



Series S4PQR/4

SET-3

Q.P. Code **1/4/3**

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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**.*
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SECTION – A
(READING SKILLS)

(22 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

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- (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 :

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- (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 Ujwal/Urmila of J.P. Nagar, A.B. Puram. You saw the given advertisement in a newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised.

G.R.T. Hotel, New Delhi	
Requires	
Chief Chef	
Qualification	: Graduation in Hotel Management
Experience	: Minimum 2 years in relevant field.
Skills	: Team Management, Kitchen Management, Food Plating.
Apply with bio-data to The Manager, G.R.T. Hotel, 40, Rajendra Nagar, A.B. Puram.	

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OR

- (b) You are Tanvi of Rosewood Colony, Sagar Nagar. You have recently observed that people waste a lot of food in hotels, at marriages and parties. You are upset at the casual attitude of people towards wastage of food.

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern and suggest ways to improve the situation. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter.

Problems

- oversized servings
- ordering too much food
- casual attitude towards food and
- the effects of wastage.

Suggestions

- order only what can be consumed
- prepare less items
- donate unconsumed food
- create food banks

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6. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, in **120-150** words :

- (a) You are Ravi/Rajni, a class XII student. Write an article for a youth magazine on selfie safety, advising youngsters to be more cautious and careful.

Use the following cues along with your own ideas to draft the article :

- don't pose near moving train or other vehicles.
- don't pose with wild animals.
- be aware of your surroundings
- keep away from stairs, drop-offs.
- casual posting of selfies – pose a threat

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OR

- (b) You are the President of RWA, Preeti Nagar. Your society recently organized a cooking competition for the residents on the occasion of Women's Day. Eminent chef Sanjay Kumar was invited to be judge. Write a report on the event to be published in a local daily.

Use the following cues along with your own ideas to draft the report :

- date, venue, time
- no. of participants
- variety of dishes displayed
- winner

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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) ‘With students of ice, he offers future generation of policy makers a life-changing experience...’ *(The Journey to the End of the Earth)*
What expectation of the narrator is reflected in the above line ?
- (ii) ‘Don’t thank me too early’. Sadao said coldly. What inference is drawn about Sadao’s state of mind from the above line ? *(The Enemy)*
- (iii) Jack Finney portrays Louisa as a perfect wife. Give evidences from Charlie’s life in support of the above statement. *(The Third Level)*



12. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in **120-150** words :

- (a) Franz from 'The Last Lesson' and the peddler from 'The Rattrap' demonstrate the importance of learning from one's mistakes and rising up to evolve as a better person.

Write an article based on the two texts on how a man evolves after learning from his mistakes.

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OR

- (b) 'Lost Spring' and 'Indigo' highlight the apathy of society and exploitation by those in power. Elaborate.

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13. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following **two** questions in **120-150** words :

- (a) Derry : Oh no, because if I don't go back there, I'll never go anywhere in this world again. *(On the Face of it)*

Derry later realises that the decision taken at that moment helped him to come out of shell. As Derry, write a diary entry expressing your happiness and thanking your stars for the right decision taken. You may begin like this.

I was so fortunate to be able to be decisive at the right moment.....

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OR

- (b) "Your Majesty, I have two wives already. If I marry you....."

(Tiger King)

No doubt it adds humour to the story. Humour always captures the mind of readers.

Taking ideas from the story 'Tiger King', write an article on the 'Importance of Humour in Life'.

You may begin like this ; Sense of humour helps us deal with problems of life and improves one's mental and physical health.....

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SECTION A
Reading Skills

(22 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) As a young adult, life can be stressful and overwhelming at times. Juggling among school, work, social life, and other responsibilities, it can be easy to feel alone and disconnected from the world around us. Dogs are the ultimate companions for anyone looking to alleviate stress and loneliness. We'll explore many reasons why dogs make the best companions for young adults.
- (2) Unconditional love : Dogs are known for their loyalty and love for their owners, no matter what. They don't judge us, criticize us, or hold grudges against us. No matter how flawed or imperfect we may be, our dogs will always love us unconditionally. This kind of unwavering support and affection can be incredibly comforting for young adults struggling to find their place in the world.
- (3) Social connection : Dogs are great ice-breakers and conversation starters. Whether you're walking them in the park, taking them to the dog beach, or simply hanging out at home, dogs have a way of bringing people together. For young adults who may feel isolated or disconnected from their peers, having a dog by their side can be a great way to connect with others and form new friendships.



- (4) Increase physical activity : Dogs require regular exercise in order to stay healthy and happy. This means that young adults who own dogs are more likely to engage in physical activity themselves. Whether its going for a run, playing frisbee, or simply taking a leisurely stroll, getting out with your dog can be a great way to boost your mood and energy levels.
- (5) Emotional support : Dogs are also great emotional support animals for those struggling with mental health issues such as anxiety and depression. Their presence alone can provide a sense of calm and comfort, and their ability to sense their owner's emotions can be incredibly comforting. For young adults dealing with mental health challenges, having a dog as a companion can be a life-changing experience.
- (6) Improve responsibility and self-care : Owning a dog also comes with a great deal of responsibility and self-care. Dogs require regular feeding, grooming, exercise, and attention, which can be a great way for young adults to develop a sense of responsibility and self-discipline. Additionally, having a dog as a companion can encourage young adults to take better care of themselves, such as making sure they get enough sleep, eat healthy, and engage in regular exercise.
- (7) For all these reasons and more, dogs make fantastic companions for young adults. Whether you're looking for emotional support, social connection, increased physical activity , or simply someone to love and be loved by, a dog can provide all these things and more. So the next time you're feeling stressed or overwhelmed, consider finding a furry friend to take on the world with you.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) What is the significance of owning a dog for a young adult who is striving for acceptance in society ? 1
- (A) It means increased physical activity.
- (B) It builds a sense of responsibility.
- (C) It helps young adults get more sleep.
- (D) It is a source of unconditional love.
- (ii) A dog can encourage its owner to lead a healthier life by _____.
- Complete the above sentence appropriately, in about 40 words, with a characteristic or description. 2
- (iii) Share evidence from the text, in approximately 40 words, to support the view that dogs provide a sense of calm and comfort to those struggling with mental health issues. 2
- (iv) Explain in about 40 words the statement that ‘dogs are great ice-breakers’. 2
- (v) Which of the following activities help(s) young adults, owning a dog, build their sense of responsibility and self-discipline ? 1
- (A) walking the dog daily
- (B) feeding it regularly
- (C) engaging the services of a dog trainer
- (D) Both (A) and (B)



- (vi) What does this article aim to do ? 1
- (A) Explain the benefits of owning a dog.
 - (B) Provide advice on how to get a dog.
 - (C) Discuss how to take proper care of a dog.
 - (D) Describe the experiences of dog owners.
- (vii) Select the option that is similar in meaning to the phrase ‘take on the world’. 1
- (A) travel the world
 - (B) accept a responsibility
 - (C) to be pessimistic
 - (D) have a global outlook
- (viii) What does the underlined part in the sentence “consider finding a furry friend to take on the world with you” refer to ? 1
- (ix) What is the tone of the article ? 1
- (A) critical but supportive
 - (B) indifferent and bored
 - (C) positive and informative
 - (D) humorous and casual



