factors, besides the salary, which affect the work performance of the two different age groups are interesting. These factors are the chance for personal development, relaxed working environment, promotion prospects, job satisfaction and monetary incentives. Furthermore, two out of the remaining four factors namely, team spirit and work environment have been equally influential among the two groups. The 45 – 60 years workers are impacted a lot by ‘respect from colleagues’ whereas the prospect of a promotion is an important reason that drives younger employees to work better.



- 4 Job performance of happy employees is 31% more productive and they show three times more creativity than their unhappy counterparts. They are more resilient and more likely to stay in the same company for a longer period. Consequently they drive the company towards long-term goals by being more productive and efficient.

▨ 18 – 30 age group  
▩ 45 – 60 age group

### Factors affecting work performance





Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

*10×1=10*

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1 ?

When the company has a lot of competitors, it tries to invent the most efficient technology to stay ahead.

Select from the following :

True – If the statement agrees with the information

False – If the statement contradicts the information

Not Given – If there is no information on this

- (ii) Why do you think the companies demand exemplary performance from their employees ? Support your answer with reference to the passage.

- (iii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for employees to perform better.

(a) companies demand an outstanding performance

(b) if the company grows, their growth is assured

(c) when there are chances to get financial gratification

(d) to drive the company towards long-term goals

- (iv) Select two factors that display that work performance of both the categories of workers remains the same.



- (v) Based on the bar graph, complete the following statement :  
The 18 – 30 age group is shown to be more affected than the  
45 – 60 age group in most factors.  
We can say this because \_\_\_\_\_ .

**OR**

***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No. 2 (v) :***

- (v) How does salary increase impact employees ?
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
Loyalty as an attribute is there in employees who are  
(a) senior  
(b) healthy  
(c) motivated  
(d) happy
- (vii) The 45 – 60 age group workers are motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (viii) Based on the reading of the passage, state a point to challenge the given statement.  
Increase in salary is the only motivation for better job performance.
- (ix) Complete the sentence.  
The internal factors affecting work performance are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (x) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The concluding sentence of the passage makes a clear case for \_\_\_\_\_ by listing it as a core component of steering the company towards long-term goals.  
(a) collaboration (b) flexibility  
(c) happiness (d) adaptability



## SECTION B

### Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : 5

(A) As the Secretary of Sahar Group Housing Society, draft a notice in 50 words calling for the Annual General Meeting to discuss issues of security and maintenance of public spaces. Specify the day, date, time and venue. Request the members to attend the meeting and give the benefit of their valuable suggestions on the issues in the given agenda. You are Razia/Rashid.

**OR**

(B) The Literary Society of your school is setting up an Editorial Board for the forthcoming academic session. Draft a notice in 50 words to be put up on the school notice-board, inviting students from classes IX – XI to join the Board. The members would be expected to stay back after school for 2 hours once a week to work on the school magazine. You are Shiela/Sameer, Secretary of the Literary Society.

4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : 5

(A) Your family is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of your grandparents. Draft an informal invitation in 50 words inviting your close friends and relatives to grace the occasion. Mention day, date, time and venue. You are Roy/Rosie.

**OR**

(B) Your friend is hosting a class reunion at his newly built resort. He has invited you to join this celebration on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Write an informal letter of reply in 50 words, expressing your inability to attend due to a family function. Mention day, date, time and venue. You are Sehaj/Sahil.



5. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) You are a resident of Pranihar Colony and a member of the Resident Welfare Association. During your morning walks, you have noticed that the parks are in a dismal condition. Due to the neglect, the parks are no longer safe for residents to walk or children to play. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in about 120 – 150 words, expressing your views on the situation and suggesting ways to improve and maintain the park. You may use the cues given below. You are Sunaina/Satish, member RWA.

Condition of Parks :	Suggestions :
– overgrown trees/grass	– prune trees
– broken walking tracks	– repair tracks, replace tiles
– open pits	– covering of open potholes and pits
– no boundary walls	– build boundary wall
– no lights	– install solar lights
– no dustbins	– put benches and dustbins

**OR**

(B) You are Radhika/Rahul, currently working on probation as an Assistant Manager in Romy Chain of Restaurants. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application along with your bio-data in 120 – 150 words to the Director Personnel, Rose Restaurant.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ROSE RESTAURANT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">– A GOURMET DELIGHT</p> <p>REQUIRED – SENIOR MANAGER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>JOB RESPONSIBILITIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• OVERSEE FINANCES OF THE FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT</li><li>• SUPERVISE RESTAURANTS</li></ul> <p>PREFERRED SKILLS &amp; QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DEGREE IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT</li><li>• 5 YEARS WORK EXPERIENCE</li><li>• STRONG INTERPERSONAL &amp; COMMUNICATION SKILLS (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)</li></ul>
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6. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) There is a shift from content based to skill based education. In addition to foundational subjects, interesting courses such as design, digital competency and entrepreneurship are being offered to students. This breaking away from conformity has brought out the latent potential in students as they are now selecting courses based on choice/interest, and talent. Write an article in 120 – 150 words expressing your views on the topic ‘Changing Trends in Education’. You may use the given input.

CHANGING TRENDS IN EDUCATION	
THEN	NOW
• LIMITED SUBJECTS	• DIVERSE SUBJECTS
• RIGID SUBJECT STREAMS	• INTEGRATED SYLLABUS
• ACADEMIC FOCUS	• INTEREST/APTITUDE FOCUS
• ROTE LEARNING	• TECHNOLOGY BASED
• PEN AND PAPER	• COMPETENCY BASED

**OR**

(B)

<u>REVIVE PLAYTIME</u>
• Shapes better personalities
• Builds physical and mental health
• Develops life skills
• Keeps them in touch with nature

You are Jessica/John, a budding journalist for a local daily. You covered the symposium on ‘Play Time – The Vanishing Joy of Childhood’. The event was attended by students and teachers from different schools. The group discussions were on how playing makes children fitter, unstructured playing vs. high-tech toys, and how spontaneous group play helps build life skills. Write a report in 120 – 150 words for the local daily on the event. You may use the above given input.



## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,  
A roadside stand too pathetically pled,  
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,  
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports  
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.  
The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead,  
Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts  
At having the landscape marred with the artless paint  
Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong

(i) What is the tone of the poet in the extract ?

Choose the correct option :

- (a) optimistic
- (b) resigned
- (c) sympathetic
- (d) indifferent

(ii) With reference to the given extract, what harm has been caused by the 'artless paint' ?

(iii) The city is compared to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) a landscape
- (b) signs of N and S
- (c) a flower
- (d) a dole of bread



- (iv) Choose the correct option :  
The roadside stand is  
(a) at the edge of the road.  
(b) marred with artless paint.  
(c) like the flower of cities.  
(d) well maintained.
- (v) What type of expectations do the stand owners have from the city dwellers who come there ?
- (vi) Complete the analogy with a word from the given extract.  
donate : contribute :: dying : \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with  
pain  
that she was as old as she  
looked but soon  
put that thought away, and  
looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes,

- (i) Identify the phrase that indicates youthful energy.
- (ii) Which thought is the poet trying to put away ?  
(a) missing the flight  
(b) fear of losing her mother  
(c) leaving her mother behind  
(d) reaching Cochin



- (iii) The poet's mother is described as 'open mouthed' because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) she is curious
  - (b) she is surprised
  - (c) she was dead
  - (d) she was dozing
- (iv) Complete the following analogy :  
children spilling : metaphor : : \_\_\_\_\_ : personification
- (v) The sight of the trees and the children helped the poet \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (vi) In the given extract, the phrase 'realised with pain' indicates the poet's
- (a) anxiety
  - (b) desperation
  - (c) troubled past
  - (d) ill-health

8. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

941 Willard Street  
Galesburg, Illinois  
July 18, 1894

Charley

I got to wishing that you were right. Then I got to believing you were right. And, Charley, it's true; I found the third level ! I've been here two weeks, and right now, down the street at the Daly's, someone is playing a piano, and they're all out on the front porch singing 'Seeing Nelly Home'. And I'm invited over for lemonade. Come on back, Charley and Louisa. Keep looking till you find the third level ! It's worth it, believe me !

The note is signed *Sam*.



- (i) What was the feeling of Sam as conveyed in the letter ? Choose the appropriate option in the context of the extract.
- (a) surprise
  - (b) doubt
  - (c) excitement
  - (d) anger
- (ii) What was Sam Weiner's reaction when Charley told him about the third level ?
- (a) dismissal
  - (b) acceptance
  - (c) wonderstruck
  - (d) puzzled
- (iii) The phrase 'Charley, it's true' in the context of the extract implies which of the given options ?
- I. Sam is relaxed
  - II. Charley had migrated with Louisa
  - III. The existence of the third level
  - IV. Sam had met Charley's grandfather
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I and II
  - (b) II and IV
  - (c) I and III
  - (d) IV only
- (iv) Sam wrote the letter to Charley in order to \_\_\_\_\_ .

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

*Derry* : What do you do all day ?

*Mr. Lamb* : Sit in the sun. Read books, Ah, you thought it was an empty house, but inside, it's full. Books and other things. Full.

*Derry* : But there aren't any curtains at the windows.

*Mr. Lamb* : I'm not fond of curtains, shutting things out, shutting things in. I like the light and the darkness, and the windows open, to hear the wind.



(i) The description of the house indicates that Mr. Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ .

(ii) The expression 'does not like shutting things out, shutting things in' suggests Mr. Lamb's

- (a) welcoming nature.
- (b) poverty-stricken existence.
- (c) lack of resources.
- (d) confused state of mind.

(iii) Mr. Lamb spends his time \_\_\_\_\_ .

- I. reading books
- II. cooking meals
- III. shutting things out
- IV. enjoying beauties of nature

Which of the following options are appropriate ?

- (a) I and IV
- (b) II, III and IV
- (c) I and II
- (d) I and III

(iv) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :

- I. Mr. Lamb liked meeting people.
- II. Mr. Lamb accepted life as it came.

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot.
- (b) II can be inferred from the extract, but I cannot.
- (c) Both I and II can be inferred from the extract.
- (d) Neither I nor II can be inferred from the extract.



9. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Others, usually celebrities who see themselves as its victims, might despise the interview as an unwarranted intrusion into their lives, or feel that it somehow diminishes them, just as in some primitive cultures it is believed that if one takes a photographic portrait of somebody then one is stealing that person's soul. V.S. Naipaul 'feels that some people are wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves,' Lewis Carroll, the creator of Alice in Wonderland, was said to have had 'a just horror of the interviewer' and he never consented to be interviewed.

(i) Choose the appropriate option with reference to the given extract :

Most of the celebrities dislike being interviewed because

- (a) it is sheer nonsense.
- (b) nobody reveals his/her inner self.
- (c) it is sheer waste of time.
- (d) it is an unwanted intrusion into their lives.

(ii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :

light : darkness :: \_\_\_\_\_ : refused

(iii) In primitive cultures being photographed implied

- (a) announcing victory.
- (b) soul has been stolen.
- (c) saving a memory for posterity.
- (d) becoming popular.

(iv) From the given extract, we know that \_\_\_\_\_ never agreed to be interviewed.

- (a) Lewis Carroll
- (b) V.S. Naipaul
- (c) T.S. Eliot
- (d) Charlie Sheen

(v) In the given extract, the word 'diminish' most nearly means

- (a) deepens
- (b) disappoints
- (c) lessens
- (d) languishes

(vi) In the given extract, the writer indicates that most people \_\_\_\_\_ interviews.

- (a) celebrated
- (b) read
- (c) gave
- (d) despised

**OR**



(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

The next I remember I was lying on my stomach beside the pool, vomiting. The chap that threw me in was saying, "But I was only fooling." Someone said, "The kid nearly died. Be all right now. Let's carry him to the locker room."

Several hours later, I walked home. I was weak and trembling. I shook and cried when I lay on my bed. I couldn't eat that night. For days a haunting fear was in my heart. The slightest exertion upset me, making me wobbly in the knees and sick to my stomach.

I never went back to the pool. I feared water. I avoided it whenever I could.

- (i) With reference to the extract, Douglas was vomiting because
- (a) he had got severe food poisoning.
  - (b) he had just been rescued from nearly drowning in the pool.
  - (c) he was frightened when he saw the big man.
  - (d) he had gone for a swim on an empty stomach.
- (ii) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.  
For days a haunting fear was in my heart.
- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below :
- I. The boy did not know how to swim.
  - II. The boy took a long time to recover from his fear.
- (a) I can be inferred from the extract but II cannot.
  - (b) I cannot be inferred from the extract but II can.
  - (c) I is true but II is false.
  - (d) Both I and II are true.
- (iv) Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that the chap threw the boy into the pool just for fun (clue : a phrase)
- (v) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation as per the extract.  
The slightest exertion upset the boy because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (vi) Replace the underlined word with its synonym from the extract.

The boy felt unsteady in the knees.



10. Answer any **five** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (a) The description of Seemapuri creates a very dismal picture. Explain.  
(The Lost Spring)
- (b) Why was the peddler hesitant to accompany the ironmaster to the manor house ? (The Rattrap)
- (c) In the poem “A Thing of Beauty”, how is grandeur connected with the mighty dead ?
- (d) Why was M. Hamel dressed in formal clothes in school ?  
(The Last Lesson)
- (e) Who does the poet accuse of having double standards in “The Roadside Stand” ?
- (f) Why did Sophie long for her brother’s affection ? (Going Places)

11. Answer any **two** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×2=4

- (a) Why did the booking clerk refuse to accept the money offered by Charley ? (The Third Level)
- (b) Why does Derry not like being with people ?
- (c) What message does the story “The Tiger King” give to the readers ?

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Why is the Champaran episode considered as the beginning of the Indian struggle for independence ? (Indigo)

**OR**

- (b) Edla is a contrast to her father, the ironmaster. Explain.  
(The Rattrap)



13. Answer any *one* of the following in about 120 – 150 words :

5

- (a) How can a visit to Antarctica be an enlightening experience ?  
Elaborate. (Journey to the end of the Earth)

**OR**

- (b) Bama and Zitkala-Sa, though victims of a system that crushes their aspirations, are determined to break out. Comment.



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**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**(20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below :

- 1 As a form of expression, graffiti is famously characterized by outlaw values; the creation and display of graffiti countered societal rules and was considered by some as vandalism. Not only was it symbolic of rebel values but was also linked to destruction of property. These links between graffiti culture and rebellion were age-old and some say, were popularized by hip-hop culture.
  
- 2 Imagine waking up one morning, to see your walls smeared with black paint — names, symbols, messages. The most interesting bit is that these wall artists were never caught red-handed. It was all done stealthily. It was almost as though people were marking their territory using painted symbols and slogans. The change was creeping in. Mobile numbers and captivating phrases gradually became marketing tools for free advertising. Catchy phrases tickled the curiosity and calls were made to those numbers.
  
- 3 Over a period of time, there was a shift in perception. Blank walls beckoned invitingly and artists saw whitewashed walls as an opportunity to display their work in free and open settings. The city became one large canvas; the illegal ‘gang activity’ became an art form on display in walking galleries. Graffiti was gradually being replaced and the stigma of illegality was being dropped. There was a move to embrace rather than condemn.



- 4 The colours, shapes, and subjects became cultural themes. What was once rebellious expression is artistic talent at its vibrant best, rich in images of plants, animals and unspoiled landscapes. The painted walls encouraged by residents and governments have created their own ecosystem — a reconciliation of nature with man-made forces.
- 5 The monotony and uniformity of urban life is today infused with human vitality and beauty. Cities speak proudly about the painted walls and clamour to be the first to preserve culture and history through these. Graphic displays of social awareness issues effectively and economically reach out to the common man. Silent art speaks volumes. Be it hygiene, conservation, education, or rights and duties — the message is conveyed in an animated, colourful manner without being an imposition.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

*10×1=10*

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.  
Graffiti in the earlier years was
- (a) considered a valuable legacy.
  - (b) done by prominent artists.
  - (c) an expression of rebellion.
  - (d) supported by society.
- (ii) Comment on the writer's statement, 'It was all done stealthily'.
- (iii) List two reasons why graffiti was not popular among people.
- (iv) Select the word from para 2 of the passage that conveys the opposite of 'boring'.



- (v) The writer would agree with all of the following *EXCEPT* :
- (a) Graffiti art was a paid activity.
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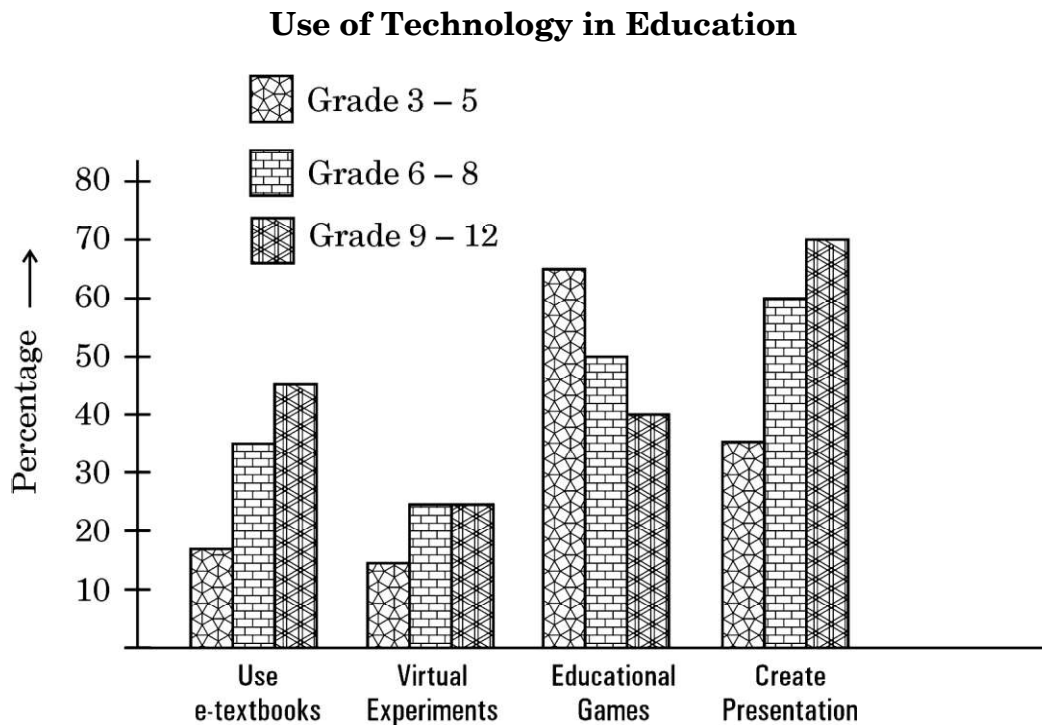


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The role of EdTech is more critical now \_\_\_\_\_.
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- (a) difficult
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Technology in education works for the betterment of many sectors such as \_\_\_\_\_.
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**OR**

***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No. 2 (ix) :***

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With the help of technology, students enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.
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## **SECTION B**

### **Creative Writing Skills**

**(20 marks)**

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**OR**

(B) Your school was celebrating its Annual Day function on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. Due to heavy rains, schools have been closed for a week. Draft a notice in 50 words about the postponement of the function, giving the next likely date and apologizing for the inconvenience caused due to the cancellation. You are Dr. Shetty, Principal.



4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) You are a Dr. Shah. The Health Department has invited you to deliver a lecture on 'Prevention of Malaria and Dengue'. Due to an illness in the family, you are unable to attend the programme. Draft a letter in 50 words, stating your inability to attend the event. Mention day, date, time and venue.

**OR**

(B) You are Dr. Das, a renowned environmentalist and scholar. You have been invited by the Nature India Book Society, to launch a new series of books — Flora and Fauna of India. Write a formal letter in 50 words accepting the invitation. Mention day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) The Resident Welfare Association of your colony identified the super senior citizens in the colony. A team was set up to visit the seniors once a month and offer any kind of help they would require. This effort was greatly appreciated by the residents. Write a letter in 120 – 150 words to the editor of 'The Indian Express' expressing your views on the increasing loneliness of the elderly and suggesting ways to support them. You are Rahul/Rohina.

You may use the cues given below :

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Causes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Smaller families</li><li>• Children abroad</li><li>• Modern, hectic lifestyles</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Suggestions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Helplines</li><li>• Support groups, RWA activities</li><li>• Sensitization of younger generation</li></ul>
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**OR**



- (B) You are Shristi/Saurabh Kundra. You saw the given advertisement and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application in 120 – 150 words along with your biodata.

**Fair Fax Pvt. Ltd.**

Required : Assistant Manager, Digital Marketing

Job Responsibilities :

- Maintain Digital Dashboard
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Preferred Skills & Qualifications :

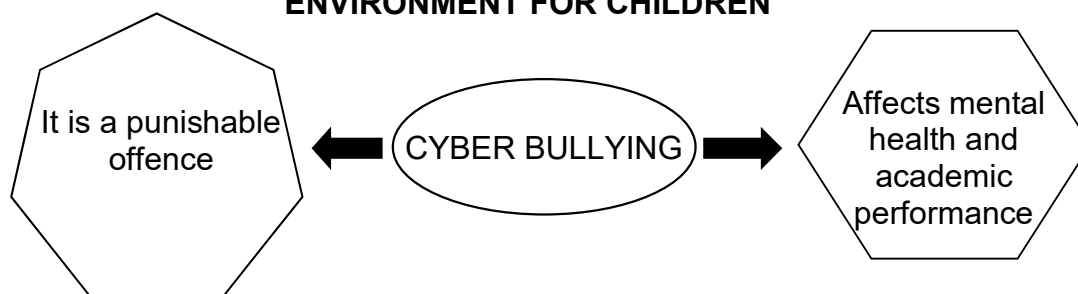
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- Knowledge of Picture/Video Editing Software

Send your biodata within 10 days to the Director HR, Fair Fax Pvt. Ltd.

6. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) **CREATE A SAFE, NON-VIOLENT, AND INCLUSIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN**



Your school had organized a seminar on cyber bullying and online safety. It was attended by counsellors and students from ten different schools. The symposium included a panel discussion, student viewpoints and short skits highlighting the negative effects of cyber bullying on students. As a student reporter, write a report on the event in 120 – 150 words to be published in the school weekly. You are Rajshri/Rishi. Mention day, date, time and venue. You may use the above given cues.

**OR**



(B)

THEN		NOW
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There has been a change in perspective in the recently announced education policy. As Priyanka/Pranam, a columnist of 'Youth Times', write an article in 120 – 150 words on 'Education – A Paradigm Shift'. You may use the cues given above.

### SECTION C

#### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow : 6×1=6

Now we will count to twelve  
and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth  
let's not speak in any language,  
let's stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment  
without rush, without engines,  
we would all be together  
in a sudden strangeness.

(Keeping Quiet)

- (i) Significance of counting up to twelve is
- (a) it is time to start the race.
  - (b) it is symbolic of life.
  - (c) it is a measure of time.
  - (d) that time does not wait for anyone.



- (ii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the extract means unusual and exciting.
- (iii) Excessive activity would create an atmosphere of
- (a) productivity.
  - (b) mechanisation.
  - (c) confusion.
  - (d) competition.
- (iv) The poet would want to create all of the following *EXCEPT*
- (a) a peaceful environment.
  - (b) a harmonious world.
  - (c) an atmosphere for introspection.
  - (d) a world full of hustle and bustle.
- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly :
- face of the Earth : \_\_\_\_\_ : : sudden strangeness : alliteration
- (vi) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. People must keep silent at twelve everyday.
  - II. Introspection will lead to peaceful coexistence.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I is false, but II is true
  - (b) Both I and II are false
  - (c) Both I and II are true
  - (d) I is true, but II is false

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Driving from my parent's  
home to Cochin last Friday  
morning, I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse, and realised with  
pain  
that she was as old as she  
looked but soon  
put that thought away, and  
looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes .....



- (i) The poet's mother looks
- I. exhausted
  - II. healthy
  - III. rejuvenated
  - IV. pale
  - V. relaxed
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) Only V
  - (b) I, III and V
  - (c) I, II and IV
  - (d) I and IV
- (ii) The poet looks out of the car because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as 'her face ashen like that of a corpse'.
- (a) stars winked in the midnight sky
  - (b) a bitter sweet experience
  - (c) as cold as ice
  - (d) grey geese in the green field
- (iv) The phrase 'she realized with pain' indicates the poet's
- (a) anxiety of missing the flight.
  - (b) fear of losing her mother.
  - (c) fear of illness.
  - (d) anxiety of taking her mother on the flight.
- (v) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. The poet was in a hurry to reach the airport.
  - II. The poet did not want to think about her mother growing old and infirm.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I is correct, but II is incorrect
  - (b) Both I and II are correct
  - (c) Both I and II are incorrect
  - (d) II is correct, but I is incorrect



- (vi) What does the phrase 'sprinting trees' symbolize ?
- (a) youthfulness and forgetfulness
  - (b) vitality and youthfulness
  - (c) energy and casualness
  - (d) pallor and exuberance

8. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

"You are to come to the palace," the man said. "The old General is in pain again."

"Oh," Hana breathed, "Is that all ?"

"All ?" the messenger exclaimed. "Is it not enough ?"

"Indeed it is," she replied, "I am very sorry."

When Sadao came to say goodbye, she was in the kitchen, but doing nothing. The children were asleep and she sat merely resting for a moment, more exhausted from her fright than from work. (*The Enemy*)

- (i) Seeing the messenger, Hana was apprehensive of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) The summons for Dr. Sadao were because
  - (a) the servants had reported.
  - (b) there was a medical emergency.
  - (c) the General wanted to express his admiration.
  - (d) the prisoner of war had escaped.
- (iii) Which of the following summarizes Hana's reason for resting momentarily ?
  - (a) Her physical exhaustion
  - (b) Her fear
  - (c) Her infirmity
  - (d) Her sadness
- (iv) Complete the analogy correctly with a word from the extract.  
asleep : awake : : rejuvenated : \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**



(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

*Mr. Lamb* : Look, boy, *look* ... what do you see ?

*Derry* : Just ... grass and stuff. Weeds

*Mr. Lamb* : Some call them weeds. If you like, then ... a weed garden, that. There's fruit and there are flowers, and trees and herbs. All sorts. But over there ... weeds. I grow weeds there. Why is one green, growing plant called a weed and another 'flower' ? Where's the difference ? It's all life ... growing. Same as you and me.

*Derry* : We're not the same.

- (i) In the above extract, what best summarizes Mr. Lamb's attitude towards growing weeds ?
- (a) a celebration of life
  - (b) an acceptance of his poverty
  - (c) a manifestation of his loneliness
  - (d) an example of his gardening skills
- (ii) Which of the following best describes Derry's tone when he says "We're not the same" ?
- (a) bitter
  - (b) confused
  - (c) defiant
  - (d) snobbish
- (iii) Mr. Lamb brings out the contrast between flowers and weeds in order to
- (a) explain weeds are important in a garden.
  - (b) demonstrate that weeds have medicinal values.
  - (c) emphasize the specific purpose of each.
  - (d) illustrate that there should be no distinction.
- (iv) What word from the above extract most nearly means the opposite of 'difference' ?



9. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

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Rudyard Kipling expressed an even more condemnatory attitude towards the interviewer. His wife, Caroline, writes in her diary for 14 October, 1892 that their day was ‘wrecked by two reporters from Boston’. She reports her husband as saying to the reporters, “Why do I refuse to be interviewed ? Because it is immoral ! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault, and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it.” Yet Kipling had himself perpetrated such an ‘assault’ on Mark Twain only a few years before. H.G. Wells in an interview in 1894 referred to the ‘interviewing ordeal’, but was a fairly frequent interviewee and forty years later found himself interviewing Joseph Stalin.

*(The Interview)*

- (i) Kipling viewed interviews with
  - (a) compassion.
  - (b) condemnation.
  - (c) reconciliation.
  - (d) gratitude.
- (ii) Kipling assaulted \_\_\_\_\_ with an interview.
  - (a) H.G. Wells
  - (b) Joseph Stalin
  - (c) T.S. Eliot
  - (d) Mark Twain
- (iii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :  
attack : assault : : committed : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) The word ‘wrecked’ in the extract most nearly means
  - (a) ravaged.
  - (b) annihilated.
  - (c) killed.
  - (d) ruined.



- (v) Rudyard Kipling uses the phrase 'it is a crime' because he feels it is
- (a) illegal.
  - (b) an offence against his person.
  - (c) an act of espionage.
  - (d) a waste of time.
- (vi) Kipling violated his own observation on interviewing by \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Then the poet spoke. He couldn't have addressed a more dazed and silent audience — no one knew what he was talking about and his accent defeated any attempt to understand what he was saying. The whole thing lasted about an hour; then the poet left and we all dispersed in utter bafflement — what are we doing ? What is an English poet doing in a film studio which makes Tamil films for the simplest sort of people ? People whose lives least afforded them the possibility of cultivating a taste for English poetry ? The poet looked pretty baffled too, for he too must have felt the sheer incongruity of his talk about the thrills and travails of an English poet. His visit remained an unexplained mystery.

- (i) Choose the appropriate option with reference to the extract. 'The audience were dazed' because
- (a) they were not accustomed to listening to poetry.
  - (b) they had never before seen an Englishman.
  - (c) they failed to comprehend what the poet was speaking.
  - (d) they were already bored.
- (ii) Complete the sentence with reference to the extract :
- The English poet was \_\_\_\_\_ when he was addressing the dazed audience.



(iii) Where did the talk take place ?

Choose the correct option.

- (a) The Main Mall
- (b) Story Writing Department
- (c) Film studio
- (d) Subbu's office

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- (c) What was the expectation of the people who had set up the roadside stand ?
- (d) Why did Aunt Jennifer create tigers so different from her own character ?
- (e) Why can the bangle-makers not organise themselves into a cooperative ? (Lost Spring)
- (f) Why did Douglas decide to go to the YMCA pool to learn swimming ?  
(Deep Water)



11. Answer any **two** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×2=4

- (a) Who was the Tiger King ? How did he get the name Tiger King ?
- (b) What makes the author say, “The world’s geological history is trapped in Antarctica” ? (A Journey to the End of the Earth)
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(On the Face of It)

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

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**OR**

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- (a) Describe briefly the Third Level. How did it differ from the Second Level ?

**OR**

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**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**(20 marks)**

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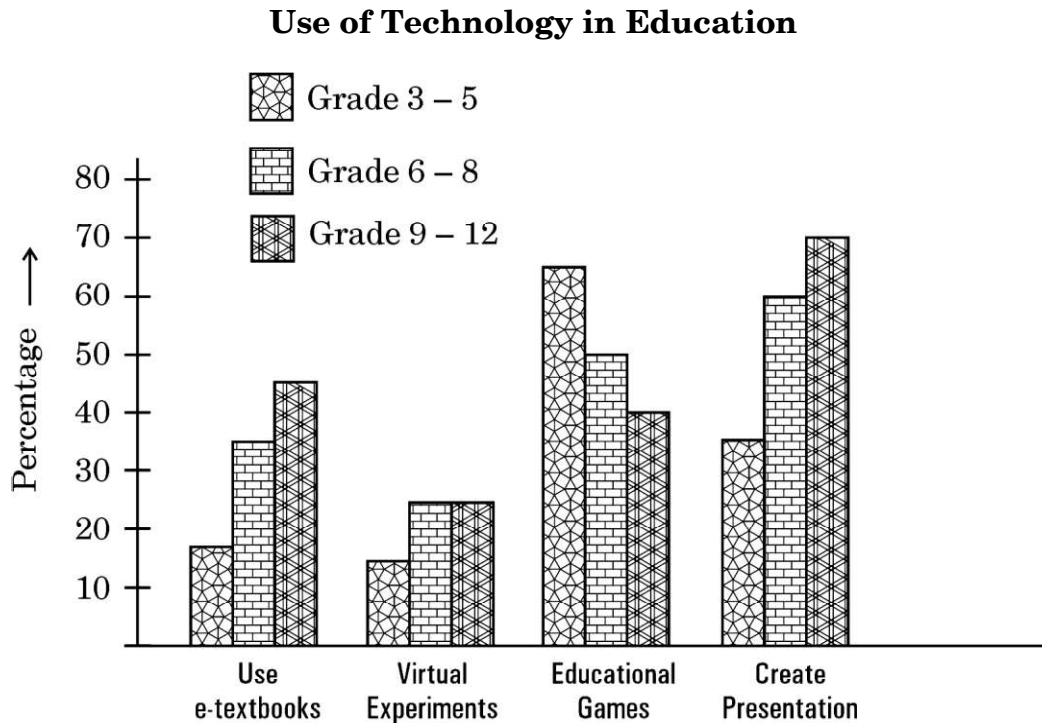


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### **SECTION B**

#### **Creative Writing Skills**

**(20 marks)**

- 3.** Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : **5**

- (A) The Literary Society of your school is setting up a Writer's Guild to encourage and develop the habit of creative writing. Draft a notice in 50 words for the school notice-board, inviting students from classes VI – X to join the Writer's Guild. You are Ragini/Rakesh, President of the Society. Mention relevant details of day, date, time and venue.

**OR**



- (B) The Traffic Police of your district has agreed to hold a one-day programme on road safety in your school. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the school notice-board, informing students of classes 8 – 12 to assemble at the appointed place. You are Shaili/Suneet, Sports Incharge. Mention day, date, time and venue.

4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) The outgoing batch of Class XII is going on a picnic to the Garden of Five Senses. Send an informal invitation letter in 50 words to your classmates. You are Rita/Ram, the Head Girl/Head Boy of Lotus Public School. Mention day, date, time and venue.

**OR**

- (B) You were invited by your friend Shahid to the marriage of his sister, but due to some unavoidable circumstances, you cannot leave station. Write an informal letter of reply in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the function. You are Hamid/Henna of Aliganj, Nashik. Mention day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) Kavita/Karan Agarwal sees the following advertisement in the local newspaper :

**BRIGHT FUTURE COACHING CENTER**

Requires Part-time tutors for all subjects for classes 6 – 12

The applicant must have an excellent academic record

Must be competent in computers and equipped to take online classes.

Good interpersonal skills

Experience – Minimum 2 years

Apply within 10 days to the Director, Bright Future Coaching Center, Meerut

Kavita/Karan decides to apply for the job. Write a letter of application in 120 – 150 words with detailed biodata in response to the above advertisement.

**OR**



- (B) You have observed that differently abled persons do not get adequate opportunities and facilities from people or the authorities with regard to their participation in the workforce. As a responsible citizen, write a letter to the editor of 'The Times of India' in 120 – 150 words explaining the measures that should be initiated to provide necessary assistance to make their life meaningful and productive. You are Usha/Umesh.



6. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A)

### STREET THEATRE



CHILD RIGHTS ..... DRUG ABUSE ..... SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT ..... ILLITERACY

As a reporter for a national daily, you attended a Street Theatre Festival at Central Lawns. Skits on child rights, drug abuse and junk food were put up by student members from five NGOs. The performances were followed by an open-house session in which experiences were shared. Write a report on the festival in 120 – 150 words to be published in the local daily. You are Salma/Salman. Mention day, date, time and venue. You may use the above given cues.

**OR**



- (B) The newspapers today have full page advertisements promoting senior citizen living. Write an article in 120 – 150 words expressing your views on the reasons for this increase and benefits of shifting into these residential complexes. You are Renu/Rajan, a resident of Sachar, a senior living paradise.

Benefits :

- affordable
- community living, companionship
- activities for seniors
- safety
- assisted care
- 24-hour ambulance to nearest hospital
- regular health check ups

## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

- (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Now we will count to twelve  
and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth  
let's not speak in any language,  
let's stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment  
without rush, without engines,  
we would all be together  
in a sudden strangeness.

(Keeping Quiet)



- (i) Significance of counting up to twelve is
- (a) it is time to start the race.
  - (b) it is symbolic of life.
  - (c) it is a measure of time.
  - (d) that time does not wait for anyone.
- (ii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the extract means unusual and exciting.
- (iii) Excessive activity would create an atmosphere of
- (a) productivity.
  - (b) mechanisation.
  - (c) confusion.
  - (d) competition.
- (iv) The poet would want to create all of the following *EXCEPT*
- (a) a peaceful environment.
  - (b) a harmonious world.
  - (c) an atmosphere for introspection.
  - (d) a world full of hustle and bustle.
- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly :
- face of the Earth : \_\_\_\_\_ : : sudden strangeness : alliteration
- (vi) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. People must keep silent at twelve everyday.
  - II. Introspection will lead to peaceful coexistence.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I is false, but II is true
  - (b) Both I and II are false
  - (c) Both I and II are true
  - (d) I is true, but II is false

**OR**



(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Driving from my parent's  
home to Cochin last Friday  
morning, I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse, and realised with  
pain  
that she was as old as she  
looked but soon  
put that thought away, and  
looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes .....

(i) The poet's mother looks

- I. exhausted
- II. healthy
- III. rejuvenated
- IV. pale
- V. relaxed

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) Only V
- (b) I, III and V
- (c) I, II and IV
- (d) I and IV

(ii) The poet looks out of the car because \_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as 'her face ashen like that of a corpse'.

- (a) stars winked in the midnight sky
- (b) a bitter sweet experience
- (c) as cold as ice
- (d) grey geese in the green field



- (iv) The phrase 'she realized with pain' indicates the poet's
- anxiety of missing the flight.
  - fear of losing her mother.
  - fear of illness.
  - anxiety of taking her mother on the flight.
- (v) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- The poet was in a hurry to reach the airport.
  - The poet did not want to think about her mother growing old and infirm.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- I is correct, but II is incorrect
  - Both I and II are correct
  - Both I and II are incorrect
  - II is correct, but I is incorrect
- (vi) What does the phrase 'sprinting trees' symbolize ?
- youthfulness and forgetfulness
  - vitality and youthfulness
  - energy and casualness
  - pallor and exuberance

8. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

"You are to come to the palace," the man said. "The old General is in pain again."

"Oh," Hana breathed, "Is that all ?"

"All ?" the messenger exclaimed. "Is it not enough ?"

"Indeed it is," she replied, "I am very sorry."

When Sadao came to say goodbye, she was in the kitchen, but doing nothing. The children were asleep and she sat merely resting for a moment, more exhausted from her fright than from work. (*The Enemy*)

- Seeing the messenger, Hana was apprehensive of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The summons for Dr. Sadao were because
  - the servants had reported.
  - there was a medical emergency.
  - the General wanted to express his admiration.
  - the prisoner of war had escaped.



- (iii) Which of the following summarizes Hana's reason for resting momentarily ?
- (a) Her physical exhaustion
  - (b) Her fear
  - (c) Her infirmity
  - (d) Her sadness
- (iv) Complete the analogy correctly with a word from the extract.  
asleep : awake : : rejuvenated : \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

*Mr. Lamb* : Look, boy, *look* ... what do you see ?

*Derry* : Just ... grass and stuff. Weeds

*Mr. Lamb* : Some call them weeds. If you like, then ... a weed garden, that. There's fruit and there are flowers, and trees and herbs. All sorts. But over there ... weeds. I grow weeds there. Why is one green, growing plant called a weed and another 'flower' ? Where's the difference ? It's all life ... growing. Same as you and me.

*Derry* : We're not the same.

- (i) In the above extract, what best summarizes Mr. Lamb's attitude towards growing weeds ?
- (a) a celebration of life
  - (b) an acceptance of his poverty
  - (c) a manifestation of his loneliness
  - (d) an example of his gardening skills
- (ii) Which of the following best describes Derry's tone when he says "We're not the same" ?
- (a) bitter
  - (b) confused
  - (c) defiant
  - (d) snobbish



- (iii) Mr. Lamb brings out the contrast between flowers and weeds in order to
- (a) explain weeds are important in a garden.
  - (b) demonstrate that weeds have medicinal values.
  - (c) emphasize the specific purpose of each.
  - (d) illustrate that there should be no distinction.
- (iv) What word from the above extract most nearly means the opposite of 'difference' ?

9. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Rudyard Kipling expressed an even more condemnatory attitude towards the interviewer. His wife, Caroline, writes in her diary for 14 October, 1892 that their day was 'wrecked by two reporters from Boston'. She reports her husband as saying to the reporters, "Why do I refuse to be interviewed ? Because it is immoral ! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault, and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it." Yet Kipling had himself perpetrated such an 'assault' on Mark Twain only a few years before. H.G. Wells in an interview in 1894 referred to the 'interviewing ordeal', but was a fairly frequent interviewee and forty years later found himself interviewing Joseph Stalin.