2. Read the following passage carefully :

- (1) Without specialised equipment, humans would be lost in these deep-sea habitats, so how do fish make it seem so easy ? Much of this is due to a biological phenomenon known as electroreception — the ability to perceive and act upon electrical stimuli as part of the overall senses. This ability is only found in aquatic and amphibious species because water is an efficient conductor of electricity.
- (2) One fascinating use of electroreception has been observed between the weakly electric fish. When two such electric fish meet in the ocean using the same frequency, each fish will then shift the frequency of its discharge so that they are transmitting on different frequencies. Doing so prevents their electroreception faculties from becoming jammed.
- (3) Electroreception can also play an important role in animal defences. Rays are one such example. Young ray embryos develop inside egg cases that are attached to the sea bed. The embryos keep their tails in constant motion to pump water and allow them to breathe through the egg's casing. If the embryo's electroreceptors detect the presence of a predatory fish in the vicinity, however, the embryo stops moving (and in doing so, ceases transmitting electric currents) until the predator has moved on.
- (4) Many people fear swimming in the ocean because of sharks. Sharks hunt with extraordinary precision. They initially lock on to their prey through a keen sense of smell. As the shark reaches in proximity of its prey, it tunes into electrical signals that ensure a precise strike on its target; this sense is so strong that the shark even attacks blind by letting its eyes recede for protection. In areas where shark attacks on



humans are likely to occur, scientists are exploring ways to create artificial electroreceptors. These would disorient the sharks and repel them from swimming beaches.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Infer the advantage that aquatic or amphibious species have over human beings. Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) A possible use for electroreception that will benefit humans is to : 1
- (A) use water as it is an efficient conductor of electricity.
- (B) act on electrical stimuli.
- (C) change electrical frequency to prevent it from being jammed.
- (D) jam electrical frequencies.
- (iii) Explain in about 40 words the use of electroreception between the weakly electric fish. 2
- (iv) Identify a young ray embryo from the following : 1
- (A) It fears electric signals.
- (B) It keeps its tail in constant motion.
- (C) It stations itself on land.
- (D) It disorients sharks.
- (v) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
- A shark hunts with accuracy because _____.
- (vi) Why does a shark recede its eyes when it attacks ? 1



- (vii) In areas where shark attacks on humans are likely to occur, scientists : 1
- (A) suggest putting barriers.
 - (B) are exploring ways to create artificial electroreceptors.
 - (C) suggest blinding them.
 - (D) are exploring ways to warn swimmers.
- (viii) State *True* or *False*. 1
- The title – ‘Understanding Electroreception and its Uses is Significant for Human Beings’ is appropriate for this passage.

SECTION B
Creative Writing Skills **(18 marks)**

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. 4
- (a) You are Akhil/Amala, the Secretary of the History Club of Margaret Public School, Utsavnagar. The club has decided to conduct an educational tour to the local historical sites for students of class XI. Draft a notice informing the students of the proposed tour. Invent all necessary details.

OR

- (b) You are Roshni/Rahul, Secretary of ABC Colony Welfare Association, Naveenbagh. Write a notice for the society notice board informing residents that there will be no water supply in your colony on 24th and 25th April, 2024 due to maintenance work. Invent necessary details.



4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. 4

(a) You are Suresh/Surbhi Gupta, the Principal of Goodwill Public School, Akash Nagar. Your school is organizing an Inter-School Economics Seminar on Critical Analysis of the Financial Budget, 2023 – 2024. Send a formal letter of invitation to the Finance Secretary of your State to be the Chief Guest. Invent necessary details.

OR

(b) You are the PA to the Chairman, State Book Trust. The Chairman has been invited to inaugurate the annual book fair to be held at Olympic Maidan from 5th March, 2024 to 12th March, 2024. Write an appropriate formal letter of acceptance on his behalf.

5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words. 5

(a) Divya/Diwakar Awasthi of 24/7, Hill View Apartments, Shrigram has come across an advertisement in Indian News and decides to apply for the post of Sales Executive. Write a letter applying for the post to the Personnel Manager.

Amarish Ayurveda Pvt. Ltd.

Requires Sales Executives

– Qualification: Graduate in any subject

– Skills: Good communication skills

Basic computer skills

– Willing to travel

– Knowledge of ayurvedic products

Please send your resumé within ten days to the Personnel Manager.

personnelmanageramarish@gmail.com

Amarish House 35, Shanti Nagar, Shrigram

OR



- (b) Your school organized a week-long campaign to create awareness of the plight of senior citizens in old age homes and ways of volunteering to bring smiles to their faces. This effort by the students was greatly appreciated. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a local daily to create awareness amongst people all over the city. You are Deepika/Deepak, Raja Vas School, Tri Bagh. You may combine your ideas with the cues given below.

Help the Senior Citizens
Make Them Smile

- panel discussion on 'How to help the elderly'
- visit to old age homes
- distribution of hampers
- cultural programmes
- pledge to volunteer one hour a week

6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

5

- (a) The newspapers today have more of full page advertisements than news items or editorials. Write an article to be published in a national daily on how these advertisements take away the purpose of a newspaper and mislead the reader. Suggest how journalism can become more responsible. You are Madhu/Mahesh. You may use the given cues along with your own ideas.

Impact of advertisements :

- advertisements should not overwhelm the reader and distract from the purpose of news information
- gradual decline in newspaper readership
- newspapers lose credibility and appeal
- merely as a promotional medium

Suggestions :

- reinforce idea that newspapers and other print media are gateways to information
- focus more on news — rather than commercial visibility
- focus on in-depth coverage
- direct advertisements to a designated section of the paper

OR



- (b) The Literary Society of your school organized a library week. As student editor of the school magazine, draft a report on the week-long activities. You are Rani/Rahul. You may use the following cues along with your ideas to write the report. Invent necessary details.

- exhibition-cum-discount sale of books by leading publishers
- meet the author session
- creative writing – creating a graphic story and book cover making workshops
- inter-school literary quiz
- short story writing competition

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

6

- (a) I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realized 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.

(My Mother at Sixty-six)

- (i) The phrase ‘ashen like that of a corpse’ gives the impression that the mother is
- (A) frustrated (B) depressed
(C) dead (D) weak

1



- (ii) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False*, with reference to the extract. 1
“The mother was suffering from some fatal disease.”
- (iii) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ? 1
(A) Life is short and one must enjoy it
(B) Ageing and Mortality
(C) Sleeping and Playing
(D) Art of Parenting
- (iv) Pick the option in which the word ‘spilling’ is used in the same sense as in the extract. 1
(A) Rahul was responsible for spilling the beans by telling everyone the secret.
(B) He opened the bag, spilling all its contents on the table.
(C) Try to keep that crowd from spilling onto the main street.
(D) The cat spilled all the milk.
- (v) The phrases ‘Young Trees sprinting’ and ‘merry children spilling’ represent : 1
(A) Youth
(B) Old age
(C) Disease
(D) Travel
- (vi) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
‘She was as old as she looked.’
The repetition of the word ‘as’ suggests that _____.