*(The Interview)*

- (i) Kipling viewed interviews with
- (a) compassion.
  - (b) condemnation.
  - (c) reconciliation.
  - (d) gratitude.
- (ii) Kipling assaulted \_\_\_\_\_ with an interview.
- (a) H.G. Wells
  - (b) Joseph Stalin
  - (c) T.S. Eliot
  - (d) Mark Twain



- (iii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :  
attack : assault : : committed : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) The word 'wrecked' in the extract most nearly means  
(a) ravaged.  
(b) annihilated.  
(c) killed.  
(d) ruined.
- (v) Rudyard Kipling uses the phrase 'it is a crime' because he feels it is  
(a) illegal.  
(b) an offence against his person.  
(c) an act of espionage.  
(d) a waste of time.
- (vi) Kipling violated his own observation on interviewing by \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Then the poet spoke. He couldn't have addressed a more dazed and silent audience — no one knew what he was talking about and his accent defeated any attempt to understand what he was saying. The whole thing lasted about an hour; then the poet left and we all dispersed in utter bafflement — what are we doing ? What is an English poet doing in a film studio which makes Tamil films for the simplest sort of people ? People whose lives least afforded them the possibility of cultivating a taste for English poetry ? The poet looked pretty baffled too, for he too must have felt the sheer incongruity of his talk about the thrills and travails of an English poet. His visit remained an unexplained mystery.

- (i) Choose the appropriate option with reference to the extract. 'The audience were dazed' because  
(a) they were not accustomed to listening to poetry.  
(b) they had never before seen an Englishman.  
(c) they failed to comprehend what the poet was speaking.  
(d) they were already bored.



- (ii) Complete the sentence with reference to the extract :  
The English poet was \_\_\_\_\_ when he was addressing the dazed audience.
- (iii) Where did the talk take place ?  
Choose the correct option.  
(a) The Main Mall  
(b) Story Writing Department  
(c) Film studio  
(d) Subbu's office
- (iv) The English poet's visit is an 'unexplained mystery' because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :  
noisy : silent :: assembled : \_\_\_\_\_
- (vi) Explain the following phrase with reference to the extract :  
The poet felt 'the sheer incongruity of his talk'.

10. Answer any **five** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (a) Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of twenty-five percent refund to the peasants ? (Indigo)
- (b) What made the ironmaster invite the peddler to his house ?
- (c) What was the expectation of the people who had set up the roadside stand ?
- (d) Why did Aunt Jennifer create tigers so different from her own character ?
- (e) Why can the bangle-makers not organise themselves into a cooperative ? (Lost Spring)
- (f) Why did Douglas decide to go to the YMCA pool to learn swimming ?  
(Deep Water)



11. Answer any **two** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×2=4

- (a) What warning did Judewin give to Zitkala-Sa ?
- (b) What were the apprehensions of Derry's mother about his visit to Mr. Lamb ?
- (c) What dilemma did Dr. Sadao face about the wounded American soldier ?

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Fantasising and unrealistic dreams sometimes lead to disappointment and disillusionment. Discuss this with reference to the story 'Going Places'.

**OR**

- (b) Firozabad presents a strange paradox — the beauty of the glass bangles and the misery of the people who make bangles. Discuss.

13. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Describe briefly the Third Level. How did it differ from the Second Level ?

**OR**

- (b) What was the Maharaja's mission ? How did he resolve to overcome the obstacles in the fulfilment of his mission ? (The Tiger King)



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## **ENGLISH (Core)**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

### **General Instructions :**

*Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

- This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.*
- This question paper contains **three** sections — Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.*
- Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- Separate instructions are given with each question / part, wherever necessary.*
- Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*



**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**(20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below :

- 1 As a form of expression, graffiti is famously characterized by outlaw values; the creation and display of graffiti countered societal rules and was considered by some as vandalism. Not only was it symbolic of rebel values but was also linked to destruction of property. These links between graffiti culture and rebellion were age-old and some say, were popularized by hip-hop culture.
  
- 2 Imagine waking up one morning, to see your walls smeared with black paint — names, symbols, messages. The most interesting bit is that these wall artists were never caught red-handed. It was all done stealthily. It was almost as though people were marking their territory using painted symbols and slogans. The change was creeping in. Mobile numbers and captivating phrases gradually became marketing tools for free advertising. Catchy phrases tickled the curiosity and calls were made to those numbers.
  
- 3 Over a period of time, there was a shift in perception. Blank walls beckoned invitingly and artists saw whitewashed walls as an opportunity to display their work in free and open settings. The city became one large canvas; the illegal ‘gang activity’ became an art form on display in walking galleries. Graffiti was gradually being replaced and the stigma of illegality was being dropped. There was a move to embrace rather than condemn.



- 4 The colours, shapes, and subjects became cultural themes. What was once rebellious expression is artistic talent at its vibrant best, rich in images of plants, animals and unspoiled landscapes. The painted walls encouraged by residents and governments have created their own ecosystem — a reconciliation of nature with man-made forces.
- 5 The monotony and uniformity of urban life is today infused with human vitality and beauty. Cities speak proudly about the painted walls and clamour to be the first to preserve culture and history through these. Graphic displays of social awareness issues effectively and economically reach out to the common man. Silent art speaks volumes. Be it hygiene, conservation, education, or rights and duties — the message is conveyed in an animated, colourful manner without being an imposition.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

*10×1=10*

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.  
Graffiti in the earlier years was
- (a) considered a valuable legacy.
  - (b) done by prominent artists.
  - (c) an expression of rebellion.
  - (d) supported by society.
- (ii) Comment on the writer's statement, 'It was all done stealthily'.
- (iii) List two reasons why graffiti was not popular among people.
- (iv) Select the word from para 2 of the passage that conveys the opposite of 'boring'.



- (v) The writer would agree with all of the following *EXCEPT* :
- (a) Graffiti art was a paid activity.
  - (b) Wall art was an age-old tradition.
  - (c) Graffiti became popular as a marketing tool.
  - (d) People were curious by what was scribbled on walls.
- (vi) Which word from the following most nearly means ‘reconciliation’ with reference to the given context ? (para 4)
- (a) cease fire
  - (b) resolution
  - (c) combination
  - (d) reunion
- (vii) Why does the writer say that the stigma of ‘illegality’ was dropped ?
- (viii) Complete the following sentence with reference to the passage :  
The city became one large canvas because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ix) The passage states a shift in attitude. Identify the best option that indicates this shift.
- (a) rejection to dismissal
  - (b) confusion to clarity
  - (c) imposition to acceptance
  - (d) dislike to acceptance
- (x) List two ways in which wall art is beneficial to society.



2. Read the passage given below :

- 1 Educational technology is the combined use of computer hardware, software, educational theory, and practice to facilitate learning. When referred to with its abbreviation EdTech, it points to the industry of companies that create educational technology. With education growing online, India's EdTech market size is expected to grow 3.7 times in the next five years.
- 2 Education in both rural and urban India is expected to be supported by technology in the near future.
- 3 As per a 2019 – 2020 report, only 22.3 percent of schools had an internet connection. Moreover, 61 percent of schools in the country didn't even have computers.
- 4 With the internet rate estimated to reach above 55 percent by the end of 2025 in India, digitisation of education will impact the country's development and become one of the topmost priorities for the government.
- 5 Budget 2021 – 22 allocated ₹ 93,224.31 crore to the Ministry of Education. It was an increase of over ₹ 8,100 crore from the revised estimates for the current fiscal year and the Department of Higher Education was allocated ₹ 38,350.65 crore.
- 6 The role of technology in education is more critical now than ever in addressing educational disparity. It has already made learning affordable and accessible. In particular, the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times.
- 7 With help from apps and software, teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide information about the most recent developments. Students can enjoy an interactive learning experience. Teachers can employ animation, powerpoint slides and graphs to catch the interest of their pupils. Gamification lends interest in the subject.



- 8 The online education system is a sector in which growth and development will work for the betterment of many sectors which include educating learners and increasing job opportunities for educators and technical teams.

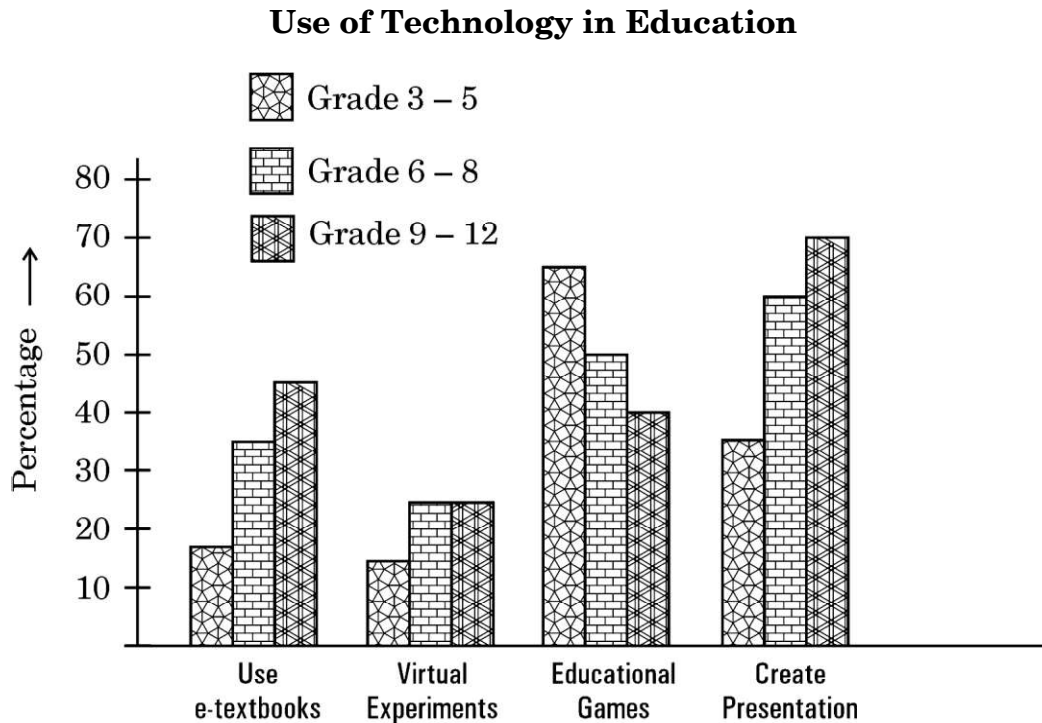


TABLE I.

REASONS FOR BOOM IN EDTECH

1. Lower cost involved in the dissemination of online education
2. Convenient, flexible and affordable
3. Initiatives by the Government which include programmes like SWAYAM and DIKSHA
4. Increasing number of education-based startups
5. Increment in the internet user base
6. Increasing penetration of mobile devices
7. Inflow of investments and acquisitions in this sector
8. It overcomes the geographical barriers



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below : 10×1=10

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1 ?

Education technology is the practice of introducing information and communication technology tools into the classroom.

Select from the following :

True – If the statement agrees with the information

False – If the statement contradicts the information

Not Given – If there is no information on this

- (ii) What are the two essentials for digitisation of education ?
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- (a) Frees up the teacher to be able to concentrate on farming.
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Technology in education works for the betterment of many sectors such as \_\_\_\_\_.
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- (vii) Digital education will become a top priority for the government because \_\_\_\_\_.



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  - (c) development of EdTech will work for the betterment of many other sectors as well
  - (d) the private sector has to play a decisive role
- (ix) Based on the graph, state the items which have the highest percentage of technology used by students of grades 9 – 12 and by students of grades 3 – 5.

**OR**

***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No. 2 (ix) :***

- (ix) Complete the sentence approximately in two-three words.  
With the help of technology, students enjoy \_\_\_\_\_.
- (x) Based on the reading of the passage, state a point to challenge the given statement :  
India's EdTech market size is expected to double in the next five years.

### **SECTION B**

#### **Creative Writing Skills**

**(20 marks)**

- 3.** Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

**5**

- (A) The local branch of the British Council has agreed to hold a workshop in your school on 'Writing Skills in English Language'. Draft a notice in 50 words inviting students to give their names for participation. Mention relevant details of day, date, time and venue. You are Sohail/Suhina, President of the Literary Society of Rise Public School.

**OR**

- (B) You are Rehan/Reshma, President of the Cultural Society of your school which is organizing a lecture cum demonstration on Kathak dance by the renowned dancer – Jaya Sharma. Draft a notice in 50 words informing students of the same. The event will be followed by an interaction with the artist. Mention day, date, time and venue.



4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) Your school has scheduled the inauguration of the newly constructed Science Block. As teacher incharge of the Science Club, draft an invitation in 50 words inviting parents and other guests to attend the ceremony. Mention day, date, time and venue. You are Rahul/Rohini.

**OR**

(B) You have been invited by the Economics Society of Flora Public School for a panel discussion on 'Changing Economic Trends'. Due to sudden illness, you are unable to attend the event. Write a letter in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the programme. Mention day, date, time and venue. You are Dr. Rao.

5. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SITUATION VACANT</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reputed Manufacturing Company needs Receptionist for its Front Office</p> <p><b>Eligibility</b> – Graduate, fluent in both English and Hindi Good interpersonal skills Competency in basic computer skills Minimum 2 years experience</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Apply</i> – SitaraManufacturers@sm.in</p>
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Write a letter of application with detailed biodata in 120 – 150 words in response to the above advertisement. You are Shaila/Samson.

**OR**

(B)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>DRIVE CAREFULLY</b></p> <p>SAFETY IS IN YOUR HAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WEAR SEAT BELTS</li><li>• FOLLOW TRAFFIC RULES</li><li>• NO MOBILE WHILE DRIVING</li><li>• FOLLOW SPEED LIMIT</li><li>• DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE</li></ul> <p><i>Issued by Delhi Police</i></p>
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You see the poster above, pasted on the walls and traffic lights. In spite of this warning, people drive rashly. Write a letter in 120 – 150 words to the editor of 'The Hindustan Times' drawing attention of the public to the frequent road accidents due to negligent and rash driving. Make suitable suggestions to minimise such mishaps. You are Bela/Pankaj. You may use the cues given above.



6. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) Your school organized a 'Save the Environment Week'. The theme was 'Trees — Our Lifeline'. Write a report on the event in 120 – 150 words based on the given inputs, to be published in your school magazine. You are Ramta/Ravi, Student Editor. Mention day, date, time and venue.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ENVIRONMENT WEEK</b> <b>DON'T CUT DOWN A LIFE</b> – STOP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tree Plantation Drive</li><li>• Poster Making Competition</li><li>• Interaction with Environmentalists</li><li>• Panel Discussion</li><li>• Clean Your Campus</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">IT'S YOUR WORLD SAVE IT – IT'S YOUR TOMORROW</p>
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**OR**

(B)

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>LEAD A PRODUCTIVE LIFE — VOLUNTEER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spend time with senior citizens</li><li>• Keep surroundings clean</li><li>• Support Each One Teach One programme</li><li>• Build books/clothes banks for the needy</li><li>• Share celebratory moments</li></ul> <p style="text-align: center;">YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE</p>
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The Resident Welfare Society in your colony has put up the above poster. Write an article in 120 – 150 words to be published in the neighbourhood weekly on the need to inculcate a spirit of volunteerism among people. Mention simple ways in which the ordinary citizens can contribute and benefit from it. You are Raghav/Rita.



## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Now we will count to twelve  
and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth  
let's not speak in any language,  
let's stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment  
without rush, without engines,  
we would all be together  
in a sudden strangeness.

(Keeping Quiet)

- (i) Significance of counting up to twelve is
- (a) it is time to start the race.
  - (b) it is symbolic of life.
  - (c) it is a measure of time.
  - (d) that time does not wait for anyone.
- (ii) The word \_\_\_\_\_ in the extract means unusual and exciting.
- (iii) Excessive activity would create an atmosphere of
- (a) productivity.
  - (b) mechanisation.
  - (c) confusion.
  - (d) competition.



- (iv) The poet would want to create all of the following *EXCEPT*
- (a) a peaceful environment.
  - (b) a harmonious world.
  - (c) an atmosphere for introspection.
  - (d) a world full of hustle and bustle.
- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly :
- face of the Earth : \_\_\_\_\_ : : sudden strangeness : alliteration
- (vi) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. People must keep silent at twelve everyday.
  - II. Introspection will lead to peaceful coexistence.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I is false, but II is true
  - (b) Both I and II are false
  - (c) Both I and II are true
  - (d) I is true, but II is false

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Driving from my parent's  
home to Cochin last Friday  
morning, I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse, and realised with  
pain  
that she was as old as she  
looked but soon  
put that thought away, and  
looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes .....



- (i) The poet's mother looks
- I. exhausted
  - II. healthy
  - III. rejuvenated
  - IV. pale
  - V. relaxed
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) Only V
  - (b) I, III and V
  - (c) I, II and IV
  - (d) I and IV
- (ii) The poet looks out of the car because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as 'her face ashen like that of a corpse'.
- (a) stars winked in the midnight sky
  - (b) a bitter sweet experience
  - (c) as cold as ice
  - (d) grey geese in the green field
- (iv) The phrase 'she realized with pain' indicates the poet's
- (a) anxiety of missing the flight.
  - (b) fear of losing her mother.
  - (c) fear of illness.
  - (d) anxiety of taking her mother on the flight.
- (v) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. The poet was in a hurry to reach the airport.
  - II. The poet did not want to think about her mother growing old and infirm.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I is correct, but II is incorrect
  - (b) Both I and II are correct
  - (c) Both I and II are incorrect
  - (d) II is correct, but I is incorrect



- (vi) What does the phrase 'sprinting trees' symbolize ?
- (a) youthfulness and forgetfulness
  - (b) vitality and youthfulness
  - (c) energy and casualness
  - (d) pallor and exuberance

8. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

"You are to come to the palace," the man said. "The old General is in pain again."

"Oh," Hana breathed, "Is that all ?"

"All ?" the messenger exclaimed. "Is it not enough ?"

"Indeed it is," she replied, "I am very sorry."

When Sadao came to say goodbye, she was in the kitchen, but doing nothing. The children were asleep and she sat merely resting for a moment, more exhausted from her fright than from work. (*The Enemy*)

- (i) Seeing the messenger, Hana was apprehensive of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) The summons for Dr. Sadao were because
  - (a) the servants had reported.
  - (b) there was a medical emergency.
  - (c) the General wanted to express his admiration.
  - (d) the prisoner of war had escaped.
- (iii) Which of the following summarizes Hana's reason for resting momentarily ?
  - (a) Her physical exhaustion
  - (b) Her fear
  - (c) Her infirmity
  - (d) Her sadness
- (iv) Complete the analogy correctly with a word from the extract.  
asleep : awake : : rejuvenated : \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**



(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

*Mr. Lamb* : Look, boy, *look* ... what do you see ?

*Derry* : Just ... grass and stuff. Weeds

*Mr. Lamb* : Some call them weeds. If you like, then ... a weed garden, that. There's fruit and there are flowers, and trees and herbs. All sorts. But over there ... weeds. I grow weeds there. Why is one green, growing plant called a weed and another 'flower' ? Where's the difference ? It's all life ... growing. Same as you and me.

*Derry* : We're not the same.

- (i) In the above extract, what best summarizes Mr. Lamb's attitude towards growing weeds ?
- (a) a celebration of life
  - (b) an acceptance of his poverty
  - (c) a manifestation of his loneliness
  - (d) an example of his gardening skills
- (ii) Which of the following best describes Derry's tone when he says "We're not the same" ?
- (a) bitter
  - (b) confused
  - (c) defiant
  - (d) snobbish
- (iii) Mr. Lamb brings out the contrast between flowers and weeds in order to
- (a) explain weeds are important in a garden.
  - (b) demonstrate that weeds have medicinal values.
  - (c) emphasize the specific purpose of each.
  - (d) illustrate that there should be no distinction.
- (iv) What word from the above extract most nearly means the opposite of 'difference' ?



9. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Rudyard Kipling expressed an even more condemnatory attitude towards the interviewer. His wife, Caroline, writes in her diary for 14 October, 1892 that their day was ‘wrecked by two reporters from Boston’. She reports her husband as saying to the reporters, “Why do I refuse to be interviewed ? Because it is immoral ! It is a crime, just as much of a crime as an offence against my person, as an assault, and just as much merits punishment. It is cowardly and vile. No respectable man would ask it, much less give it.” Yet Kipling had himself perpetrated such an ‘assault’ on Mark Twain only a few years before. H.G. Wells in an interview in 1894 referred to the ‘interviewing ordeal’, but was a fairly frequent interviewee and forty years later found himself interviewing Joseph Stalin.

*(The Interview)*

- (i) Kipling viewed interviews with
  - (a) compassion.
  - (b) condemnation.
  - (c) reconciliation.
  - (d) gratitude.
- (ii) Kipling assaulted \_\_\_\_\_ with an interview.
  - (a) H.G. Wells
  - (b) Joseph Stalin
  - (c) T.S. Eliot
  - (d) Mark Twain
- (iii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :  
attack : assault : : committed : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) The word ‘wrecked’ in the extract most nearly means
  - (a) ravaged.
  - (b) annihilated.
  - (c) killed.
  - (d) ruined.



- (v) Rudyard Kipling uses the phrase 'it is a crime' because he feels it is
- (a) illegal.
  - (b) an offence against his person.
  - (c) an act of espionage.
  - (d) a waste of time.
- (vi) Kipling violated his own observation on interviewing by \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Then the poet spoke. He couldn't have addressed a more dazed and silent audience — no one knew what he was talking about and his accent defeated any attempt to understand what he was saying. The whole thing lasted about an hour; then the poet left and we all dispersed in utter bafflement — what are we doing ? What is an English poet doing in a film studio which makes Tamil films for the simplest sort of people ? People whose lives least afforded them the possibility of cultivating a taste for English poetry ? The poet looked pretty baffled too, for he too must have felt the sheer incongruity of his talk about the thrills and travails of an English poet. His visit remained an unexplained mystery.

- (i) Choose the appropriate option with reference to the extract. 'The audience were dazed' because
- (a) they were not accustomed to listening to poetry.
  - (b) they had never before seen an Englishman.
  - (c) they failed to comprehend what the poet was speaking.
  - (d) they were already bored.
- (ii) Complete the sentence with reference to the extract :
- The English poet was \_\_\_\_\_ when he was addressing the dazed audience.



(iii) Where did the talk take place ?

Choose the correct option.

- (a) The Main Mall
- (b) Story Writing Department
- (c) Film studio
- (d) Subbu's office

(iv) The English poet's visit is an 'unexplained mystery' because \_\_\_\_\_.

(v) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :  
noisy : silent : : assembled : \_\_\_\_\_

(vi) Explain the following phrase with reference to the extract :  
The poet felt 'the sheer incongruity of his talk'.

10. Answer any *five* of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (a) Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of twenty-five percent refund to the peasants ? (Indigo)
- (b) What made the ironmaster invite the peddler to his house ?
- (c) What was the expectation of the people who had set up the roadside stand ?
- (d) Why did Aunt Jennifer create tigers so different from her own character ?
- (e) Why can the bangle-makers not organise themselves into a cooperative ? (Lost Spring)
- (f) Why did Douglas decide to go to the YMCA pool to learn swimming ?  
(Deep Water)



11. Answer any **two** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×2=4

- (a) What were the author's initial emotions on setting foot in Antarctica ? (Journey to the end of the Earth)
- (b) What impression do you form of Dr. Sadao's father from the story "The Enemy" ?
- (c) What does Zitkala-Sa mean by "eating by formula" ?

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Fantasising and unrealistic dreams sometimes lead to disappointment and disillusionment. Discuss this with reference to the story 'Going Places'.

**OR**

- (b) Firozabad presents a strange paradox — the beauty of the glass bangles and the misery of the people who make bangles. Discuss.

13. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Describe briefly the Third Level. How did it differ from the Second Level ?

**OR**

- (b) What was the Maharaja's mission ? How did he resolve to overcome the obstacles in the fulfilment of his mission ? (The Tiger King)



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## ENGLISH (Core)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80



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### General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- (i) *This Question Paper has 13 questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *This Question Paper contains **THREE** Sections – Section A : **READING SKILLS** Section B : **CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS** and Section C : **LITERATURE**.*
- (iii) *Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- (iv) *Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them strictly.*
- (v) *Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

### SECTION – A Reading Skills

**20 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below :

- (1) I know many friends of mine who drink coffee regularly but do not know that coffee exists in different forms other than instant coffee. There are many who swear by Flora café classic or Coco gold, which they consider premium coffee. I may sound offensive but instant coffee is not the only way; in fact it's a very bad way of making coffee ! Instant coffee cannot match up to brewed coffee's flavour nor does it have Arabica beans. It uses Robusta beans that are lower in flavour. Don't know the difference ? ! Read on ...
- (2) That plant might be a genius ! It created a chemical that would keep pests away. Fortunately for us and unfortunately for the plant – that plan did not work the way it was intended to. The chemical might have averted a few pest attacks, but attracted a far greater threat – human beings. The plant I am talking about is coffee and the chemical is caffeine.
- (3) To begin from the beginning – coffee is from a more mature part of the tree – the seed – unlike other stimulants. The ripe berry is picked and de-pulped leaving us with a seed called 'green bean' or 'green coffee'. Green bean is uncharacteristically bland with a taste nowhere close to that of coffee, but it is valued for its higher antioxidant levels.



- (4) It's an interesting phenomenon to see how this bland green bean turns to a flavourful coffee bean. Coffee bean is a seed and like any other seed is rich in proteins, fats and all necessary ingredients for giving birth to a new plant. When exposed to heat, the fats and carbohydrates in the bean turn into essential oils, which give the characteristic taste and aroma to the coffee bean. The degree of roasting depends on the need or purpose of use.
- (5) These beans are ground so that the surface area of the bean is increased, which makes extraction easier. The bean can be ground or crushed but making the particles uniform will ensure equal extraction, or else the smaller particle will get over extracted and the larger one under extracted. Hence, the burr grinder is used to ensure that the coffee bean gets ground in a uniform way in which all particles are of similar sizes.
- (6) Does under extraction give a lighter coffee and over extraction a stronger one ? No. For a lighter or stronger coffee less or more coffee powder has to be used. Why ? Under extraction will not get all the flavours of the coffee as the water runs too quickly. It will not get what you want – it will taste sour. Over-extraction will bring out all unnecessary flavours rendering the taste bitter.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below :

**10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

The author complained that his friends \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) consumed only Flora classics.  
(b) were not aware of different forms of coffee.  
(c) were severely addicted to drinking coffee.  
(d) considered Coco gold as premium coffee.





2. Read the passage given below :

- (1) News – If you can't remember the last time, you saw a teenager reading a book, newspaper or magazine, you're not alone. In recent years, less than 20 percent of teens report reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for pleasure. More than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to research published by the World Psychological Association.
- (2) "Compared with previous generations, teens in the 2010s spent more time online and less time with traditional media, such as books, magazines and television," said lead author of the book *yGen* and professor of psychology at ABC University. "Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV."
- (3) Swaner and her colleagues analysed data concluded from an ongoing study of a nationally representative sample of approximately 50,000 eighth, tenth and twelfth grade students annually. They looked at survey results from 1976 to 2016, representing more than 1 million teenagers. While the study started with only twelfth-graders in the 1970s, eighth- and tenth-graders were added in 1991.
- (4) Use of digital media increased substantially from 2006 to 2016. Among twelfth-graders, internet use during leisure time doubled from one to two hours per day during that period. It also increased 75 percent for tenth-graders and 68 percent for eighth-graders.
- (5) "In the mid-2010s, the average twelfth-grader reported spending approximately two hours a day texting, just over two hours a day on the internet – which included gaming – and just under two hours a day on social media," said Swaner. That's a total of about six hours per day on just three digital media activities during their leisure time."
- (6) In comparison, tenth-graders reported a total of five hours per day and eighth-graders reported four hours per day on those three digital activities. Consequently the spent time in the digital world is seriously degrading the time they spend on more traditional media such as print book and newspapers.



- (7) The decline in reading print media was especially steep. In the early 1990s, 33 percent of tenth-graders said they read a newspaper almost every day. By 2016, that number was only 2 percent. In the late 1970s, 60 percent of twelfth-graders said they read a book or a magazine almost every day; by 2016, only 16 percent did. Twelfth-graders also reported reading fewer books each year in 2016 compared to how much they read in 1976, and approximately one-third did not read a book (including e-books) for pleasure in the year prior to the 2016 survey.
- (8) There's no lack of intelligence among young people. However due to over dependence on digital media they find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text. Subsequently they find it challenging to understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills.

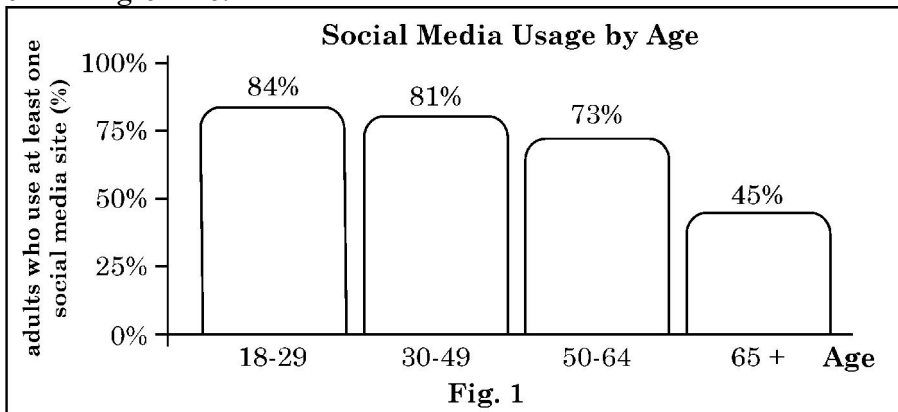


Fig. 1

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

10 × 1 = 10

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1 ?  
The writer believes that very few teens indulge in reading as a pleasurable activity.  
Select from the following :  
True : if the statement agrees with the information.  
False : if the statement contradicts the information.  
Not given : if there is no information on this.
- (ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research.  
In order to find out .....
- (a) reading choices of teenagers.
  - (b) digital competency of teenagers.
  - (c) speed of reading text.
  - (d) the decline of time spent on traditional media.



- (iii) Complete the statement based on the following statement :  
Traditional media has been replaced by digital media,  
we can say this because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) Do you think that the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately ?  
Support your answer with reference to the text.
- (v) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for \_\_\_\_\_  
by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application.  
(a) following social media  
(b) reading long texts  
(c) building focus and concentration  
(d) developing constructive habits
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The digital activities that the twelfth-graders indulge in are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) texting, gaming, television  
(b) texting, gaming, social media  
(c) newspaper, books, magazine  
(d) television, books, gaming
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words :  
Teens today hardly read print media for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (viii) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement :  
“Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching T.V.”
- (ix) What does the author mean by ‘degrading the time’ in para 6 ?  
(a) spending less time      (b) waste of time  
(c) consuming more time      (d) saving time
- (x) As per Fig. 1, the percentage of people above 50 yrs is \_\_\_\_\_ the percentage of teenagers using social media.  
(a) greater than      (b) less than  
(c) equal to      (d) negligible to

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**In lieu of Q. 2 (x)**

- (x) The decline in reading print media was especially steep.  
What does ‘steep’ mean in the above sentence ?  
(a) slow      (b) sharp      (c) steady      (d) gradual



**SECTION – B**  
**Creative Writing Skills**

**20 Marks**

3. Attempt any **ONE** of the following in about **50** words.
- (a) You are Vijay/Veena. Head Boy/Girl of Minerva Public School, Bhopal. Your school is planning to organise a Career Counselling Workshop for the students of classes 9-12. Draft a notice in about **50** words informing students about the workshop mentioning day, date, time and venue. **5**
- OR**
3. (b) Your school is planning to organise a Water Conservation Awareness Programme for the students. As school captain of SLV Public School, Lucknow, draft a notice in about **50** words informing the students about the programme mentioning day, date, time and venue. You are Sanjay / Sanjana. **5**
4. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :
- (a) You have bought a new house in Meerut. Write an informal letter of invitation inviting your friends and relatives to the house warming ceremony. Mention day, date, time and venue. As Rajesh Sharma, draft an invitation in about **50** words. **5**
- OR**
4. (b) You are Manoj / Meena. You have received an invitation from your friend Vijay to a party to celebrate his admission in a prestigious Management Institute. Write an informal letter in about **50** words accepting the invitation. Mention day, date, time and venue. **5**
5. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :
- (a) You have recently come across an advertisement for the post of software engineer in S.K. Global Solutions. Write an application with bio-data in about **120-150** words to The Manager, S.K. Global Solutions, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore. You are Ranjan / Ritu of Indra Nagar, Bangalore. **5**

**SK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS**

Required Software Engineer

Job Responsibilities :

- Write well-designed software
- Develop layouts
- Execute software development cycle.

Preferred Skills & Qualifications :

- B. Tech. – Computer Science
- Experience – 3-5 years.

**OR**



5. (b) You are Sujoy / Sujata of Nehru Colony, Indore. You recently visited Shimla with your family. You were perturbed to see the tourists throwing empty water bottles and cans all over the place. Write a letter to the editor of national daily in about **120-150** words expressing your concern and offering suggestions to improve the situation. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.

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Eco Friendly Travel  
create less waste  
dispose garbage properly  
40% pollution increase during tourist season  
do sustainable travel  
waste and pollution have far reaching impact on  
wildlife, environment, visitors & communities  
create – clean and healthy vacation destination  
Ecological Conservation – A need of the hour.

6. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :
- (a) You are Rahul / Rekha. There are frequent power cuts in your locality. You strongly feel that it is time to shift to solar power. Write an article in about **120-150** words on the topic “Solar Power. An Apt Global Solution for Energy Crisis’. Support your ideas with the cues given below.

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- renewable energy
- reduce energy bill
- completely clean – no air or water pollution, no greenhouse gas effects, carbon free; no emissions
- low maintenance cost

**OR**

6. (b) Your school recently conducted an inter-school Heritage Quiz Contest. As a student reporter, write a report of the event in about **120-150** words to be published in your school magazine. You are Amit / Archana. Mention day, date, time and venue.

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Know Your Heritage  
An Inter-School Quiz Contest

- History
- Mythology
- Culture
- Monuments
- Handicraft
- Attractive prizes for audience question
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March, St. Marks School

**SECTION – C**

**40 Marks**

**Literature**

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any **ONE** :

**6 × 1 = 6**

- (a) A thing of beauty is a joy forever

Its loveliness increases, it will never  
pass into nothingness: but will keep  
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet  
and breathing.

Therefore, on every morrow are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth;  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o'er darkened ways  
Made for our searching.

- (i) Keats defines beauty as

- (a) transient                      (b) eternal  
(c) illusionary                      (d) short lived

- (ii) 'will keep a bower quiet for us' means all of the following EXCEPT

- (a) create a peaceful, shady place  
(b) provide a shelter  
(c) will decrease noise pollution  
(d) nature's canopy



- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below :
1. Beautiful things uplift the soul.
  2. Beauty is everchanging.
- (a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot.  
(b) 2 can be inferred from the extract but 1 cannot.  
(c) both 1 and 2 can be inferred from the extract.  
(d) both 1 and 2 cannot be inferred from the extract.
- (iv) The things that cause unhappiness are
- (1) lack of noble nature
  - (2) old tunes
  - (3) dull days
  - (4) calm mind
  - (5) a flowery band
  - (6) strong relationships
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) (1) and (2)                      (b) (1) and (3)  
(c) (4) and (5)                      (d) (3) and (6)
- (v) Complete the analogy. Do not repeat from used example :  
flowery band : metaphor ::                      : alliteration
- (vi) According to the poet 'every morrow' we are \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

7. (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen, **6 × 1 = 6**  
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green,  
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;  
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.  
Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool  
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.  
The massive weight of uncle's wedding band  
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.
- (i) Denizens of the world of green refer to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) huntsmen                      (b) Aunt Jennifer  
(c) uncle                              (d) tigers
- (ii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the second line of the extract.  
(a) heart of stone                      (b) trees sprouting  
(c) silver spoon                      (d) white murder
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- (ii) Which emotion of Saheb is revealed in the phrase 'his eyes lighting up' ?  
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- (iii) For the elders garbage is \_\_\_\_\_ and for children it is \_\_\_\_\_.
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I. Saheb watches the game from outside.  
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- (v) 'Scrounging' in the passage most nearly means.  
(a) digging (b) searching  
(c) flinging (d) burying
- (vi) 'There is hope for finding more'. Explain with reference to the above extract.

**OR**

9. (b) "Or an actress. Now there's real money in that. Yes, and I could may be have the boutique on the side. Actresses don't work full time, do they ? Anyway, that or a fashion designer. You know –something a bit sophisticated". And she turned in through the open street door leaving Jansie standing in the rain. "If I ever come into money I'll buy a boutique". "Huh, if you ever come into money ... if you ever come into money you'll buy us a blessed decent house to live in, thank you very much."  
Sophie's father was scooping shepherd's pie into his mouth as hard as he could go, his plump face still grimy and sweat – marked from the day.  
"She thinks money grows on trees, don't she Dad ? Said little Derek, hanging on the back of his father's chair. **6 × 1 = 6**  
Their mother sighed.

- (i) Sophie wants to become an actress to  
(a) become famous (b) to earn money  
(c) to support her father (d) to compete with Jansie
- (ii) Jansie wanted Sophie to spend her money on  
(a) her marriage (b) her career  
(c) to open a boutique (d) buying a house
- (iii) Sophie is daydreaming about \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The phrase 'money grows on trees' indicates that Sophie \_\_\_\_\_.



- (v) Sophie's mother's sigh is one of  
(a) regret (b) delight  
(c) relief (d) helplessness
- (vi) From the extract Jansie comes across as a \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
(a) practical (b) dominating  
(c) immature (d) starstruck

10. Answer any **FIVE** out of six questions given below in about **40-50** words :

**5 × 2 = 10**

- (a) What does Gandhi refer to as 'conflict of duties' ?  
(b) What does the expression 'polished traffic' refer to ? What does it reveal about city people ?  
(c) Why did the iron master compare Edla to a parson ?  
(d) What is the significance of the word 'but' in 'but all I said was see you soon, Amma ? (My Mother at Sixty-Six)  
(e) What handicap did Douglas suffer from ? How did he overcome that ?  
(f) What according to Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' is the lesson that we should learn from mother earth ?

11. Answer any **TWO** out of three questions given below in about **40-50** words :

**2 × 2 = 4**

- (a) Why was Dr. Sadao not sent abroad with the troops ?  
(b) What was the hidden agenda behind the Tiger King's marriage with the princess in the neighbouring state ?  
(c) What are the significant features of 'Students on Ice Programme' ?

12. Answer any **ONE** in about **120-150** words :

- (a) The last lesson reflects the flaws in human character that led to the sad plight of people in Alsace. Substantiate your answer with evidences from the text.

**5**

**OR**

- (b) A Roadside Stand is a social satire depicting the two contrasting worlds existing in society. Justify this statement with reference to the poem.

**5**

13. Answer any **ONE** in about **120-150** words :

- (a) Mr. Lamb stands as a symbol of optimism and hope. Support your answer with examples from the text.

**5**

**OR**

- (b) Dr. Sadao emerges as a saviour of humanity. Substantiate your answer with evidence from the text.

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## ENGLISH (Core)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80



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### General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- (i) *This Question Paper has 13 questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *This Question Paper contains **THREE** Sections – Section A : **READING SKILLS** Section B : **CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS** and Section C : **LITERATURE**.*
- (iii) *Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
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- (v) *Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

### SECTION – A Reading Skills

**20 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below :

- (1) I know many friends of mine who drink coffee regularly but do not know that coffee exists in different forms other than instant coffee. There are many who swear by Flora café classic or Coco gold, which they consider premium coffee. I may sound offensive but instant coffee is not the only way; in fact it's a very bad way of making coffee ! Instant coffee cannot match up to brewed coffee's flavour nor does it have Arabica beans. It uses Robusta beans that are lower in flavour. Don't know the difference ? ! Read on ...
- (2) That plant might be a genius ! It created a chemical that would keep pests away. Fortunately for us and unfortunately for the plant – that plan did not work the way it was intended to. The chemical might have averted a few pest attacks, but attracted a far greater threat – human beings. The plant I am talking about is coffee and the chemical is caffeine.
- (3) To begin from the beginning – coffee is from a more mature part of the tree – the seed – unlike other stimulants. The ripe berry is picked and de-pulped leaving us with a seed called 'green bean' or 'green coffee'. Green bean is uncharacteristically bland with a taste nowhere close to that of coffee, but it is valued for its higher antioxidant levels.



- (4) It's an interesting phenomenon to see how this bland green bean turns to a flavourful coffee bean. Coffee bean is a seed and like any other seed is rich in proteins, fats and all necessary ingredients for giving birth to a new plant. When exposed to heat, the fats and carbohydrates in the bean turn into essential oils, which give the characteristic taste and aroma to the coffee bean. The degree of roasting depends on the need or purpose of use.
- (5) These beans are ground so that the surface area of the bean is increased, which makes extraction easier. The bean can be ground or crushed but making the particles uniform will ensure equal extraction, or else the smaller particle will get over extracted and the larger one under extracted. Hence, the burr grinder is used to ensure that the coffee bean gets ground in a uniform way in which all particles are of similar sizes.
- (6) Does under extraction give a lighter coffee and over extraction a stronger one ? No. For a lighter or stronger coffee less or more coffee powder has to be used. Why ? Under extraction will not get all the flavours of the coffee as the water runs too quickly. It will not get what you want – it will taste sour. Over-extraction will bring out all unnecessary flavours rendering the taste bitter.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer the questions given below :

**10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option.

The author complained that his friends \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) consumed only Flora classics.  
(b) were not aware of different forms of coffee.  
(c) were severely addicted to drinking coffee.  
(d) considered Coco gold as premium coffee.





2. Read the passage given below :

- (1) News – If you can't remember the last time, you saw a teenager reading a book, newspaper or magazine, you're not alone. In recent years, less than 20 percent of teens report reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for pleasure. More than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to research published by the World Psychological Association.
- (2) "Compared with previous generations, teens in the 2010s spent more time online and less time with traditional media, such as books, magazines and television," said lead author of the book *yGen* and professor of psychology at ABC University. "Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV."
- (3) Swaner and her colleagues analysed data concluded from an ongoing study of a nationally representative sample of approximately 50,000 eighth, tenth and twelfth grade students annually. They looked at survey results from 1976 to 2016, representing more than 1 million teenagers. While the study started with only twelfth-graders in the 1970s, eighth- and tenth-graders were added in 1991.
- (4) Use of digital media increased substantially from 2006 to 2016. Among twelfth-graders, internet use during leisure time doubled from one to two hours per day during that period. It also increased 75 percent for tenth-graders and 68 percent for eighth-graders.
- (5) "In the mid-2010s, the average twelfth-grader reported spending approximately two hours a day texting, just over two hours a day on the internet – which included gaming – and just under two hours a day on social media," said Swaner. That's a total of about six hours per day on just three digital media activities during their leisure time."
- (6) In comparison, tenth-graders reported a total of five hours per day and eighth-graders reported four hours per day on those three digital activities. Consequently the spent time in the digital world is seriously degrading the time they spend on more traditional media such as print book and newspapers.



- (7) The decline in reading print media was especially steep. In the early 1990s, 33 percent of tenth-graders said they read a newspaper almost every day. By 2016, that number was only 2 percent. In the late 1970s, 60 percent of twelfth-graders said they read a book or a magazine almost every day; by 2016, only 16 percent did. Twelfth-graders also reported reading fewer books each year in 2016 compared to how much they read in 1976, and approximately one-third did not read a book (including e-books) for pleasure in the year prior to the 2016 survey.
- (8) There's no lack of intelligence among young people. However due to over dependence on digital media they find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text. Subsequently they find it challenging to understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills.

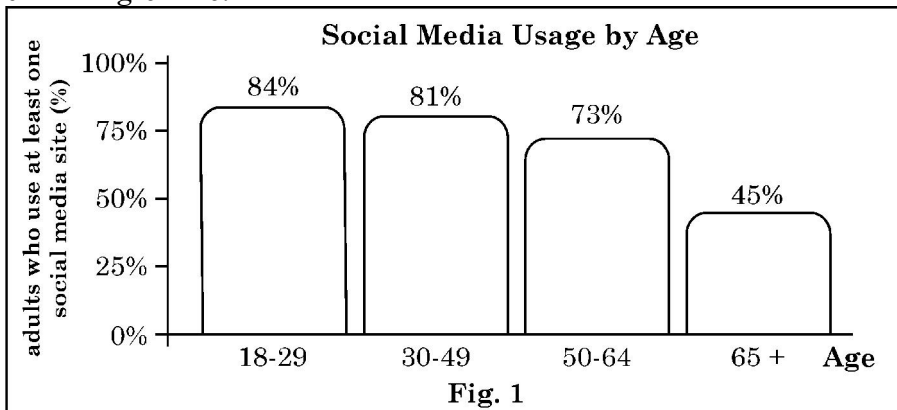


Fig. 1

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

10 × 1 = 10

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1 ?  
The writer believes that very few teens indulge in reading as a pleasurable activity.  
Select from the following :  
True : if the statement agrees with the information.  
False : if the statement contradicts the information.  
Not given : if there is no information on this.
- (ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research.  
In order to find out .....
- (a) reading choices of teenagers.
  - (b) digital competency of teenagers.
  - (c) speed of reading text.
  - (d) the decline of time spent on traditional media.



- (iii) Complete the statement based on the following statement :  
Traditional media has been replaced by digital media,  
we can say this because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) Do you think that the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately ?  
Support your answer with reference to the text.
- (v) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for \_\_\_\_\_  
by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application.  
(a) following social media  
(b) reading long texts  
(c) building focus and concentration  
(d) developing constructive habits
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The digital activities that the twelfth-graders indulge in are \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) texting, gaming, television  
(b) texting, gaming, social media  
(c) newspaper, books, magazine  
(d) television, books, gaming
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words :  
Teens today hardly read print media for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (viii) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement :  
“Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching T.V.”
- (ix) What does the author mean by ‘degrading the time’ in para 6 ?  
(a) spending less time      (b) waste of time  
(c) consuming more time    (d) saving time
- (x) As per Fig. 1, the percentage of people above 50 yrs is \_\_\_\_\_ the percentage of teenagers using social media.  
(a) greater than              (b) less than  
(c) equal to                  (d) negligible to

**FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES.**

**In lieu of Q. 2 (x)**

- (x) The decline in reading print media was especially steep.  
What does ‘steep’ mean in the above sentence ?  
(a) slow      (b) sharp    (c) steady      (d) gradual



## SECTION – B

### Creative Writing Skills

20 Marks

3. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :

(a) The Debating Society of your school is organising an inter-school debate. The last date for submitting names for audition is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March. There will be on the spot trials. Draft a notice in about **50** words informing students about the team selection time, date and venue. You are Sarita / Sarit, President, Debating Society, Flora International School.

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**OR**

3. (b) There has been an increase in the number of cyberbullying cases in your school. This has led to parents and students getting very anxious. As the school counsellor, you are organising a talk during morning assembly by Mr. Kakkar, Director, Cybercrime Department inviting both students and parents. Draft a notice in about **50** words informing students of the same mentioning day, date, time and venue.

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4. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below in about **50** words :

(a) Amit is planning to invite his friends and relatives for the celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of his grandmother. Draft an invitation letter in about **50** words on his behalf. Mention day, date, time and venue.

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**OR**

4. (b) You have been invited to inaugurate the art and craft exhibition at Rashida Public School on the occasion of the school's Annual Day on 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 in the school auditorium. Write a formal letter of regret in about **50** words expressing your inability to attend due to a prior engagement. You are Salil/Reena.

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5. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :

- (a) You are Minal / Mrinal. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised in about **120-150** words. Write a letter of application for the same.

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**ROYAL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL**

Required – English Teacher for Primary Classes

Skills & Qualificaton :

- Graduate, Montessori trained.
- Strong inter-personal and communication skills.
- Experience – 3-5 years.
- Competency in computers.
- Send your bio-data within 10 days to Mr. Shams, Principal, Royal Public International School.

**OR**

5. (b)

**ONLINE TEACHING**

**IMPACT**

- Social isolation
- Loneliness
- Obesity
- Stress, anxiety

**SOLUTIONS**

- Physical Activity
- Family time
- Constructive leisure time
- Maintaining balance

The recent increase in online teaching is of great concern for both parents and teachers. A fine balance needs to be maintained between the two. Using the given cues and your own ideas, write a letter to the editor on this topic and give suggestions. You are Manju/Manav. Word limit **120-150** words.

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6. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :

- (a) You are Kanika / Kavish student reporter of Galaxy School. Your school celebrated Annual Sports Day recently. Write a report in about **120-150** words on it to be published in your school magazine. You may use the cues given below.

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– Date – venue – time – Chief Guest –  
opening ceremony – sports events –  
prize distribution

**OR**



6. (b) “The return of the cheetahs will help in the restoration of open forests and grassland ecosystems in India”. Write an article in **120-150** words expressing your views on how this will help conserve bio-diversity, wild life and soil conservation. You are Bela / Bhanu. **5**
- Use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose your article.

- ecological balance of nature
- helps keep food chain in place
- maintain ecological stability
- diversity ensures healthier ecosystems
- cultural significance
- good for mental health

**SECTION – C**

**40 Marks**

**Literature**

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any **ONE** : **6 × 1 = 6**

- (a) A thing of beauty is a joy forever

Its loveliness increases, it will never  
pass into nothingness: but will keep  
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep  
Full of sweet dreams, and health and quiet  
and breathing.

Therefore, on every morrow are we wreathing  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth;  
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth  
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,  
Of all the unhealthy and o’er darkened ways  
Made for our searching.

- (i) Keats defines beauty as

- (a) transient (b) eternal  
(c) illusionary (d) short lived

- (ii) ‘will keep a bower quiet for us’ means all of the following EXCEPT

- (a) create a peaceful, shady place  
(b) provide a shelter  
(c) will decrease noise pollution  
(d) nature’s canopy



- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below :
1. Beautiful things uplift the soul.
  2. Beauty is everchanging.
- (a) 1 can be inferred from the extract but 2 cannot.  
(b) 2 can be inferred from the extract but 1 cannot.  
(c) both 1 and 2 can be inferred from the extract.  
(d) both 1 and 2 cannot be inferred from the extract.
- (iv) The things that cause unhappiness are
- (1) lack of noble nature
  - (2) old tunes
  - (3) dull days
  - (4) calm mind
  - (5) a flowery band
  - (6) strong relationships
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) (1) and (2)                      (b) (1) and (3)  
(c) (4) and (5)                      (d) (3) and (6)
- (v) Complete the analogy. Do not repeat from used example :  
flowery band : metaphor ::                      : alliteration
- (vi) According to the poet 'every morrow' we are \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

7. (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen, **6 × 1 = 6**  
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green,  
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;  
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.  
Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool  
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.  
The massive weight of uncle's wedding band  
Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.
- (i) Denizens of the world of green refer to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) huntsmen                      (b) Aunt Jennifer  
(c) uncle                              (d) tigers
- (ii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the second line of the extract.  
(a) heart of stone                      (b) trees sprouting  
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- (iii) The men setting beneath the tree are \_\_\_\_\_.
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(a) Sam (b) Cleveland  
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**OR**



8. (b) When I was studying in the third class, I hadn't yet heard people speak openly of untouchability. But I had already seen, felt, experienced and been humiliated by what it is.

I was walking home from school one day, an old bag hanging from my shoulder. It was actually possible to walk the distance in ten minutes. But usually it would take me from half an hour to an hour to dawdle along watching all the fun and games that were going on, all the entertaining novelties and oddities in the streets, the shops and the bazaar.

4 × 1 = 4

- (i) The narrator was humiliated because \_\_\_\_\_.  
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(a) I is true but II is not (b) II is true but I is not  
(c) Both I and II are true (d) Both I and II are untrue
- (v) 'Scrounging' in the passage most nearly means.  
(a) digging (b) searching  
(c) flinging (d) burying
- (vi) 'There is hope for finding more'. Explain with reference to the above extract.

**OR**

9. (b) "Or an actress. Now there's real money in that. Yes, and I could may be have the boutique on the side. Actresses don't work full time, do they ? Anyway, that or a fashion designer. You know –something a bit sophisticated". And she turned in through the open street door leaving Jansie standing in the rain. "If I ever come into money I'll buy a boutique". "Huh, if you ever come into money ... if you ever come into money you'll buy us a blessed decent house to live in, thank you very much."  
Sophie's father was scooping shepherd's pie into his mouth as hard as he could go, his plump face still grimy and sweat – marked from the day.  
"She thinks money grows on trees, don't she Dad ? Said little Derek, hanging on the back of his father's chair. **6 × 1 = 6**  
Their mother sighed.

- (i) Sophie wants to become an actress to  
(a) become famous (b) to earn money  
(c) to support her father (d) to compete with Jansie
- (ii) Jansie wanted Sophie to spend her money on  
(a) her marriage (b) her career  
(c) to open a boutique (d) buying a house
- (iii) Sophie is daydreaming about \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The phrase 'money grows on trees' indicates that Sophie \_\_\_\_\_.



- (v) Sophie's mother's sigh is one of  
(a) regret (b) delight  
(c) relief (d) helplessness
- (vi) From the extract Jansie comes across as a \_\_\_\_\_ person.  
(a) practical (b) dominating  
(c) immature (d) starstruck

10. Answer any **FIVE** out of six questions given below in about **40-50** words :

**5 × 2 = 10**

- (a) What does Gandhi refer to as 'conflict of duties' ?  
(b) What does the expression 'polished traffic' refer to ? What does it reveal about city people ?  
(c) Why did the iron master compare Edla to a parson ?  
(d) What is the significance of the word 'but' in 'but all I said was see you soon, Amma ? (My Mother at Sixty-Six)  
(e) What handicap did Douglas suffer from ? How did he overcome that ?  
(f) What according to Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' is the lesson that we should learn from mother earth ?

11. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about **40-50** words each :

**2 × 2 = 4**

- (a) What role does Sam's letter play in the story ?  
(b) How did the 'duraisani' behave on receiving the gifts ?  
(c) How does Mr. Lamb try and convince Derry that there is no essential difference between them ?

12. Answer any **ONE** in about **120-150** words :

- (a) The last lesson reflects the flaws in human character that led to the sad plight of people in Alsace. Substantiate your answer with evidences from the text.

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**OR**

- (b) A Roadside Stand is a social satire depicting the two contrasting worlds existing in society. Justify this statement with reference to the poem.

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13. Answer any **ONE** in about **120-150** words :

- (a) Mr. Lamb stands as a symbol of optimism and hope. Support your answer with examples from the text.

**5**

**OR**

- (b) Dr. Sadao emerges as a saviour of humanity. Substantiate your answer with evidence from the text.

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## ENGLISH (Core)

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Maximum Marks : 80



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### General Instructions :

- (i) *This Question Paper has 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
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### SECTION – A (READING SKILLS)

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1. Read the passage given below :

- (1) When we think of the game of cricket, we come to the conclusion that it is primarily a game that depends on outstanding physical activities, good hand-eye co-ordination, speed, skill and strength. It provides entertainment and generates strong feelings of excitement. A good match of cricket or of any other game neither adds to the existing stock of human knowledge nor reveals any secret of existence. It does not carry any deep meaning but most people, particularly the lover of sports attach deep emotions and numerous meanings to it. Games are thought of as a metaphor for life. They are supposed to teach many lessons. In fact, more is said and written about a cricket match than about scientific findings or great philosophy.
- (2) This is because games, like a morality play, in which settings and rules are made by us, can easily make people test their fair and foul conduct, principles of reward and punishment, and emotions of joy and disappointment. They can make us experience the thrill of war without exposing us to its dangers. A man watching a cricket match on T.V. and munching popcorn is like a surrogate warrior. In fact, games provide us with a safe outlet for our aggressiveness. If games become aggressive, they lose the very purpose of providing entertainment and purging us of our aggressiveness. They can calm our impatience without creating any conflict.



- (3) Commentators, journalists, politicians and analysts can do a great favour to the competing teams by keeping the excitement within limits. The teams should play without being dominated by feelings of national honour and shame. Excellent performance of the players of both teams should be enjoyed and appreciated.

Winning or losing in a game should not be taken seriously. A game is fun if it is played with true spirit of sportsmanship.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below : **10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option :  
Most people conclude that cricket is primarily a game because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) it is played as a match
  - (b) it requires two teams
  - (c) it includes physical activity
  - (d) it depends only on skill and strength
- (ii) Comment on the writer's reference to that cricket does not reveal any secret of existence.
- (iii) List two responses which watching a game of cricket gives rise to.
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'destroy' from words used in the passage.
- (a) reveals
  - (b) experience
  - (c) generate
  - (d) purging
- (v) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph 2, EXCEPT
- (a) Rules of any game are made by people.
  - (b) Watching a cricket match makes the viewer believe that he is fighting a battle ?
  - (c) It is necessary for a game to be aggressive in order to build excitement.
  - (d) A game can test people's sense of fair judgement.



(vi) With reference to the passage, a spectator is compared to a 'surrogate warrior'.

Choose the option that best describes this phrase :

- (a) a spectator who is paid to watch.
- (b) a spectator who is in pain while watching the match.
- (c) a spectator who enjoys the match as an armchair soldier.
- (d) a spectator who makes judgement about reward and punishment.

(vii) Why does the writer compare games to a morality play ?

(viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following :

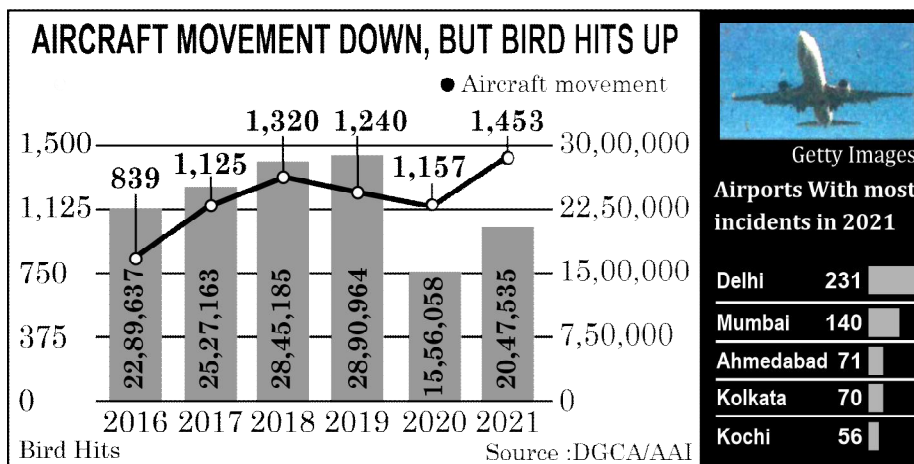
The writer says that games can calm our impatience without creating any conflict by \_\_\_\_\_.

(ix) The writer advises the players that games should not become aggressive because \_\_\_\_\_.

(x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage.

- (a) Excellent Performance by Cricketers
- (b) The Benefits of Playing Cricket
- (c) Cricket – The King of Games
- (d) The True Spirit of Playing Games

2. Read the following report and answer the questions by choosing the correct/most appropriate option :





(1) **How bird hits happen, why they are a concern ?**

New Delhi June 20

At least two bird strike incidents happened on Sunday. Both aircrafts returned to their airports of origin and were grounded for maintenance. An ABC aircraft, which took off from Guwahati towards Delhi, suffered damage to its left engine following a bird hit at 1600 feet. The pilots returned to Guwahati. The other strike happened on another flight from Patna to Delhi. The pilots of the aircraft suspected a bird strike during the take-off roll but continued to climb. Following the take off rotation, they were informed by the cabin crew of sparks emanating from the left engine. Subsequently, the pilots were also informed by air traffic control of smoke coming out of one of the engines. The pilots declared an emergency and returned to Patna.

(2) **Why are bird strikes a concern ?**

Bird strikes are among the most common threats to aircraft safety, and they typically occur during take-off or landing. Dozens of bird-strikes happen each day but some can be more dangerous than others. Typically, when birds collide with an aircraft's airframe, it is unlikely to cause significant problems for the pilots flying. But there are instances when the aircraft engine ingests the birds. This can lead to a loss of thrust for the engine and cause maneuverability problems for the crew. In these cases, where a jet engine ingests a bird, procedures would generally call for pilots to land the plane at the closest airport. While most airframe bird strikes are not considered critical to air safety, if a collision cracks a window or a wind screen, pilots will look to land as early as possible.

(3) **How critical are bird strikes to air safety ?**

Smaller planes would generally be more susceptible to the dangers of bird strikes than larger ones.

However, given that bird strikes mostly happen during take-off and landing, these incidents could distract the pilots during what are highly critical phases of flights that demand the complete attention of the crew.



(4) **What causes bird-strikes ?**

The presence of birds around an aircraft increases the chances of a bird strike. In the monsoon, as water puddles emerge on open grounds attracting insects to breed, the presence of birds increases. In some cases, bird hits also happen at higher altitudes when a plane is cruising. These are more dangerous than the low-altitude hits, given that they can cause rapid depressurization of cabins. Other reasons for bird activity around the air field could be presence of landfills or waste disposal sites that can attract a large number of birds.

**10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1.  
When an airplane is hit by a bird or is suspected to have been hit, the passengers must be asked to get down at once.  
Select from the following :  
True : If the statement agrees with the information.  
False : If the statement contradicts the information.  
Not Given : If there is no information on this.
- (ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for Bird hits.  
(a) when the aircraft is overloaded  
(b) at the time of landing or taking off  
(c) when the crew become negligent  
(d) when the passengers become panicky
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one word.  
Smaller planes are generally more \_\_\_\_\_ than the larger ones.
- (iv) Complete the sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
When the window or the windscreen of the air plane is cracked due to a bird hit \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) the crew must rush to the cockpit.  
(b) the pilot must land at the earliest airport.  
(c) the pilot must inform the maintenance engineer.  
(d) the pilot must get instructions from the aviation wing what should do in emergency.
- (v) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to further the statement.  
Dozens of bird hits take place every day \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) but only a few are dangerous.  
(b) all of them are fatal.  
(c) but after every bird hit it is imperative to land the aircraft.  
(d) the pilot should ignore them.



- (vi) Complete the sentence based on the following statement :  
Complete attention of the crew is demanded during take off and landing.  
We can say this because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words.  
In cases where the aircraft engine infests the bird, it leads to the loss of thrust and causes problems in \_\_\_\_\_.
- (viii) Which are the areas more prone to bird hits ?
- (ix) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to challenge the given statement :  
The area around air fields should be clear of any waste disposal sites.
- (x) Look at the graph. It shows that between 2016 and 2021, whereas air flights have come down, the bird-hits have gone up. This implies that the incidence of bird hits has \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) decreased (b) increased  
(c) remained constant (d) been alarming

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**In lieu of Q. 2 (x)**

- (x) In order to save the lives of the passengers the pilots should  
(a) be instructed not to cruise at high altitudes.  
(b) should not rotate engines.  
(c) not permit the passengers to open windows.  
(d) vigilance should be beefed up.

**SECTION – B**

**(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)**

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3. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :

- (a) You are Neelam/Nitesh, Secretary of the school Library Club. The club is organizing an inter school “Let’s Read a Book” week to help develop and encourage the habit of reading among children. Draft a notice in about 50 words, for the school notice board inviting club members from classes X-XII to be student volunteers for the event. Mention day, date, time and venue.

**5**

**OR**



3. (b) Draft a notice in about 50 words, urging students of classes IX and XI to be volunteer teachers for a three-week literacy camp to be held in your school from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June as part of the community service internship. Children from the neighborhood slums would be taught basic reading, writing, listening, speaking, and numerical skills. Mention the timings and the venue of the camp. You are Rita/Kailash Teacher – in – charge of community service.

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4. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :

- (a) You are Sarla Dutta, proprietor of Child’s Planet, a showroom of children’s educational toys. Draft a formal printed invitation in 50 words to be sent to your patrons, friends and relatives inviting them to the opening of the new showroom. Give details such as day, date, time and venue.

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**OR**

4. (b) You have received an invitation to attend the prize giving ceremony for the Inter-School Science Exhibit Competition. Write a formal letter in 50 words to the Principal of Rose Public School, Simla informing him/her about your inability to attend the ceremony. You are Dr. Suri. Mention day, date, time and venue.

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5. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :

- (a) You are a resident of Pranihar Colony and a member of the Resident Welfare Association. During your morning walks, you have noticed that the parks are in a dismal condition. Due to the neglect, the parks are no longer safe for residents or children to play. Write a letter to the editor of your local newspaper in about 120-150 words, expressing your views on the situation and suggest ways of improving and maintaining the park. You are Satish/Sunaina, member RWA. Use the given cues along with your ideas to compose this letter.

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Reasons for Neglect	Efforts to be taken
• Unpruned trees	• Regular maintenance
• No dustbins	• Removal of broken benches
• Stray dogs	• Security tightened
• Lack of security	• Waste bins

**OR**



5. (b) You are Prerna Seth, you saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised.

**Dimla Pvt. Ltd.**

**REQUIRED** – an accountant with minimum 5 years experience.

**Job Responsibilities** – prepare salaries, account, record of income and expenditure.

**Preferred Skills & Qualifications** – B.Com., C.A. with knowledge of computers, especially Excel.

Send your bio-data within 10 days to Rajiv Arora, Personnel Manager, Dimla Pvt. Ltd., Nehru Enclave, Indore.

Write a letter to The Managing Director, Dimla Pvt. Ltd. along with your bio-data, expressing your interest in the situation vacant.

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6. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :

- (a) Write a Report for the school magazine on a one day inter-school cricket match held in Suraj Public School, Chalapuram, Calicut. You may use the inputs given below.

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day, date, time, venue, scores of each team, outstanding individual scores, prizes and awards. You are Sujatha/Anil – Student reporter. (120-150 words)

**OR**

6. (b) You are Praveen/Prerna. Secretary, Eco-club of Bharati school, Lucknow. You write an article on the hazards of environment pollution for the school magazine. You may use the cues given below. (120-150 words)

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Causes – dumping of industrial waste in water bodies, improper disposal of e-waste and medical waste, indiscriminate construction work :

Solutions – stricter laws / role of media in spreading awareness / initiative by N.G.O.





7. (b) Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear  
The thought of so much childish longing in vain,  
The sadness that lurks near the open window there,  
That waits all day in almost open prayer.  
For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a stopping car,  
Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass,  
Just one to inquire what a farmer's prices are,

6 × 1 = 6

- (i) What is the sentiment expressed in the above extract ?  
(i) remorse (ii) regret  
(iii) empathy (iv) disappointment  
(v) guilt  
Choose the correct appropriate option.  
(a) (iii) and (iv) (b) (ii) and (iii)  
(c) (iv) and (v) (d) (i) and (v)
- (ii) Identify the phrase in the extract that suggests 'innocent desires'.
- (iii) The roadside stand owners pray for \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) a relief from the heat (b) free housing  
(c) cars stopping (d) benefits from pollution
- (iv) Complete the following analogy correctly :  
He fought like a lion : Simile :: selfish cars : \_\_\_\_\_
- (v) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below :  
(1) The people who have put up the roadside stand keep waiting for customers.  
(2) They become sad when someone turns up.  
(a) (1) is true, but (2) is false.  
(b) (1) is false, but (2) is true.  
(c) Both (1) and (2) are true.  
(d) Both (1) and (2) are false.
- (vi) Fill the blank appropriately with reference to the extract.  
'Squeal of brakes' implies \_\_\_\_\_



8. Attempt any **ONE** of two extracts given :

$4 \times 1 = 4$

(a) The clerk figured the fare – he glanced at my fancy hat band, but he figured the fare – and I had enough for two coach tickets, one way. But when I counted out the money and looked up, the clerk was staring at me. He nodded at the bills. “That ain’t money, mister,” he said, “and if you’re trying to skin me, you won’t get very far,” and he glanced at the cash drawer, beside him. Of course the money was old-style bills half again as big as the money we use nowadays and different looking.

(i) Why did Charley ask for two tickets ?

(ii) Complete the sentence by choosing the correct option :

When Charley offered money to the booking clerk, the latter stared at Charley because the booking clerk

(a) thought it wasn’t money .

(b) did not trust Charley.

(c) thought Charley was trying to tease him.

(d) thought that Charley had given him less money.

(iii) Select the option that best describes Charley in this extract. He is

(a) a cheat

(b) gullible

(c) an opportunist

(d) an escapist

(iv) ‘If you’re trying to skin me’ suggests \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

8. (b) Mr. Lamb : Well that needn’t stop you, you needn’t mind.  $4 \times 1 = 4$

Derry : It’d stop them. They’d mind me. When they saw me here. They look at my face and run.

Mr. Lamb : They might. They might not. You’d have to take the risk. So would they.

Derry : No, you would, you might have me and lose all your other friends, because nobody wants to stay near me if they can help it.

Mr. Lamb : I’ve not moved.

Derry : No .....

Mr. Lamb : When I go down the street, the kids shout ‘Lamey-Lamb’. But they still come into the Garden, into my house; it’s a game. They’re not afraid of me. Why should they be ? Because I’m not afraid of them, that’s why not.’



- (i) The kids tease Mr. Lamb but still come into his garden. Why ?
- (ii) Choose the best option that describes Mr. Lamb.
- (a) headstrong (b) pessimist  
(c) negligent (d) positive
- (iii) Choose the correct option with reference to the extract :  
What makes Derry tell Mr. Lamb that if he comes, others would stop coming ?
- (a) Mr. Lamb would not let others come.  
(b) They would be repulsed by Derry.  
(c) Mr. Lamb will have to choose between him and others.  
(d) Derry would flare up.
- (iv) What does Mr. Lamb mean by 'They might, they might not' ?

9. Attempt any **ONE** of two extracts given : **6 × 1 = 6**

- (a) And in dark hutments, next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps, sit boys and girls with their fathers and mothers, welding pieces of coloured glass into circles of bangles. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. That is why they often end up losing their eyesight before they become adults.
- (i) Complete the sentence with reference to the extract :  
Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Which of the following would NOT be true ?
- (a) The hutments were shining and inviting.  
(b) The children's lives were as bleak as their surrounding.  
(c) There were no electricity connections.  
(d) The boys and girls had got used to the dark.
- (iii) The bangle workers lose their eyesight before they became adults because
- (a) they already have poor eyesight.  
(b) they work in dim light.  
(c) they are married in childhood.  
(d) they are malnourished.
- (iv) Which of the following most nearly means 'adjusted' in the context of the extract ?
- (a) conditioned (b) favoured  
(c) accepted (d) reconciled
- (v) 'Flickering oil lamps' suggests \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) What is the antonym from the extract of the word 'rarely' ?

**OR**



9. (b) "I am thinking of this stranger here," said Edla "He walks and walks the whole year long, and there is probably not a single place in the whole country where he is welcome and can feel at home. Wherever he turns he is chased away. Always he is afraid of being arrested and cross-examined. I should like to have him enjoy a day of peace with us here-just one in the whole year." **6 × 1 = 6**
- (i) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate option :  
Edla wished the Pedlar to have a peaceful day because \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) the Pedlar had worked for Edla.  
(b) the Pedlar had not been released from jail.  
(c) the Pedlar had been staying at the forge.  
(d) the Pedlar had always been looked with suspicion.
- (ii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete analogy.  
single : multiple :: abroad : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) In the above extract, Edla comes across as
- (a) conscientious                      (b) pretensions  
(c) compassionate                      (d) selfless
- (iv) Based on the above extract, choose the statement which is true.
- (a) relationships are rattraps.  
(b) money is important in the world.  
(c) criminal is not born but made.  
(d) christmas is a time of charity
- (v) In the context of the given extract, which day is referred to in the expression 'just one in the whole year' ?
- (vi) What does the expression 'he is cross examined' suggest ?
10. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in about **40-50** words each : **5 × 2 = 10**
- (a) When do the residents of Alsace realise how precious their language is to them ?
- (b) What are the feelings of the poet about her aged mother with reference to the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six' ?
- (c) Describe the role of Raj Kumar Shukla in Indigo.
- (d) 'There can be life under apparent stillness'. Explain. (Keeping Quiet)
- (e) Explain the metaphor of the rattrap.
- (f) Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression ? Explain. (A Thing of Beauty)



11. Answer any **TWO** of the following in **40-50** words each. **2 × 2 = 4**
- (a) What prevented the Shokalskiy from going further ? What did the captain instruct the passenger to do ? (Journey to the End of The Earth)
  - (b) What did the Maharaja and dewan do to avoid the danger of losing the throne ?
  - (c) What did Judewin tell the narrator ? What was the effect ?
12. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about **120-150** words : **5**
- (a) 'Last Spring' and 'Indigo' bring out how the common man is a victim of exploitation. Explain.
- OR**
- (b) 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' and 'A Thing of Beauty', can be read together to show the permanence and everlasting impact of art and of things of beauty. Comment. **5**
13. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about **120-150** words : **5**
- (a) After seeing off the enemy soldier, Dr. Sadao must have felt relieved. He was able to uphold the oath that he had taken as a doctor. Dr. Sadao made an entry into his daily diary explaining the dilemma faced by him and how he resolved it.  
Imagine yourself to be Dr. Sadao and express his thoughts.  
(You may begin like this :  
I was able to uphold the oath that I had taken as a doctor....)
- OR**
- (b) Both Bama and Zitkala-Sa were from marginalised communities. They challenged the system to bring dignity into their lives. Justify. **5**
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## SECTION A

### Reading Skills

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

- 1 Seagulls, as you know, never falter, never stall. To stall in the air is for them a disgrace and a dishonour. But Jonathan Livingston Seagull, unashamed, stretching his wings again in that trembling hard curve — slowing, slowing, and stalling once more — was no ordinary bird. Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight — how to get from shore to food and back again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else, Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly.
- 2 This kind of thinking, he found, is not the way to make oneself popular with other birds. Even his parents were dismayed as Jonathan spent the whole day alone, making hundreds of low-level gliders, experimenting. “Why, Jon, why ?” his mother asked. “Why is it so hard to be like the rest of the flock, Jon ? Why can't you leave low flying to the pelicans, the albatross ? Why don't you eat ? Son, you're bone and feathers !” “I don't mind being bone and feathers, mom. I just want to know what I can do in the air and what I can't, that's all. I just want to know.” “See here, Jonathan,” said his father, not unkindly. “Winter isn't far away. Boats will be few, and the surface fish will be swimming deep. If you must study, then study food, and how to get it. This flying business is all very well, but you can't eat a glide, you know. Don't you forget that the reason you fly is to eat.”
- 3 Jonathan nodded obediently. For the next few days he tried to behave like the other gulls; he really tried, screeching and fighting with the flock around the piers and fishing boats, diving on scraps of fish and bread. But he couldn't make it work. It wasn't long before Jonathan Gull was off by himself again, far out at sea, hungry, happy, learning. The subject was speed, and in a week's practice he learned more about speed than the fastest gull alive. Time after time it happened. Careful as he was, working at the very peak of his ability, he lost control at a high speed. The key, he thought at last, dripping wet, must be to hold the wings still at high speeds — to flap up to fifty and then hold the wings still.



- 4 From two thousand feet he tried again, rolling into his dive, beak straight down, wings full out and stable from the moment he passed fifty miles per hour. It took tremendous strength, but it worked. In ten seconds he had blurred ninety miles per hour. Jonathan had set a world speed record for seagulls ! But victory was short-lived. The instant he began his pullout, the instant he changed the angle of his wings, he snapped into the same uncontrollable disaster, and at ninety miles per hour it hit him like dynamite. Jonathan Seagull exploded in midair and smashed down into a brick-hard sea. As he sank low in the water, a strange hollow voice sounded within him. There's no way around it. I am a seagull. I am limited by my nature. If I were meant to learn so much about flying, I'd have charts for brains. If I were meant to fly at speed, I'd have a falcon's short wings. Short wings. *A falcon's short wings ! That's the answer ! What a fool I've been ! All I need is a tiny little wing, all I need is to fold most of my wings and just fly on the tips along. Short wings !*

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below : 10×1=10

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option :  
Majority of seagulls fly only short distances as \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) they are more interested in food than flight.
  - (b) they don't have energy.
  - (c) they are not meant to fly low.
  - (d) food is not available at high speed.
- (ii) Why were Jonathan Livingston's parents' dismayed ?
- (iii) Give two reasons for Jonathan's unconventional behaviour.  
(Clue : think about Jonathan's point of view.)
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'glory' from words used in paragraph 1.
- (a) disgrace
  - (b) dishonour
  - (c) learning
  - (d) unashamed



- (v) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph 2, *EXCEPT*
- (a) Jonathan could not fly but only glide.
  - (b) Jonathan wanted to be popular with other birds.
  - (c) Jonathan realised that even the albatross flew at high altitudes.
  - (d) The reason seagulls flew was to find food.
- (vi) Jonathan was different from other seagulls. Based on your understanding of paragraph 2, list what Jonathan wanted to know.
- (vii) What was the mother's concern about Jonathan ?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following :
- Father reminds Jonathan that he 'can't eat a glide' in order to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (ix) It wasn't long before Jonathan Gull was off by himself again, far out at sea. Which trait of Jonathan does this statement reveal ?
- (a) practical bird
  - (b) persistent learner
  - (c) lonely and sad
  - (d) carefree and irresponsible
- (x) Was it fair to fly like a falcon when he was just a seagull ? Why does he say so ?

**2.** Read the passage given below :

- 1 Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) are products that sell quickly at relatively low cost. FMCG is the fourth-largest sector in the Indian economy. There are three main segments in the sector — food and beverages, which accounts for 19% of the sector; healthcare, which accounts for 31% of the share; and household and personal care, which accounts for the remaining 50% share. The urban segment contributes to about 55% of the revenue share, while the rural segment accounts for 45%. Rise in rural consumption will drive the FMCG market. The Indian processed food market is projected to expand to US\$ 470 billion by 2025, up from US\$ 263 billion in 2019 – 20.
- 2 The Indian FMCG industry grew by 16% in 2021, a 9-year high, despite nationwide lockdowns, supported by consumption-led growth and value expansion from higher product prices, particularly for



staples. Real household spending is projected to increase 9·1% after 2021, after a decrease of 9·3% in 2020 due to the economic impact of the pandemic. Price increase across product categories will offset the impact of rising raw material prices, along with volume growth and resurgence of demand for discretionary items.

- 3 The FMCG sector has received good investments and support from the Government in the recent past. The sector witnessed healthy FDI inflows from April 2000 – March 2022. Furthermore, as per the Union Budget 2022 – 23, a substantial amount has been allocated to the Department of Consumer Affairs, an increased amount has been allocated to the Department of Food and Public Distribution. In 2021 – 22, the Government approved Production-Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) with an outlay of a larger amount to help Indian brands of food products in the international markets.
- 4 The Government's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme gives companies a major opportunity to boost exports. The future outlook of the FMCG rural sector looks on track now. Rural consumption has increased, led by a combination of increasing income and higher aspiration levels. There is an increased demand for branded products in rural India. The growth of organised sector in FMCG is expected to rise with an increased level of brand consciousness, augmented by the growth in modern retail.

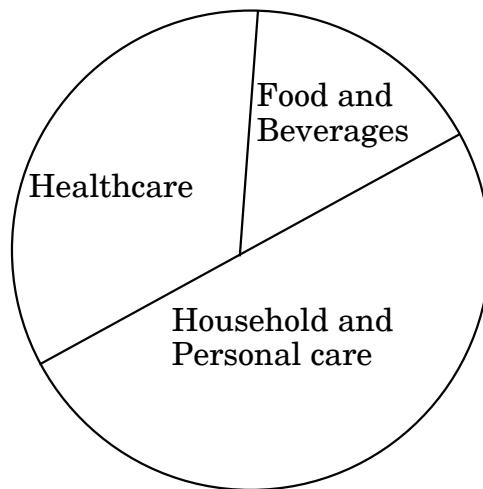




Table I. FMCG Products

1. Processed foods : Cheese products, cereals
2. Prepared meals : Ready-to-eat meals
3. Beverages : Bottled water, aerated drinks, and juices
4. Baked goods : Biscuits, bread
5. Fresh foods, frozen foods, and dry goods : Fruits, vegetables, milk, butter, frozen food, and nuts
6. Medicines : Aspirin, pain relievers, and over-the-counter medication that can be purchased without a prescription
7. Cleaning products : Baking soda, washing powder
8. Cosmetics and toiletries : Beauty products, soaps, toothpastes
9. Office supplies : Pens, pencils

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

*10×1=10*

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1 ?

Food and beverages segment dominates the Global FMCG market and is expected to retain its dominance.

Select from the following :

- I. True – If the statement agrees with the information
  - II. False – If the statement contradicts the information
  - III. Not Given – If there is no information on this
- (ii) What do you think gives opportunities to boost exports ?



- (iii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for FMCG rural sector being on track.
- (a) FMCG sector has been unable to get investments from the Government.
  - (b) PLI schemes don't reach the rural sector.
  - (c) Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) of the online grocery segment in India is expected to double in the next five years.
  - (d) There is a desire to buy branded products in the villages too.
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement :  
The Indian FMCG industry grew by 16% in 2021, a 9-year high, despite nationwide lockdowns because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) From the given pie chart, which segment of FMCG accounts for the maximum percentage of the sector ?

**OR**

***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No. 2(v) :***

- (v) Select the option that identifies the categories of food and beverages from the given table.
- (a) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
  - (b) 1, 2, 4, 6, 8
  - (c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
  - (d) 1, 6, 7, 8, 9
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The combination of increasing income and higher aspiration levels in the rural areas has led to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) the Government taking a direct interest
  - (b) the demand for branded products
  - (c) price increases across product categories
  - (d) the fall of supply in urban areas



- (vii) How is the Government trying to help Indian brands of food products in the international markets ?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The concluding paragraph of the passage makes a clear case \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) that the rural people also want branded products  
(b) that the FMCG industry will not focus on brand consciousness  
(c) for the role of data analytics in the FMCG industry  
(d) for the Government's role by providing incentives
- (ix) What will be the impact of increased level of brand consciousness ?
- (x) Based on the reading of the passage, correct the following statement :  
The urban segment contributes to about 45% of the revenue share, while the rural segment accounts for 55%.