OR

- (b) What I want should not be confused with total inactivity.
Life is what it is about;
I want no truck with death.
If we were not so single-minded about keeping our lives moving, and for once could do nothing, perhaps a huge silence might interrupt this sadness of never understanding ourselves and of threatening ourselves with death.

(Keeping Quiet)



- (i) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ? 1
- (A) Silence alleviates sadness of our life.
- (B) Life and death are part of our existence.
- (C) We must keep our lives moving.
- (D) Life is stressful and monotonous.
- (ii) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False*, with reference to the extract. 1
- The poet feels that quiet productivity in place of all activities is desirable.
- (iii) The sadness being referred to (line 9) is due to : 1
- (A) failure to understand ourselves.
- (B) failure to understand others.
- (C) loss of peers in life.
- (D) inability to achieve what we desire.
- (iv) The poem has been written from the point of view of a/an : 1
- (A) environmentalist.
- (B) feminist.
- (C) social activist.
- (D) linguist.
- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme, which of the following does **not** rhyme with line 1 ? 1
- (A) cruised
- (B) complaint
- (C) mused
- (D) bruised
- (vi) Complete the sentence appropriately.
- In 'Life is what it is about', the poet is talking about _____ . 1



8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

4

(a) To make sure, I walked over to a newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was *The World*; and *The World* hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public Library files, and it was printed June 11, 1894.

I turned toward the ticket window knowing that here — on the third level at Grand Central — I could buy tickets that would take Louisa and me anywhere in the United States we wanted to go.

(The Third Level)

(i) Why does the narrator resort to wishful day-dreaming and want to travel back in time ?

1

(ii) The year 1894 holds so much importance because _____.

1

(iii) *The World*, the news about President Cleveland — what do they hint at ?

1

(A) The narrator used to like reading the newspaper.

(B) The narrator fantasises about past events.

(C) The narrator wants to escape to a world that was unaffected by the two World Wars.

(D) The narrator tends to forget things.

(iv) Give one reason why the writing style of the extract can be called autobiographical.

1

OR



(b) But at this moment the door opened and she looked out, a dark-blue woollen haori over her kimono. ... He had met Hana in America, but he had waited to fall in love with her until he was sure she was Japanese. His father would never have received her unless she had been pure in her race.

(The Enemy)

- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
Hana was attired in _____.
- (ii) With reference to the above, how will you describe Dr. Sadao as a son ? 1
(A) indifferent
(B) obedient
(C) defiant
(D) practical
- (iii) What is 'this moment' all about ? 1
It is a moment of :
(A) emotional turmoil.
(B) tranquility.
(C) agitation.
(D) conflict.
- (iv) From the extract, what can you infer about Dr. Sadao and Hana's relationship ? 1



9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

6

(a) For a moment I thought of running away and spending the day out of doors. It was so warm, so bright! The birds were chirping at the edge of the woods; and in the open field back of the sawmill the Prussian soldiers were drilling. It was all much more tempting than the rule for participles, but I had the strength to resist, and hurried off to school.

(The Last Lesson)

- (i) List two sensory details present in the extract. 1
- (ii) Why is the narrator tempted to spend the day out of doors ? 1
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
I hurried off to school resisting _____.
- (iv) Why does the narrator want to bunk school ? 1
(A) He doesn't like the teachers.
(B) He doesn't like his classmates.
(C) He wasn't prepared for the test on participles.
(D) He had forgotten to complete his homework.
- (v) Which trait of the protagonist is revealed in the sentence 'I had the strength to resist' ? 1
(A) sincerity (B) determination
(C) bravery (D) kindness
- (vi) Which of the following headlines best suggests the central idea of the extract ? 1
(A) The Drilling of Prussian Soldiers
(B) The Rule of Participles
(C) Strength to Resist
(D) Out of Doors

OR



(b) My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days.

(Deep Water)

- (i) Identify the phrase from the given extract that bears evidence to the fact that the narrator's association with 'childish fears' was not a recent one. 1
- (ii) How does the writer try to learn it ? Mention any two ways. 1
- (iii) What did the Y.M.C.A. pool bring back to Douglas ? 1
- (A) Unpleasant memories
(B) Memory of a boat
(C) Meeting a bruiser of a boy
(D) Memory of his visit to the Yakima River
- (iv) The two emotions of Douglas mentioned in the given extract are _____ and _____. 1
- (v) Why did Douglas ape the other boys ? 1
- (vi) The writing style of the extract is autobiographical because _____ . 1

10. Answer any **five** of the following six questions in 40 – 50 words each : $5 \times 2 = 10$

- (i) Why is Mukesh's dream compared to a mirage ? (Lost Spring)
- (ii) Why did Gandhi say : "Freedom from fear is more important than legal justice for the poor" ? (Indigo)
- (iii) Stephen Spender's visit to the Gemini Studios was viewed as an unexplained mystery by the Gemini family. How did Asokamitran solve this mystery years later ? (Poets and Pancakes)



- (iv) What do you understand by “interstices” ? How does Umberto Eco utilize his interstices ? (The Interview)
- (v) Explain how “The tigers in the panel Will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.” (Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers)
- (vi) ‘Resignation was no sudden thing.’ What is the implication of this remark in the context of Sophie’s character ? (Going Places)

11. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (i) What were the two ‘amazing’ things of the royal infant ? (The Tiger King)
- (ii) What are Geoff Green’s reasons for including high school students in the ‘Students on Ice’ expedition ? (Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (iii) Why does Derry not like being with people ? (On The Face Of It)

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

- (a) If you were the poet of “A Thing of Beauty”, how would you interpret the need for quiet introspection as mentioned in “Keeping Quiet” ?

OR

- (b) Umberto Eco (The Interview) has a talk with Danny Casey from the story “Going Places”. Danny, being a football prodigy, feels his popularity may affect his game as he can’t devote much time to it. What advice will Umberto Eco give Danny about time management ? Write a paragraph on the interaction between the two and the advice given by Umberto Eco.



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

5

- (a) Physically impaired people have to suffer pain and a sense of alienation due to the behaviour of the people around them. It's ironical that people who should be treated with empathy are either avoided or pitied. Discuss.

(On The Face Of It)

OR

- (b) In the two stories of Bama and Zitkala-Sa in the lesson of “Memories of Childhood” there are certain similarities of strength in the face of social challenges. Write a diary entry sharing your observations.

**SET-3****Series QS1PR/1**Q.P. Code **1/1/3**

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Candidates must write the Q.P. Code on the title page of the answer-book.

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- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

**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

(22 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) The term Artificial Intelligence spells a future in which this emerging technology will impact every aspect of human existence. In fact, little do we know, it has already crept into our lives, slowly, but surely. Look around you — education, health care, industry, innovation, robots, robotic surgeries, transportation, home service — it's already there. It will change the lifestyle of everyone from the technology industry to normal people.
- (2) The past fifteen years have seen considerable AI advances in education. You enter school and AI takes your attendance using face recognition. Various applications are in wide use by educators and learners today. AI technologies assist teachers in the classroom. Learning at home is likely to expand significantly, along with learning based on virtual reality applications. Though quality education will always require active engagement by human teachers, AI promises to enhance education at all levels, especially by providing personalization at scale.
- (3) The evolution of new technologies, mobile, and the Internet are changing lifestyles. Artificial intelligence is playing an important role in every sector such as banking, driving, education, e-commerce, electronics, robotics. Systems of artificial intelligence are aiming to stimulate execution and decision-making that is human-like. In targeted applications, substantial increases in the future uses of AI technologies, including more driverless cars, healthcare diagnostics and targeted treatments, and physical assistance for elder care can be expected. AI and robotics will also be applied across the globe in industries struggling such as agriculture, food processing and factories. They will facilitate delivery of online purchases through flying drones, self-driving trucks or robots.



- (4) AI-based applications could improve health outcomes and quality of life for millions of people in the coming years — prime applications include clinical decision support, patient monitoring and coaching, automated devices to assist in surgery or patient care, and management of healthcare systems. Recent successes, such as mining social media to infer possible health risks, machine learning to predict patients at risk, and robotics to support surgery have expanded a sense of possibility for AI in healthcare.
- (5) People’s future relationships with machines will become ever more personalized as AI systems learn to adapt to individual personalities, ambitions and goals. These AI applications will help monitor people’s well-being, alert them to the impending risks, and deliver services when needed or wanted.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Select the word that most appropriately defines Artificial Intelligence today. 1
- (A) rewarding
(B) universal
(C) luxurious
(D) temporary
- (ii) What is the connection between ‘face recognition’ in school education and AI ? 1
- (iii) Which one of the following do you infer from para 2 ? 1
- (A) School education will become a virtual engagement.
(B) The teacher will be replaced by AI.
(C) Human teachers will play a passive role in the classroom.
(D) Human teachers are irreplaceable.
- (iv) Share evidence from the text, in about 40 words, about how AI can support the field of education. 2



- (v) The phrase 'stimulate execution' in para 3 nearly means : 1
- (A) imitate creations
- (B) strategise destructions
- (C) shake inventions
- (D) motivate implementation
- (vi) With evidence from the text, explain in about 40 words, two ways in which AI will help in the healthcare sector. 2
- (vii) According to the passage, why does the author conclude that people's relationships with machines will become more personalised ? 2
- (viii) Complete the following statement : 1
- AI will make the commercial supply chain smoother by _____.
- (ix) Read the five headlines given below (I – V) : 1
- I. AI WILL IMPACT EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES
- II. AI WILL BE A BOON TO THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS
- III. SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY AI
- IV. AI IS A MAJOR REASON FOR RISING UNEMPLOYMENT TODAY
- V. FACTORY OWNERS WILL NOT USE AI FOR FEAR OF ITS UNPREDICTABILITY

Identify the option that displays the headline/s that does/do not correspond with occurrences in the passage.

- (A) only V
- (B) II and III
- (C) IV and V
- (D) III, IV and V



2. Read the following passage carefully :

10

- (1) A recent survey conducted by an independent research firm sought to measure levels of happiness among youth aged 16 – 24 years in seven countries. The findings revealed some intriguing insights into what makes today's youth happiest, as well as which factors influence their overall well-being. In India, an overwhelming majority of the youth reported feeling satisfied with their lives, with 87% rating of their overall happiness as 'high' or 'very high.' Financial security was identified as the primary source of happiness for 66%, followed by family support (89%), having a purpose in life (50%), and work or studies (40%). Unfortunately, 65% reported feeling stress related to academic performance or workload, while 25% reported feeling lonely. These figures point to a need for increased mental health support among India's youth.
- (2) These surveys also revealed that family support is an important source of contentment for young people across countries. In Europe, 59% of respondents said that their families were a major source of happiness; in France this figure was 67%, and 63% in Germany. In North America, 64% rated family as an important factor for well-being in Canada, while 61% did so in the United States. Similarly, 89% of survey respondents in India named family support as a major contributor to their overall contentment level.
- (3) It is clear that stress has a significant impact on the happiness of today's youth. The findings suggest that young people need better resources to manage their mental health and well-being. This may include access to counselling services, mindfulness activities and support groups to help them cope with challenging circumstances. It is also important to provide financial support so as to reduce some of the economic pressures.
- (4) In India, 65% of youth surveyed reported feeling anxious about their academic performance or workload, while 25% felt lonely. These figures are especially significant given how important family support is for young people's overall contentment.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) What are the two findings that the survey mentioned in paragraph 1 reveals ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) Explain in about 40 words the statement “It is also important to provide financial support so as to reduce some of the economic pressures.” 2
- (iii) Elaborate giving data, the statement “Stress has a significant impact on the happiness of today’s youth.” 1
- (iv) Which of the following factors, with reference to the given passage, does **not** play a substantial role in the well-being of Indian youth ? 1
- (A) Family support and strong ties
(B) Social connection and technology
(C) Books and literature
(D) Economic stability
- (v) State whether *True* or *False*, with reference to the given passage :
It is not necessary to provide financial support to the youth as only academic performance plays an upper hand in deciding the stress level. 1
- (vi) What are the top choices which are of maximum value to today’s youth ? 1
- I. Collectivism
II. Social media
III. Individualistic society
IV. Family ties
- Options :
(A) I and II (B) II and III
(C) I and IV (D) II and IV
- (vii) The mental health of today’s youth can be managed by resources like _____ and _____. 1
- (viii) Write the following sources that provide happiness to today’s youth in descending order : 1
- (a) purposefulness (b) financial status
(c) family support (d) stress



SECTION B
Creative Writing Skills

(18 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. **4**

(a) Write a notice to invite class XI students to a special assembly to facilitate the sports stars of your school with badges of honour. Renowned cricketer Sahil Singla would be the Chief Guest at the occasion. Share necessary details about the event. You are Rohini/Rohan, President of the Student Council of Bal Mahal School, Roshni Nagar.

OR

(b) Write a notice to inform the house owners in your society about re-laying of the main sewage pipe running through the colony. Mention the temporary restrictions and the duration of the maintenance work. You are Saheb/Sahiba, Secretary, Goodwill Society, Sector 8, Tara Bagh.

4. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. **4**

(a) Draft an invitation card inviting friends to an exhibition-cum-sale of hand painted wooden trays and bowls. Include necessary details regarding the event. You are Anita/Anil.

OR

(b) You are Priya/Pranjal. You have been invited to a cousin's engagement party. Write a response letter accepting the invitation and expressing your happiness for the young couple. Also offer any help that may be needed during the event.



5. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

5

- (a) Recently you have come across an advertisement for the post of a Librarian in Lions Public School, Maya Nagar. Write a letter to the Principal of the school, along with your bio-data, expressing your interest in the advertised post. You are Amasha/Amesh.

LIONS PUBLIC SCHOOL
MAYA NAGAR
invites applications for the post of
School Librarian

Last date of application : 31st March, 2024
Qualifications : M.A. Lib.Sc./B.A. Lib.Sc.
Experience : Minimum 5 years in a reputed school
Job Profile : • Managing digital database for cataloging
• Awareness of latest books
• Documentation
Skills : • Research skills
• Communication skills
• Basic computer and digital skills

OR



- (b) Recently you went to your native village to visit your grandparents. You saw that some of the children in the age group 5 – 14 years were working in the fields or simply loitering in the streets instead of going to school. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern over the situation and giving suggestions to improve the plight of these young children. You are Govinda/Gayatri, A-2, Link Road, Anand Bagh. You may use the following cues along with your ideas to write your letter.

Problems

- young children not at school
- children working as child labour in shops and streets

Solutions

- encourage school education – spread awareness
- discourage prospective employers from employing children
- stringent laws and effective implementation
- creating inclusive and learner friendly environment

6. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in 120 – 150 words.

5

- (a) You are Amrita/Amrit. You took part in a medical camp organised by your club in a remote village in your state. You are surprised to find that most of the people there have no awareness of basic health and hygiene. As a concerned citizen, you decide to take up their cause and write an article for a national daily to encourage youngsters to come forward and participate in such campaigns to create awareness in people. You can use your own ideas along with the cues given below.

- setting up of Rural Public Health awareness centres by State Governments
- hold regular camps to spread awareness regarding the issue
- educate the youth to volunteer in this effort
- focus on healthy habits of families
- involve local panchayat

OR



- (b) A group of college students put up a week-long street theatre festival highlighting the issue of digital addiction and how it affects human life socially and emotionally. As Rani/Rohit, local correspondent of the neighbourhood newsletter, write a report covering this event. Support your ideas with the following cues.

- street theatre – entertainment
- conveyed relevant message in an engaging manner
- interaction between players and the audience – sharing personal stories
- local incidents were interwoven into the play
- purpose to change attitudes and behaviour
- daily reflection

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) :

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 breathing.

(A Thing of Beauty)

- (i) Which of the following themes is best represented in the given extract ?

1

- (A) Beauty provides security and peace.
- (B) Beauty lies in possession of expensive things.
- (C) Beauty is synonymous with power and riches.
- (D) Beauty lies in our rich heritage and palaces and temples.



- (ii) Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1
A thing of beauty never passes into nothingness because it is _____.
- (iii) 'Quiet bower' means a pleasant, shady, quiet place under trees or in the woods. This creates a sense of _____. 1
- (iv) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False* with reference to the extract. 1
The quality of a thing ensures that its beauty lasts forever.
- (v) Based on the rhyme scheme in lines 3 and 4 of the given extract, which word will rhyme with them ? 1
(A) please
(B) sweep
(C) help
(D) self
- (vi) The use of the word 'health' in the extract suggests that beautiful things will give us a happier and more wholesome life. It creates a powerful image of _____. 1
(A) rejuvenation
(B) attachment
(C) long life
(D) eternity

OR

- (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
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 Tigers)



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OR

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Reading Skills

(22 marks)

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- (5) People’s future relationships with machines will become ever more personalized as AI systems learn to adapt to individual personalities, ambitions and goals. These AI applications will help monitor people’s well-being, alert them to the impending risks, and deliver services when needed or wanted.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Select the word that most appropriately defines Artificial Intelligence today. 1
- (A) rewarding
(B) universal
(C) luxurious
(D) temporary
- (ii) What is the connection between ‘face recognition’ in school education and AI ? 1
- (iii) Which one of the following do you infer from para 2 ? 1
- (A) School education will become a virtual engagement.
(B) The teacher will be replaced by AI.
(C) Human teachers will play a passive role in the classroom.
(D) Human teachers are irreplaceable.
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- (A) imitate creations
 - (B) strategise destructions
 - (C) shake inventions
 - (D) motivate implementation
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- (viii) Complete the following statement : 1
- AI will make the commercial supply chain smoother by _____.
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Identify the option that displays the headline/s that does/do not correspond with occurrences in the passage.

- (A) only V
- (B) II and III
- (C) IV and V
- (D) III, IV and V



2. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) A recent survey conducted by an independent research firm sought to measure levels of happiness among youth aged 16 – 24 years in seven countries. The findings revealed some intriguing insights into what makes today's youth happiest, as well as which factors influence their overall well-being. In India, an overwhelming majority of the youth reported feeling satisfied with their lives, with 87% rating of their overall happiness as 'high' or 'very high.' Financial security was identified as the primary source of happiness for 66%, followed by family support (89%), having a purpose in life (50%), and work or studies (40%). Unfortunately, 65% reported feeling stress related to academic performance or workload, while 25% reported feeling lonely. These figures point to a need for increased mental health support among India's youth.
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- (4) In India, 65% of youth surveyed reported feeling anxious about their academic performance or workload, while 25% felt lonely. These figures are especially significant given how important family support is for young people's overall contentment.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) What are the two findings that the survey mentioned in paragraph 1 reveals ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) Explain in about 40 words the statement “It is also important to provide financial support so as to reduce some of the economic pressures.” 2
- (iii) Elaborate giving data, the statement “Stress has a significant impact on the happiness of today’s youth.” 1
- (iv) Which of the following factors, with reference to the given passage, does **not** play a substantial role in the well-being of Indian youth ? 1
- (A) Family support and strong ties
(B) Social connection and technology
(C) Books and literature
(D) Economic stability
- (v) State whether *True* or *False*, with reference to the given passage :
It is not necessary to provide financial support to the youth as only academic performance plays an upper hand in deciding the stress level. 1
- (vi) What are the top choices which are of maximum value to today’s youth ? 1
- I. Collectivism
II. Social media
III. Individualistic society
IV. Family ties
- Options :
(A) I and II (B) II and III
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- (vii) The mental health of today’s youth can be managed by resources like _____ and _____. 1
- (viii) Write the following sources that provide happiness to today’s youth in descending order : 1
- (a) purposefulness (b) financial status
(c) family support (d) stress



SECTION B
Creative Writing Skills

(18 marks)

3. Attempt any **one** of the two, (a) or (b), in about 50 words. 4

(a) To encourage students to participate in outdoor activities, your school has planned a 7-day trek to Rohtang Pass for students of classes VIII – X during the summer vacation. Write a notice for the school notice board giving all the necessary information. You are Raghav/Ragini, Secretary Trekking Club, Amar Bahadur School.

OR

(b) The problem of the residents' parking of vehicles, often leading to minor scuffles, has become a source of growing concern. As Secretary of Goodwill Flats Welfare Association, Shripur, write a notice informing the residents about a meeting to discuss the problem and find an acceptable solution. Invent necessary details.