## SECTION B

### Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : 5

(A) An orange alert has been sounded in your city because of extreme temperature due to the cold wave. Schools have been shut for a week. As Principal, Derry Public School, draft a notice in 50 words informing parents of the same. Mention day, date and duration. You are Dr. Sen.

**OR**

(B) You are the Shila/Samir, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no electricity in your colony for one day due to repair of transformer and relaying of cables. Mention date and time.



4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) As Dr. Sinha, Secretary of Army Wives Welfare Association, draft a formal letter of invitation in 50 words for the members to attend a lecture on 'Yoga and its Benefits' to be delivered by an eminent Yoga guru. Mention day, date, time and venue.

**OR**

(B) You are Shanti/Shivam Deshpande. You have been invited to be the Master of Ceremonies at an award function, 'Puraskar' for budding journalists. Write a reply in 50 words declining the invitation, expressing your inability to attend due to a personal commitment. Mention day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) A survey reveals that most of the health issues faced by teenagers are related to excessive use of gadgets. You are concerned about this. Write a letter to the editor of 'Navbharat Times' in 120 – 150 words expressing your views on the topic. Offer solutions. You are Mala/Mohan of M.G. Road, Jhansi. You may use the cues given below.

GADGETS & HEALTH	
Problems	
● Sedentary lifestyle	
● Obesity	
● Social isolation	
● Emotional disorders	
Solutions	
● Disciplined use of gadgets	
● Spend family time	
● Follow an exercise routine	

**OR**



- (B) Anita/Amit of Civil Lines, Kanpur, sees the following advertisement in ‘The World News’ and decides to apply for the job of a Sales Manager in a reputed export house. Write an application along with your resume in 120 – 150 words to the Personnel Manager, Dezine Furniture Exports, Kanpur.

Dezine Furniture Exports – requires Sales Manager :  
Qualification : B.Com.  
Experience : 3 – 5 years  
Job requirement – Managing executives, setting targets and timelines.  
Apply to :  
The Personnel Manager  
Dezine Furniture Exports  
Tara Deep  
Kanpur

6. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) You are Radha/Ranjan of Daulat Ram Public School, Vadodara. Your school recently celebrated twenty-five years of meritorious service to the cause of education. You were asked to cover this event as a student correspondent of the school magazine. Write a report in 120 – 150 words. You may use the following cues :

**Programme**

PowerPoint Presentation on the School’s Achievements  
Speech by Chief Guest  
Cultural Programme  
Talks by former students  
Vote of thanks

**OR**



- (B) You have just finished Class 12 and are seeking admission in college. You are looking forward to the freedom from parents and the strict discipline of school life. However, you also realise that freedom brings with it responsibility and a mature preparation for your forthcoming career. Write an article in 120 – 150 words on what college life spells for you. You are Surabhi/Suresh. Support your ideas with the cues given below :

**College Life**

Freedom

- choosing friends
- following own schedule
- pursuing your interests

Responsibilities

- making informed choices
- following a disciplined lifestyle
- academic focus

**SECTION C**

**Literature**

**(40 marks)**

7. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

- (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

I looked again at her, wan,  
pale  
as a late winter's moon and felt that  
old  
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,  
but all I said was, see you soon,  
Amma,  
all I did was smile and smile and  
smile ...



(i) The poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six' captures the \_\_\_\_\_ of the narrator.

- I. happiness
- II. fear
- III. dismay
- IV. anxiety

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) Only I
- (b) I and IV
- (c) II and IV
- (d) Only III

(ii) Identify the phrase from the extract that suggests the following :

She was overwhelmed with emotion and could not speak much.

(iii) The word 'wan' in the given context most nearly means

- (a) pale
- (b) old
- (c) unwell
- (d) anxious

(iv) Complete the following analogy correctly. Do not repeat from the example used.

Trees sprinting : personification : : \_\_\_\_\_ : simile

(v) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :

- I. The poet accepts the reality of her mother's declining health and old age.
- II. She is nostalgic about her childhood days spent with her mother.

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I is true, but II is false
- (b) Both I and II are true
- (c) II is the reason for I
- (d) II cannot be inferred from the extract

(vi) Explain the following statement with reference to the above extract :

All I did was smile and smile and smile.



OR

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Now we will count to twelve  
and we will all keep still.  
For once on the face of the Earth  
let's not speak in any language,  
Let's stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.  
It would be an exotic moment  
without rush, without engines,  
we would all be together

- (i) The poet counts up to twelve as a countdown to
- lift arms.
  - speak in different languages.
  - stop all activities.
  - be without engines.

- (ii) The poet appeals to the people that they should
- keep quiet
  - not move
  - celebrate festivals
  - not hibernate

Choose the most appropriate option :

- Only II
  - I and II
  - Only I
  - I and IV
- (iii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the third line of the extract :
- lightning danced across the sky
  - greedy good doers
  - children spilling out of their homes
  - fight like cats and dogs



(iv) The benefits of 'Keeping Quiet' include

- I. harmony
- II. non-violence
- III. brotherhood
- IV. meditation

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and IV
- (c) I, II and III
- (d) I, II, III and IV

(v) Complete the statement with reference to the extract :

The poet suggests we will all be together when \_\_\_\_\_.

(vi) The word 'exotic' in the extract most nearly means

- (a) unique
- (b) luxurious
- (c) rich
- (d) illusive

8. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

"Because we are born into this community, we are never given any honour or dignity or respect; we are stripped of all that. But if we study and make progress, we can throw away these indignities. So study with care, learn all you can. If you are always ahead in your lessons, people will come to you of their own accord and attach themselves to you. Work hard and learn."

(i) Who is the speaker ? Who is he speaking to ?

- (a) Appa; Bama
- (b) Bama; Amma
- (c) Bama; The Zamindar
- (d) Annan; Bama



(ii) Select the option that best describes the speaker in the above extract :

- I. marginalized
- II. practical
- III. idealistic
- IV. curious
- V. aggressive

Select the most appropriate option :

- (a) I and II
- (b) III and IV
- (c) II and IV
- (d) IV and V

(iii) Complete the following statement with reference to the community :

The treatment meted out to the community was \_\_\_\_\_.

(iv) Which of the following summarizes the author's opinion about study ?

- (a) Childhood should be spent in experiential learning.
- (b) Studying is better than playing.
- (c) Studying is essential to the nation's development.
- (d) Studying leads to social reforms and progress.

**OR**

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

You think .... 'Here's a boy.' You look at me ... and then you see my face and you think. 'That's bad. That's a terrible thing. That's the ugliest thing I ever saw.' You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not. Not poor. Underneath, you are afraid. Anybody would be. I am. When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me.

(i) Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to ?

- (a) Derry; His mother
- (b) Derry; Mr. Lamb
- (c) Derry; Ladies at the bus stop
- (d) Mother; Mr. Lamb



- (ii) According to the speaker, what do people feel about him ?
- People are empathetic towards him.
  - People are repulsed by his appearance.
  - People are annoyed by his presence.
  - People are unhappy at his association with his neighbours.
- (iii) Complete the following statement with reference to the extract :
- When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) Explain the following statement with reference to the given extract :
- You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not.

9. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

The make-up department was first headed by a Bengali who became too big for a studio and left. He was succeeded by a Maharashtrian who was assisted by a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and the usual local Tamils. All this shows that there was a great deal of national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan began broadcasting programmes on national integration.. This gang of nationally integrated make-up men could turn any decent-looking person into a hideous crimson hued monster with the help of truck-loads of pancake and a number of other locally made potions and lotions.

- (i) How was there national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan in the make-up department ?
- The staff consisted of a Bengali, a Maharashtrian, a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and Tamils.
  - They recited slogans of national integration.
  - The staff studied make-up techniques of various states.
  - Their clients were from various states.



- (ii) Select a suitable word from the extract to complete the analogy :  
front : rear : : ravishing : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks :  
The make-up artists could turn \_\_\_\_\_ looking people into \_\_\_\_\_ looking men and women.  
(a) ordinary; pleasant  
(b) ugly; good  
(c) pleasant; ugly  
(d) monstrous; beautiful
- (iv) The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means  
(a) brand name                      (b) lemon cake  
(c) savoury                              (d) preservative
- (v) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is true for the make-up department.  
(a) The make-up artists were welcomed by the actors.  
(b) The make-up artists were poorly paid.  
(c) The work done by the make-up artists was not appreciated.  
(d) The department exhibited national integration.
- (vi) Bring out the irony in the above given extract.

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$   
Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in the elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space. I work in empty spaces. While waiting for your elevator to come up from the first to the third floor, I have already written an article !



- (i) Umberto Eco, was
- (a) a professor of semiotics, an author
  - (b) an interviewer, a novelist
  - (c) a journalist, a professor
  - (d) a publisher, an author
- (ii) Rationalise, to support the given statement :
- Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives.
- (iii) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference :
- I call them interstices.
- (iv) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. Umberto Eco works even in the spare time between activities.
  - II. Umberto Eco does not like to be interviewed.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot
  - (b) I cannot be inferred from the extract, but II can
  - (c) I and II are true
  - (d) II is the reason for I
- (v) Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.
- Umberto Eco does not like to waste time. He writes an article while he is proceeding to the elevator.
- (vi) Umberto Eco's views on his manner of work are based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) facts
  - (b) an interview
  - (c) his blog
  - (d) hypothesis



10. Answer any **five** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (a) What were Franz's feelings as he set out for school and why ?
- (b) What vicious circle are the bangle-makers trapped in ?
- (c) What were Douglas's initial thoughts when he was pushed into the pool ?
- (d) Who was Edla Williamson ? Why did she visit the forge at night ?
- (e) Why did Sophie wish to delve more deeply in 'her brother's affections' ?
- (f) Why do Aunt Jennifer's tigers not fear the men beneath the tree ?

11. Answer any **two** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×2=4

- (a) Why did the shopkeeper sell the wooden tiger at a cheap price ?
- (b) Do you think that the third level was a medium of escape ? Why / Why not ?
- (c) Derek wants to go back to Mr. Lamb's house against his mother's will. What does this tell you about Mr. Lamb ?

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) "Civil disobedience had triumphed for the first time in modern India." When and how did it happen ?

**OR**

- (b) In the chapter 'Poets and Pancakes', the author has used gentle humour to point out human foibles. Pick out instances of this to show how it served to make the extract engaging.

13. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) How has human civilization impacted our environment ? Comment with reference to the lesson 'Journey to the End of the Earth'.

**OR**

- (b) Dr. Sadao is torn between his duty as a doctor and his responsibility as a patriotic citizen. Elaborate.



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## **ENGLISH (Core)**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

### **General Instructions :**

*Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

- This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.*
- This question paper contains **three** sections — Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.*
- Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- Separate instructions are given with each question / part, wherever necessary.*
- Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*



**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**(20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below :

- 1 World Conservation Day is celebrated internationally to increase awareness about the best practices needed to protect our natural resources. The Earth is supplied with a limited amount of resources that we all rely upon, like water, air, soil and trees. The World Nature Conservation Movement is a great opportunity to celebrate the progress we've made and determine to take action, wherever needed. It is time to remind ourselves that we need to give back to nature instead of just using resources without thinking about conservation. There is a need to replenish and recycle the resources we consume from nature.
- 2 Our forests, rivers, oceans and soils provide us with the food we eat, the air we breathe, the water we irrigate our crops with. We also rely on them for numerous other goods and services. We depend on them for our health, happiness and prosperity. We have a cycle of biodiversity which needs proper conservation.
- 3 The population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted at a very fast rate. Technological advancement and luxurious lifestyles have led to several environmental problems like global warming, ozone layer depletion, river water pollution and deforestation, which threaten the planet's future.
- 4 Humans, animals, marine creatures and the environment, all need to be protected and conserved for the planet's future well-being. There are many examples of conservation. One is a programme to try to preserve wetlands, or a programme to try and save old buildings. Another example is of an attempt to minimise the amount of electricity used by turning off lights when leaving a room, or an attempt to turn off the running tap to avoid wastage of water. There are lots of examples like these which need implementation.
- 5 Following these small steps in our daily lives we can help to maintain the balance of nature, thereby saving humankind from the kinds of natural disasters we may face in the near future.
- 6 Nature also has a profound impact on our minds and our behaviour, helping reduce anxiety, brooding, and stress and increase our attention, capacity, creativity and ability to connect with other people. So there is a need to save nature if we want to save life as the two are interconnected and need each other. If we hurt or destroy the environment, surely we will be ruined. We must create awareness among family members, and try and practise a sustainable lifestyle to protect and conserve nature.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below : 10×1=10

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing the appropriate option.  
There is an urgent need to conserve our natural resources because
- we are aimlessly using the natural resources and not replenishing them.
  - they will be replaced by man-made resources.
  - serious efforts are needed to cut down the consumption of these resources.
  - we must become alert before it is too late.
- (ii) In the opinion of the writer, which are the primary natural resources without which our life is not possible ?
- (iii) In paragraph 1, the writer talks about 'celebrating the progress'. Explain in context.
- (iv) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph 6, *EXCEPT*
- Stress can be relieved by working overtime.
  - Nature can affect man's emotional well-being.
  - Lifestyle cannot be changed permanently.
  - Destruction of the environment is a temporary measure undertaken by man.
- (v) In the context of the given passage, what is the synonym of 'replenish' (para 1) ? Choose the correct option.
- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| (a) scarcity  | (b) restore  |
| (c) reconcile | (d) minimize |
- (vi) List two ways in which forests and rivers help mankind.
- (vii) How can the solutions suggested in paragraph 4 be best described ?
- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| (a) unrealistic | (b) short term  |
| (c) practical   | (d) challenging |
- (viii) Why is it fair to say that population explosion remains one of the major reasons why natural resources are getting depleted rapidly ?
- (ix) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate reference with respect to the following :  
The writer quotes the example of family awareness in order to \_\_\_\_\_ (Paragraph 6).
- (x) Select the most suitable title for the above passage
- Ways to Save the Environment
  - Save Nature Save Life
  - Nature – A Pharmacy
  - Nature – A Food Factory



2. Read the passage given below :

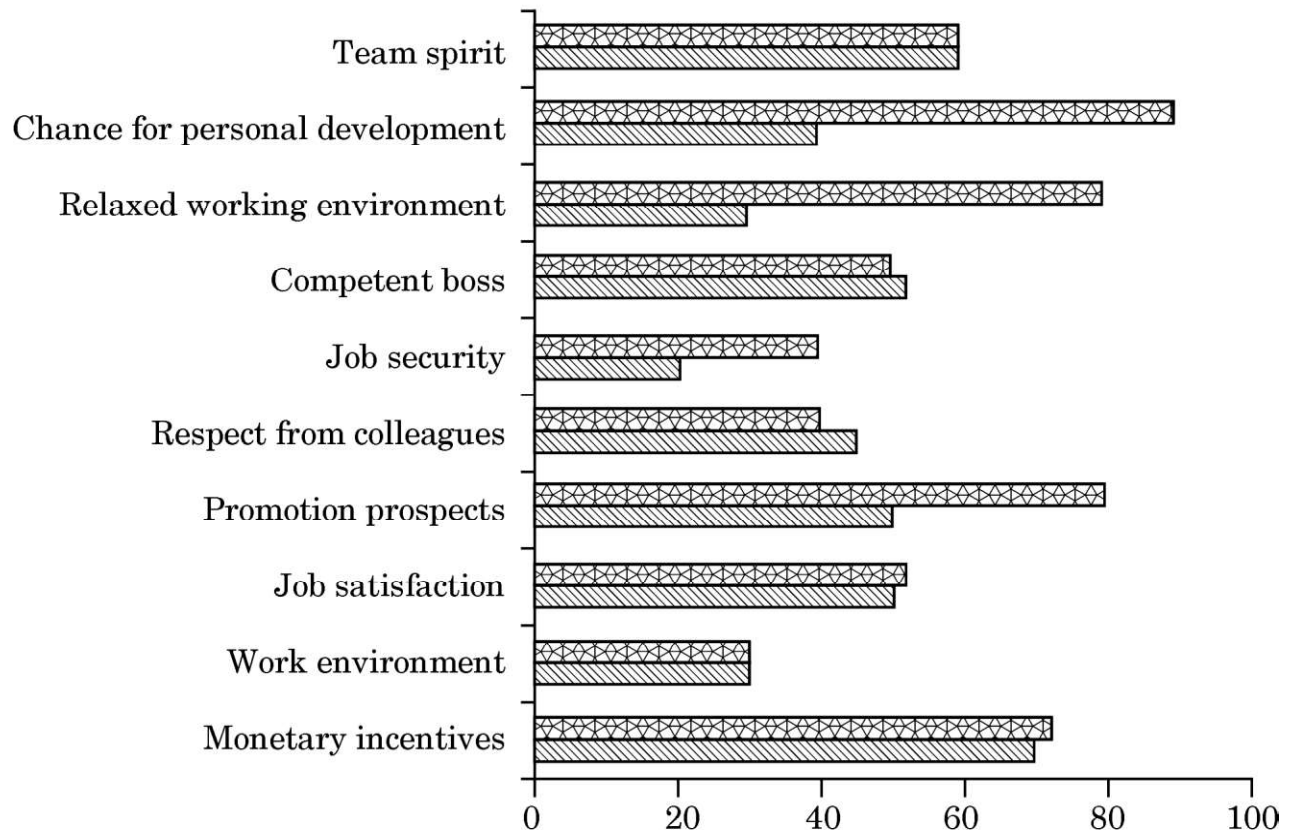
- 1 Nowadays companies demand an outstanding job performance by every single employee to be better than that of their competitors because there is competition among enterprises. The employers make efforts to motivate the employees and optimise performance.
- 2 There are numerous factors affecting job performance. These can be divided into external and internal factors. The internal factors are team spirit, competent boss, respect from colleagues and job satisfaction. The external factors are chance for personal development, job security, promotion prospects and monetary incentives. The decisive determinant is that the employees remain highly motivated. One possible method to increase motivation is the salary. Employees are willing to stay longer hours in the office and perform better, when they have the chance to get financial rewards, for instance, a higher salary or bonuses.
- 3 The bar graph (given below) shows the result of a survey conducted among workers in a company to analyse their work performance across ten different factors that contribute to make their work environment pleasant. The workers are grouped into two categories — those between the ages of 18 – 30 and those between 45 – 60. Interestingly, in six out of the ten factors surveyed, the 18 – 30 age group is shown to be more affected than the 45 – 60 age group. Factors, besides the salary, which affect the work performance of the two different age groups are interesting. These factors are the chance for personal development, relaxed working environment, promotion prospects, job satisfaction and monetary incentives. Furthermore, two out of the remaining four factors namely, team spirit and work environment have been equally influential among the two groups. The 45 – 60 years workers are impacted a lot by ‘respect from colleagues’ whereas the prospect of a promotion is an important reason that drives younger employees to work better.



- 4 Job performance of happy employees is 31% more productive and they show three times more creativity than their unhappy counterparts. They are more resilient and more likely to stay in the same company for a longer period. Consequently they drive the company towards long-term goals by being more productive and efficient.

▨ 18 – 30 age group  
▩ 45 – 60 age group

### Factors affecting work performance





Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

*10×1=10*

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1 ?

When the company has a lot of competitors, it tries to invent the most efficient technology to stay ahead.

Select from the following :

True – If the statement agrees with the information

False – If the statement contradicts the information

Not Given – If there is no information on this

- (ii) Why do you think the companies demand exemplary performance from their employees ? Support your answer with reference to the passage.

- (iii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for employees to perform better.

(a) companies demand an outstanding performance

(b) if the company grows, their growth is assured

(c) when there are chances to get financial gratification

(d) to drive the company towards long-term goals

- (iv) Select two factors that display that work performance of both the categories of workers remains the same.



- (v) Based on the bar graph, complete the following statement :  
The 18 – 30 age group is shown to be more affected than the  
45 – 60 age group in most factors.  
We can say this because \_\_\_\_\_ .

**OR**

***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No. 2 (v) :***

- (v) How does salary increase impact employees ?
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
Loyalty as an attribute is there in employees who are  
(a) senior  
(b) healthy  
(c) motivated  
(d) happy
- (vii) The 45 – 60 age group workers are motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (viii) Based on the reading of the passage, state a point to challenge the given statement.  
Increase in salary is the only motivation for better job performance.
- (ix) Complete the sentence.  
The internal factors affecting work performance are \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (x) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The concluding sentence of the passage makes a clear case for \_\_\_\_\_ by listing it as a core component of steering the company towards long-term goals.  
(a) collaboration (b) flexibility  
(c) happiness (d) adaptability



## SECTION B

### Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : 5

(A) On your daily walks you have observed how the parks are littered with plastic wrappers and bottles. Since it is vacation time, you would like to involve the colony children to help clean up these parks. You are Rajni/Raghav, Secretary, Social Service Club of your colony. Draft a notice in about 50 words to be put up on the colony office notice-board requesting residents to send their children for two hours on Sunday mornings to join in this service project. Give details of day, date, time and venue.

**OR**

(B) It has been observed that students are missing assembly and feeding stray dogs and a litter of stray puppies that have made a home on the school campus. The school is trying to relocate the animals. As Secretary, Student Council, draft a notice in about 50 words cautioning students not to feed the dogs themselves as there could be cases of dog bites and other problems. You are Jessica/Javed.

4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : 5

(A) Send a formal letter of invitation in 50 words to Dr. Mala Mehra, noted novelist and educationist, to speak on 'The Importance of Books'. You are Lena/Sanjay, Secretary Literary Club, S.S. Public School. Mention day, date, time and venue.

**OR**

(B) You are Neelam/Nitesh and have been invited by a friend of yours to spend some days at his/her village near Manali during the summer vacation. Write an informal letter of acceptance in 50 words. Mention necessary details of day, date and venue.



5. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A)	<b>PROBLEMS FACED BY WOMEN</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DOMESTIC VIOLENCE</li><li>• LACK OF EDUCATION</li><li>• FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE</li><li>• FEWER WORK OPPORTUNITIES</li></ul>	<b>WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• LEGAL RIGHTS</li><li>• EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT</li><li>• FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE</li><li>• PROVISION FOR HEALTH CARE</li></ul>
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We often hear about ‘Women’s Rights’, ‘Reservation for Women in Elections’ and ‘Empowering of Women’ on one hand and the ‘Increasing Rate of Crime against Women’ on the other. You feel disturbed at this contradiction. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views in 120 – 150 words. You are Suhina/Sohail. You may use the above given input.

**OR**

(B)	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FRONTIER FOODS PVT. LTD.</b></p> <p>REQUIRED – Receptionist Young male or female for front desk</p> <p><u>JOB RESPONSIBILITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Receive calls</li><li>• Sort and distribute daily mail</li><li>• Maintain Visitors’ Record</li></ul> <p><u>Preferred Skills and Qualifications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Graduate</li><li>• Workable knowledge of Computers</li><li>• Good interpersonal skills</li></ul> <p>Apply within 7 days to Director, Frontier Foods Pvt. Ltd., Bhopal</p>
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You are Sara/Sam. You come across the above advertisement for the post of receptionist. Write a letter of application along with your bio-data in 120 – 150 words applying for the position advertised.



6. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) The Library Club in your school organized an inter-school workshop on 'READING – A REVIVAL'. The participants worked in groups to discuss different methods of encouraging reading among children today. Each group presented its selected idea through a skit. Some of the conclusions were :

- ❖ READ ALOUD – STIMULATE LISTENING
- ❖ GIFT A BOOK
- ❖ VISIT/SET UP HOME LIBRARIES
- ❖ SET UP READING CHALLENGES
- ❖ SURROUND WITH READING RESOURCES — BOOKS, TECHNOLOGY
- ❖ ENCOURAGE READING EVERYDAY — MENUS, INSTRUCTIONS, MOVIE REVIEWS, ETC.

As a student correspondent, write a report on the workshop in 120 – 150 words for the school newsletter. You are Sara/Sam. You may use the above given input.

**OR**

(B)

ISSUES		SOLUTIONS
Social Isolation	HELP THE ELDERLY	Lead an active life
Health		Timely medical support
Emotional wellbeing	FAMILY MATTERS	Nurture family relationships
Financial		Show Compassion and Empathy Government support helplines

Blossoms Public School organised a visit to the 'Home for the Aged'. There you got the opportunity of interacting with senior citizens and understanding their needs. Write an article in 120 – 150 words on the problems of the aged and the role of the society and the government in empowering them. You may use the above given inputs. You are Radhika/Raman.



## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

In front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped,  
A roadside stand too pathetically pled,  
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,  
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports  
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint.  
The polished traffic passed with a mind ahead,  
Or if ever aside a moment, then out of sorts  
At having the landscape marred with the artless paint  
Of signs that with N turned wrong and S turned wrong

(i) What is the tone of the poet in the extract ?

Choose the correct option :

- (a) optimistic
- (b) resigned
- (c) sympathetic
- (d) indifferent

(ii) With reference to the given extract, what harm has been caused by the 'artless paint' ?

(iii) The city is compared to \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) a landscape
- (b) signs of N and S
- (c) a flower
- (d) a dole of bread



- (iv) Choose the correct option :  
The roadside stand is  
(a) at the edge of the road.  
(b) marred with artless paint.  
(c) like the flower of cities.  
(d) well maintained.
- (v) What type of expectations do the stand owners have from the city dwellers who come there ?
- (vi) Complete the analogy with a word from the given extract.  
donate : contribute :: dying : \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed, her face  
ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with  
pain  
that she was as old as she  
looked but soon  
put that thought away, and  
looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes,

- (i) Identify the phrase that indicates youthful energy.
- (ii) Which thought is the poet trying to put away ?  
(a) missing the flight  
(b) fear of losing her mother  
(c) leaving her mother behind  
(d) reaching Cochin



- (iii) The poet's mother is described as 'open mouthed' because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) she is curious
  - (b) she is surprised
  - (c) she was dead
  - (d) she was dozing
- (iv) Complete the following analogy :  
children spilling : metaphor : : \_\_\_\_\_ : personification
- (v) The sight of the trees and the children helped the poet \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (vi) In the given extract, the phrase 'realised with pain' indicates the poet's
- (a) anxiety
  - (b) desperation
  - (c) troubled past
  - (d) ill-health

8. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

941 Willard Street  
Galesburg, Illinois  
July 18, 1894

Charley

I got to wishing that you were right. Then I got to believing you were right. And, Charley, it's true; I found the third level ! I've been here two weeks, and right now, down the street at the Daly's, someone is playing a piano, and they're all out on the front porch singing 'Seeing Nelly Home'. And I'm invited over for lemonade. Come on back, Charley and Louisa. Keep looking till you find the third level ! It's worth it, believe me !

The note is signed *Sam*.



- (i) What was the feeling of Sam as conveyed in the letter ? Choose the appropriate option in the context of the extract.
- (a) surprise
  - (b) doubt
  - (c) excitement
  - (d) anger
- (ii) What was Sam Weiner's reaction when Charley told him about the third level ?
- (a) dismissal
  - (b) acceptance
  - (c) wonderstruck
  - (d) puzzled
- (iii) The phrase 'Charley, it's true' in the context of the extract implies which of the given options ?
- I. Sam is relaxed
  - II. Charley had migrated with Louisa
  - III. The existence of the third level
  - IV. Sam had met Charley's grandfather
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I and II
  - (b) II and IV
  - (c) I and III
  - (d) IV only
- (iv) Sam wrote the letter to Charley in order to \_\_\_\_\_ .

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

*Derry* : What do you do all day ?

*Mr. Lamb* : Sit in the sun. Read books, Ah, you thought it was an empty house, but inside, it's full. Books and other things. Full.

*Derry* : But there aren't any curtains at the windows.

*Mr. Lamb* : I'm not fond of curtains, shutting things out, shutting things in. I like the light and the darkness, and the windows open, to hear the wind.



(i) The description of the house indicates that Mr. Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ .

(ii) The expression 'does not like shutting things out, shutting things in' suggests Mr. Lamb's

- (a) welcoming nature.
- (b) poverty-stricken existence.
- (c) lack of resources.
- (d) confused state of mind.

(iii) Mr. Lamb spends his time \_\_\_\_\_ .

- I. reading books
- II. cooking meals
- III. shutting things out
- IV. enjoying beauties of nature

Which of the following options are appropriate ?

- (a) I and IV
- (b) II, III and IV
- (c) I and II
- (d) I and III

(iv) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :

- I. Mr. Lamb liked meeting people.
- II. Mr. Lamb accepted life as it came.

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot.
- (b) II can be inferred from the extract, but I cannot.
- (c) Both I and II can be inferred from the extract.
- (d) Neither I nor II can be inferred from the extract.



9. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Others, usually celebrities who see themselves as its victims, might despise the interview as an unwarranted intrusion into their lives, or feel that it somehow diminishes them, just as in some primitive cultures it is believed that if one takes a photographic portrait of somebody then one is stealing that person's soul. V.S. Naipaul 'feels that some people are wounded by interviews and lose a part of themselves,' Lewis Carroll, the creator of Alice in Wonderland, was said to have had 'a just horror of the interviewer' and he never consented to be interviewed.

(i) Choose the appropriate option with reference to the given extract :

Most of the celebrities dislike being interviewed because

- (a) it is sheer nonsense.
- (b) nobody reveals his/her inner self.
- (c) it is sheer waste of time.
- (d) it is an unwanted intrusion into their lives.

(ii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :

light : darkness :: \_\_\_\_\_ : refused

(iii) In primitive cultures being photographed implied

- (a) announcing victory.
- (b) soul has been stolen.
- (c) saving a memory for posterity.
- (d) becoming popular.

(iv) From the given extract, we know that \_\_\_\_\_ never agreed to be interviewed.

- (a) Lewis Carroll
- (b) V.S. Naipaul
- (c) T.S. Eliot
- (d) Charlie Sheen

(v) In the given extract, the word 'diminish' most nearly means

- (a) deepens
- (b) disappoints
- (c) lessens
- (d) languishes

(vi) In the given extract, the writer indicates that most people \_\_\_\_\_ interviews.

- (a) celebrated
- (b) read
- (c) gave
- (d) despised

**OR**



(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

The next I remember I was lying on my stomach beside the pool, vomiting. The chap that threw me in was saying, "But I was only fooling." Someone said, "The kid nearly died. Be all right now. Let's carry him to the locker room."

Several hours later, I walked home. I was weak and trembling. I shook and cried when I lay on my bed. I couldn't eat that night. For days a haunting fear was in my heart. The slightest exertion upset me, making me wobbly in the knees and sick to my stomach.

I never went back to the pool. I feared water. I avoided it whenever I could.

- (i) With reference to the extract, Douglas was vomiting because
- (a) he had got severe food poisoning.
  - (b) he had just been rescued from nearly drowning in the pool.
  - (c) he was frightened when he saw the big man.
  - (d) he had gone for a swim on an empty stomach.
- (ii) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference.  
For days a haunting fear was in my heart.
- (iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below :
- I. The boy did not know how to swim.
  - II. The boy took a long time to recover from his fear.
- (a) I can be inferred from the extract but II cannot.
  - (b) I cannot be inferred from the extract but II can.
  - (c) I is true but II is false.
  - (d) Both I and II are true.
- (iv) Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that the chap threw the boy into the pool just for fun (clue : a phrase)
- (v) Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation as per the extract.  
The slightest exertion upset the boy because \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (vi) Replace the underlined word with its synonym from the extract.

The boy felt unsteady in the knees.



10. Answer any *five* of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (a) The description of Seemapuri creates a very dismal picture. Explain.  
(The Lost Spring)
- (b) Why was the peddler hesitant to accompany the ironmaster to the manor house ? (The Rattrap)
- (c) In the poem “A Thing of Beauty”, how is grandeur connected with the mighty dead ?
- (d) Why was M. Hamel dressed in formal clothes in school ?  
(The Last Lesson)
- (e) Who does the poet accuse of having double standards in “The Roadside Stand” ?
- (f) Why did Sophie long for her brother’s affection ? (Going Places)

11. Answer any *two* of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×2=4

- (a) Why did the Maharaja have to pay a bill of three lakh rupees to the British jewellers ? (The Tiger King)
- (b) Why was Derry startled as soon as he entered the garden ?  
(On The Face Of It)
- (c) What risk did Dr. Sadao run in harbouring the enemy American soldier in his house ? (The Enemy)

12. Answer any *one* of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Why is the Champaran episode considered as the beginning of the Indian struggle for independence ? (Indigo)

**OR**

- (b) Edla is a contrast to her father, the ironmaster. Explain.  
(The Rattrap)



13. Answer any *one* of the following in about 120 – 150 words :

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- (a) How can a visit to Antarctica be an enlightening experience ?  
Elaborate. (Journey to the end of the Earth)

**OR**

- (b) Bama and Zitkala-Sa, though victims of a system that crushes their aspirations, are determined to break out. Comment.



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## **ENGLISH (Core)**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

### **General Instructions :**

*Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

- This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.*
- This question paper contains **three** sections — Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.*
- Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- Separate instructions are given with each question / part, wherever necessary.*
- Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*



## SECTION A

### Reading Skills

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

- 1 Seagulls, as you know, never falter, never stall. To stall in the air is for them a disgrace and a dishonour. But Jonathan Livingston Seagull, unashamed, stretching his wings again in that trembling hard curve — slowing, slowing, and stalling once more — was no ordinary bird. Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight — how to get from shore to food and back again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else, Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly.
- 2 This kind of thinking, he found, is not the way to make oneself popular with other birds. Even his parents were dismayed as Jonathan spent the whole day alone, making hundreds of low-level gliders, experimenting. “Why, Jon, why ?” his mother asked. “Why is it so hard to be like the rest of the flock, Jon ? Why can't you leave low flying to the pelicans, the albatross ? Why don't you eat ? Son, you're bone and feathers !” “I don't mind being bone and feathers, mom. I just want to know what I can do in the air and what I can't, that's all. I just want to know.” “See here, Jonathan,” said his father, not unkindly. “Winter isn't far away. Boats will be few, and the surface fish will be swimming deep. If you must study, then study food, and how to get it. This flying business is all very well, but you can't eat a glide, you know. Don't you forget that the reason you fly is to eat.”
- 3 Jonathan nodded obediently. For the next few days he tried to behave like the other gulls; he really tried, screeching and fighting with the flock around the piers and fishing boats, diving on scraps of fish and bread. But he couldn't make it work. It wasn't long before Jonathan Gull was off by himself again, far out at sea, hungry, happy, learning. The subject was speed, and in a week's practice he learned more about speed than the fastest gull alive. Time after time it happened. Careful as he was, working at the very peak of his ability, he lost control at a high speed. The key, he thought at last, dripping wet, must be to hold the wings still at high speeds — to flap up to fifty and then hold the wings still.



- 4 From two thousand feet he tried again, rolling into his dive, beak straight down, wings full out and stable from the moment he passed fifty miles per hour. It took tremendous strength, but it worked. In ten seconds he had blurred ninety miles per hour. Jonathan had set a world speed record for seagulls ! But victory was short-lived. The instant he began his pullout, the instant he changed the angle of his wings, he snapped into the same uncontrollable disaster, and at ninety miles per hour it hit him like dynamite. Jonathan Seagull exploded in midair and smashed down into a brick-hard sea. As he sank low in the water, a strange hollow voice sounded within him. There's no way around it. I am a seagull. I am limited by my nature. If I were meant to learn so much about flying, I'd have charts for brains. If I were meant to fly at speed, I'd have a falcon's short wings. Short wings. *A falcon's short wings ! That's the answer ! What a fool I've been ! All I need is a tiny little wing, all I need is to fold most of my wings and just fly on the tips along. Short wings !*

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below : 10×1=10

- (i) Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option :  
Majority of seagulls fly only short distances as \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) they are more interested in food than flight.
  - (b) they don't have energy.
  - (c) they are not meant to fly low.
  - (d) food is not available at high speed.
- (ii) Why were Jonathan Livingston's parents' dismayed ?
- (iii) Give two reasons for Jonathan's unconventional behaviour.  
(Clue : think about Jonathan's point of view.)
- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'glory' from words used in paragraph 1.
- (a) disgrace
  - (b) dishonour
  - (c) learning
  - (d) unashamed



- (v) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph 2, *EXCEPT*
- (a) Jonathan could not fly but only glide.
  - (b) Jonathan wanted to be popular with other birds.
  - (c) Jonathan realised that even the albatross flew at high altitudes.
  - (d) The reason seagulls flew was to find food.
- (vi) Jonathan was different from other seagulls. Based on your understanding of paragraph 2, list what Jonathan wanted to know.
- (vii) What was the mother's concern about Jonathan ?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following :
- Father reminds Jonathan that he 'can't eat a glide' in order to \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (ix) It wasn't long before Jonathan Gull was off by himself again, far out at sea. Which trait of Jonathan does this statement reveal ?
- (a) practical bird
  - (b) persistent learner
  - (c) lonely and sad
  - (d) carefree and irresponsible
- (x) Was it fair to fly like a falcon when he was just a seagull ? Why does he say so ?

**2.** Read the passage given below :

- 1 Fast-Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) are products that sell quickly at relatively low cost. FMCG is the fourth-largest sector in the Indian economy. There are three main segments in the sector — food and beverages, which accounts for 19% of the sector; healthcare, which accounts for 31% of the share; and household and personal care, which accounts for the remaining 50% share. The urban segment contributes to about 55% of the revenue share, while the rural segment accounts for 45%. Rise in rural consumption will drive the FMCG market. The Indian processed food market is projected to expand to US\$ 470 billion by 2025, up from US\$ 263 billion in 2019 – 20.
- 2 The Indian FMCG industry grew by 16% in 2021, a 9-year high, despite nationwide lockdowns, supported by consumption-led growth and value expansion from higher product prices, particularly for



staples. Real household spending is projected to increase 9·1% after 2021, after a decrease of 9·3% in 2020 due to the economic impact of the pandemic. Price increase across product categories will offset the impact of rising raw material prices, along with volume growth and resurgence of demand for discretionary items.

- 3 The FMCG sector has received good investments and support from the Government in the recent past. The sector witnessed healthy FDI inflows from April 2000 – March 2022. Furthermore, as per the Union Budget 2022 – 23, a substantial amount has been allocated to the Department of Consumer Affairs, an increased amount has been allocated to the Department of Food and Public Distribution. In 2021 – 22, the Government approved Production-Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry (PLISFPI) with an outlay of a larger amount to help Indian brands of food products in the international markets.
- 4 The Government's Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme gives companies a major opportunity to boost exports. The future outlook of the FMCG rural sector looks on track now. Rural consumption has increased, led by a combination of increasing income and higher aspiration levels. There is an increased demand for branded products in rural India. The growth of organised sector in FMCG is expected to rise with an increased level of brand consciousness, augmented by the growth in modern retail.

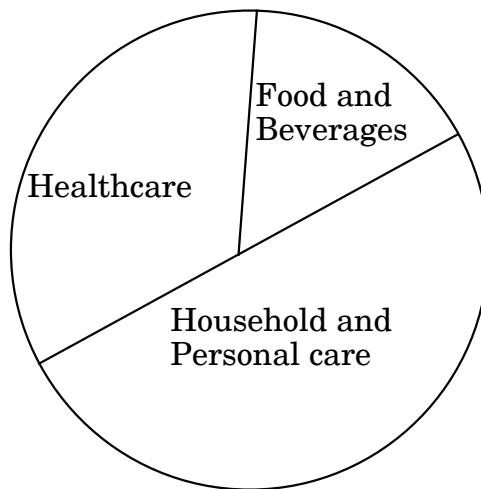




Table I. FMCG Products

1. Processed foods : Cheese products, cereals
2. Prepared meals : Ready-to-eat meals
3. Beverages : Bottled water, aerated drinks, and juices
4. Baked goods : Biscuits, bread
5. Fresh foods, frozen foods, and dry goods : Fruits, vegetables, milk, butter, frozen food, and nuts
6. Medicines : Aspirin, pain relievers, and over-the-counter medication that can be purchased without a prescription
7. Cleaning products : Baking soda, washing powder
8. Cosmetics and toiletries : Beauty products, soaps, toothpastes
9. Office supplies : Pens, pencils

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below :

*10×1=10*

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1 ?

Food and beverages segment dominates the Global FMCG market and is expected to retain its dominance.

Select from the following :

- I. True – If the statement agrees with the information
  - II. False – If the statement contradicts the information
  - III. Not Given – If there is no information on this
- (ii) What do you think gives opportunities to boost exports ?