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OR

(b) You are a renowned doctor and have been invited by your school alumni as Chief Guest to the Annual Graduation Ceremony of Green School on Sunday, March 24th, 2024. Write a letter to the President of the Alumni Association expressing your inability to attend due to a prior commitment. Also convey your congratulations to the graduating students.



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5

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REASONS

- Increase in vehicles
- More cars per family
- Budgeted cab services
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SUGGESTIONS

- Improve traffic management during peak hours
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Importance

- The new influx generates jobs for local people
- Local culture, food and handicrafts promoted
- Medical, religious and ecotourism bring India on the world map

What needs to be done

- Strengthening the efforts of the authorities
- Media’s role in creating awareness
- Information centres to be created for all tourists

OR



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Literature

(40 marks)

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A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing.

(A Thing of Beauty)

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1

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- (a) Imagine you are John Keats, the poet of ‘A Thing of Beauty’. What advice might you offer to Robert Frost, the poet of ‘A Roadside Stand’ in the context of his ‘The sadness that lurks near the open window’ ? Pen down your advice in a letter to Frost on how to deal with sadness. You may begin this way :

Dear Robert,

I have recently read your poem ‘A Roadside Stand’ and

You may end this way :

Despite the fact that our lives are full of sorrow and suffering, the beautiful things around us give us the strength to endure the sadness of life.

Warmly

John Keats

OR

- (b) Create a comprehensive comparison of the themes present in ‘Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers’ and ‘My Mother at Sixty-six’. Specifically discuss the different ways each poem addresses the concept of struggle and resilience.

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

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- (a) Dr. Sadao is disturbed and in a dilemma since he has decided to help the enemy soldier. Describe his conflict and the challenges faced in the form of a diary entry.

OR

- (b) In the story ‘The Third Level’, reality and fantasy are interwoven. Justify.

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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**.*
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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.

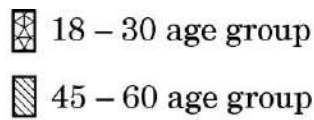
Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below : 10×1=10

- (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

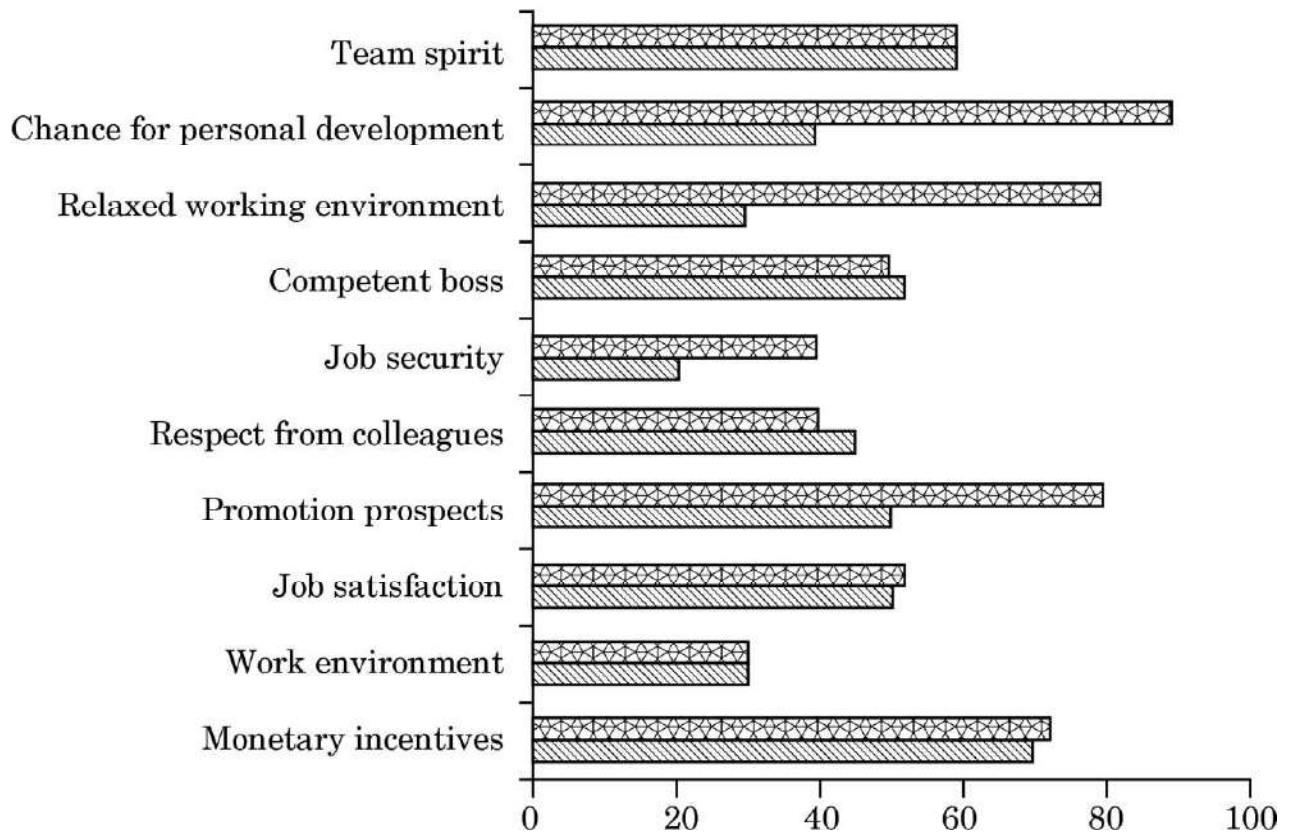
2. Read the passage given below :

- 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.



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) Draft a notice in 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 for children of the neighbourhood slums as part of the community service internship. Mention the dates, timings and the venue of the camp. You are Rita/Kailash, teacher-in-charge of community service.

OR

(B) 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 today. Draft a notice in 50 words for your school notice-board inviting club members from classes X – XII to be student volunteers to plan the activities and organize the event. Invent necessary details.

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

(A) On behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Shah, draft a printed formal invitation card in 50 words for the marriage of their daughter Rama with Rajat, son of Mr. and Mrs. L.K. Das. Provide the relevant details like day, date, time and venue.

OR

(B) You are Dr. Sen and have been invited by the Director, Health Services, Uttar Pradesh, to be the keynote speaker at a workshop on Child Care in Civil Hospital, Agra. Draft a formal letter of acceptance in 50 words. Mention day, date, time and venue.

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

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(A)

READING – GIFT A BOOK

- IMPROVES LANGUAGE SKILLS
- EXPANDS VOCABULARY
- STIMULATES IMAGINATION & CREATIVITY
- IMPROVES CONCENTRATION & DISCIPLINE
- DEVELOPS COMMUNICATION SKILLS
- DEVELOPS CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS
- MAKES US INFORMED ADULTS

There is a growing realization that reading as a skill is fast disappearing. Write a letter to the editor of 'Hindustan Times' in about 120 – 150 words expressing your views on the benefits of reading and how reading as a skill should be encouraged in schools. Support your views with the cues given above. You are Salma/Salim, a concerned parent.