- (iii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for FMCG rural sector being on track.
- (a) FMCG sector has been unable to get investments from the Government.
  - (b) PLI schemes don't reach the rural sector.
  - (c) Gross Merchandise Value (GMV) of the online grocery segment in India is expected to double in the next five years.
  - (d) There is a desire to buy branded products in the villages too.
- (iv) Complete the sentence based on the following statement :  
The Indian FMCG industry grew by 16% in 2021, a 9-year high, despite nationwide lockdowns because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) From the given pie chart, which segment of FMCG accounts for the maximum percentage of the sector ?

**OR**

***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q.No. 2(v) :***

- (v) Select the option that identifies the categories of food and beverages from the given table.
- (a) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
  - (b) 1, 2, 4, 6, 8
  - (c) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
  - (d) 1, 6, 7, 8, 9
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The combination of increasing income and higher aspiration levels in the rural areas has led to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) the Government taking a direct interest
  - (b) the demand for branded products
  - (c) price increases across product categories
  - (d) the fall of supply in urban areas



- (vii) How is the Government trying to help Indian brands of food products in the international markets ?
- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :  
The concluding paragraph of the passage makes a clear case \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) that the rural people also want branded products  
(b) that the FMCG industry will not focus on brand consciousness  
(c) for the role of data analytics in the FMCG industry  
(d) for the Government's role by providing incentives
- (ix) What will be the impact of increased level of brand consciousness ?
- (x) Based on the reading of the passage, correct the following statement :  
The urban segment contributes to about 45% of the revenue share, while the rural segment accounts for 55%.

## SECTION B

### Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : 5
- (A) A sea storm is expected to hit the states on the East Coast of the country within 72 hours. As Rohit/Reema, Director General, Coast Guard, Odisha, write a notice in 50 words to warn fishermen, tourists and general public to take all safety precautions and not venture into the sea. Mention relevant details.
- OR**
- (B) You are the Anuj/Anu, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no water supply in your colony for two days due to necessary repair and maintenance work. Mention dates, and the timings that tankers will be available in the R.W.A. premises.



4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) You are the Secretary, Student Council, Holy Mother Convent School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi. Your school is organizing a Diwali Mela. Draft a formal invitation letter in about 50 words to be sent to the Chairman of your school, inviting him to inaugurate the Mela. You are Amita/Amit. Mention day, date, time and venue.

**OR**

(B) You are Vineeta/Vinay Sharma. Draft a formal letter of reply in about 50 words, declining the invitation to a dinner on 28<sup>th</sup> February at Army Parade Grounds being hosted by Major J.P. Gautam. Mention day, date, time and venue.

5. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) A survey reveals that advertisements impact both young and old. They are lured by the discounted prices and the promises made by the product manufacturers. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views in 120 – 150 words on how advertisements may mislead the consumers and give suggestions on how they can make informed decisions. You are Carol/Philip. You may use the given input.

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

– Read with care

- Inaccurate facts
- Exaggerate features
- Heavy discounts
- Promote products with unproven value
- Distract with visuals

**OR**



- (B) Mansi/Manu of Viewside Road, Kanpur, sees the following advertisement in ‘The Everyday News’ and decides to apply for the job of a Marketing Executive. Write a letter of application along with the biodata in 120 – 150 words to the Personnel Manager, India Book House, Mall Road, Kanpur.

INDIA BOOK HOUSE — Requires Marketing Executive

Qualification :

- Graduate in Marketing and Sales
- Experience 3 – 5 years
- Fluency in English and Local language
- Knowledge of basic computer skills

Job requirement :

- Setting targets and timelines
- Supervising sales

6. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) The primary wing of your Global Public School is putting up a special assembly to celebrate National Integration Day. Mr. Gopal Chand, Secretary, Education Department will be the Guest of Honour. You are Mira/Majid, student reporter of the school magazine. Write a report in 120 – 150 words to be published in the school magazine. You may use the following cues for the report.

PROGRAMME

- Welcome
- Speech by Guest of Honour
- Cultural activities – play, dance
- Inauguration of Art Exhibition
- Vote of Thanks

OR



- (B) Your school held a Pollution Awareness Drive during which students made presentations on factors and solutions. As the President of the Environment Club, you analyzed the presentations and prepared notes. Using the following notes and your own ideas, write an article in about 120 – 150 words to be published in an e-magazine. You are Bela/Bharat.

**Polluting Factors**

- vehicular emission
- depletion of green cover
- construction of high rise buildings
- open sewage
- poor drainage system
- industrial emission

**Solutions**

- efforts of each citizen
- government measures
- role of media in creating awareness

**SECTION C**

**Literature**

**(40 marks)**

7. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

- (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

I looked again at her, wan,  
pale  
as a late winter's moon and felt that  
old  
familiar ache, my childhood's fear,  
but all I said was, see you soon,  
Amma,  
all I did was smile and smile and  
smile ...



(i) The poem 'My Mother at Sixty-Six' captures the \_\_\_\_\_ of the narrator.

- I. happiness
- II. fear
- III. dismay
- IV. anxiety

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) Only I
- (b) I and IV
- (c) II and IV
- (d) Only III

(ii) Identify the phrase from the extract that suggests the following :

She was overwhelmed with emotion and could not speak much.

(iii) The word 'wan' in the given context most nearly means

- (a) pale
- (b) old
- (c) unwell
- (d) anxious

(iv) Complete the following analogy correctly. Do not repeat from the example used.

Trees sprinting : personification : : \_\_\_\_\_ : simile

(v) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :

- I. The poet accepts the reality of her mother's declining health and old age.
- II. She is nostalgic about her childhood days spent with her mother.

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I is true, but II is false
- (b) Both I and II are true
- (c) II is the reason for I
- (d) II cannot be inferred from the extract

(vi) Explain the following statement with reference to the above extract :

All I did was smile and smile and smile.

**OR**



(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

Now we will count to twelve  
and we will all keep still.  
For once on the face of the Earth  
let's not speak in any language,  
Let's stop for one second,  
and not move our arms so much.  
It would be an exotic moment  
without rush, without engines,  
we would all be together

- (i) The poet counts up to twelve as a countdown to
- (a) lift arms.
  - (b) speak in different languages.
  - (c) stop all activities.
  - (d) be without engines.

- (ii) The poet appeals to the people that they should
- I. keep quiet.
  - II. not move.
  - III. celebrate festivals.
  - IV. not hibernate.

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) Only II
  - (b) I and II
  - (c) Only I
  - (d) I and IV
- (iii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the third line of the extract :
- (a) lightning danced across the sky
  - (b) greedy good doers
  - (c) children spilling out of their homes
  - (d) fight like cats and dogs



(iv) The benefits of 'Keeping Quiet' include

- I. harmony
- II. non-violence
- III. brotherhood
- IV. meditation

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I and II
- (b) II and IV
- (c) I, II and III
- (d) I, II, III and IV

(v) Complete the statement with reference to the extract :

The poet suggests we will all be together when \_\_\_\_\_.

(vi) The word 'exotic' in the extract most nearly means

- (a) unique
- (b) luxurious
- (c) rich
- (d) illusive

8. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

"Because we are born into this community, we are never given any honour or dignity or respect; we are stripped of all that. But if we study and make progress, we can throw away these indignities. So study with care, learn all you can. If you are always ahead in your lessons, people will come to you of their own accord and attach themselves to you. Work hard and learn."

(i) Who is the speaker ? Who is he speaking to ?

- (a) Appa; Bama
- (b) Bama; Amma
- (c) Bama; The Zamindar
- (d) Annan; Bama



(ii) Select the option that best describes the speaker in the above extract :

- I. marginalized
- II. practical
- III. idealistic
- IV. curious
- V. aggressive

Select the most appropriate option :

- (a) I and II
- (b) III and IV
- (c) II and IV
- (d) IV and V

(iii) Complete the following statement with reference to the community :

The treatment meted out to the community was \_\_\_\_\_.

(iv) Which of the following summarizes the author's opinion about study ?

- (a) Childhood should be spent in experiential learning.
- (b) Studying is better than playing.
- (c) Studying is essential to the nation's development.
- (d) Studying leads to social reforms and progress.

**OR**

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $4 \times 1 = 4$

You think ... 'Here's a boy.' You look at me ... and then you see my face and you think. 'That's bad. That's a terrible thing. That's the ugliest thing I ever saw.' You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not. Not poor. Underneath, you are afraid. Anybody would be. I am. When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me.

(i) Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to ?

- (a) Derry; His mother
- (b) Derry; Mr. Lamb
- (c) Derry; Ladies at the bus stop
- (d) Mother; Mr. Lamb



- (ii) According to the speaker, what do people feel about him ?
- People are empathetic towards him.
  - People are repulsed by his appearance.
  - People are annoyed by his presence.
  - People are unhappy at his association with his neighbours.
- (iii) Complete the following statement with reference to the extract :
- When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) Explain the following statement with reference to the given extract :
- You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not.

9. Attempt any **one** of the two extracts (A) and (B) given below :

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$

The make-up department was first headed by a Bengali who became too big for a studio and left. He was succeeded by a Maharashtrian who was assisted by a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and the usual local Tamils. All this shows that there was a great deal of national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan began broadcasting programmes on national integration.. This gang of nationally integrated make-up men could turn any decent-looking person into a hideous crimson hued monster with the help of truck-loads of pancake and a number of other locally made potions and lotions.

- (i) How was there national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan in the make-up department ?
- The staff consisted of a Bengali, a Maharashtrian, a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and Tamils.
  - They recited slogans of national integration.
  - The staff studied make-up techniques of various states.
  - Their clients were from various states.



- (ii) Select a suitable word from the extract to complete the analogy :  
front : rear : : ravishing : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks :  
The make-up artists could turn \_\_\_\_\_ looking people into \_\_\_\_\_ looking men and women.  
(a) ordinary; pleasant  
(b) ugly; good  
(c) pleasant; ugly  
(d) monstrous; beautiful
- (iv) The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means  
(a) brand name                      (b) lemon cake  
(c) savoury                              (d) preservative
- (v) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is true for the make-up department.  
(a) The make-up artists were welcomed by the actors.  
(b) The make-up artists were poorly paid.  
(c) The work done by the make-up artists was not appreciated.  
(d) The department exhibited national integration.
- (vi) Bring out the irony in the above given extract.

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $6 \times 1 = 6$   
Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in the elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space. I work in empty spaces. While waiting for your elevator to come up from the first to the third floor, I have already written an article !



- (i) Umberto Eco, was
- (a) a professor of semiotics, an author
  - (b) an interviewer, a novelist
  - (c) a journalist, a professor
  - (d) a publisher, an author
- (ii) Rationalise, to support the given statement :
- Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives.
- (iii) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference :
- I call them interstices.
- (iv) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. Umberto Eco works even in the spare time between activities.
  - II. Umberto Eco does not like to be interviewed.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot
  - (b) I cannot be inferred from the extract, but II can
  - (c) I and II are true
  - (d) II is the reason for I
- (v) Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.
- Umberto Eco does not like to waste time. He writes an article while he is proceeding to the elevator.
- (vi) Umberto Eco's views on his manner of work are based on \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) facts
  - (b) an interview
  - (c) his blog
  - (d) hypothesis



10. Answer any **five** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (a) What were Franz's feelings as he set out for school and why ?
- (b) What vicious circle are the bangle-makers trapped in ?
- (c) What were Douglas's initial thoughts when he was pushed into the pool ?
- (d) Who was Edla Williamson ? Why did she visit the forge at night ?
- (e) Why did Sophie wish to delve more deeply in 'her brother's affections' ?
- (f) Why do Aunt Jennifer's tigers not fear the men beneath the tree ?

11. Answer any **two** of the following in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×2=4

- (a) In what way did the infant Tiger King surprise the astrologer ?
- (b) How does Mr. Lamb try to put Derek at ease when he entered Mr. Lamb's garden ?
- (c) What did Charley find in his collection of first day covers ?

12. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) Dr. Sadao is torn between his duty as a doctor and his responsibility as a patriotic citizen. Elaborate.

**OR**

- (b) How has human civilization impacted our environment ? Comment with reference to the lesson "Journey to the End of the Earth".

13. Answer any **one** of the following in about 120 – 150 words : 5

- (a) "Civil disobedience had triumphed for the first time in modern India." When and how did it happen ?

**OR**

- (b) In the chapter 'Poets and Pancakes', the author has used gentle humour to point out human foibles. Pick out instances of this to show how it served to make the extract engaging.



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**ENGLISH (Core)**

*Time allowed : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 40*



## **General Instructions :**

*Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

- (i) *This question paper contains THREE sections — READING, WRITING and LITERATURE.*
- (ii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

### **SECTION A**

**(Reading)**

**(14 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below.

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- 1 Very often, we do not take the first step towards a good cause because we say to ourselves, “The task is so big. What can I do alone ?” So nothing gets done. There is much talk about environmental protection, air pollution and saving our forests. Do we really care ? If we do, here are a few things we can do to make our surroundings more pleasant.
- 2 It is good to adopt a two-uses-attitude ! By putting an article to a second use, we are giving it a longer lease of life and using up less raw material from nature. One of the worst things we do is the abuse of paper. The clean sides of envelopes can be used to write small notes, lists and reminders around the house. The more paper we use, the more trees will have to be cut down. For the same reason, we should avoid the use of paper napkins or paper plates. Cloth napkins are just as good, for they can be washed and used over and over again.
- 3 The one area which needs the most urgent attention is effective garbage disposal. People who are conscious about it follow rules and laws strictly. As a result, their neighbourhoods are clean and beautiful. A lot of people don’t care about the environment because they don’t understand the adverse effect that society has on it. It is important to convince people to care about the environment. The first step would be to convince people to change by providing simple alternative solutions and ways of doing things. The Internet is a powerful tool and a group of like-minded people can be formed on social media. People can share environmental stories and issues as well as pool in solutions and alternatives to educate one another. With the current state that our planet is in, it is imperative that people actively care about the environment and most importantly, act now.





4 Similarly, each one of us can contribute to a cleaner environment. All kitchen waste should be collected separately. Those who have green fingers can turn this into valuable manure. Dig a pit and put the kitchen waste into it. When the pit is a little over half full, cover it up with mud. Let nature do the rest. Within three or six months, we will have a good garden manure. It can also be done as a community project by digging a large pit in the colony. Do take help of all the members, for nothing succeeds like co-operation.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any **eight** questions from the nine given below :

8×1=8

- |        |  |   |
|--------|--|---|
| (i)    | Why don't we take the first step towards a good cause ?  | 1 |
| (ii)   | What is a two-uses-attitude ?  | 1 |
| (iii)  | What can we do to avoid the abuse of paper ? (Any two points)  | 1 |
| (iv)   | What is the result of an effective way of garbage disposal ?   | 1 |
| (v)    | How can the Internet be a powerful tool in spreading environmental awareness ?                         | 1 |
| (vi)   | How can the making of garden manure be done as a community project ?                                   | 1 |
| (vii)  | How long does it take to make good garden manure ?   | 1 |
| (viii) | Select a suitable word from the passage which means — something in a bad and undesirable way. (Para 2) | 1 |
| (ix)   | Pick out the word from the passage which means — completely necessary. (Para 3)                        | 1 |

2. Read the passage given below : 6

- 1 Our history makes it evident that the Indian Plastics Industry made a vigorous beginning in 1957 but it took more than 30 years for it to pervade Indian lifestyles. In 1979, 'the market for plastics' was just being seeded by the State-owned Indian Petrochemicals and it was only in 1994 that plastic soft drink bottles became a visible source of annoyance.
- 2 In the same year, people in other cities were concerned about the state of public sanitation and also urged regulatory bodies to ban the production, distribution and use of plastic bags. However, the challenge was greater than it appeared at first.



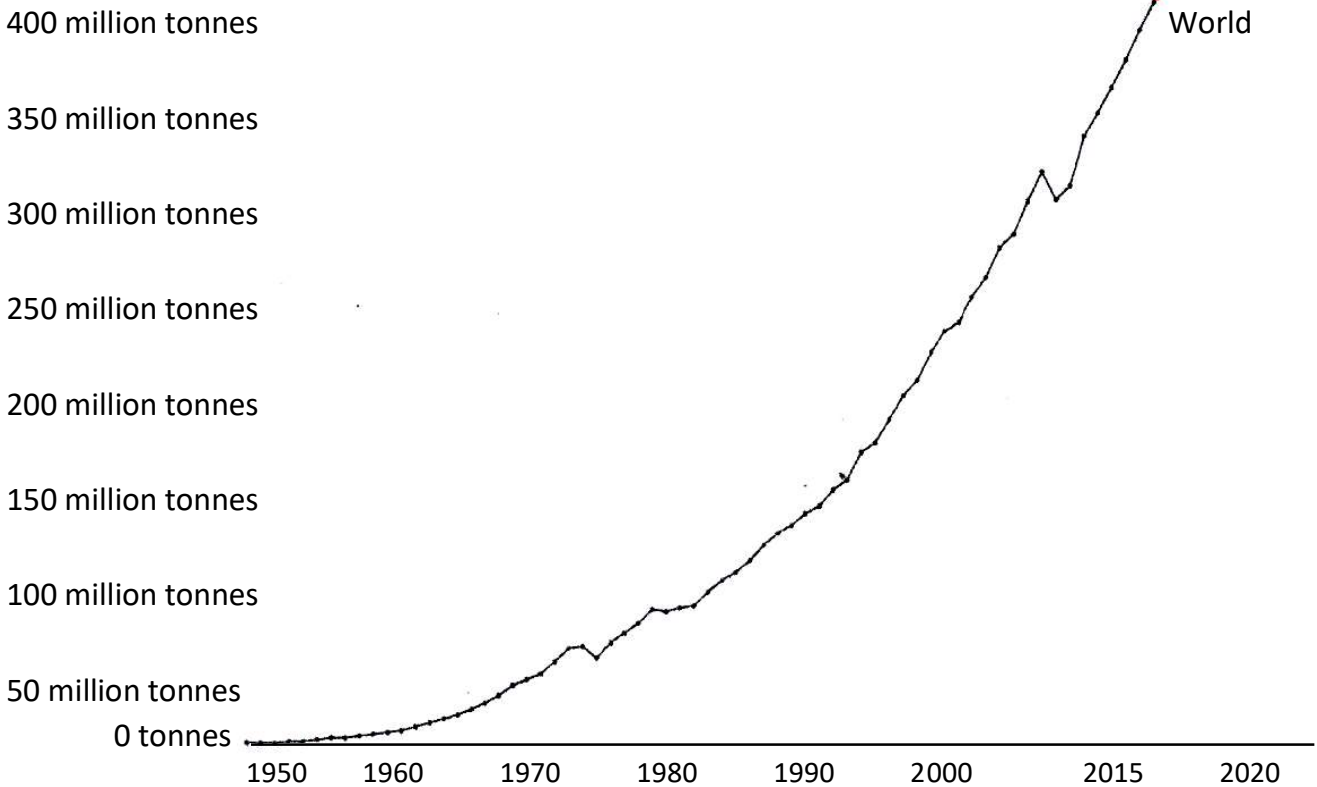


3 The massive generation of plastic waste in India is due to rapid urbanisation, spread of retail chains, plastic packaging from grocery to food and vegetable products, to consumer items and cosmetics. The projected high growth rates of GDP and continuing rapid urbanisation suggests that India's trajectory of plastic consumption and plastic waste is likely to increase.

### Global plastics production, 1950 to 2020

Annual global polymer resin and fiber production (plastic production), measured in metric tonnes per year.

Our World  
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4 According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Report of 2018, India stands among few other countries like France, Mongolia and several African countries that have initiated total or partial national level bans on plastics in their jurisdictions. On World Environment Day in 2018, India vowed to phase out single-use plastics by 2022, which gave a much needed impetus to bring this change.





- 5 In this context, thereafter, ten States (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu) are currently sending their collected waste to cement plants for co-processing. Twelve other States/UTs are using plastic waste for polymer bitumen road construction and still four other States are using the plastic waste for waste-to-energy plants and oil production. A world of greater possibilities has now opened up to initiate appropriate and concrete actions to build up the necessary institutions and systems before oceans turn, irreversibly, into a thin soup of plastic.
- 6 However, there is no one single masterstroke to counter the challenges witnessed by the staggering plastic waste management in the country. The time is now to formulate robust and inclusive National Action Plans, and while doing so, the country will establish greater transparency to combat the plastic jeopardy in a more sustainable and holistic way.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any **six** out of the seven questions given below :

$6 \times 1 = 6$

- (i) What does the writer mean by 'visible source of annoyance' ? 1
- (ii) Why did people demand a ban on plastics ? 1
- (iii) What suggests that India's plastic consumption and waste is likely to increase ? 1
- (iv) What does the line, 'oceans turn, irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic', suggest ? 1
- (v) What step can be taken to combat the challenges of plastic waste management ? What will be its impact ? 1
- (vi) With reference to the graph, write one conclusion that can be drawn about the production of plastics in 2019 (approximately). 1
- (vii) What does the upward trend of the graph indicate ? 1

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- (vi) What accelerated the partial ban for plastics in India ? 1
- (vii) How are certain states in India recycling plastic waste productively ? 1





## SECTION B

(Writing)

(8 marks)

3. You are the Secretary of the Civil Medical Doctors' Association, Doctors Lane, Shimla. You have organised a seminar on COVID-19. Draft a letter of invitation for Dr. Hamid, a medical specialist to be the guest speaker in not more than 50 words. Invent necessary details. 3
4. Attempt *any one* from A and B given below. 5×1=5
- A. You are Prakriti/Prabhat, a resident of College Road, Bhopal. You see the following advertisement, in the newspaper, for the job of a 'Marketing Officer' in Chaitanya Enterprises, Mumbai. Write an application with detailed bio-data in about 120 – 150 words to the Public Relations Officer of the firm.

### SITUATION VACANT

Chaitanya Enterprises requires an experienced Marketing Officer for its Mumbai branch.

The applicant must have

- B.Sc./B.A. in Marketing
- 6+ years experience
- Additional skills
  - Effective written and communication skills
  - Thorough understanding of marketing techniques and principles
  - Knowledge of MS Office, social media and web analytics

Apply to Sunil Baweja, Public Relations Officer.

- B. You are Akhili/Akhil Keno, student reporter for 'Panorama', the school magazine of R.L.M. Public School. The school organised a 'Blood Donation Camp' in collaboration with the Red Cross Society of India. Renowned physician, Dr. Sushil Seth inaugurated the camp. The refreshments were sponsored by the Parent Teacher Association of the school. There was a special counter for thalassemia check. The students had decorated the hall with posters on Blood Donation. Write a report in about 120 – 150 words mentioning date, time, venue, number of donors, refreshments, special features and response of donors. 5





## SECTION C

(Literature)

(18 marks)

5. Answer any *five* out of the six questions given below, within 40 words each : 5×2=10
- (i) Explain the metaphor of 'The Rattrap' as explained by the peddler. 2
  - (ii) In the Motihari court, what caused the delay in the trial ? 2
  - (iii) Describe the contrast between the tigers and Aunt Jennifer. 2
  - (iv) Evans' refusal to take off his bobble hat contributed to the success of his escape plan. Explain. 2
  - (v) When Mr. Lamb tells Derry that, while some describe the sound that the bees make as 'buzzing', to him it seems they are singing. What character trait of Mr. Lamb is brought to light ? Why ? 2
  - (vi) How did the governor trace down Evan's location in the story 'Evans tries an O-Level' ?
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  - (ii) In the lesson 'The Rattrap', the narrator takes an empathetic approach towards the rattrap seller. Considering the above statement, discuss the narrator's portrayal of the peddler. 4
  - (iii) Jack comes across as a loving father and a good storyteller in the story 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy ?'. Comment. 4





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**ENGLISH (Core)**

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Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any ***eight*** questions from the nine given below :

8×1=8

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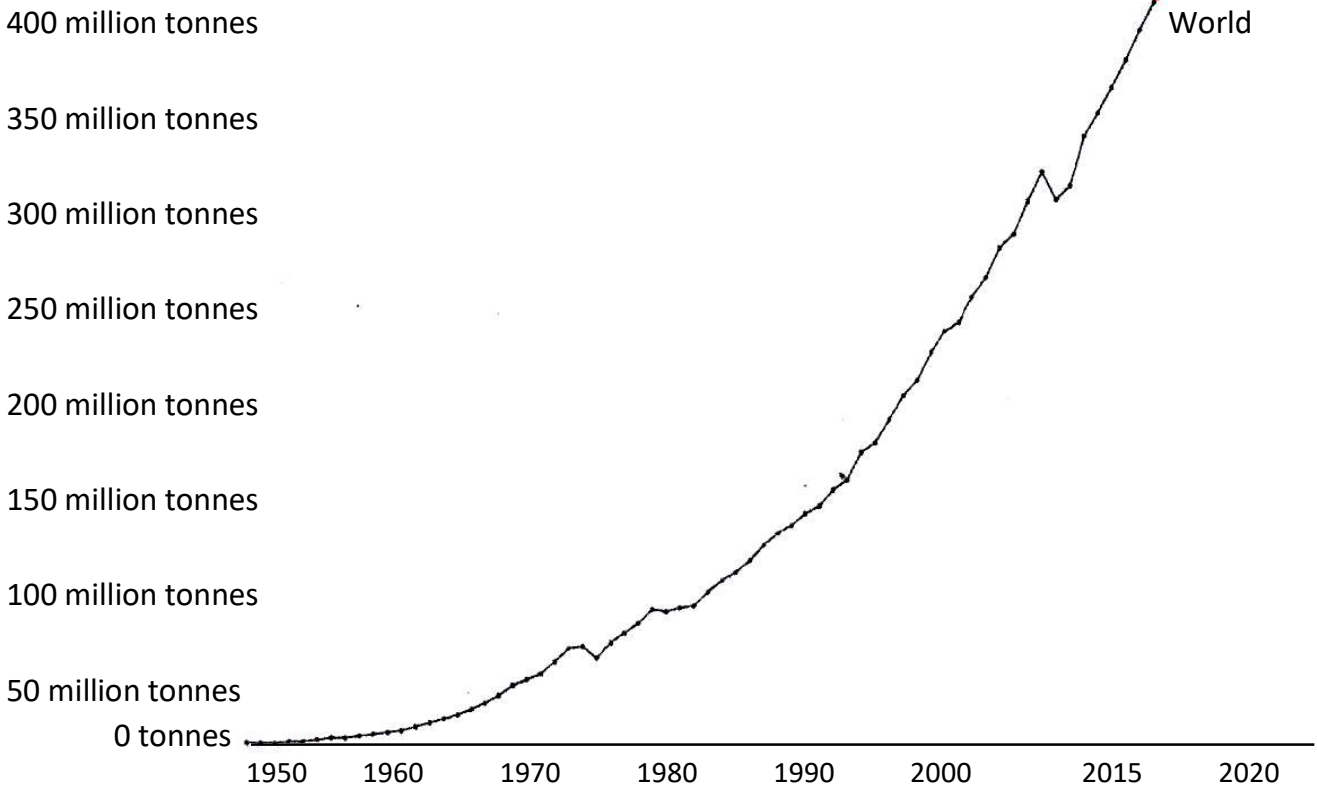


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Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any **six** out of the seven questions given below :

$6 \times 1 = 6$

- (i) What does the writer mean by 'visible source of annoyance' ? 1
- (ii) Why did people demand a ban on plastics ? 1
- (iii) What created a demand for plastics in India ? 1
- (iv) What does the line, 'oceans turn, irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic', suggest ? 1
- (v) What step can be taken to combat the challenges of plastic waste management ? What will be its impact ? 1
- (vi) With reference to the graph, write one conclusion that can be drawn about the production of plastics in 2019 (approximately). 1
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**For the Visually Impaired Candidates only (in lieu of Q.no. (vi) and (vii))**

- (vi) What accelerated the partial ban for plastics in India ? 1
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**SECTION B**  
**(Writing)**

**(8 marks)**

3. Sita has cleared the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET). Her parents, Seema and Rahul Pandey, are hosting a dinner party to celebrate her success. Draft a formal invitation card giving details of date, time and venue in about 50 words.

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4. Attempt *any one* from A and B given below.

5×1=5

- A. You are Arvind/Aarti Sinha residing at Marine Vihar, Mumbai. You come across the following advertisement in 'The Times Today' for the position of School Counsellor for 'New Dawn Public School', Mumbai. Write a letter of application with detailed resume for the post in 120 – 150 words.

**SITUATION VACANT**

Wanted qualified and experienced School Counsellor for New Dawn Public School. Candidate must be a Post Graduate in Psychology, with minimum 5 years experience in counselling. Knowledge of computers preferred. Mention additional skills and interests. Apply with detailed resume to the Principal, New Dawn Public School, Golf Road, Mumbai.

- B. A Health Mela was organised by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The theme of the Mela was 'Child Obesity – a Growing Concern'. The day long activities consisted of a free BMI check-up, poster making and a talk on healthy eating habits. The Mela was inaugurated by the local MLA Mr. Lal. You are Sandhya/Sohan Ahuja, Staff Correspondent of 'The Star'. Write a report in about 120 – 150 words. Mention date, time, venue, events and response of participants.





## SECTION C

(Literature)

(18 marks)

5. Answer any *five* out of the six questions given below, within 40 words each : 5×2=10
- (i) Why did Edla invite the peddler ? 2
  - (ii) What, according to Keats, causes a pall over our spirits ? 2
  - (iii) Why does Adrienne Rich describe the tigers as 'chivalric' in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ? 2
  - (iv) Why was storytelling especially tiring on Saturdays for Jack ? 2
  - (v) How did Derry's handicap affect his life ? 2
  - (vi) How does the Governor describe Evans to the Secretary, Examination Board ? 2
6. Answer any *two* of the following in about 120 – 150 words each : 2×4=8
- (i) How did Civil Disobedience triumph for the first time in India ? 4
  - (ii) Justify the title of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'. 4
  - (iii) Even though the Governor's sixth sense told him to keep close tabs on Evans, he failed and proved to be 'gullible'. Comment. 4





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**SECTION – A**

**(Reading)**

**14 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below :

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- (1) Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising 'children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important : values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher – and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future : when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.
- (2) Psychologists say that parents who over indulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this generation were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TVs as essential utilities, and





they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave for something new; most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

- (3) What parents need to find, is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits on their behavior because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure.
- (4) Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own :

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any **eight** questions from the nine given below :

$1 \times 8 = 8$

- (1) What is challenging for today's parents ? 1
- (2) What will be the consequence of over indulging children ? 1
- (3) Why do parents get caught in the buying blitz ? 1
- (4) How do children learn critical life lessons ? 1
- (5) What is the impact of advertisements on children ? 1
- (6) Why do children need limits on their behaviour ? 1
- (7) How do older children learn self-control ? 1
- (8) Find a word in the passage which means 'research'. (Paragraph 2) 1
- (9) Find a word in the passage which means 'wealthy'. (Paragraph 3) 1



2. Read the passage given below :

- (1) Ratan, a global brand in Dairy products, works on a business model popularly known as, 'The Ratan Model'. This model aims to provide value for money to the customers and protect the interests of farmers simultaneously.
- (2) The Ratan Model is a three-tiered structure that is implemented in its Dairy production : Firstly, Ratan acts as a direct link between milk producers and consumers that removes the middlemen. Secondly, farmers (milk producers) control procurement, processing and marketing. Thirdly, it is a professionally managed organization.
- (3) One can understand the Ratan Model better by taking cognizance of 'Ratan's Target Audience', where it has targeted the mass market of India with no premium offerings and works on providing the best quality products at affordable prices.
- (4) So Ratan formulates its pricing policy on the low cost price strategy which has attracted a lot of customers in the past and it continues to do so.
- (5) Another stance used by Ratan's Target Audience is based on customer-wise targeting and industry wise targeting. This strategy divides the target audience on the following two bases :

(6) **Segment wise break down of Customer - Based target Audience**

Customers	Ratan products
Kids	Chocolate, Ratan cool, Ratan milk.
Youth	Ratan Pizza Cheese, Cheese spread.
Health Conscious	Ratan Shakti, Ratan Lite, Butter.

The above table showcases how Ratan has a diversified customer base.





- (7) Industry Based Target Audience : Ratan has segmented milk for various industries such as ice-cream manufacturers, restaurants, coffee shops, and many similar industries. Further, it has segmented butter, ghee and cheese for bakeries, snack retailers, confectioneries, and many more.
- (8) The target audience study tells us that Ratan has a strong presence in both Business to Business and Business-to-Customers.
- (9) Ratan's marketing campaigns and strategies are implemented in a very attractive way. For example, the story of the 'Ratan Girl' is a popular 'ad' icon. It is a hand drawn cartoon of a young girl.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer any **six** out of the seven questions given below :

**1 × 6 = 6**

- (i) What does 'The Ratan Model' aim at ? **1**
- (ii) In dairy production how many tiers are there ? **1**
- (iii) 'Ratan acts as a direct link .....'. Explain. **1**
- (iv) 'Ratan Target audience' is described as a diversified market. Explain with reference to the given table. **1**

**For Visually Impaired Candidates (in lieu of Q. No. iv)**

- Who controls procurement, processing and marketing ? **1**
- (v) Name the two basis on which Ratan divides the target audience. **1**
- (vi) In which two spheres does Ratan have a strong presence ? **1**
- (vii) Which is the most loved ad icon of Ratan ? **1**



## SECTION – B

(Writing)

8 Marks

3. You are Narendra, living in Bharatpur. Your cousin, from the same city has opened a beautiful Resort 'Serenity'. He has extended an invite to you to spend a weekend there. Draft a letter of acceptance in not more than **50** words mentioning the date of arrival, duration of stay and meal preference.

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4. Attempt any **one** from A and B given below :

(A)

### SITUATION VACANT

GLENDALE PUBLIC SCHOOL, Ghaziabad  
requires a qualified and experienced Dance  
teacher. The candidate must be a graduate and  
skilled in both classical and contemporary forms.  
Minimum 5 years experience preferred. Mention  
additional skills, interests and achievements.

You are Vasundhara / Vansh. Write a letter of application to the Principal along with a detailed bio-data for the above mentioned post in **120-150** words. Invent necessary details.

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OR

- (B) The Art and Craft Department of Shalimar School organized an exhibition cum sale of the items prepared by students from classes sixth to tenth. Mr. Shaumik Das, famous artist, inaugurated the exhibition. Items from the department of Art, Sculpture, Paper Technology and Pottery were on display. Mention details of the items on display and the views of the visitors. Write a report in **150-200** words for the local newspaper. You are Naveen/Nita, President – Art and Craft Club.

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SECTION – C

(Literature)

18 Marks

5. Attempt any **five** of the **six** questions given below, within **40** words each.

2 × 5 = 10

- (i) What made the Peddler accept Edla's invitation ? 2
- (ii) How did the settlement of 25% refund to the farmers change the plight of the peasants ? (Indigo) 2
- (iii) Aunt Jennifer deserves our sympathy ? Elaborate. 2
- (iv) How can the 'mighty dead' be described as 'a thing of beauty' ? Explain. 2
- (v) How does Mr. Lamb overcome his feelings of loneliness ? 2
- (vi) Why did the woodland creatures shun Roger Shunk ? How did this affect Roger ? 2

6. Answer any **two** of the following in about **120-150** words each : 4 × 2 = 8

- (i) How do things of beauty have a lasting impact on us ? (A Thing of Beauty) 4
- (ii) 'Evans The Break' lived up to his name. Discuss the steps undertaken by Evans to plan his escape. 4
- (iii) What were Gandhi's concerns regarding the upliftment of the people of Champaran ? How did he address them ? 4

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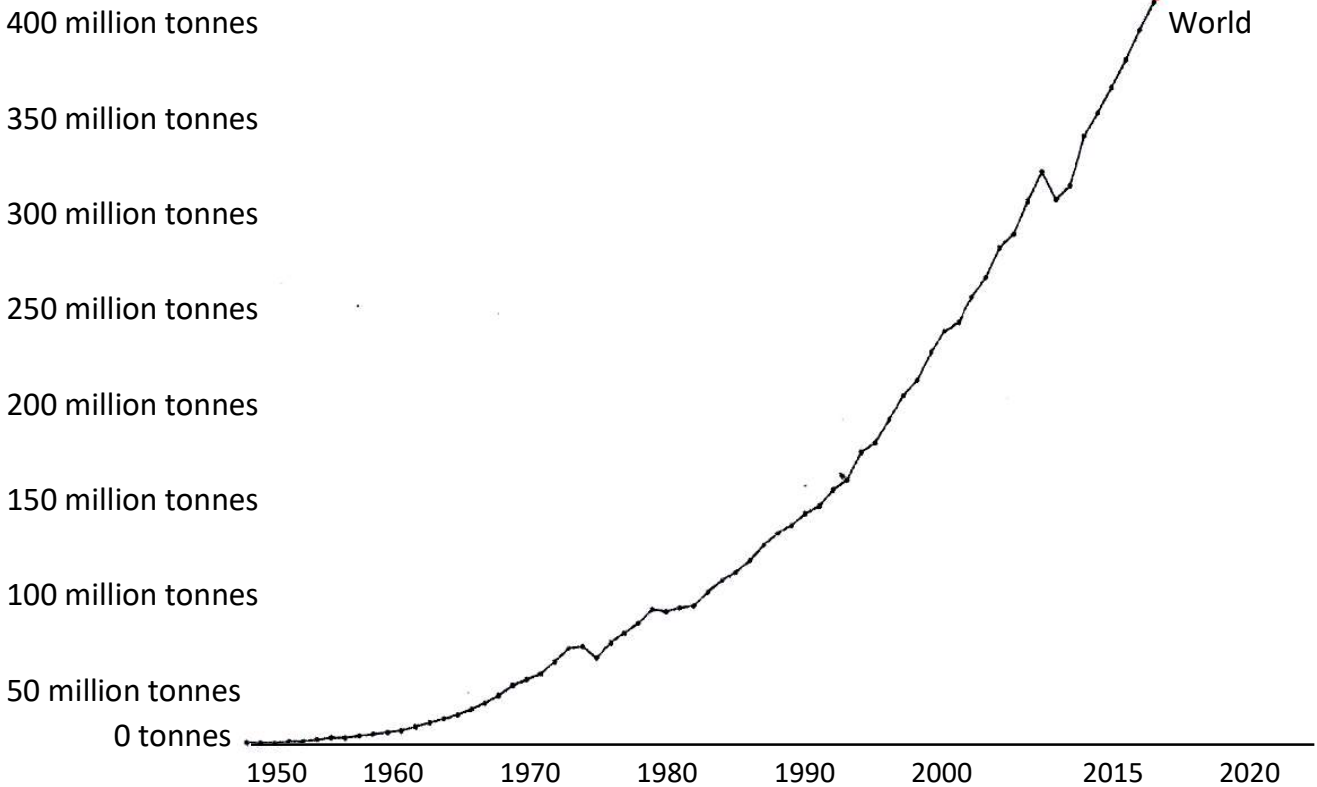


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## SECTION B

(Writing)

(8 marks)

3. You are Rajneesh/Rajee Mehta, an eminent educationist. You have been invited to Nav Nirmaan School, Sucheta Vihar, Kolkata to attend and speak at a workshop on the topic 'The Importance of Time Management' on June 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Draft a letter of acceptance to the Cultural In-Charge, Piyush, in about 50 words. 3
4. Attempt **any one** from A and B given below. 5×1=5
- A. You are Prakriti/Prabhat, a resident of College Road, Bhopal. You see the following advertisement, in the newspaper, for the job of a 'Marketing Officer' in Chaitanya Enterprises, Mumbai. Write an application with detailed bio-data in about 120 – 150 words to the Public Relations Officer of the firm.

### SITUATION VACANT

Chaitanya Enterprises requires an experienced Marketing Officer for its Mumbai branch.

The applicant must have

- B.Sc./B.A. in Marketing
- 6+ years experience
- Additional skills
  - Effective written and communication skills
  - Thorough understanding of marketing techniques and principles
  - Knowledge of MS Office, social media and web analytics

Apply to Sunil Baweja, Public Relations Officer.

- B. The Ministry of Transport, New Delhi organised a one day 'Auto-Mela' at the Institute of Driving, Saket to motivate women drivers to take up commercial driving. The day long event was inaugurated by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. S.P. Mehra. The event started with an introduction to commercial driving — its rules and regulations. This was followed by a basic training session in self-defence, a run through of the licensing procedures and a sale of second-hand cars. You are Anita/Anil, Staff Reporter of 'The Daily News'. Write a report in 120 – 150 words mentioning date, main features, purpose and response of participants.