OR

(B)

MAZE PVT. LTD.

REQUIRED – Young Boys and Girls to market our cosmetic products

QUALIFICATIONS – Graduate with minimum 2 years experience

PREFERRED SKILLS

- Command over minimum two languages
- Proficiency in interpersonal and communication skills
- Workable knowledge of computers

Send your Biodata within 10 days to Anil Viji, H.R. Head, Maze Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru.

You are Revathi/Ravi Prasad of 59, Osmania Road, Hyderabad. You see the above advertisement in the local daily and decide to apply for the job of a Marketing Assistant. Write a letter of application in 120 – 150 words to Anil Vij. H.R. Head, Maze Pvt. Ltd., Bengaluru along with your biodata.

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

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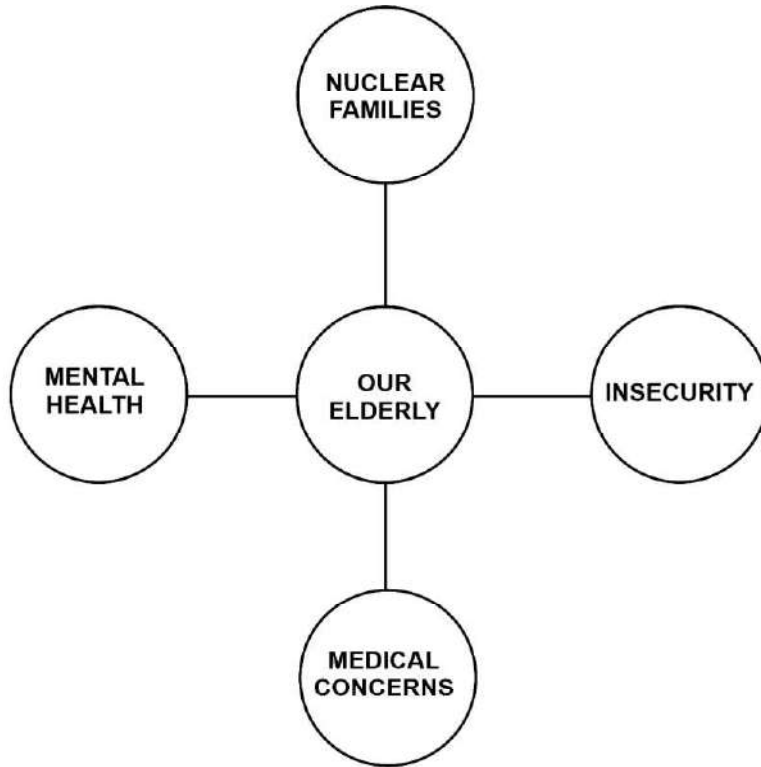
(A)



As a student reporter, you attended a SAY NO TO PLASTIC day-long awareness campaign organized by Flora International School. The inter-school event included a panel discussion, student presentations, sapling planting, skits and poster-making competition. You are Radhika/Raghav. Write a report covering this event in 120 – 150 words for your school magazine. You may use the above given inputs.

OR

(B)



With the changes in family relationships, the elderly are neglected, lonely and live in distress. Write an article in about 120 – 150 words highlighting this problem and the apathy of the young towards the older members of society. Support your ideas with the cues given above. You are Pooja/Puneet Mishra.

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 : 6×1=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) What do you learn about Galesburg, Illinois during 1894 from the lesson 'The Third Level' ?
- (b) Which problem did the Maharaja face after killing seventy tigers when he had vowed to kill 100 tigers ?
- (c) Why did Derry enter Mr. Lamb's garden ?

(Journey to the end of the Earth)

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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General Instructions :

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SECTION – A (READING SKILLS)

20

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 ?

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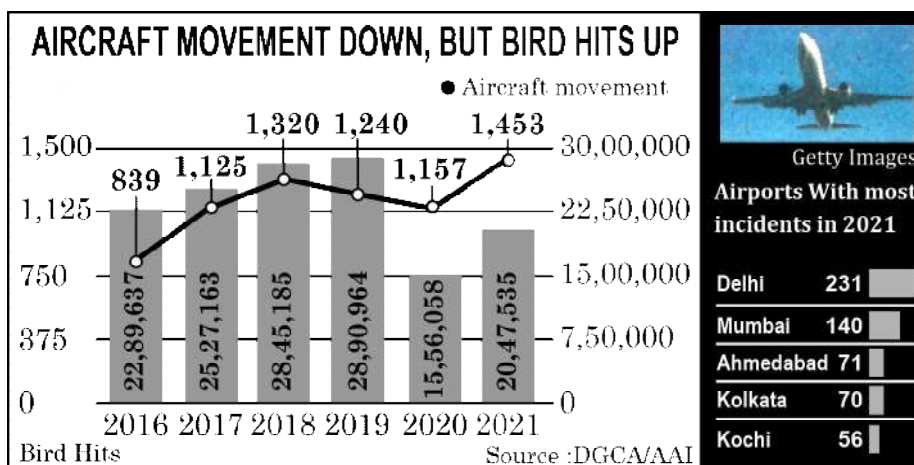
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SECTION – B

(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

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OR



3. (b) Members of the Resident Welfare Association have decided to visit the senior residents of the society as a gesture of affection and sensitivity. Draft a notice in 50 words inviting residents to volunteer for these visits. Mention relevant details. You are Ritika/Rahul, Secretary, R.W.A.

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OR

4. (b) You are Dr. Mehra, an eminent educationist who has been invited to address the students of Sunshine Public School on 'The Benefits of Reading' and release a book written by one of the students. Draft a formal letter in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the function. Mention day, date, time and venue.

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

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DON'T STORE WATER	DON'T EXPOSE YOUR SKIN
PROTECT YOURSELF FROM DENGUE & MALARIA	
APPLY MOSQUITO REPELLANTS	SLEEP UNDER MOSQUITO NETS
FIGHT THE BITE	
KEEP SURROUNDINGS CLEAN	
TAKE CHARGE	

OR



5. (b) You are Anil/Anita of Vasant Road, Lucknow. You saw the given advertisement in the newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application in 120-150 words along with a detailed biodata.

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Credence Pvt. Ltd.

Required : Food Technologist

Preferred Skills and Qualifications :

2 years degree/diploma in Food Technology, having minimum 2 years Lab experience.

Competency in basic computer skills.

Send your bio-data within 10 days to Manager, Credence Pvt. Ltd., Hazratganj, Lucknow. For further details, check our website - www.credence.com.