## SECTION C

(Literature)

(18 marks)

5. Answer any *five* out of the six questions given below, within 40 words each : 5×2=10
- (i) Explain the metaphor of 'The Rattrap' as explained by the peddler. 2
  - (ii) In the Motihari court, what caused the delay in the trial ? 2
  - (iii) How does a thing of beauty provide shelter and comfort ? 2
  - (iv) What do you learn about Jack's childhood in the course of the story 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy' ? 2
  - (v) When Mr. Lamb tells Derry that, while some describe the sound that the bees make as 'buzzing', to him it seems they are singing. What character trait of Mr. Lamb is brought to light ? Why ? 2
  - (vi) How did the governor trace down Evan's location in the story 'Evans tries an O-Level' ?
6. Answer any *two* of the following in about 120 – 150 words each : 2×4=8
- (i) The tigers' description as 'chivalric' is a contrast to that of Aunt Jennifer. Explain. 4
  - (ii) In the lesson 'The Rattrap', the narrator takes an empathetic approach towards the rattrap seller. Considering the above statement, discuss the narrator's portrayal of the peddler. 4
  - (iii) Jack comes across as a loving father and a good storyteller in the story 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy ?'. Comment. 4





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SET-2

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## ENGLISH (Core)

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Maximum Marks : 40

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249 B

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**SECTION – A**

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**(Reading)**

**14 Marks**

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Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any **eight** questions from the nine given below :

$$1 \times 8 = 8$$

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<b>Segment wise break down of Customer – Based target Audience</b>	
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## SECTION – B

(Writing)

8 Marks

3. Mr. and Mrs. Dhanraj of Appletree Orchard, Nainital, are hosting a party on the occasion of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of their son, Vineet. Draft an invitation card giving details of the date, time and venue.

(Word limit : 50)

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4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below :

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- (A) You are Samanvay/Sanvi. You came across the following advertisement in a national daily. Write an application in response to the advertisement. (in 120 to 150 words)

Applications are invited for the post of a nursery teacher in a reputed school of Delhi. The candidate must be qualified with at least 5 years experience of teaching pre-primary classes. He/She should be creative and innovative. Mention additional skills, interests and achievements. Interested candidates should apply to The Principal, Akashganga International School, within 10 days with detailed bio-data.

OR

- (B) You are Akshat/Akshita working as a news correspondent for the 'The Morning Star' at Mumbai. You are invited by the organizer to cover the much-awaited programme on the legendary singer – Lata Mangeshkar. Playback singers from Bollywood sang many of her memorable songs. Smt. Kala Choudhary, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting was the Chief Guest for the occasion. Write a report for the newspaper in 120-150 words mentioning date, time, venue, participants and audience response.

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**SECTION – C**

**(Literature)**

**18 Marks**

5. Attempt any **five** of the **six** questions given below, within **40** words each.

**2 × 5 = 10**

- (i) Why was the peddler surprised at the hospitality he received from the crofter ? **2**
- (ii) How did the Champaran incident bring about a change in the plight of the peasants ? **2**
- (iii) What is the significance of the image “Massive weight of uncle’s wedding band” in the poem ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers’ ? **2**
- (iv) What are the things that cause suffering and pain ? (A Thing of Beauty). **2**
- (v) Derry says “I’m not afraid ... people are afraid of me.” Why does he make this comment about himself ? **2**
- (vi) Why do you think the wizard tolerated the beating and agreed to the mother’s demand ? **2**

6. Answer any **two** of the following in about **120-150** words each. **4 × 2 = 8**

- (i) The objects of beauty remove the gloom from our lives. Discuss with reference to the poem ‘A Thing of Beauty’. **4**
- (ii) Give an account of the blunders committed by the prison authorities in the story ‘Evan’s Tries an O’ level’. **4**
- (iii) How was Gandhi able to influence the lawyers ? Give instances. **4**





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## SECTION – B

(Writing)

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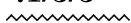
3. Vikrant Public School, Patiala is celebrating its Annual Prize Distribution Function on 14<sup>th</sup> August. Dr. Akhil Raj, renowned author is the Chief Guest for the occasion. Draft an invitation card in not more than **50** words to be sent to the parents and guests mentioning date, time & venue. **3**
4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : **5**
- (A) Nav Vihar Public School, Lucknow has advertised in ‘The Morning Star’ for the post of a Physical Education teacher. Apply for the same giving detailed bio-data. Invent necessary details. You are Varun/Vibha of 12 Mall Road, Lucknow.

### SITUATION VACANT

NAV VIHAR PUBLIC SCHOOL invites applications for post of qualified and experienced Physical Education teacher. Min. 5 yrs. exp. B.P.Ed with specialization in one sport necessary. Mention additional skills, interests and achievements. Contact Principal, Nav Vihar Public School.

OR

- (B) You are Parvi/Parinay, special correspondent for The Times of India. You attended a programme organized by the Rotary Club of your district on ‘Increasing need for Retirement Homes’. Mr. Rajesh Kher, The Chairman of Twilight Homes was the Chief Guest on the occasion. The programme included a question and answer session followed by poster making, group discussions and a short play written and directed by students. Write a newspaper report on the programme in **120-150** words mentioning date, time, venue activities and response of participants. **5**





**SECTION – C**

**(Literature)**

**18 Marks**

5. Attempt any **five** of the **six** questions given below, within **40** words each :

**2 × 5 = 10**

- (i) What Christmas gift did the peddler give Edla ? Write its significance. **2**
- (ii) Why did Gandhi chide the lawyers ? **2**
- (iii) Why do you think Aunt Jennifer created animals that are so different from her own character ? **2**
- (iv) What is the theme of the poem – ‘A Thing of Beauty’ ? **2**
- (v) Why was Mr. Lamb’s gate always open ? (On the Face of It). **2**
- (vi) What was the role of the owl in Jack’s story ? **2**

6. Answer any **two** of the following in about **120-150** words each. **4 × 2 = 8**

- (i) Keat’s things of beauty “move away the pall from our darkened spirits”. Explain. **4**
- (ii) Write a character sketch of Evans. (Evans Tries An O Level) **4**
- (iii) Why do you think Gandhi considered the Champaran episode a turning point in his life ? **4**

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**SECTION A – READING****1. Read the passage given below :**

1×8=8

1. Very often, we do not take the first step towards a good cause because we say to ourselves, "The task is so big. What can I do alone ?" So nothing gets done. There is much talk about environmental protection, air pollution and saving our forests. Do we really care? If we do, here are a few things we can do to make our surroundings more pleasant.
2. It is good to adopt a two-uses-attitude! By putting an article to a second use, we are giving it a longer lease of life and using up less raw material from nature. One of the worst things we do is the abuse of paper. The clean sides of envelopes can be used to write small notes, lists and reminders around the house. The more paper we use, the more trees will have to be cut down. For the same reason, we should avoid the use of paper napkins or paper plates. Cloth napkins are just as good, for they can be washed and used over and over again.
3. Another area which needs the most urgent attention is effective garbage disposal. People who are conscious about it follow rules and laws strictly. As a result, their neighbourhoods are clean and beautiful. Similarly, each one of us can contribute to a cleaner environment. All kitchen waste should be collected separately. Those of you who have green fingers can turn this into valuable manure. Dig a pit and put the kitchen waste into it. When the pit is a little over half full, cover it up with mud. Let nature do the rest. Within three or six months, we will have a good garden manure. It can also be done as a community project by digging a large pit in the colony. Do take help of all the members, for nothing succeeds like co-operation.
4. A lot of people don't care about the environment because they don't understand the adverse effect that society has on it. It is important to convince people to care about the environment. The first step would be to convince people to change by providing simple



alternative solutions and ways of doing things. The internet is a powerful tool and a group on social media of like-minded people can be formed. People can share environmental stories and issues, as well as pool in solutions and alternatives to educate one another. With the current state that our planet is in, it is imperative that people actively care about the environment and most importantly to act now.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY EIGHT** questions from the nine given below :

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| (i) Why don't we take the first step towards a good cause ?  | 1 |
| (ii) What is a two-uses-attitude ?   | 1 |
| (iii) What can we do to avoid the abuse of paper ? (any two points)                                  | 1 |
| (iv) What is the result of an effective way of garbage disposal ?                                    | 1 |
| (v) What procedure can one adopt for kitchen waste ?   | 1 |
| (vi) How can making of garden manure be done as community project ?                                  | 1 |
| (vii) How long does it take to make good garden manure ?   | 1 |
| (viii) Select a suitable word from the passage which means – being concerned or interested. (Para 3) | 1 |
| (ix) Pick out the word from the passage which means – completely necessary ? (Para 4)                | 1 |

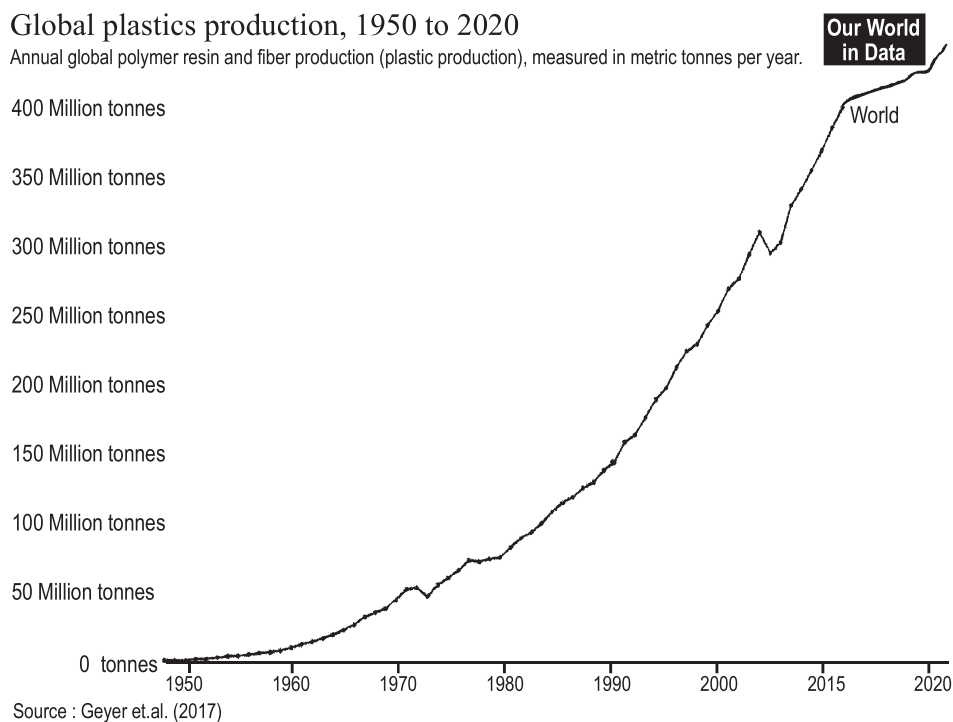
**2. Read the passage below :**

1×6=6

1. Our history makes it evident that the Indian Plastics Industry made a vigorous beginning in 1957 but it took more than 30 years for it to pervade Indian lifestyles. In 1979, 'the market for plastics' was just being seeded by the state-owned Indian Petro-Chemicals and it was only in 1994 that plastic soft drink bottles became a visible source of annoyance.



2. In the same year, people in other cities were concerned about the state of public sanitation and also urged regulatory bodies to ban the production, distribution and use of plastic bags. However the challenge was greater than it appeared at first.
3. The massive generation of plastic waste in India is due to rapid urbanisation, spread of retail chains, plastic packaging from grocery to food and vegetable products, to consumer items and cosmetics. The projected high growth rates of GDP and continuing rapid urbanisation suggest that India's trajectory of plastic consumption and plastic waste is likely to increase.



4. According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report of 2018, India stands among few other countries like France, Mongolia and several African countries that have initiated total or partial national-level bans on plastics in their jurisdictions. On World Environment Day in 2018, India vowed to phase out single-use plastics by 2022, which gave a much needed impetus to bring this change.



5. In this context, thereafter ten states (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu) are currently sending their collected waste to cement plants for co-processing, twelve other states/UTs are using plastic waste for polymer bitumen road construction and still four other states are using the plastic waste for waste-to-energy plants and oil production. A world of greater possibilities has now opened up to initiate appropriate and concrete actions to build up the necessary institutions and systems before oceans turn, irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic.
6. However there is no one single masterstroke to counter the challenges witnessed by the staggering plastic waste management in the country. The time is now to formulate robust and inclusive National Action Plans and while doing so, the country will establish greater transparency to combat the plastic jeopardy in a more sustainable and holistic way.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer **ANY SIX** out of the seven questions given below :

- i. What does the writer mean by 'visible source of annoyance' ? 1
- ii. Why did people demand a ban on plastics ? 1
- iii. What created a demand for plastics in India ? 1
- iv. With reference to the graph write one conclusion that can be drawn about the production of plastics in 2019 (approximately). 1

**FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES** (in lieu of Q.No. iv)

- What accelerated the plastic waste in India ? 1



- v. What does the upward trend of the graph indicate ? 1

**FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES (in lieu of Q.No. v)**

- How are certain states in India recycling plastic waste, productively ? 1
- vi. What does the line, oceans turning 'irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic', suggest ? 1
- vii. What step must be taken to combat the challenges of plastic waste management ? What will be its impact ? 1

**SECTION B – WRITING** 8

3. St. Joseph School, Dehradun is celebrating 'World Disability Day' on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. The Minister of Social Welfare, Dr. Sudha Menon has consented to be the Chief Guest. Draft an invitation for the event to be sent to parents and other guests in about 50 words. 3

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below :

- 4A. You are Prem/Prabha of College Road, Bhopal. You read the following advertisement in the local daily. Write a letter of application in 120-150 words for the post. 5

**SITUATION VACANT**

WANTED a qualified and experienced Physical Education Coach for Glen Public School, Bhopal. Minimum 5 yrs. experience M.P.Ed. with specialisation in any one sport preferred. Mention additional skills and interests. Apply with full bio-data.

- 4B. You are Sunil/Megha, School Leader of Sudheer Public School, Chennai. On the completion of 25 years of meritorious service to the cause of education, your school celebrated its Silver Jubilee with great pomp and show. The celebrations lasted three days and in the true tradition of the school, each day was devoted to a noble cause of service. Special attention was paid to Children With Special Needs, Old Age Homes and Orphanages. Students shared experiences of voluntary service and the Theatre Club put up short skits highlighting social concerns. Write a report in 120-150 words about the event to be published in your school magazine. 5

**SECTION C – LITERATURE**

- 5.** Attempt **ANY FIVE** of the six questions given below within 40 words each :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- i. The iron master accuses the peddler of not being quite honest. What does the peddler say to justify the situation ? 2
  - ii. Gandhi effectively managed to redress the problems of the indigo sharecroppers with the Lieutenant Governor. What did he achieve ? 2
  - iii. Explain the irony at the end of the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'. 2
  - iv. After mother Skunk and Roger Skunk return home, she hugs him before he sleeps. What does this show about mother Skunk ? 2
  - v. How did Mr. Lamb's conversation and company change Derry's desire to isolate himself from the world ? 2
  - vi. How did Evans manage to smear himself with blood ? What effect did it have on the officers ? 2
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- i. In Edla's dealing with the peddler, she was compassionate and generous. Discuss with reference to the story 'The Rattrap'. 4
  - ii. Gandhi not only alleviated the economic conditions of the Champaran people but also their social and cultural background. Justify. 4
  - iii. What impression do you form of Jack as a father ? Support your answer. 4





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**SET-1**  
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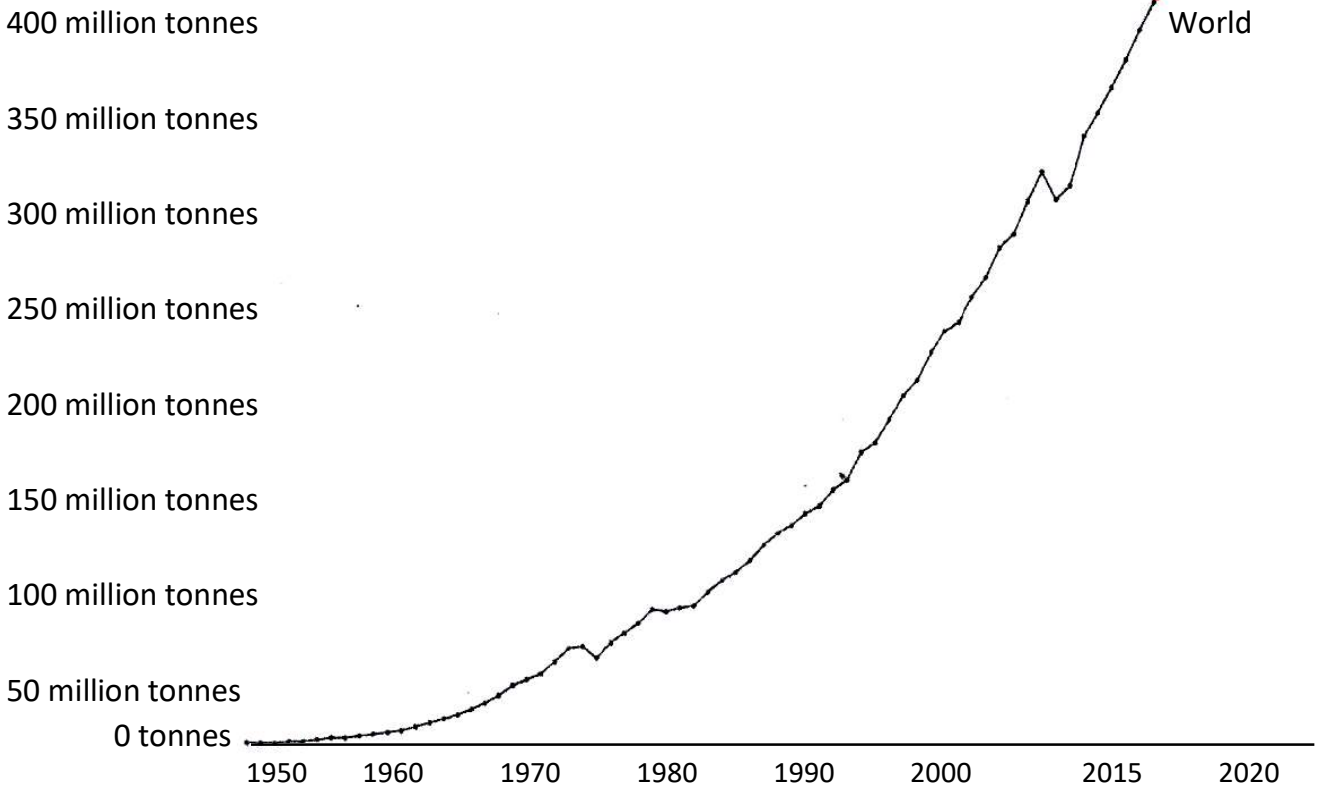


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## SECTION B

(Writing)

(8 marks)

3. M/s Aggarwal and Sons are opening a new general store 'Super Saver Mart', in Geeta Enclave, ABC Nagar, Delhi. The inauguration ceremony is fixed for Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. The store will be inaugurated by Mr. Roshan Seth, councillor of the area. Draft an invitation card for the residents in not more than 50 words. Mention day, date, time and other details.

3

4. Attempt **any one** from A and B given below.

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Contact

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## SECTION C

(Literature)

(18 marks)

5. Answer any *five* out of the six questions given below, within 40 words each : 5×2=10
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  - (ii) What, according to Keats, causes a pall over our spirits ? 2
  - (iii) Why does Adrienne Rich describe the tigers as 'chivalric' in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ? 2
  - (iv) Why was storytelling especially tiring on Saturdays for Jack ? 2
  - (v) How did Derry's handicap affect his life ? 2
  - (vi) How does the Governor describe Evans to the Secretary, Examination Board ? 2
6. Answer any *two* of the following in about 120 – 150 words each : 2×4=8
- (i) How did Civil Disobedience triumph for the first time in India ? 4
  - (ii) Justify the title of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'. 4
  - (iii) Examine the characters of Derry and Mr. Lamb in the context of the themes of alienation and loneliness in the story 'On The Face Of It'. 4





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**SET-2**  
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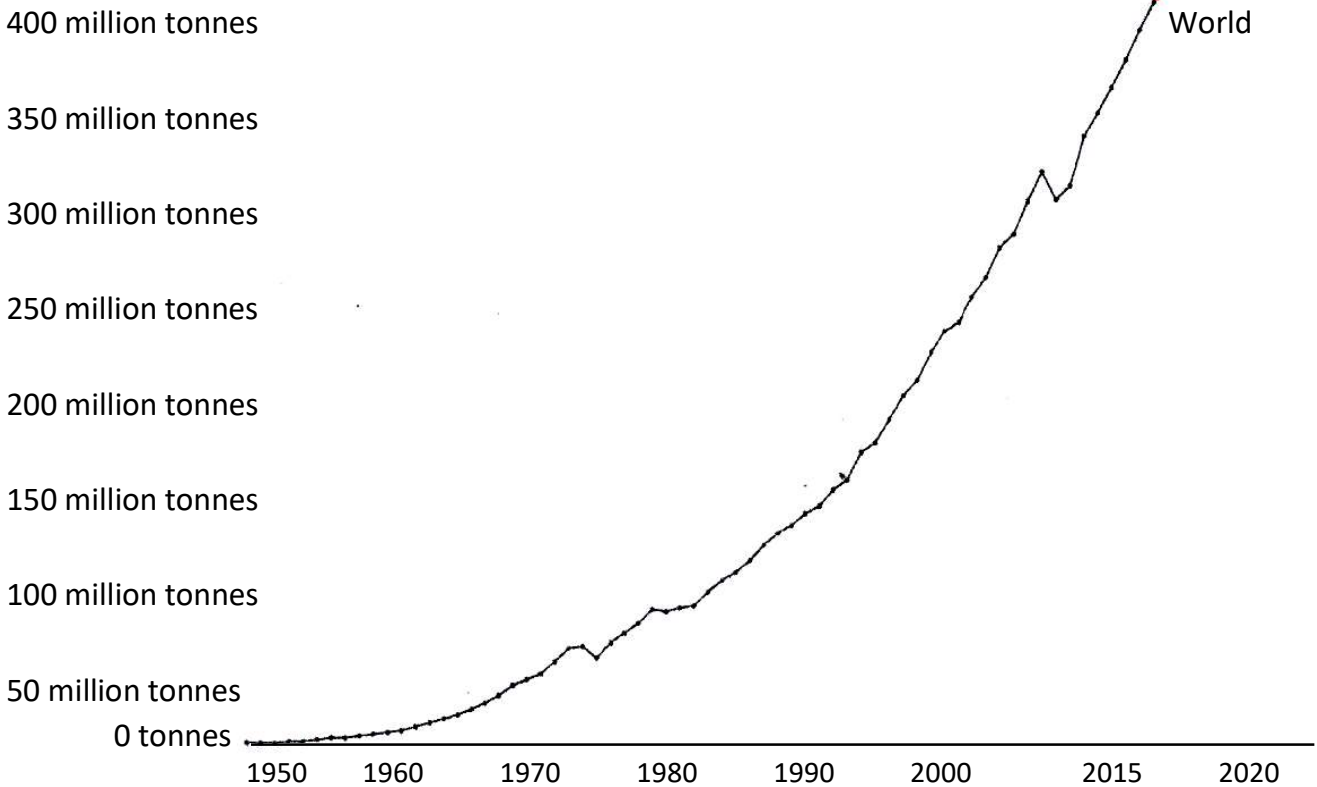


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## SECTION B

(Writing)

(8 marks)

3. You are Michelle/Michael D'Souza, an eminent educationist. Nav Vihar School, Bengaluru has completed 25 years of commendable service to society. You have received an invitation from the Principal of the school, Nandini Tyagi to attend its Silver Jubilee Celebrations on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Draft a letter of acceptance in about 50 words, accepting the invitation.

3

4. Attempt **any one** from A and B given below.

5×1=5

- A. You are Prakriti/Prabhat, a resident of College Road, Bhopal. You see the following advertisement, in the newspaper, for the job of a 'Marketing Officer' in Chaitanya Enterprises, Mumbai. Write an application with detailed bio-data in about 120 – 150 words to the Public Relations Officer of the firm.

### SITUATION VACANT

Chaitanya Enterprises requires an experienced Marketing Officer for its Mumbai branch.

The applicant must have

- B.Sc./B.A. in Marketing
- 6+ years experience
- Additional skills
  - Effective written and communication skills
  - Thorough understanding of marketing techniques and principles
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Apply to Sunil Baweja, Public Relations Officer.

- B. The Ministry of Transport, New Delhi organised a one day 'auto-mela' at the Institute of Driving, Saket to motivate women drivers to take up commercial driving. The day long event was inaugurated by the Commissioner of Police, Mr. S.P. Mehra.

The event started with an introduction to commercial driving – its rules and regulations. This was followed by a basic training session in self-defence, a run through of the licensing procedures and a sale of second-hand cars. You are Anita/Anil, Staff Reporter of 'The Daily News'. Write a report in 120 – 150 words mentioning date, main features, purpose and response of participants.





## SECTION C

(Literature)

(18 marks)

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  - (iv) What do you learn about Jack's childhood in the course of the story 'Should Wizard Hit Mommy' ? 2
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6. Answer any **two** of the following in about 120 – 150 words each : 2×4=8
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**SET-3**  
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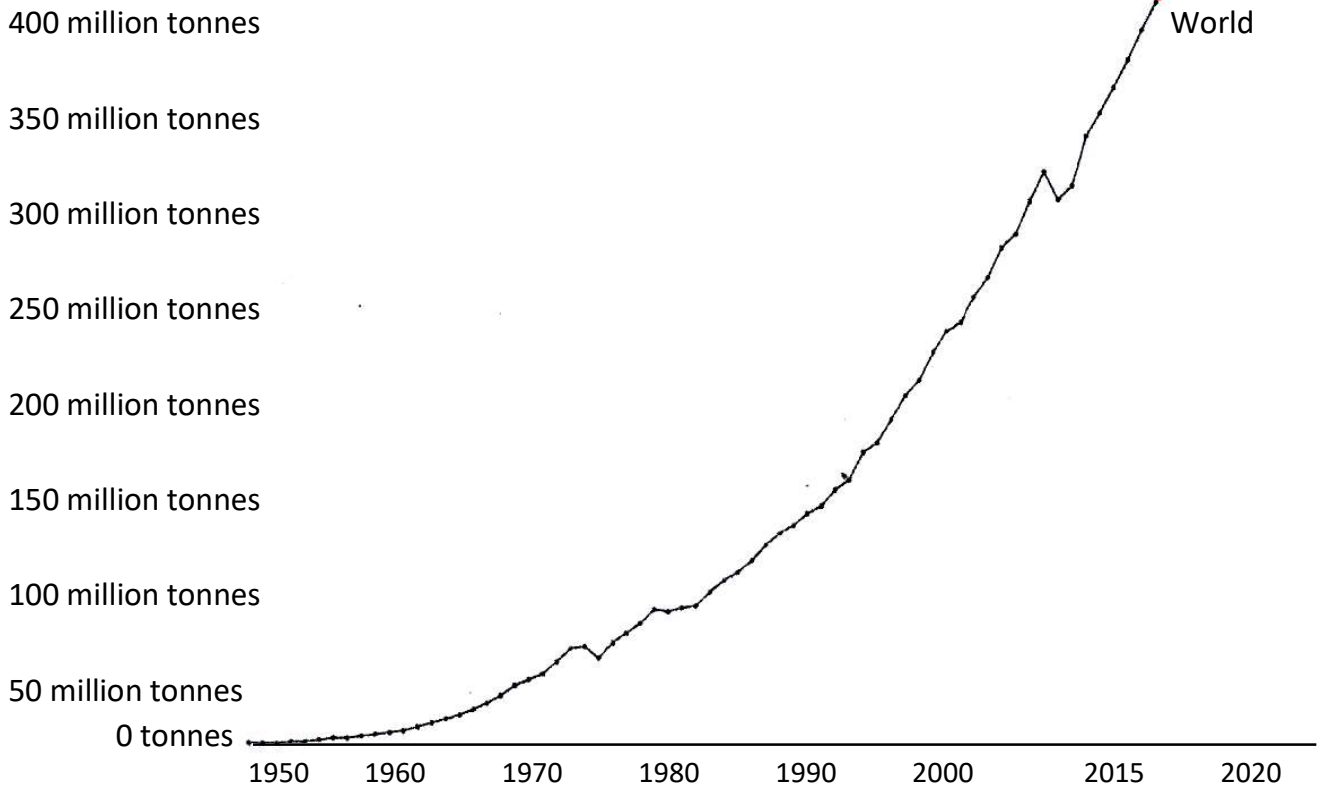


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## SECTION B

(Writing)

(8 marks)

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The Principal

- B. In an initiative to sensitize the public to adopt abandoned and stray pets, an 'Adopt-A-Thon – Barks and Purrs' was organised by an NGO 'Paws Rescue'. Abandoned and homeless animals were up for adoption at the event. As a staff reporter of 'The News Nation', write a report in about 120 – 150 words giving details such as number of animals adopted, date, training of new pet parents, incentives, and response of participants.





## SECTION C

(Literature)

(18 marks)

5. Answer any *five* out of the six questions given below, within 40 words each : 5×2=10
- (i) Gandhi felt that Indians should not seek a prop in Mr. Andrews, the Englishman. Who was Andrews and why did Gandhi say this ? 2
  - (ii) What, according to Keats, causes a pall over our spirits ? 2
  - (iii) Why does Adrienne Rich describe the tigers as 'chivalric' in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ? 2
  - (iv) What was ironic about Roger Skunk's mother saying, 'What is that awful smell ?' Why did she say this ? 2
  - (v) How did Derry's handicap affect his life ? 2
  - (vi) How does the Governor describe Evans to the Secretary, Examination Board ? 2
6. Answer any *two* of the following in about 120 – 150 words each : 2×4=8
- (i) How did Civil Disobedience triumph for the first time in India ? 4
  - (ii) Justify the title of the poem 'A Thing of Beauty'. 4
  - (iii) Examine the characters of Derry and Mr. Lamb in the context of the themes of alienation and loneliness in the story 'On The Face Of It'. 4







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**SECTION – A**

**(Reading)**

**14 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below :

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- (2) Psychologists say that parents who over indulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest members of this generation were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TVs as essential utilities, and





they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave for something new; most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

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Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any **eight** questions from the nine given below :

$1 \times 8 = 8$

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| (1) What is challenging for today's parents ?                        | 1 |
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2. Read the passage given below :

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(6) **Segment wise break down of Customer – Based target Audience**

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**For Visually Impaired Candidates (in lieu of Q. No. iv)**

- Who controls procurement, processing and marketing ? **1**
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**SECTION – B**

**8 Marks**

**(Writing)**

3. You are Akshat/Ankita, living in Palghat. Your cousin from the same city has purchased a new house and he has invited you for a house warming party. Draft a letter of acceptance mentioning date, time, venue. Word limit 50 words.

**3**

4. Attempt any **one** from A and B given below :

(A)

**SITUATION VACANT**

NIRMAAN VIHAR PUBLIC SCHOOL invites applications for the post of a Dance teacher. Must be a graduate with minimum 5 years experience, skilled in both classical and contemporary forms of dance. Mention additional skills, interests and achievements.

Contact Principal

You are Arun/Arti of Model Town, Kolkata. Write an application with detailed bio-data for the above post in **120-150** words. Invent necessary details.

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**OR**

- (B) Roma Public School, Preet Vihar organized 'Library Day' to promote the habit of reading among students. Renowned author Anita Desai was the Chief Guest. The activities included bookmark making, short story writing, and book cover designing. Write report in **120-150** words for the school magazine mentioning date, duration, activities and response of participants. You are Venkat/Varsha, student editor.

**5**





SECTION – C

18 Marks

(Literature)

5. Attempt any **five** of the **six** questions given below, within **40** words each.

**2 × 5 = 10**

- (i) Why did the iron master speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home ? **2**
- (ii) Why did Gandhi agree to a settlement of 25% refund to the farmers ? **2**
- (iii) What was Aunt Jennifer terrified of ? **2**
- (iv) According to the poet, Keats, nature offers a vast array of beautiful things around us which we fail to notice in our mundane life. List the beautiful things. **2**
- (v) Why does Derry steal into Mr. Lamb's garden ? What is Mr. Lamb's reaction ? **2**
- (vi) Why was the story telling session specially tiring for Jack on Saturdays ? **2**

6. Answer any **two** of the following in about **120-150** words each. **4 × 2 = 8**

- (i) 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' Explain with reference to the poem. **4**
- (ii) How was the 'injured' McLeery able to outwit the prison officers ? **4**
- (iii) How does the lesson 'Indigo' depict Gandhi's humanitarian approach ? **4**

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## SECTION – B

(Writing)

8 Marks

3. You are Avantika, residing in Jamshedpur. Your friend, from the same city is hosting her parents' 50<sup>th</sup> marriage anniversary and has extended an invite to you. Draft a letter of reply of acceptance in not more than 50 words mentioning date, venue and time.

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4. Attempt any **one** from A and B given below :

(A)

### SITUATION VACANT

NAV JEEVAN PUBLIC SCHOOL requires Senior Computer Teacher. Eligibility requirements – Post-graduate in Computer Science with minimum 5 years work experience as a computer teacher.

Mention additional skills, interests and achievements.

Contact-Principal, Nav Jeevan Public School

You are Samera/Sameer. Write a letter of application for the above mentioned post in 120-150 words. Include a detailed bio-data.

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(OR)

- (B) You are Akshita/Akshay, staff correspondent for the 'BRIGHT STAR' newspaper. A day long seminar was organized by Nirmaan Public School on the "Benefits of Yoga – A Healthy Heart". Students from 20 schools participated in the event. Renowned yoga exponent Guru Shivang addressed the students on the benefits of yoga. Students of the Yoga Club demonstrated basic 'asanas' and breathing exercises. Write a report on it for the newspaper in about **120-150** words mentioning date, venue, Chief Guest, activities and response of the participants.

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**SECTION – C**

**(Literature)**

**18 Marks**

5. Attempt any **five** of the **six** questions given below, within **40** words each.

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- (i) What made the peddler think that he had fallen into a trap ?  
(The Rattrap) **2**
- (ii) What would be the impact of synthetic indigo on the prices of natural indigo ? **2**
- (iii) What does Aunt Jennifer symbolize in the poem ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers’ ? **2**
- (iv) Explain “On every morrow are we wreathing.  
A flowery band to bind us to the earth ...”. (A Thing of Beauty) **2**
- (v) Who is Mr. Lamb ? How does Derry get into his garden ? **2**
- (vi) Do you think Jack had the capability to tell good stories ? Why/  
Why not ? **2**

6. Answer any **two** of the following in about **120-150** words each. **4 × 2 = 8**

- (i) In what way do the things of beauty leave a lasting impression on us ? **4**
- (ii) Evans managed to outsmart the authorities because of his meticulous planning. Explain in the context of Evan’s character. **4**
- (iii) What changes occurred in the lives of farmers after Gandhi’s visit to Champaran ? **4**

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**SECTION A – READING****1. Read the passage given below :**

1×8=8

1. Very often, we do not take the first step towards a good cause because we say to ourselves, "The task is so big. What can I do alone ?" So nothing gets done. There is much talk about environmental protection, air pollution and saving our forests. Do we really care? If we do, here are a few things we can do to make our surroundings more pleasant.
2. It is good to adopt a two-uses-attitude! By putting an article to a second use, we are giving it a longer lease of life and using up less raw material from nature. One of the worst things we do is the abuse of paper. The clean sides of envelopes can be used to write small notes, lists and reminders around the house. The more paper we use, the more trees will have to be cut down. For the same reason, we should avoid the use of paper napkins or paper plates. Cloth napkins are just as good, for they can be washed and used over and over again.
3. Another area which needs the most urgent attention is effective garbage disposal. People who are conscious about it follow rules and laws strictly. As a result, their neighbourhoods are clean and beautiful. Similarly, each one of us can contribute to a cleaner environment. All kitchen waste should be collected separately. Those of you who have green fingers can turn this into valuable manure. Dig a pit and put the kitchen waste into it. When the pit is a little over half full, cover it up with mud. Let nature do the rest. Within three or six months, we will have a good garden manure. It can also be done as a community project by digging a large pit in the colony. Do take help of all the members, for nothing succeeds like co-operation.
4. A lot of people don't care about the environment because they don't understand the adverse effect that society has on it. It is important to convince people to care about the environment. The first step



would be to convince people to change by providing simple alternative solutions and ways of doing things. The internet is a powerful tool and a group on social media of like-minded people can be formed. People can share environmental stories and issues, as well as pool in solutions and alternatives to educate one another. With the current state that our planet is in, it is imperative that people actively care about the environment and most importantly to act now.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer **ANY EIGHT** questions from the nine given below :

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|--|---|
| (i) Why don't we take the first step towards a good cause ?  | 1 |
| (ii) What is a two-uses attitude ?   | 1 |
| (iii) What can we do to avoid the abuse of paper ? (any two points)                                  | 1 |
| (iv) What is the result of an effective way of garbage disposal ?                                    | 1 |
| (v) What procedure can one adopt for kitchen waste ?   | 1 |
| (vi) How can making of garden manure be done as community project ?                                  | 1 |
| (vii) How long does it take to make good garden manure ?   | 1 |
| (viii) Select a suitable word from the passage which means – being concerned or interested. (Para 3) | 1 |
| (ix) Pick out the word from the passage which means – completely necessary? (Para 4)                 | 1 |

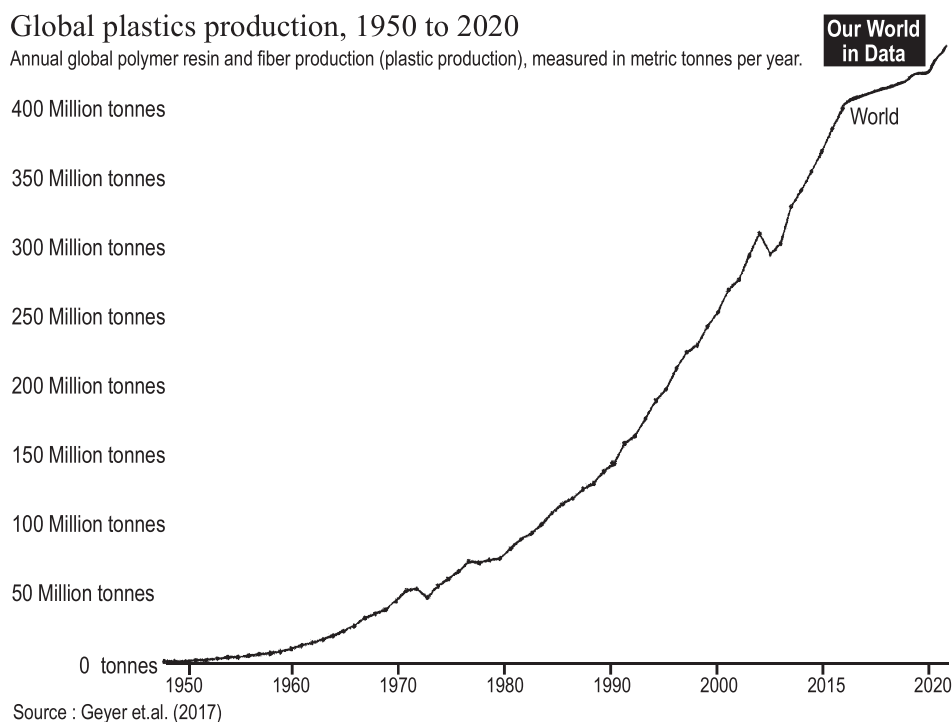
**2. Read the passage below :**

1×6=6

1. Our history makes it evident that the Indian Plastics Industry made a vigorous beginning in 1957 but it took more than 30 years for it to pervade Indian lifestyles. In 1979, 'the market for plastics' was just being seeded by the state-owned Indian Petro-Chemicals and it was only in 1994 that plastic soft drink bottles became a visible source of annoyance.



2. In the same year, people in other cities were concerned about the state of public sanitation and also urged regulatory bodies to ban the production, distribution and use of plastic bags. However the challenge was greater than it appeared at first.
3. The massive generation of plastic waste in India is due to rapid urbanisation, spread of retail chains, plastic packaging from grocery to food and vegetable products, to consumer items and cosmetics. The projected high growth rates of GDP and continuing rapid urbanisation suggest that India's trajectory of plastic consumption and plastic waste is likely to increase.



4. According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report of 2018, India stands among few other countries like France, Mongolia and several African countries that have initiated total or partial national-level bans on plastics in their jurisdictions. On World Environment Day in 2018, India vowed to phase out single-use plastics by 2022, which gave a much needed impetus to bring this change.



5. In this context, thereafter ten states (Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Odisha, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu) are currently sending their collected waste to cement plants for co-processing, twelve other states/UTs are using plastic waste for polymer bitumen road construction and still four other states are using the plastic waste for waste-to-energy plants and oil production. A world of greater possibilities has now opened up to initiate appropriate and concrete actions to build up the necessary institutions and systems before oceans turn, irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic.
6. However there is no one single masterstroke to counter the challenges witnessed by the staggering plastic waste management in the country. The time is now to formulate robust and inclusive National Action Plans and while doing so, the country will establish greater transparency to combat the plastic jeopardy in a more sustainable and holistic way.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer **ANY SIX** out of the seven questions given below :

- i. What does the writer mean by ‘visible source of annoyance’ ? 1
- ii. Why did people demand a ban on plastics ? 1
- iii. What created a demand for plastics in India ? 1
- iv. With reference to the graph write one conclusion that can be drawn about the production of plastics in 2019 (approximately). 1

**FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES (in lieu of Q.No. iv)**

What accelerated the plastic waste in India ? 1



- v. What does the upward trend of the graph indicate ? 1

**FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES (in lieu of Q.No. v)**

- How are certain states in India recycling plastic waste, productively ? 1
- vi. What does the line, oceans turning 'irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic', suggest ? 1
- vii. What step must be taken to combat the challenges of plastic waste management ? What will be its impact ? 1

**SECTION B – WRITING** 8

3. You are Muskaan/Mohit. Mrs. and Mr. Vaz have invited you to the engagement ceremony of their daughter Jane, on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at their residence, Tulsi Apartments, Evershine Nagar, Mumbai. Draft a letter of reply in about 50 words, accepting the invitation. 3

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** from A and B given below :

- 4A. You are Prem/Prabha of College Road, Bhopal. You read the following advertisement in the local daily. Write a letter of application in 120-150 words for the post. 5

**SITUATION VACANT**

WANTED a qualified and experienced Physical Education Coach for Glen Public School, Bhopal. Minimum 5 yrs. experience M.P.Ed. with specialisation in any one sport preferred. Mention additional skills and interests. Apply with full bio-data.

- 4B. Interact, the student wing of the Rotary Club organised a 3 day 'He For She' conclave (a campaign for gender equality) in Nav Nirman International School, Nashik. The initiative was appreciated by the chief guest, the US Ambassador Mr. Mark Shaw in his address to the students. You are Shiv/Shivika, staff reporter for The Hindustan Daily. Write a report for the newspaper in 120-150 words including details of activities such as the commendable work by the interns in organising the conclave, workshops and panel discussions, cultural programme, dignitaries present etc. 5

**SECTION C – LITERATURE**

- 5.** Attempt **ANY FIVE** of the six questions given below within 40 words each :  $2 \times 5 = 10$
- i. The iron master accuses the peddler of not being quite honest. What does the peddler say to justify the situation ? 2
  - ii. 'The settlement given to the sharecroppers was symbolic.' Justify why Gandhi thought so. 2
  - iii. Explain the irony at the end of the poem, 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'. 2
  - iv. Why was Jo unhappy with the ending of Jack's story ? 2
  - v. How did Mr. Lamb's conversation and company change Derry's desire to isolate himself from the world ? 2
  - vi. How did Evans manage to smear himself with blood ? What effect did it have on the officers ? 2
- 6.** Answer **ANY TWO** of the following in about 120-150 words each :  $4 \times 2 = 8$
- i. In Edla's dealing with the peddler, she was compassionate and generous. Discuss with reference to the story 'The Rattrap'. 4
  - ii. Gandhi not only alleviated the economic conditions of the Champaran people but also their social and cultural background. Justify. 4
  - iii. What impression do you form of Jack as a father ? Support your answer. 4



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**General Instructions :**

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

- (i) *This question paper contains **THREE** Sections – **READING, WRITING** and **LITERATURE**.*
- (ii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each **Part**.*

**SECTION – A**

**(Reading)**

**14 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow : **8**

- (1) Too many parents these days can't say no. As a result, they find themselves raising 'children' who respond greedily to the advertisements aimed right at them. Even getting what they want doesn't satisfy some kids; they only want more. Now, a growing number of psychologists, educators and parents think it's time to stop the madness and start teaching kids about what's really important : values like hard work, contentment, honesty and compassion. The struggle to set limits has never been tougher – and the stakes have never been higher. One recent study of adults who were overindulged as children, paints a discouraging picture of their future : when given too much too soon, they grow up to be adults who have difficulty coping with life's disappointments. They also have distorted sense of entitlement that gets in the way of success in the work place and in relationships.
- (2) Psychologists say that parents who over indulge their kids, set them up to be more vulnerable to future anxiety and depression. Today's parents themselves raised on values of thrift and self-sacrifice, grew up in a culture where 'no' was a household word. Today's kids want much more, partly because there is so much more to want. The oldest



members of this generation were born in the late 1980s, just as PCs and video games were making their assault on the family room. They think of MP3 players and flat screen TVs as essential utilities, and they have developed strategies to get them. One survey of teenagers found that when they crave for something new; most expect to ask nine times before their parents give in. By every measure, parents are shelling out record amounts. In the heat of this buying blitz, even parents who desperately need to say no find themselves reaching for their credit cards.

- (3) What parents need to find, is a balance between the advantages of an affluent society and the critical life lessons that come from waiting, saving and working hard to achieve goals. That search for balance has to start early. Children need limits on their behavior because they feel better and more secure when they live within a secured structure.
- (4) Older children learn self-control by watching how others, especially parents act. Learning how to overcome challenges is essential to becoming a successful adult. Few parents ask kids to do chores. They think their kids are already overburdened by social and academic pressures. Every individual can be of service to others, and life has meaning beyond one's own immediate happiness. That means parents eager to teach values have to take a long, hard look at their own :

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer any **eight** questions from the nine given below :

$$1 \times 8 = 8$$

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| (1) What is challenging for today's parents ?                 | 1 |
| (2) What will be the consequence of over indulging children ? | 1 |
| (3) Why do parents get caught in the buying blitz ?           | 1 |
| (4) How do children learn critical life lessons ?             | 1 |



- (5) What is the impact of advertisements on children ? 1
- (6) Why do children need limits on their behaviour ? 1
- (7) How do older children learn self-control ? 1
- (8) Find a word in the passage which means 'research'. (Paragraph 2) 1
- (9) Find a word in the passage which means 'wealthy'. (Paragraph 3) 1

2. Read the passage given below : 6

- (1) Ratan, a global brand in Dairy products, works on a business model popularly known as, 'The Ratan Model'. This model aims to provide value for money to the customers and protect the interests of farmers simultaneously.
- (2) The Ratan Model is a three-tiered structure that is implemented in its Dairy production : Firstly, Ratan acts as a direct link between milk producers and consumers that removes the middlemen. Secondly, farmers (milk producers) control procurement, processing and marketing. Thirdly, it is a professionally managed organization.
- (3) One can understand the Ratan Model better by taking cognizance of 'Ratan's Target Audience', where it has targeted the mass market of India with no premium offerings and works on providing the best quality products at affordable prices.
- (4) So Ratan formulates its pricing policy on the low cost price strategy which has attracted a lot of customers in the past and it continues to do so.
- (5) Another stance used by Ratan's Target Audience is based on customer-wise targeting and industry wise targeting. This strategy divides the target audience on the following two bases :





(6) **Segment wise break down of Customer – Based target Audience**

Customers	Ratan products
Kids	Chocolate, Ratan cool, Ratan milk.
Youth	Ratan Pizza Cheese, Cheese spread.
Health Conscious	Ratan Shakti, Ratan Lite, Butter.

The above table showcases how Ratan has a diversified customer base.

- (7) Industry Based Target Audience : Ratan has segmented milk for various industries such as ice-cream manufacturers, restaurants, coffee shops, and many similar industries. Further, it has segmented butter, ghee and cheese for bakeries, snack retailers, confectioneries, and many more.
- (8) The target audience study tells us that Ratan has a strong presence in both Business to Business and Business-to-Customers.
- (9) Ratan’s marketing campaigns and strategies are implemented in a very attractive way. For example, the story of the ‘Ratan Girl’ is a popular ‘ad’ icon. It is a hand drawn cartoon of a young girl.

Based on your understanding of the passage answer any **six** out of the seven questions given below :

**1 × 6 = 6**

- (i) What does ‘The Ratan Model’ aim at ? **1**
- (ii) In dairy production how many tiers are there ? **1**
- (iii) ‘Ratan acts as a direct link .....’. Explain. **1**
- (iv) ‘Ratan Target audience’ is described as a diversified market. Explain with reference to the given table. **1**
- For Visually Impaired Candidates (in lieu of Q. No. iv)**
- Who controls procurement, processing and marketing ? **1**
- (v) Name the two basis on which Ratan divides the target audience. **1**
- (vi) In which two spheres does Ratan have a strong presence ? **1**
- (vii) Which is the most loved ad icon of Ratan ? **1**



## SECTION – B

(Writing)

8 Marks

3. You are a student of Chandrayan Public School, Mirzapur. The school is holding its Annual Function on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The Education Minister of State Mr. Chetak Singh has consented to be the Chief Guest. Design an invitation card to be sent to parents and other invitees. Mention necessary details of date, time & venue. Do not exceed **50** words. **3**

4. Attempt any **one** from (A) and (B) given below : **5**

- (A) India Public School, Mumbai, has given an advertisement in The Times of India for recruitment of a Dance teacher.

### SITUATION VACANT

INDIA PUBLIC SCHOOL invites applications for the post of experienced and qualified Dance teacher with minimum 5 years experience, skilled in both classical and contemporary forms of dance. Mention additional skills, interests and achievements. Contact Principal, India Public School.

Write a letter of application along with a detailed bio-data for the above post in **120-150** words. Invent necessary details. You are Ankit/Amrita, Dilkhush Road, Sakinaka, Mumbai.

**OR**

- (B) Some students of the senior wing of Nav Vihar Public School, Coimbatore have collectively authored a book 'Life in a Boarding School'. The book was released by Smita Das, a renowned writer. This was followed by book reading, a question and answer session and a short play adaptation. You are Ankit/Ankita, a student editor for the school magazine, 'Perspectives'. Write a report in **120-150** words on the event mentioning date, participants, activities and response of participants. **5**





**SECTION – C**

**(Literature)**

**18 Marks**

5. Attempt any **five** of the **six** questions given below, within **40** words each :

**2 × 5 = 10**

- (i) What Christmas present did the peddler give Edla ? Explain its significance. **2**
- (ii) What conflict of duty was Gandhi involved in ? **2**
- (iii) Explain the significance of the ‘denizens pacing in sleek certainty’ in the poem ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers’. **2**
- (iv) What makes human beings love life in spite of troubles and sufferings ? (A Thing of Beauty) **2**
- (v) What made Derry extremely self-conscious ? **2**
- (vi) Jack’s story does not appeal to Jo ? Why/Why not ? **2**

6. Answer any **two** of the following in about **120-150** words each. **4 × 2 = 8**

- (i) What according to Keats are things of beauty ? What is their significance in our lives ? **4**
- (ii) Who do you think, has the last laugh – The Governor or Evans ? Justify. **4**
- (iii) Gandhi worked for the social backwardness in the Champaran villages. Elaborate. **4**





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### General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- (i) This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.
- (ii) This question paper contains **three** sections — Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.
- (iii) Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
- (iv) Separate instructions are given with each question / part, wherever necessary.
- (v) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

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**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**(22 marks)**

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) Travel, they say, broadens the mind, but who exactly are ‘they’ ? These mysterious sages seem to know a thing or two about the transformative power of packing a suitcase and jetting off to distant lands. As Mark Twain wisely put it, “Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness.” Indeed, leaving behind your familiar surroundings and completely involving yourself in a new culture is like enrolling in a crash course in the School of Life.
- (2) Take, for instance, the confusing world of foreign languages. You might think you know how to navigate a city because you can book a hotel and call a taxi, but try finding your way through a maze of winding streets in an old European town. Suddenly, “Where is the train station ?” seems sadly not enough. It’s a humbling experience, much like realising that ‘piazza’ is Italian for ‘square’ and not a type of pizza. But therein lies the beauty: each navigational blunder is a lesson, each wrong turn a new entry in your personal map of life.
- (3) Then there are the historical landmarks. Visiting the Colosseum isn’t just a chance to take an Instagram-worthy selfie; it’s a real-life history lesson that textbooks can only dream of. As you stand in the shadow of this ancient arena, you might find yourself daydreaming about gladiators and emperors, only to be jolted back to reality by a selfie stick to the face. Travel has a way of making history real, even if it sometimes includes the odd bruise.
- (4) Moreover, travel teaches resilience and adaptability. Missed flights, lost luggage, and questionable hotel rooms can turn even the most meticulously planned vacation into a comedy of errors. Yet, these are the moments that foster growth and creativity. Who knew you could fashion a comb out of a hotel toothbrush and a bit of resourcefulness.
- (5) Travel is a passport to a world of knowledge, where every stamp tells a story and every journey is a chapter in the grand, unfinished novel of your life. So, next time you find yourself lost in a foreign city, remember: you’re not just a tourist; you’re a student of the world, and the curriculum is as vast as your curiosity.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) According to Mark Twain, how does travel influence people ? 1
- (ii) How does the author use the metaphor of 'crash course in the School of Life' to interpret the value of travel ? 1
- (iii) The comparison of 'navigational blunder' to a 'lesson', in the context of travel, primarily highlights : 1
- (A) the inevitability of getting lost while travelling.
- (B) the educational value of travel experiences.
- (C) the frustration of not knowing a foreign language.
- (D) the importance of planning every detail of a trip.
- (iv) Provide one textual evidence with reference to paragraph (4) to prove that travel promotes creativity. 1
- (v) The significance of historical landmarks in the context of travel, according to the passage, is \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (vi) Give two instances of the author's resilience and adaptability during his travels. 2
- (vii) Complete the analogy with one word from paragraph (4) : 1
- fragility : weakness :: \_\_\_\_\_ : strength
- (A) adaptability
- (B) ingenuity
- (C) resilience
- (D) creativity
- (viii) How does the following statement define a traveller ? (paragraph (5)) 1
- 'You're not just a tourist; you're a student of the world, and the curriculum is as vast as your curiosity.'
- (ix) Reflect on the author's perspective on travel as an educational journey. How does this viewpoint of the author challenge conventional forms of education ? 2
- (x) Complete the sentence suitably : 1
- The author refers to travel as a passport to the world of knowledge because \_\_\_\_\_.



2. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) **Introduction** : One of the unfortunate paradoxes of our lives today is that despite adequate food production and unimaginable advances in technology, one in three persons worldwide is not getting enough of the right food to eat and approximately 800 million of seven billion sleep hungry every night. Not surprisingly, this makes poor diet the No. 1 risk factor by far, for the global burden of disease.
- (2) **Findings** : Poor diets globally are more responsible for ill health as compared with the combined effect of drugs, tobacco and alcohol. Women and children continue to be the most vulnerable, with 156 million stunted children in the world and 40% of women anaemic. Add to this the fact that the world adds 2,00,000 new people to its population every day, of which India adds 58,000. This translates to the need to feed two billion more people by 2050 and to support a higher demand for major crops, estimated to increase by 50%, from 2.5 to 3.5 billion tonnes.
- (3) **Purpose** : Target 3 for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 is to “halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer level, and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses”. Food loss is valued at \$ 1 trillion globally by the Food and Agriculture Organisation, enough to feed the 800 million who sleep hungry every night. The SDGs have put the spotlight on food loss and waste, prompting discussions on solutions through better farming practices, technology, information, and consumer behaviour changes.
- (4) **Implications** : In developed countries, ‘food waste’ occurs more at the consumer household level, whereas in emerging economies, it is the supply chain that leads to ‘food loss’ during harvest, storage or transit, due to poor infrastructure and inadequately aligned processes. Investment in creating adequate cold storage capacity alone can significantly reduce food loss. Food loss is also nutrition loss, productivity loss, and GDP loss. India, for instance, loses 40% of its food, translating to approximately \$ 7.5 billion .
- (5) **Suggestions** : To provide a dignified quality of life, India must enhance agricultural productivity, diversify crops, and eliminate food loss and waste with a firm resolve and timely action. Investments in infrastructure, information systems, technology, and public-private partnerships are critical. Minimising food loss has the potential to be transformative in multiple ways.



Answer the following questions, based on the given passage.

(i) Complete the following suitably.

The 'paradox' that the author mentions in the introduction refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

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(ii) Analyse why poor diet is the No. 1 risk factor for diseases globally. 1

(iii) What would the following be classified as ? 1

'This makes poor diet the No. 1 risk factor by far for the global burden of disease.'

Select the appropriate response.

- (A) Primary purpose (B) Secondary objective  
(C) Method of analysis (D) Research outcome

(iv) Target 3 for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 is to : 1

- (A) produce enough food to feed the 800 million who sleep hungry every night.  
(B) reduce food waste worth \$ 1 trillion globally.  
(C) reduce per capita global food waste by 50% at all levels.  
(D) reduce per capita global food waste by 50% along production and supply chains.

(v) Discuss the difference in food waste with regard to developed countries and emerging economies. Answer in about 40 words. 2

(vi) Paragraph (2) includes the words – effect and demand. Classify the following sentences as 'effect' or 'demand'. 1

Sentence 1 – 156 million stunted children in the world.

Sentence 2 – This translates to the need to feed two billion more people by 2050.

(vii) Analyse what impact food loss has on a country's economy. 1

(viii) India can ensure a dignified way of life for its citizens by : 2

(A) \_\_\_\_\_

(B) \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION B**  
**Creative Writing Skills**

**(18 marks)**

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. *1×4=4*

(a) You are Pavai/Pushkar, a class XII student of Excel Public School, Hawapur. As the President of 'Helping Hands', the social service club of your school, you have organised a musical show to raise funds for flood victims. Write a notice for your school noticeboard, giving necessary information about the programme. Do not forget to put your notice in a box.

**OR**

(b) You are Anuradha/Anirudh, a resident of Avalon Apartments, Nilashahar. You plan to conduct a two-week course to help the children of your apartment complex to acquire good communication skills. Prepare a notice stating the objectives of the course, giving necessary details, and encouraging the children of the complex to join the programme. Do not forget to put your notice in a box.

4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. *1×4=4*

(a) The Camera Enthusiasts Club is organising a Photography Exhibition, 'Echoes of Light Series', presenting the works of upcoming artists. It will be held at the National Art Gallery and will be inaugurated by the renowned artist, Shri Neelesh Gautam. Draft an invitation card for the exhibition.

**OR**

(b) You are Shreya/Shailish of D-159, Moti Vihar, Aarambagh. You have received an invitation to attend the inauguration ceremony of the newly opened furniture showroom of your friend, Karan. Write a formal letter of refusal, regretting your inability to attend the ceremony.



5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

1×5=5

(a) You have read several articles about the increasing concerns over climate change and its severe impact on the environment. Write a letter to the editor of a national newspaper, expressing your views on the issue. Highlight the importance of immediate action and suggest measures to combat climate change. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas to draft the letter. You are Surina/Sumant Kumar, a resident of 146A, Prem Nagar, Blue City.

- Issue of climate change : its growing relevance
- Consequences : in what ways we feel the impact
- The role of human activities
- Call for awareness and action
- Possible solutions

**OR**

(b) You are Bina/Brijesh Mathur from A-45, 100 ft Road, Akashpur. You read the given advertisement and wish to apply for the post advertised. Write a job application along with your bio-data.

**Jeevan Mala Hospital**

Requires

2 full-time Physiotherapists for its Vayupur branch.

Qualifications : Certified physiotherapists from reputed institutions

Minimum 5 years experience

- Strong communication skills desirable
- Package includes competitive salary, performance bonus, professional development

Apply to : [hrjeevanmala@jmhospital.com](mailto:hrjeevanmala@jmhospital.com)



6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

1×5=5

(a) You are Ratika/Ritivik, the team leader of your school's community service club. Write an article for your school magazine on the significance of community service in fostering personal growth, social responsibility, and a better society. Highlight how community service helps in addressing social issues, building essential life skills, and promoting active citizenship. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas.

- Voluntary activities contributing to society
- Builds empathy and compassion
- Enhances teamwork and leadership skills
- Addresses societal issues – environment, poverty, etc.
- Develops responsibility – personal growth
- Encourages active citizenship

**OR**

(b) You are Barkha/Krishiv, a student of Sarojini Model School, Green Meadow. Recently, you participated in a student exchange programme to Germany, where you explored the cultural, educational and social environment of the country. You visited museums and ate different kinds of food. Write a report for your school magazine describing the highlights of the exchange programme, your experiences and how it contributed to your personal and academic growth. You may organise your report by the following :

- Who – What – When – Where – Why – How



## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any *one* of the given two, (a) or (b) : 1×6=6

- (a) Fishermen in the cold sea  
would not harm whales  
and the man gathering salt  
would look at his hurt hands.

Those who prepare green wars,  
wars with gas, wars with fire,  
victory with no survivors,  
would put on clean clothes  
and walk about with their  
brothers  
in the shade, doing nothing.

(Keeping Quiet)

- (i) Choose the correct option from those given below to complete the following sentence :  
The image of the fishermen here represents : 1
- (A) the entire human population.  
(B) people of the fishing community.  
(C) the big corporations that pollute the seas.  
(D) the indiscriminate exploitation of resources by human beings.
- (ii) What will be the outcome when fishermen stop harming whales ? 1



- (iii) What do the 'hurt hands' of the man gathering salt symbolize? 1
- (A) Salt gathering is a very hazardous activity.
- (B) Workers of the salt-mining industry are exploited by their masters.
- (C) Exploitation of nature will eventually harm humans too.
- (D) Humans are unconscious of their actions.
- (iv) Complete the following sentence suitably : 1  
According to the poet, fishermen will not harm whales only when \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Select the correct option from those given in the brackets, to fill in the blank. 1  
The excerpt tells us that humans need \_\_\_\_\_ (introspection/discussion) to understand the consequences of their actions.
- (vi) The poetic device used in 'hurt hands' is the same as the one used in which of the following options ? 1
- (A) The tree groaned under the weight of its fruit.
- (B) The red apples looked beautiful in the blue bowl.
- (C) He pledged to climb mountains to reach his goal.
- (D) The building collapsed like a house of cards.

**OR**

- (b) No, in country money, the country scale of gain,  
The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,  
Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,  
I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.

(A Roadside Stand)



- (i) Select the phrase, from the lines given above, that suggests the following : 1  
The essential boost in morale and well-being has till now remained elusive.
- (ii) The tone reflected in the first three lines of this extract is that of \_\_\_\_\_. (expectation/disappointment) 1
- (iii) The 'voice of the country', in line 3, is a reference to : 1  
(A) the general mood and feelings of people living in the countryside.  
(B) the collective complaints and grievances of the urban communities.  
(C) the common opinions and beliefs of the city folk.  
(D) the traditional folklore of the rural poor.
- (iv) The poet's attitude towards the country folk is one of : 1  
(A) friendliness  
(B) callousness  
(C) superiority  
(D) sympathy
- (v) Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given extract. 1  
*Assertion :* The poet suggests that the country people's pain is exploited by those in power.  
*Reason :* The money given to the country people is a genuine attempt to improve their lives.  
Choose the correct option regarding their relationship :  
(A) Both the assertion and the reason are true and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.  
(B) Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason is **not** the correct explanation of the assertion.  
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.  
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.





- (ii) “So you’re not lost, are you ?” What Mr. Lamb is saying to Derry in this line is that : 1
- (A) he has followed his mother’s instructions carefully.  
(B) he has the ability to hear the sounds around him.  
(C) he has the ability to reflect on and appreciate nature.  
(D) he has come to the right place.
- (iii) Choose the correct option to complete the following statement. 1  
Derry’s feelings in this extract move from :
- (A) bitterness → reluctance → friendliness  
(B) shyness → reluctance → disappointment  
(C) curiosity → nostalgia → disappointment  
(D) curiosity → openness → eloquence
- (iv) When he says, “I like the light and the darkness”, the message that Mr. Lamb is conveying to Derry is \_\_\_\_\_. 1

**OR**

- (b) “Then certainly I can allow nothing to happen to you,” the General said with anxiety. His long pale Japanese face became expressionless, which meant that he was in deep thought. “You cannot be arrested,” the General said, closing his eyes. “Suppose you were condemned to death and the next day I had to have my operation ?”
- (The Enemy)
- (i) “You cannot be arrested.” What could be the reason for this ? 1
- (A) Harbours an American soldier  
(B) He was a soldier  
(C) He needed to treat the soldiers  
(D) The General might need an operation
- (ii) Why was the Japanese face without any expression ? 1



(iii) What qualities of the General are revealed in this extract ? 1

1. Compassionate
2. Revengeful
3. Decisive
4. Selfish
5. Powerful
6. Cruel

Choose the correct option :

- (A) 1, 3, 5
- (B) 2, 4, 6
- (C) 3, 4, 5
- (D) 1, 2, 6

(iv) Dr. Sadao's feelings at this point would be of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(anxiety/relief) 1

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) : 1×6=6

(a) While every other member of the Department wore a kind of uniform — khadi dhoti with a slightly oversized and clumsily tailored white khadi shirt — the legal adviser wore pants and a tie and sometimes a coat that looked like a coat of mail. Often he looked alone and helpless — a man of cold logic in a crowd of dreamers — a neutral man in an assembly of Gandhiites and khadiites. Like so many of those who were close to The Boss, he was allowed to produce a film and though a lot of raw stock and pancake were used on it, not much came of the film. Then one day The Boss closed down the Story Department and this was perhaps the only instance in all human history where a lawyer lost his job because the poets were asked to go home.

(Poets and Pancakes)



- (i) The legal adviser stood out among the others of the Story Department because of his \_\_\_\_\_ (Western/Indian) attire. 1
- (ii) Other members of the Story Department wore 'a kind of uniform' because : 1
- (A) they were influenced by Gandhi's ideals.
- (B) they also participated in the freedom movement.
- (C) it was comfortable attire for the summer months.
- (D) the Studio bosses insisted on it.
- (iii) Which of the following statements is **not** true about the legal adviser ? 1
- (A) He had an interest in film-making.
- (B) He was a down-to-earth and practical person.
- (C) He was on friendly terms with everyone at Gemini Studios.
- (D) He did not have a herd mentality.
- (iv) Why were the members of the Story Department called 'a crowd of dreamers' ? 1
- (v) Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1
- The lawyer lost his job because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) The Boss was unhappy that the film he had produced had not done well.
- (B) The Story Department, of which he was a part, was discontinued.



- (vi) The word 'pancake' has been used in the extract in the same context, as which of the following sentences : 1
- (A) She flipped the pancake perfectly, golden brown and ready to eat.
  - (B) After the storm, the tent was pancaked under the weight of the fallen tree.
  - (C) She applied a thick layer of pancake makeup for the stage performance.
  - (D) The cyclist pancaked onto the pavement after losing his balance.

**OR**

- (b) When I presented my first Doctoral dissertation in Italy, one of the Professors said, "Scholars learn a lot of a certain subject, then they make a lot of false hypotheses, then they correct them and at the end, they put the conclusions. You, on the contrary, told the story of your research. Even including your trials and errors." At the same time, he recognised I was right and went on to publish my dissertation as a book, which meant he appreciated it.

At that point, at the age of 22, I understood scholarly books should be written the way I had done — by telling the story of the research. This is why my essays always have a narrative aspect. And this is why probably I started writing narratives (novels) so late — at the age of 50, more or less.

(The Interview)

- (i) What sets Umberto Eco apart from other scholars was that he wrote his research papers in a (statistical/descriptive) manner. Choose the correct option from the words given in the brackets. 1
- (ii) What did the Professor appreciate about Eco's dissertation ? 1
- (A) He had paid great attention to accuracy.
  - (B) He had made interesting hypotheses.
  - (C) He had arrived at the right conclusions.
  - (D) He had presented his research like a story.



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(The Third Level)

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(Memories of Childhood)

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(On The Face Of It)

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**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**(22 marks)**

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (3) Then there are the historical landmarks. Visiting the Colosseum isn’t just a chance to take an Instagram-worthy selfie; it’s a real-life history lesson that textbooks can only dream of. As you stand in the shadow of this ancient arena, you might find yourself daydreaming about gladiators and emperors, only to be jolted back to reality by a selfie stick to the face. Travel has a way of making history real, even if it sometimes includes the odd bruise.
- (4) Moreover, travel teaches resilience and adaptability. Missed flights, lost luggage, and questionable hotel rooms can turn even the most meticulously planned vacation into a comedy of errors. Yet, these are the moments that foster growth and creativity. Who knew you could fashion a comb out of a hotel toothbrush and a bit of resourcefulness.
- (5) Travel is a passport to a world of knowledge, where every stamp tells a story and every journey is a chapter in the grand, unfinished novel of your life. So, next time you find yourself lost in a foreign city, remember: you’re not just a tourist; you’re a student of the world, and the curriculum is as vast as your curiosity.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) According to Mark Twain, how does travel influence people ? 1
- (ii) How does the author use the metaphor of 'crash course in the School of Life' to interpret the value of travel ? 1
- (iii) The comparison of 'navigational blunder' to a 'lesson', in the context of travel, primarily highlights : 1
- (A) the inevitability of getting lost while travelling.  
(B) the educational value of travel experiences.  
(C) the frustration of not knowing a foreign language.  
(D) the importance of planning every detail of a trip.
- (iv) Provide one textual evidence with reference to paragraph (4) to prove that travel promotes creativity. 1
- (v) The significance of historical landmarks in the context of travel, according to the passage, is \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (vi) Give two instances of the author's resilience and adaptability during his travels. 2
- (vii) Complete the analogy with one word from paragraph (4) : 1
- fragility : weakness : : \_\_\_\_\_ : strength
- (A) adaptability  
(B) ingenuity  
(C) resilience  
(D) creativity
- (viii) How does the following statement define a traveller ? (paragraph (5)) 1
- 'You're not just a tourist; you're a student of the world, and the curriculum is as vast as your curiosity.'
- (ix) Reflect on the author's perspective on travel as an educational journey. How does this viewpoint of the author challenge conventional forms of education ? 2
- (x) Complete the sentence suitably : 1
- The author refers to travel as a passport to the world of knowledge because \_\_\_\_\_.



2. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) **Introduction** : One of the unfortunate paradoxes of our lives today is that despite adequate food production and unimaginable advances in technology, one in three persons worldwide is not getting enough of the right food to eat and approximately 800 million of seven billion sleep hungry every night. Not surprisingly, this makes poor diet the No. 1 risk factor by far, for the global burden of disease.
- (2) **Findings** : Poor diets globally are more responsible for ill health as compared with the combined effect of drugs, tobacco and alcohol. Women and children continue to be the most vulnerable, with 156 million stunted children in the world and 40% of women anaemic. Add to this the fact that the world adds 2,00,000 new people to its population every day, of which India adds 58,000. This translates to the need to feed two billion more people by 2050 and to support a higher demand for major crops, estimated to increase by 50%, from 2.5 to 3.5 billion tonnes.
- (3) **Purpose** : Target 3 for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 is to “halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer level, and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses”. Food loss is valued at \$ 1 trillion globally by the Food and Agriculture Organisation, enough to feed the 800 million who sleep hungry every night. The SDGs have put the spotlight on food loss and waste, prompting discussions on solutions through better farming practices, technology, information, and consumer behaviour changes.
- (4) **Implications** : In developed countries, ‘food waste’ occurs more at the consumer household level, whereas in emerging economies, it is the supply chain that leads to ‘food loss’ during harvest, storage or transit, due to poor infrastructure and inadequately aligned processes. Investment in creating adequate cold storage capacity alone can significantly reduce food loss. Food loss is also nutrition loss, productivity loss, and GDP loss. India, for instance, loses 40% of its food, translating to approximately \$ 7.5 billion .
- (5) **Suggestions** : To provide a dignified quality of life, India must enhance agricultural productivity, diversify crops, and eliminate food loss and waste with a firm resolve and timely action. Investments in infrastructure, information systems, technology, and public-private partnerships are critical. Minimising food loss has the potential to be transformative in multiple ways.



Answer the following questions, based on the given passage.

(i) Complete the following suitably.

The 'paradox' that the author mentions in the introduction refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

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(ii) Analyse why poor diet is the No. 1 risk factor for diseases globally. 1

(iii) What would the following be classified as ? 1

'This makes poor diet the No. 1 risk factor by far for the global burden of disease.'

Select the appropriate response.

- (A) Primary purpose (B) Secondary objective  
(C) Method of analysis (D) Research outcome

(iv) Target 3 for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 is to : 1

- (A) produce enough food to feed the 800 million who sleep hungry every night.  
(B) reduce food waste worth \$ 1 trillion globally.  
(C) reduce per capita global food waste by 50% at all levels.  
(D) reduce per capita global food waste by 50% along production and supply chains.

(v) Discuss the difference in food waste with regard to developed countries and emerging economies. Answer in about 40 words. 2

(vi) Paragraph (2) includes the words – effect and demand. Classify the following sentences as 'effect' or 'demand'. 1

Sentence 1 – 156 million stunted children in the world.

Sentence 2 – This translates to the need to feed two billion more people by 2050.

(vii) Analyse what impact food loss has on a country's economy. 1

(viii) India can ensure a dignified way of life for its citizens by : 2

(A) \_\_\_\_\_

(B) \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION B**  
**Creative Writing Skills**

**(18 marks)**

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. *1×4=4*

(a) You are the Examination In-charge of Sun Public School, Sandhyapur. The government has declared a two-day holiday, due to severe rainfall and water-logging. Due to this, the exams that had been scheduled for these two days, have to be shifted to a later date. Draft a notice, announcing the change, and providing all relevant details, for the school noticeboard. Do not forget to put your notice in a box.

**OR**

(b) You are the President of Students' Council of New Senior School, Nainpur. Write a notice for the members of the Council to attend a meeting to discuss proposals for student welfare as well as duties and responsibilities to be allocated. Provide all relevant details. Do not forget to put your notice in a box.

4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. *1×4=4*

(a) Moon School, Roshnibagh is organising a webinar for school teachers of the district to create awareness on 'Identifying Mental Health Issues in Children'. Draft an invitation for eminent mental health expert, Ms. Charu Verma to be the guest speaker. Provide all necessary details.

**OR**

(b) You are Aarti/Arvind Nair, an eminent journalist and author. You have received an invitation to inaugurate the new library block of Swami Vivekananda College. Draft a formal reply accepting the invitation. Provide necessary details.



5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words. 1×5=5

(a) You are Savita/Saumya Beniwal, a resident of 46, Happy Valley. Write a letter to the editor expressing your concerns about the fragile condition of hill stations across the country, particularly during the monsoon season. Highlight the reasons for these calamities and also offer solutions for the same. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas to draft the letter.

- Frequent disasters, calamities in hilly areas
- Environmental degradation, unplanned urbanisation, pressure of tourism
- Impact on local communities
- Possible solutions – at government, community level

**OR**

(b) The following advertisement appeared in a local newspaper. As Bhavna/Bhriugu Dixit, residing at 483/2, Seemanagar, apply for the vacant post along with a bio-data.

**SITUATION VACANT**

**Reputed Public School**

Requires

- An experienced Chemistry teacher to teach senior school students
- Post-graduate degree in Chemistry along with B.Ed. degree
- Minimum 3 years experience
- Well-versed in computer skills
- Salary and perks as per government rules

Apply to : The Manager, Vidya School, Bhumipur



6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

1×5=5

(a) Reflecting on the disturbing realities observed in old age homes, write an article titled 'From Neglect to Nurture' on the need to care for elderly parents rather than abandoning them. Discuss the various implications of neglecting elderly family members and how we can promote a culture of compassion and responsibility towards ageing parents. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas. You are Ragini/Ronit Gupta.

- Emotional impact on elderly people
- Physical neglect, effect on mental health
- Ethical need for children to take responsibility
- Social implications of neglecting elders
- Alternative solutions – family and community support

**OR**

(b) You are Fatima/Firdaus Khan. Your school's Community Outreach Club, in association with the Rotary Club, recently set-up a library for slum children in the Seemapuri district of Baranagar. The library was inaugurated by the local councillor, Shri Braham Dutt. Write a detailed report on the event for the club newsletter. You may organise the report by following :

- Who – What – When – Where – Why – How



## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any *one* of the given two, (a) or (b) : 1×6=6

- (a) Fishermen in the cold sea  
would not harm whales  
and the man gathering salt  
would look at his hurt hands.

Those who prepare green wars,  
wars with gas, wars with fire,  
victory with no survivors,  
would put on clean clothes  
and walk about with their  
brothers  
in the shade, doing nothing.

(Keeping Quiet)

- (i) Choose the correct option from those given below to complete the following sentence :  
The image of the fishermen here represents : 1
- (A) the entire human population.  
(B) people of the fishing community.  
(C) the big corporations that pollute the seas.  
(D) the indiscriminate exploitation of resources by human beings.
- (ii) What will be the outcome when fishermen stop harming whales ? 1



- (iii) What do the 'hurt hands' of the man gathering salt symbolize? 1
- (A) Salt gathering is a very hazardous activity.
- (B) Workers of the salt-mining industry are exploited by their masters.
- (C) Exploitation of nature will eventually harm humans too.
- (D) Humans are unconscious of their actions.
- (iv) Complete the following sentence suitably : 1  
According to the poet, fishermen will not harm whales only when \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Select the correct option from those given in the brackets, to fill in the blank. 1  
The excerpt tells us that humans need \_\_\_\_\_ (introspection/discussion) to understand the consequences of their actions.
- (vi) The poetic device used in 'hurt hands' is the same as the one used in which of the following options? 1
- (A) The tree groaned under the weight of its fruit.
- (B) The red apples looked beautiful in the blue bowl.
- (C) He pledged to climb mountains to reach his goal.
- (D) The building collapsed like a house of cards.

**OR**

- (b) No, in country money, the country scale of gain,  
The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,  
Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,  
I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.

(A Roadside Stand)



- (i) Select the phrase, from the lines given above, that suggests the following : 1  
The essential boost in morale and well-being has till now remained elusive.
- (ii) The tone reflected in the first three lines of this extract is that of \_\_\_\_\_. (expectation/disappointment) 1
- (iii) The 'voice of the country', in line 3, is a reference to : 1  
(A) the general mood and feelings of people living in the countryside.  
(B) the collective complaints and grievances of the urban communities.  
(C) the common opinions and beliefs of the city folk.  
(D) the traditional folklore of the rural poor.
- (iv) The poet's attitude towards the country folk is one of : 1  
(A) friendliness  
(B) callousness  
(C) superiority  
(D) sympathy
- (v) Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given extract. 1  
*Assertion :* The poet suggests that the country people's pain is exploited by those in power.  
*Reason :* The money given to the country people is a genuine attempt to improve their lives.  
Choose the correct option regarding their relationship :  
(A) Both the assertion and the reason are true and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.  
(B) Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason is **not** the correct explanation of the assertion.  
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.  
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.





- (ii) “So you’re not lost, are you ?” What Mr. Lamb is saying to Derry in this line is that : 1
- (A) he has followed his mother’s instructions carefully.  
(B) he has the ability to hear the sounds around him.  
(C) he has the ability to reflect on and appreciate nature.  
(D) he has come to the right place.
- (iii) Choose the correct option to complete the following statement. 1  
Derry’s feelings in this extract move from :
- (A) bitterness → reluctance → friendliness  
(B) shyness → reluctance → disappointment  
(C) curiosity → nostalgia → disappointment  
(D) curiosity → openness → eloquence
- (iv) When he says, “I like the light and the darkness”, the message that Mr. Lamb is conveying to Derry is \_\_\_\_\_. 1

**OR**

- (b) “Then certainly I can allow nothing to happen to you,” the General said with anxiety. His long pale Japanese face became expressionless, which meant that he was in deep thought. “You cannot be arrested,” the General said, closing his eyes. “Suppose you were condemned to death and the next day I had to have my operation ?”

(The Enemy)

- (i) “You cannot be arrested.” What could be the reason for this ? 1
- (A) Harbours an American soldier  
(B) He was a soldier  
(C) He needed to treat the soldiers  
(D) The General might need an operation
- (ii) Why was the Japanese face without any expression ? 1



(iii) What qualities of the General are revealed in this extract ? 1

1. Compassionate
2. Revengeful
3. Decisive
4. Selfish
5. Powerful
6. Cruel

Choose the correct option :

- (A) 1, 3, 5
- (B) 2, 4, 6
- (C) 3, 4, 5
- (D) 1, 2, 6

(iv) Dr. Sadao's feelings at this point would be of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(anxiety/relief) 1

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) : 1×6=6

(a) While every other member of the Department wore a kind of uniform — khadi dhoti with a slightly oversized and clumsily tailored white khadi shirt — the legal adviser wore pants and a tie and sometimes a coat that looked like a coat of mail. Often he looked alone and helpless — a man of cold logic in a crowd of dreamers — a neutral man in an assembly of Gandhiites and khadiites. Like so many of those who were close to The Boss, he was allowed to produce a film and though a lot of raw stock and pancake were used on it, not much came of the film. Then one day The Boss closed down the Story Department and this was perhaps the only instance in all human history where a lawyer lost his job because the poets were asked to go home.

(Poets and Pancakes)



- (i) The legal adviser stood out among the others of the Story Department because of his \_\_\_\_\_ (Western/Indian) attire. 1
- (ii) Other members of the Story Department wore 'a kind of uniform' because : 1
- (A) they were influenced by Gandhi's ideals.
- (B) they also participated in the freedom movement.
- (C) it was comfortable attire for the summer months.
- (D) the Studio bosses insisted on it.
- (iii) Which of the following statements is **not** true about the legal adviser ? 1
- (A) He had an interest in film-making.
- (B) He was a down-to-earth and practical person.
- (C) He was on friendly terms with everyone at Gemini Studios.
- (D) He did not have a herd mentality.
- (iv) Why were the members of the Story Department called 'a crowd of dreamers' ? 1
- (v) Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1
- The lawyer lost his job because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) The Boss was unhappy that the film he had produced had not done well.
- (B) The Story Department, of which he was a part, was discontinued.



- (vi) The word 'pancake' has been used in the extract in the same context, as which of the following sentences : 1
- (A) She flipped the pancake perfectly, golden brown and ready to eat.
  - (B) After the storm, the tent was pancaked under the weight of the fallen tree.
  - (C) She applied a thick layer of pancake makeup for the stage performance.
  - (D) The cyclist pancaked onto the pavement after losing his balance.

**OR**

- (b) When I presented my first Doctoral dissertation in Italy, one of the Professors said, "Scholars learn a lot of a certain subject, then they make a lot of false hypotheses, then they correct them and at the end, they put the conclusions. You, on the contrary, told the story of your research. Even including your trials and errors." At the same time, he recognised I was right and went on to publish my dissertation as a book, which meant he appreciated it.

At that point, at the age of 22, I understood scholarly books should be written the way I had done — by telling the story of the research. This is why my essays always have a narrative aspect. And this is why probably I started writing narratives (novels) so late — at the age of 50, more or less.

(The Interview)

- (i) What sets Umberto Eco apart from other scholars was that he wrote his research papers in a (statistical/descriptive) manner. Choose the correct option from the words given in the brackets. 1
- (ii) What did the Professor appreciate about Eco's dissertation ? 1
  - (A) He had paid great attention to accuracy.
  - (B) He had made interesting hypotheses.
  - (C) He had arrived at the right conclusions.
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(On The Face Of It)

**OR**

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**(22 marks)**

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- (1) Travel, they say, broadens the mind, but who exactly are ‘they’ ? These mysterious sages seem to know a thing or two about the transformative power of packing a suitcase and jetting off to distant lands. As Mark Twain wisely put it, “Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry and narrow-mindedness.” Indeed, leaving behind your familiar surroundings and completely involving yourself in a new culture is like enrolling in a crash course in the School of Life.
- (2) Take, for instance, the confusing world of foreign languages. You might think you know how to navigate a city because you can book a hotel and call a taxi, but try finding your way through a maze of winding streets in an old European town. Suddenly, “Where is the train station ?” seems sadly not enough. It’s a humbling experience, much like realising that ‘piazza’ is Italian for ‘square’ and not a type of pizza. But therein lies the beauty: each navigational blunder is a lesson, each wrong turn a new entry in your personal map of life.
- (3) Then there are the historical landmarks. Visiting the Colosseum isn’t just a chance to take an Instagram-worthy selfie; it’s a real-life history lesson that textbooks can only dream of. As you stand in the shadow of this ancient arena, you might find yourself daydreaming about gladiators and emperors, only to be jolted back to reality by a selfie stick to the face. Travel has a way of making history real, even if it sometimes includes the odd bruise.
- (4) Moreover, travel teaches resilience and adaptability. Missed flights, lost luggage, and questionable hotel rooms can turn even the most meticulously planned vacation into a comedy of errors. Yet, these are the moments that foster growth and creativity. Who knew you could fashion a comb out of a hotel toothbrush and a bit of resourcefulness.
- (5) Travel is a passport to a world of knowledge, where every stamp tells a story and every journey is a chapter in the grand, unfinished novel of your life. So, next time you find yourself lost in a foreign city, remember: you’re not just a tourist; you’re a student of the world, and the curriculum is as vast as your curiosity.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) According to Mark Twain, how does travel influence people ? 1
- (ii) How does the author use the metaphor of 'crash course in the School of Life' to interpret the value of travel ? 1
- (iii) The comparison of 'navigational blunder' to a 'lesson', in the context of travel, primarily highlights : 1
- (A) the inevitability of getting lost while travelling.
- (B) the educational value of travel experiences.
- (C) the frustration of not knowing a foreign language.
- (D) the importance of planning every detail of a trip.
- (iv) Provide one textual evidence with reference to paragraph (4) to prove that travel promotes creativity. 1
- (v) The significance of historical landmarks in the context of travel, according to the passage, is \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (vi) Give two instances of the author's resilience and adaptability during his travels. 2
- (vii) Complete the analogy with one word from paragraph (4) : 1
- fragility : weakness :: \_\_\_\_\_ : strength
- (A) adaptability
- (B) ingenuity
- (C) resilience
- (D) creativity
- (viii) How does the following statement define a traveller ? (paragraph (5)) 1
- 'You're not just a tourist; you're a student of the world, and the curriculum is as vast as your curiosity.'
- (ix) Reflect on the author's perspective on travel as an educational journey. How does this viewpoint of the author challenge conventional forms of education ? 2
- (x) Complete the sentence suitably : 1
- The author refers to travel as a passport to the world of knowledge because \_\_\_\_\_.



2. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) **Introduction** : One of the unfortunate paradoxes of our lives today is that despite adequate food production and unimaginable advances in technology, one in three persons worldwide is not getting enough of the right food to eat and approximately 800 million of seven billion sleep hungry every night. Not surprisingly, this makes poor diet the No. 1 risk factor by far, for the global burden of disease.
- (2) **Findings** : Poor diets globally are more responsible for ill health as compared with the combined effect of drugs, tobacco and alcohol. Women and children continue to be the most vulnerable, with 156 million stunted children in the world and 40% of women anaemic. Add to this the fact that the world adds 2,00,000 new people to its population every day, of which India adds 58,000. This translates to the need to feed two billion more people by 2050 and to support a higher demand for major crops, estimated to increase by 50%, from 2.5 to 3.5 billion tonnes.
- (3) **Purpose** : Target 3 for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 is to “halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer level, and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses”. Food loss is valued at \$ 1 trillion globally by the Food and Agriculture Organisation, enough to feed the 800 million who sleep hungry every night. The SDGs have put the spotlight on food loss and waste, prompting discussions on solutions through better farming practices, technology, information, and consumer behaviour changes.
- (4) **Implications** : In developed countries, ‘food waste’ occurs more at the consumer household level, whereas in emerging economies, it is the supply chain that leads to ‘food loss’ during harvest, storage or transit, due to poor infrastructure and inadequately aligned processes. Investment in creating adequate cold storage capacity alone can significantly reduce food loss. Food loss is also nutrition loss, productivity loss, and GDP loss. India, for instance, loses 40% of its food, translating to approximately \$ 7.5 billion .
- (5) **Suggestions** : To provide a dignified quality of life, India must enhance agricultural productivity, diversify crops, and eliminate food loss and waste with a firm resolve and timely action. Investments in infrastructure, information systems, technology, and public-private partnerships are critical. Minimising food loss has the potential to be transformative in multiple ways.



Answer the following questions, based on the given passage.

(i) Complete the following suitably.

The 'paradox' that the author mentions in the introduction refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

1

(ii) Analyse why poor diet is the No. 1 risk factor for diseases globally. 1

(iii) What would the following be classified as ? 1

'This makes poor diet the No. 1 risk factor by far for the global burden of disease.'

Select the appropriate response.

- (A) Primary purpose (B) Secondary objective  
(C) Method of analysis (D) Research outcome

(iv) Target 3 for Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12 is to : 1

- (A) produce enough food to feed the 800 million who sleep hungry every night.  
(B) reduce food waste worth \$ 1 trillion globally.  
(C) reduce per capita global food waste by 50% at all levels.  
(D) reduce per capita global food waste by 50% along production and supply chains.

(v) Discuss the difference in food waste with regard to developed countries and emerging economies. Answer in about 40 words. 2

(vi) Paragraph (2) includes the words – effect and demand. Classify the following sentences as 'effect' or 'demand'. 1

Sentence 1 – 156 million stunted children in the world.

Sentence 2 – This translates to the need to feed two billion more people by 2050.

(vii) Analyse what impact food loss has on a country's economy. 1

(viii) India can ensure a dignified way of life for its citizens by : 2

(A) \_\_\_\_\_

(B) \_\_\_\_\_



**SECTION B**  
**Creative Writing Skills**

**(18 marks)**

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. *1×4=4*

(a) You are the sports captain of Greenleaf Public School, Vayunagar. Write a notice informing the students about a summer camp being organized by the school for training in Swimming and Tennis. Provide all necessary details. Do not forget to put your notice in a box.

**OR**

(b) Your school is organizing a two-day National Integration Camp at Zenith International School, Khushipur. There will be art, music, song and dance competitions. As Cultural In-charge, draft a notice giving details and inviting participation from students of classes IX – XII. Do not forget to put your notice in a box.

4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. *1×4=4*

(a) You are Srihaan Bhatia, the Head Boy of Bharti School, Gaganshahar. Your school is holding an Inter-school Pickleball Championship from 10<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. Write a formal invitation to the renowned tennis player, Shri Mahesh Bhupathi, to inaugurate the championship at your school grounds. Provide all necessary details.

**OR**

(b) The Residents' Welfare Society of your colony is organising a carnival on Children's Day. There will be food stalls, games and rides, along with many attractive prizes. Extend an invitation to the residents to participate in the same. Provide the necessary details.



5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

1×5=5

- (a) Child labour remains a pressing issue in India, despite numerous legal frameworks and initiatives to combat it. As a concerned citizen, write a letter to the editor of a national daily highlighting the socio-economic, cultural, and political factors that contribute to this issue. Explore the roles of both government and society in eradicating this problem. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas to draft the letter. You are Julia/John of 14, Old Street, New Town.

- Economic conditions and inadequate access to education
- Exploitation by industries
- Cultural norms and traditions
- Impact on child development : physical, emotional and psychological
- Solutions : at the level of government and society

**OR**

- (b) You are Ashna/Anshul Chauhan of Block B/II, Geet Apartments, Suryapur. Write a job application along with your bio-data, in response to the following advertisement that you came across in a newspaper.

**ARCADE ARCHITECTS**

Requires

- Creative and detail-oriented Junior Architect to assist in designing residential and commercial buildings
- Candidate must have a Bachelor's degree in Architecture
- 1 – 3 years relevant experience
- Proficiency in CAD software
- Experience in project design, drafting and site supervision
- A passion for innovative design and sustainable architecture is a must

Apply within 15 days to : [hr\\_manager@buildwell.com](mailto:hr_manager@buildwell.com)



6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

1×5=5

(a) Artificial Intelligence (AI) has increasingly become an integral part of our daily lives, influencing various sectors such as healthcare, education, entertainment, and business. While AI offers significant benefits in terms of efficiency and innovation, it also raises ethical and societal concerns. Write an article on the role of AI in modern life, examining both its advantages and potential risks. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas. You are Amaya/Ashok.

- AI in everyday tasks – communication, transportation, household management
- Impact on education, employment, healthcare
- Privacy concerns – data collection, surveillance
- Ethics and decision-making

**OR**

(b) You are Saloni/Sahil, President of the Technology Club of your school. The club recently organised a Tech-fest, showcasing various innovations, projects, and competitions related to technology. Write a detailed report on the event. You may organise your report by the following :

- Who – What – When – Where – Why – How



## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any *one* of the given two, (a) or (b) : 1×6=6

- (a) Fishermen in the cold sea  
would not harm whales  
and the man gathering salt  
would look at his hurt hands.

Those who prepare green wars,  
wars with gas, wars with fire,  
victory with no survivors,  
would put on clean clothes  
and walk about with their  
brothers  
in the shade, doing nothing.

(Keeping Quiet)

- (i) Choose the correct option from those given below to complete the following sentence :  
The image of the fishermen here represents : 1
- (A) the entire human population.  
(B) people of the fishing community.  
(C) the big corporations that pollute the seas.  
(D) the indiscriminate exploitation of resources by human beings.
- (ii) What will be the outcome when fishermen stop harming whales ? 1



- (iii) What do the 'hurt hands' of the man gathering salt symbolize? 1
- (A) Salt gathering is a very hazardous activity.
- (B) Workers of the salt-mining industry are exploited by their masters.
- (C) Exploitation of nature will eventually harm humans too.
- (D) Humans are unconscious of their actions.
- (iv) Complete the following sentence suitably : 1  
According to the poet, fishermen will not harm whales only when \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Select the correct option from those given in the brackets, to fill in the blank. 1  
The excerpt tells us that humans need \_\_\_\_\_ (introspection/discussion) to understand the consequences of their actions.
- (vi) The poetic device used in 'hurt hands' is the same as the one used in which of the following options ? 1
- (A) The tree groaned under the weight of its fruit.
- (B) The red apples looked beautiful in the blue bowl.
- (C) He pledged to climb mountains to reach his goal.
- (D) The building collapsed like a house of cards.

**OR**

- (b) No, in country money, the country scale of gain,  
The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,  
Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,  
I can't help owning the great relief it would be  
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.

(A Roadside Stand)



- (i) Select the phrase, from the lines given above, that suggests the following : 1  
The essential boost in morale and well-being has till now remained elusive.
- (ii) The tone reflected in the first three lines of this extract is that of \_\_\_\_\_. (expectation/disappointment) 1
- (iii) The 'voice of the country', in line 3, is a reference to : 1  
(A) the general mood and feelings of people living in the countryside.  
(B) the collective complaints and grievances of the urban communities.  
(C) the common opinions and beliefs of the city folk.  
(D) the traditional folklore of the rural poor.
- (iv) The poet's attitude towards the country folk is one of : 1  
(A) friendliness  
(B) callousness  
(C) superiority  
(D) sympathy
- (v) Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the given extract. 1  
*Assertion :* The poet suggests that the country people's pain is exploited by those in power.  
*Reason :* The money given to the country people is a genuine attempt to improve their lives.  
Choose the correct option regarding their relationship :  
(A) Both the assertion and the reason are true and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.  
(B) Both the assertion and the reason are true, but the reason is **not** the correct explanation of the assertion.  
(C) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.  
(D) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.





- (ii) “So you’re not lost, are you ?” What Mr. Lamb is saying to Derry in this line is that : 1
- (A) he has followed his mother’s instructions carefully.  
(B) he has the ability to hear the sounds around him.  
(C) he has the ability to reflect on and appreciate nature.  
(D) he has come to the right place.
- (iii) Choose the correct option to complete the following statement. 1  
Derry’s feelings in this extract move from :
- (A) bitterness → reluctance → friendliness  
(B) shyness → reluctance → disappointment  
(C) curiosity → nostalgia → disappointment  
(D) curiosity → openness → eloquence
- (iv) When he says, “I like the light and the darkness”, the message that Mr. Lamb is conveying to Derry is \_\_\_\_\_. 1

**OR**

- (b) “Then certainly I can allow nothing to happen to you,” the General said with anxiety. His long pale Japanese face became expressionless, which meant that he was in deep thought. “You cannot be arrested,” the General said, closing his eyes. “Suppose you were condemned to death and the next day I had to have my operation ?”

(The Enemy)

- (i) “You cannot be arrested.” What could be the reason for this ? 1
- (A) Harbours an American soldier  
(B) He was a soldier  
(C) He needed to treat the soldiers  
(D) The General might need an operation
- (ii) Why was the Japanese face without any expression ? 1



(iii) What qualities of the General are revealed in this extract ? 1

1. Compassionate
2. Revengeful
3. Decisive
4. Selfish
5. Powerful
6. Cruel

Choose the correct option :

- (A) 1, 3, 5
- (B) 2, 4, 6
- (C) 3, 4, 5
- (D) 1, 2, 6

(iv) Dr. Sadao's feelings at this point would be of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(anxiety/relief) 1

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) : 1×6=6

(a) While every other member of the Department wore a kind of uniform — khadi dhoti with a slightly oversized and clumsily tailored white khadi shirt — the legal adviser wore pants and a tie and sometimes a coat that looked like a coat of mail. Often he looked alone and helpless — a man of cold logic in a crowd of dreamers — a neutral man in an assembly of Gandhiites and khadiites. Like so many of those who were close to The Boss, he was allowed to produce a film and though a lot of raw stock and pancake were used on it, not much came of the film. Then one day The Boss closed down the Story Department and this was perhaps the only instance in all human history where a lawyer lost his job because the poets were asked to go home.

(Poets and Pancakes)



- (i) The legal adviser stood out among the others of the Story Department because of his \_\_\_\_\_ (Western/Indian) attire. 1
- (ii) Other members of the Story Department wore 'a kind of uniform' because : 1
- (A) they were influenced by Gandhi's ideals.
- (B) they also participated in the freedom movement.
- (C) it was comfortable attire for the summer months.
- (D) the Studio bosses insisted on it.
- (iii) Which of the following statements is **not** true about the legal adviser ? 1
- (A) He had an interest in film-making.
- (B) He was a down-to-earth and practical person.
- (C) He was on friendly terms with everyone at Gemini Studios.
- (D) He did not have a herd mentality.
- (iv) Why were the members of the Story Department called 'a crowd of dreamers' ? 1
- (v) Choose the correct option to complete the following sentence. 1
- The lawyer lost his job because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (A) The Boss was unhappy that the film he had produced had not done well.
- (B) The Story Department, of which he was a part, was discontinued.



- (vi) The word 'pancake' has been used in the extract in the same context, as which of the following sentences : 1
- (A) She flipped the pancake perfectly, golden brown and ready to eat.
  - (B) After the storm, the tent was pancaked under the weight of the fallen tree.
  - (C) She applied a thick layer of pancake makeup for the stage performance.
  - (D) The cyclist pancaked onto the pavement after losing his balance.

**OR**

- (b) When I presented my first Doctoral dissertation in Italy, one of the Professors said, "Scholars learn a lot of a certain subject, then they make a lot of false hypotheses, then they correct them and at the end, they put the conclusions. You, on the contrary, told the story of your research. Even including your trials and errors." At the same time, he recognised I was right and went on to publish my dissertation as a book, which meant he appreciated it.

At that point, at the age of 22, I understood scholarly books should be written the way I had done — by telling the story of the research. This is why my essays always have a narrative aspect. And this is why probably I started writing narratives (novels) so late — at the age of 50, more or less.

(The Interview)

- (i) What sets Umberto Eco apart from other scholars was that he wrote his research papers in a (statistical/descriptive) manner. Choose the correct option from the words given in the brackets. 1
- (ii) What did the Professor appreciate about Eco's dissertation ? 1
  - (A) He had paid great attention to accuracy.
  - (B) He had made interesting hypotheses.
  - (C) He had arrived at the right conclusions.
  - (D) He had presented his research like a story.



- (iii) According to the Professor, what was the general pattern of dissertations submitted by scholars ? 1
- (iv) The word 'dissertation' as used in the extract does **not** mean : 1  
(A) thesis (B) discourse  
(C) treatise (D) synopsis
- (v) Choose the correct option to answer the following question : 1  
What realisation did Umberto Eco come to at the age of 22 ?  
(i) Scholars should avoid false hypotheses.  
(ii) Scholars could be successful as novelists.  
(iii) Scholars should have a narrative aspect in their work.  
(iv) Scholars could never be successful as novelists.
- (vi) What prepared Umberto Eco to become a novelist so late in life ? 1

10. Answer any **five** of the following six questions in 40 – 50 words each : 5×2=10

- (i) Who did M. Hamel blame for the neglect of learning on the part of boys like Franz ? (The Last Lesson)
- (ii) What contrast do you notice between the colours of the bangles and the atmosphere of the place where these bangles are made ? (Lost Spring)
- (iii) Identify instances from the lesson 'Going Places' to show that Sophie's dreams and disappointments are all in her mind. (Going Places)
- (iv) Discuss any two symbols from the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers'.
- (v) Discuss two emotions of the mother-daughter relationship that come across in the phrase 'smile and smile'. (My Mother at Sixty-six)
- (vi) How does the experience at Warm Lake contrast with the earlier incident at the YMCA pool, and what does this contrast suggest about the narrator's growth ? (Deep Water)



11. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each :  $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) How is the ending of the story ‘The Third Level’ ironic ?
- (ii) How does the author satirise the upbringing and education of crown princes of Indian states ? (The Tiger King)
- (iii) How does Zitkala-Sa’s reaction to having her hair cut reflect her feelings about cultural identity and personal autonomy ? (Memories of Childhood)

12. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 120 – 150 words :  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) In the poems ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers’ by Adrienne Rich and ‘A Thing of Beauty’ by John Keats, how do the themes of beauty and art function as mechanisms for coping with pain and suffering ? Discuss how each poet uses imagery and symbolism to convey the power of art and beauty in transcending life’s hardships.

**OR**

- (b) In the stories ‘The Rattrap’ by Selma Lagerlöf and ‘Indigo’ by Louis Fischer, both the rattrap peddler and Rajkumar Shukla face significant struggles. Compare and contrast their approaches to handling these challenges. How do their differing circumstances and decisions reflect their character and the broader social context ?



13. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 120 – 150 words :  $1 \times 5 = 5$

- (a) Bama is grateful to her brother for raising her awareness about the discrimination faced by her community and for guiding her to pursue education to build her own identity and overcome the stigma associated with their marginalised status in society. Support your answer with textual evidence.

(On The Face Of It)

**OR**

- (b) Tishani Doshi, after her transformative experience in Antarctica, understands the importance of environmental awareness, responsible stewardship and proactive efforts to combat climate change for the preservation of the planet. Support your answer with details from the lesson 'Journey to the end of the Earth'.



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**SET-2**

Q.P. Code **1/4/2**

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Candidates must write the Q.P. Code on the title page of the answer-book.

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**ENGLISH (Core)**



*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 80*



**General Instructions :**

*Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

- (i) This Question Paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) This question paper contains **THREE** Sections – Section – A : **READING SKILLS**, Section – B : **CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS** and Section – C : **LITERATURE**.*
- (iii) Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
- (iv) Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.*
- (v) Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*

**SECTION – A**

**(READING SKILLS)**

**(22 Marks)**

1. Read the passage given below : **12 M**

- (1) What do we typically do when we find our children doing something we don't approve of ? We become reactive parents. Often, we pepper our reactions with lectures. When it doesn't work and predictably so; we end up screaming and dole out a punishment. And our children react with anger, resentment or 'can't-be-bothered' attitude.
- (2) Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh put it beautifully when he described how each child has both negative seeds- of anger, despair, hatred, fear and violence- and wholesome seeds- of love, happiness, compassion and forgiveness. According to him, what will blossom depends on the seeds we nurture.



(3) A parenting and educational approach that's gaining a large following internationally, called the Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) by Howard Glasser, is very much in keeping with this Zen approach. The three main aspects of this approach are :

- Refuse to energize negativity.
- Relentlessly energize their positives.
- Reset : Do not react negatively and stay calm when the child does something wrong.

Parents following this approach commit to not saying or doing anything that may fuel negativity in the child. But the parent has to make sure she/he does this very calmly, without any anger or resentment.

(4) While on a mission to cut the negative, the parent looks for every opportunity to energize the positive in the child. This is done through persistently appreciating the goodness in the child in the smallest of ways : You were really generous about sharing your pizza with your sister; I appreciate the hard work you have put in your project; It takes courage to stand up to a bully. If you observe, the appreciation is not about saying “excellent”, “amazing” or “good”, which is really an empty praise and does not speak much to the child. Qualifying a praise, on the other hand, gives the child direction and she/he begins to understand what qualities, values and strengths are appreciated. These are also necessary ingredients of life skills and success.

(5) This approach is not merely about noticing when the child is being good, it is about recognizing the child's worth at every step. It's about aligning his energy in believing that he has great qualities, which are being identified and validated by the parents at every step. He realizes that there is no point choosing negativity, as there are no pay-offs in it. So, start building your child's inner wealth – there is nothing to lose.



**Answer the following questions, based on the given passage :**

- (i) Complete the following sentence with an appropriate word :  
“ – we end up screaming and dole out punishment.”  
In the above sentence, the author criticizes the \_\_\_\_\_ approach of the parents. **1**
- (ii) Explain in about 40 words, when and how do parents become reactive. **2**
- (iii) In the line ‘what will bloom will depend on the seeds we nurture’ – what seeds does the author refer to ? **1**  
(A) Seasonal seeds (B) Societal news  
(C) Parental attitude (D) Values and emotions
- (iv) Explain in about 40 words why does NHA focus on reforming parents to reform children. **2**
- (v) Share evidence from the text, in about 40 words, to support the view that parents appreciate the goodness of the child at every opportunity. **2**
- (vi) In paragraph 5, in what way does ‘This approach’ differ from the earlier approach ? **1**
- (vii) Select the option that can be classified as qualifying a praise as explained in the passage : **1**  
(A) You can be more helpful.  
(B) You demonstrated patience while teaching your junior.  
(C) Use your skill to be an excellent sportsman.  
(D) You have to be amazing in your work.
- (viii) The phrase ‘to cut the negative’ in para 4 most nearly means : **1**  
(A) to reduce wasteful expenditure  
(B) to stop criticizing  
(C) to eliminate challenges  
(D) to humiliate someone
- (ix) Read the five headlines (a) – (e) given below : **1**  
(a) New Age Parenting  
(b) Children – A Rebellious Generation  
(c) Channelizing Energy  
(d) Teacher – A Nation Builder  
(e) Skill Development – Careers Ahead



Identify the option that displays the headline/s that Does/Do not correspond with the occurrences in the text

- (A) (a) and (e)
- (B) (c) and (e)
- (C) (b) only
- (D) (a) and (c)

2. Read the passage given below :

**10 M**

- (1) We're all familiar with the usual reasons workers cite for wanting to stay away even after lockdowns have long ended: flexible schedules, not having to commute, and of course, increased productivity. However, productivity isn't the only reason people want to stay away from the office. We recently surveyed 1,000 remote workers to find out what's really keeping them tied to their work-from-home lives.
- (2) The findings include : 72% want to be able to take a nap or exercise during the day. Nearly three out of four remote workers surveyed stated that the ability to take a nap or workout during the workday was one of the reasons they wanted to stay home. Though these activities may very well increase worker productivity, there's no doubt that a nap on the kitchen couch would be frowned upon in the office.
- (3) 73% want to be able to watch TV while they work. Three out of four respondents again say that being able to entertain themselves with TV, podcasts, music, or other media is one of the reasons they want to keep their work-from-home lifestyle.
- (4) 62% cite concerns about their appearance. Well over half of respondents stated that they are concerned about their co-workers seeing them in-person again after such a long time apart. Whether it's weight loss or gain, not having the right clothes, or another concern about appearance, most would rather not have to worry about the way they look to their co-workers outside a Zoom call.



- (5) When asked to choose the reason that most affects their desire to keep working from home, predictable answers like caring for children and lack of a commute were still the most common number one reasons. 14% of respondents stated that working remotely was so important to them, that they would not go back to work in-person even if their employers required it.

**Answer the following questions, based on the given passage :**

- (i) '..... these activities will increase productivity'. By 'productivity.' the author refers to 1
- (A) products produced
- (B) efficiency of the employee
- (C) time spent by the employee
- (D) number of activities
- (ii) What change in the work place would bring those people back to office who want amusement ? 1
- (A) giving long breaks
- (B) free coffee and tea
- (C) building entertainment lounge
- (D) spacious conference hall
- (iii) As per the survey, why do health conscious people prefer to work from home ? 1
- (iv) Complete the following sentence appropriately : 1
- The passage ends on a note that some people are resolved to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Explain one inference that can be drawn from para 1 about the reason for people's preference to work from home. 1
- (vi) State whether the statement given below is True or False : 1
- The survey reveals that people deeply miss socializing in the work from home style.
- (vii) Explain in your own words how appearance is one of the factors for people's preference for work from home. 2
- (viii) As per the survey, what top priorities of people prevent them from going to office ? 2



**SECTION – B**

**(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)**

**(18 Marks)**

**(Note :** All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose)

3. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, in about **50** words :

(a) P.S. Public School, Aram Nagar has opened a gym for the benefit of students. As Sports Captain, draft a notice informing students about the facilities available in the gym, timings and other details. **4**

**OR**

(b) The RWA of Ganga Society, Pushp Nagar has planned to start free yoga classes for its residents. You are Sharmila Tiwari, the President of RWA. Draft a notice informing residents about the proposal, timing, venue and other details. **4**

4. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two in about **50** words :

(a) You are Mr. Srikanth Sharma. You have recently built a new house in the hills of Uttarakhand. Draft a letter inviting your brother and his family to spend a few days with you in your new home. Include relevant details. **4**

**OR**

(b) You are Mr. Shyam Sundar, Professor of Psychology. You are invited by S.K.M. College, Mahboob Nagar to be the keynote speaker at its Annual Conclave on 'Student Health – The Emotional impact of Social Media'. Draft a reply letter expressing your inability to accept the invitation and also cite a reason for refusal. **4**

5. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two in **120-150** words :

(a) You are Neeta/Neeraj of Rainbow Nagar, Shaktiganj a qualified basketball coach. You saw the advertisement given below and wish to apply for the position advertised.

<b>R.J. Sports Academy</b>	
<b>Requires</b>	
<b>Basketball Coach</b>	
<b>Qualification</b>	<b>: Master's Degree in specific game with NIS diploma.</b>
<b>Work Experience</b>	<b>: Minimum 2 years in the relevant field.</b>
<b>Skills</b>	<b>: Patience, empathy, leadership qualities, attention to detail.</b>
<b>Apply with complete bio-data to The Director, R.J. Sports Academy, 43, L.M. Square, Shaktiganj expressing your interest in the advertised post.</b>	

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OR

- (b) You are Mira/Mithun, parent of a class 12 student. You were recently invited among others by the school to attend a two-day workshop on 'Preparing youth for the Road ahead.'

Write a letter to the Editor, Daily News expressing your views on the need for such workshops to create awareness of skill development and future opportunities.

You may use the following cues along with your own ideas :

- skill development
- vocational education, apprenticeship and internship
- entrepreneurship
- skills for greater employment prospects and economic progress

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6. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two questions in **120-150** words :

- (a) The rising obesity amongst youth today is a grave cause of concern. Addiction to technology, inactive life-style and eating sugary, and highly processed foods are among the leading causes.

Write an article for the school magazine, sharing the importance of a healthy lifestyle and nutritious diet. You may use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this article. You are Shivani/Satish of Class XII B.

- Reasons for Obesity
- Consequences – ill health
- Suggestions :
  - active lifestyle
  - regular exercise
  - change in eating habits
  - Support and encouragement

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OR

- (b) As part of community outreach programme, a group of 40 students from your school identified a neighbourhood slum and took up the initiative to teach basic language and numerical skills, environmental cleanliness and personal hygiene awareness to the slum children. As Head of the team, write a report on the programme to be published in your school newsletter.

Use the cues given below, along with your own ideas to draft the report.

You are Rahul/Radhika

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|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• date, venue, duration</li><li>• activities carried out</li><li>• no. of children who attended</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• books distributed</li><li>• feedback of people</li></ul> |
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### SECTION – C

#### LITERATURE

(40 Marks)

#### (TEXT BOOK AND SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT)

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) The little old house was out with a little new shed 6 × 1 = 6

in front at the edge of the road where the traffic sped.

A road side stand that too pathetically pled

It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread.

But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports

The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint. (*A Roadside Stand*)

- (i) Which of the following expressions has the same literary device as used in

“A roadside stand that too pathetically pled.”

(A) All the world’s a stage.

(B) I wandered lonely, as a cloud.

(C) The brutal wind bullied the tree.

(D) And life is too much like a pathless wood.



- (ii) Select the option that aptly conveys the poet's point of view with reference to the above extract :
- The roadside stand is put up with the purpose to
- (A) display fruits                      (B) to stop the traffic  
(C) to do business                      (D) to interact with city people
- (iii) What do you infer about the people, who put up the roadside stand from the phrase 'would not be fair to say for a dole of bread' ?
- (iv) Complete the following sentence with reference to the extract.  
The word 'pathetically' reflects the \_\_\_\_\_ condition of the roadside stand.
- (v) State whether the following statement is True or False :  
By 'Flower of Cities', the poet refers to the garden in cities.
- (vi) Based on the rhyme scheme, evident in lines 1-4, which word would rhyme with line 2 ?

—      —      —  
part   fled   seen

**OR**

- (b) Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool                      **6 × 1 = 6**  
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.  
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band  
sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand  
when Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie  
still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by,  
The Tigers in the panel that she made  
will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.      (*Aunt Jennifer's Tigers*)
- (i) 'Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.' Through the above expression the poet indicates :
- (A) Aunt Jennifer is happily married.  
(B) Aunt Jennifer loves the tigers in the panel.  
(C) Aunt Jennifer's unhappy married life.  
(D) Aunt Jennifer's rich and luxurious life.
- (ii) Select the option that has the same literary device as used in 'Still ringed with ordeals'.
- (A) Leopards cannot hide in the jungle as they are spotted.  
(B) Sun smiled happily on us.  
(C) Her lovely voice was music to his ears.  
(D) Life is like a box of chocolates.



- (iii) Complete the following sentences with reference to the extract.  
The Tigers in the panel symbolize \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) State whether the statement given below is True or False :  
“Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.”  
The above expression suggests that Aunt Jennifer is dying.
- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme, evident in lines 1-2, which word would rhyme with line 1 ?  
— — —  
full sand bye
- (vi) The use of the word ‘fluttering fingers’ in the extract suggest that the fingers of Aunt Jennifer are trembling. This creates an image of \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) I did not open my mouth to answer. Then the steps were quickened and the voices became excited. The sounds came nearer and nearer. Women and girls entered the room. I held my breath and watched them open closet doors and peep behind large trunks. Someone threw up the curtains, and the room was filled with sudden light. What caused them to stoop and look under the bed. I do not know. I remember being dragged out, though I resisted by kicking and scratching wildly. In spite of myself, I was carried downstairs and tied fast in a chair.

4 × 1 = 4

*(Memories of Childhood)*

- (i) Select the appropriate option :  
..... sounds came nearer and nearer .....
- (A) describes the increase in volume.  
(B) adds suspense and anxiety to readers.  
(C) reflects the thought of the speaker.  
(D) is a factual narrative.
- (ii) Complete the following sentence :  
‘In spite of myself’ suggests that the speaker was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) What do you infer from the first line of the extract ?  
(A) It was her first day in school.  
(B) She did not want to get caught.  
(C) She was unprepared for the lesson.  
(D) She preferred to be by herself.
- (iv) State whether the statement given below is True or False :  
The speaker hoodwinked the people looking for her.



OR

- (b) Human civilisations have been around for a paltry 12,000 years – barely a few seconds on the geological clock. In that short amount of time, we’ve managed to create quite a ruckus, etching our dominance over nature with our villages, towns, cities, mega cities. The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources, and the unmitigated burning of fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world, which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature.  $4 \times 1 = 4$   
*(Journey to the End of the Earth)*
- (i) According to the view expressed by the author in the above extract, increase in global temperature is due to  
(A) mega cities (B) human people  
(C) burning of fossil fuels (D) limited resources
- (ii) Complete the following sentence with reference to the extract :  
Humans are criticised by the author for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) According to the author, the relation between human population and resources is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) ‘In that short amount of time, we’ve managed to create a ruckus’. By ‘ruckus’ the author refers to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) movement (B) misunderstanding  
(C) breach (D) commotion

9. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow :

- (a) I heard M. Hamel say to me, “I won’t scold you, little Franz : you must feel bad enough, see how it is ! Everyday we have said to ourselves. Bah! I’ve plenty of time I’ll learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we’ve come out. Ah, that’s the great trouble with Alsace; she puts off learning till tomorrow. Now those fellows out there will have the right to say to you. ‘How is it; you pretend to be Frenchmen, and yet you can neither speak nor write your own language ?’ But, you are not the worst, poor little Franz. We’ve all a great deal to reproach ourselves with”.  $6 \times 1 = 6$   
*(The Last Lesson)*
- (i) ‘And now you see where we’ve come out.’  
The tone of M. Hamel in the above line is that of :  
(A) kindness (B) happiness  
(C) regret (D) enthusiasm



- (ii) 'We've all a great deal to reproach ourselves with.'  
Select the option, which conveys the meaning of 'reproach' as reflected in the above line.
- (A) The player received a reprimand for breach of rules.  
(B) The students approached the management with a demand for new canteen.  
(C) The clerk received a letter of appreciation for his innovative ideas.  
(D) She could not find a way to broach the subject with her boss.
- (iii) State whether the following statement is true or false with reference to the extract.  
M. Hamel endorses the belief that there is plenty of time to learn their language.
- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately.  
'You must feel bad enough.' Through these words M. Hamel urges the people \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Identify the line from the text that reinforces the theme of patriotism in the story.
- (vi) She puts off learning till tomorrow. The phrase 'puts off' suggests \_\_\_\_\_.

**OR**

- (b) They thought he would demand repayment in full of the money which they had illegally and deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers. He asked only 50 percent. "There he seemed adamant", writes Reverend J.Z. Hodge, a British missionary in Champaran, who observed the entire episode at close range. "Thinking probably that he would not give way, the representatives of the planters offered to refund to the extent of 25 percent, and to his amazement Mr. Gandhi took him at his words thus breaking the deadlock."

**6 × 1 = 6**

*(Indigo)*

- (i) Choose the correct option  
'Then he seemed adamant,' reflects Gandhi's trait of being
- (A) arrogant (B) uncompromising  
(C) argumentative (D) courageous
- (ii) \_\_\_\_\_ deceitfully extorted from the sharecroppers.  
The status of sharecroppers as inferred from the above line is
- (A) law abiding citizens (B) followers of Gandhi  
(C) victims of exploitation (D) contract labourers



- (iii) Complete the following sentence :  
Gandhi surprised them by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The inference that can be drawn from the line “Mr. Gandhi took him at his word” is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) ‘Deadlock’ in the last line means \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) What do we infer about the attitude of planters towards sharecroppers ?

10. Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in **40-50** words each :

**5 × 2 = 10**

- (i) When I sense a flash of it in Mukesh, I am cheered. How is Mukesh’s attitude of life different from that of his family and friends ?  
*(Lost Spring)*
- (ii) “I was frightened, but not yet frightened out of my wits.” Says Douglas. Which qualities of the speaker are highlighted in the above statement ?  
*(Deep Water)*
- (iii) ‘See you soon Amma.’ How are these words contrary to the speaker’s emotions ?  
*(My Mother at Sixty-six)*
- (iv) ‘And such too is the grandeur of the dooms ; we have imagined for the mighty dead.’ Explain the inference you can draw from the phrase ‘mighty dead’.  
*(A Thing of Beauty)*
- (v) What evidence from the text reveals that Rudyard Kipling did not walk the talk ?  
*(The Interview)*
- (vi) ‘Soaf, you really should be sensible !’ What does Jansie’s advice to her friend Sophie reveal about their friendship ?  
*(Going Places)*

11. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions, in **40-50** words each :

**2 × 2 = 4**

- (i) ‘And for humans, the prognosis is not good;’  
What is in store for humans, as per the above statement ?  
*(The Journey to the End of the Earth)*
- (ii) ‘My three hundred dollars bought less than two hundred in old style bills, but I didn’t care.’  
What prompted Charlie to compromise on less value of money ?  
*(The Third Level)*
- (iii) What was the servants’ reaction to Sadao’s decision of treating the American soldier ?  
*(The Enemy)*



12. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in **120-150** words :

(a) Wars with gas, wars with fire,

Victory with no survivors.

*(Keeping Quiet)*

Pablo Neruda in the above lines, highlights the futility of war. Gandhi also brought about the change in the plight of the Champaran sharecroppers through civil disobedience and not violence.

Write an article on the importance of peace and the right way to resolve issues.

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**OR**

(b) Imagine you are Mukund Padmanabhan from the Indian *(The Interview)* and you interviewed M. Hamel, after he finished delivering the last lesson. *(The Last Lesson)*

Write a paragraph on Hamel's views on individual responsibility and nationalism.

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13. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions, in **120-150** words :

(a) Mr. Lamb : Oh, there's lot of things I've learned to do, and plenty of time for it. Years. I take it steady."

*(On the Face of it)*

Mr. Lamb, despite his handicap learnt to be independent and has proved where there is a will, there is a way. As a motivational speaker, write a speech to be delivered to school students, highlighting how one should develop resilience and determination to achieve one's goal citing references from this story.

You may begin like this.

To remain resilient during difficult times, will help one move forward in life.

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**OR**

(b) Until then the Maharaja had given his entire time and energy to tiger hunting. He had no time to spare for the crown prince.

*(The Tiger King)*

In the present times, we see people following their profession and running after money and neglect their children. As a professional counsellor, you address working parents, stressing the need to spend quality time with children. Take material from the story 'The Tiger King' to re-inforce your points of view.

You may begin like this.

Spending time with children will boost their confidence....

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