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Spirit of Community

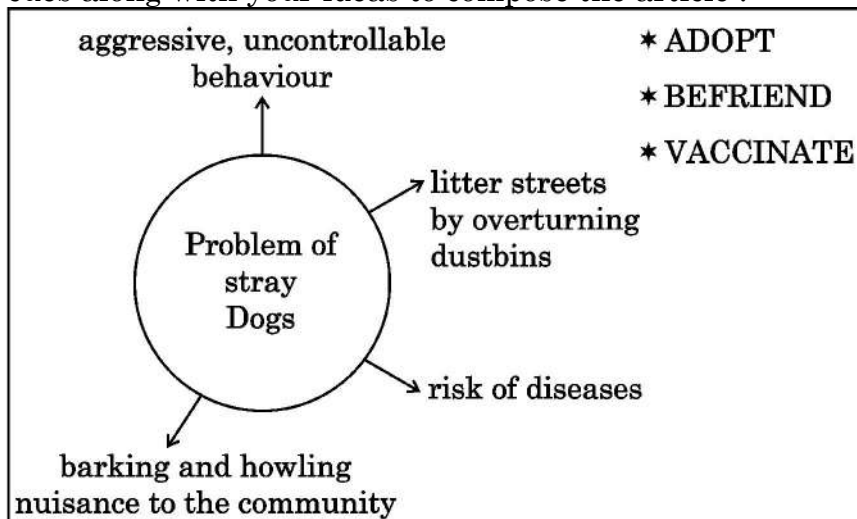
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- Teach underprivileged children
- Be a part of fundraising
- Help with animal shelters
- Join groups for clean-up drives

OR



6. (b) Draft an article in 120-150 words to be published in a prominent journal on the problem of stray dogs in your colony. Give suggestions to overcome this menace. You are Purna/Prashant. Use the given cues along with your ideas to compose the article :

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SECTION – C
(LITERATURE)

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7. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context :

(a) but after airport's security check, standing a few yards away, 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 -----

6 × 1 = 6

- (i) Choose the correct option :
In the above extract the narrator feels
(a) satisfied (b) fearful
(c) nostalgic (d) regretful
- (ii) Identify the word in the extract that means 'colourless'.
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly :
She sang like a bird : Simile
All I did was smile and smile and smile : _____



- (iv) Read the following statement and choose the correct option :
- (1) The poet had gone through the security check.
(2) She did not want to look at her mother.
(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.
- (v) What childhood fear is the poet referring to ?
- (vi) Fill the blank with appropriate words with reference to the extract :
- Pale as a winter's moon suggests _____.

OR

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.
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- (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.
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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**
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- 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.
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single : multiple :: abroad : _____
- (iii) In the above extract, Edla comes across as
- (a) conscientious
 - (b) pretentions
 - (c) compassionate
 - (d) selfless
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- (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
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 - (c) Describe the role of Raj Kumar Shukla in Indigo.
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 - (e) Explain the metaphor of the rattrap.
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 - (c) What extraordinary experience did Charley have when he went to the Grand station ?

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**

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- (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

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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.
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- (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.

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

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(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 :

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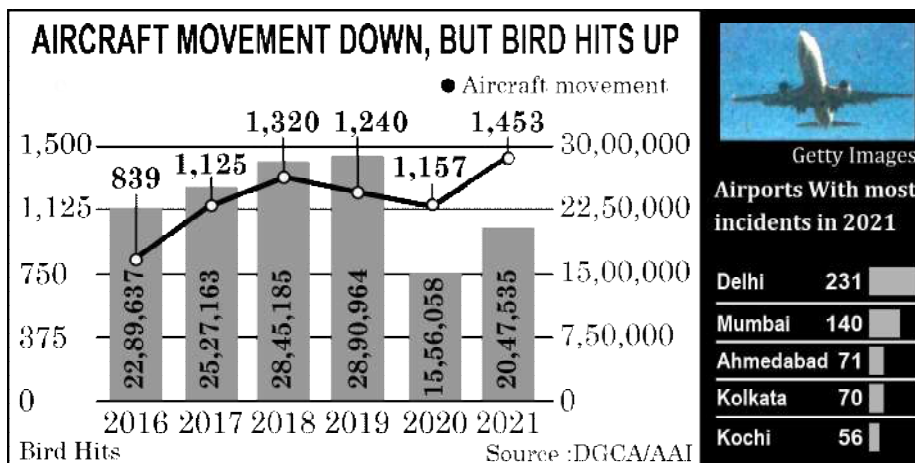
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SECTION – B

(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

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



3. (b) Draft a notice in about 50 words, urging students of classes IX and XI to participate in a three-week leadership camp to be held in your school. Mention date, day, time and venue of the camp. You are Rita/Kailash, President, Student Council. 5

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

- (a) Send a formal letter of invitation in 50 words to Dr. 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. 5

OR

4. (b) You are invited by a friend of yours to spend some days at his/her village near Manali during the summer vacation. Respond to his/her invitation. (50 words) Mention day, date, time and venue. 5

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

- (a) The newspapers today have full page advertisements promoting luxury items. With increase in consumerism, people find it difficult to resist and soon find themselves trapped in a world of social one-upmanship. Write a letter to the editor expressing your views on the consequences of this consumerism giving suggestions on how to control this habit. You are Renu/Rajan. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter. 5

Consequences

- trapped in a competitive world
- social acceptability
- living beyond budgets
- mental trauma

Solutions

- responsible role of media
- make informal decisions

OR



5. (b) Mitali Kedia sees the following advertisement and wishes to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter of application in 120 – 150 words along with a detailed bio-data. 5

SKILL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

Requires Part-time Trainers for Computers / Car mechanics

The applicant must be professionally qualified.

Must be competent in basic computer skills

Experience-minimum 5 years as trainer

Apply within 10 days to the Director, Skill Development Institute, Meerut.

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

- (a) You are Nishi/Nishant, a social worker, you feel that progress and advancement of a India can be enhanced by educating the girl child. He/She writes an article of 120 – 150 words for the local newspaper expressing his/her views. You may use the cues given below. 5

Advantages of Educating the Girl child

- financial independence
- lead productive lives
- can participate in decisions that affect them
- build better future for themselves & their families

OR

6. (b) Your school has organised a seminar on cyber-bullying and online safety. It was attended by counsellors and students from ten different schools. As student reporter, write a report in about 120-150 words to be published in the school weekly. You are Rajshri/Rishi. You may use the following cues along with your ideas to compose the article. 5

date, day, time, venue, Speakers Dr. Rao, Dr. Sen, Dr. Sidh
discussion on perils of cyber bullying, measures to control it, legal aid.



SECTION – C
(LITERATURE)

40

7. Read the given extracts to attempt the questions with reference to context :

(a) but after airport's
security check, standing a few yards
away, 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 -----

6 × 1 = 6

- (i) Choose the correct option :
In the above extract the narrator feels
(a) satisfied (b) fearful
(c) nostalgic (d) regretful
- (ii) Identify the word in the extract that means 'colourless'.
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly :
She sang like a bird : Simile
All I did was smile and smile and smile : _____
- (iv) Read the following statement and choose the correct option :
(1) The poet had gone through the security check.
(2) She did not want to look at her mother.
(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.
- (v) What childhood fear is the poet referring to ?
- (vi) Fill the blank with appropriate words with reference to the extract :
Pale as a winter's moon suggests _____.

OR



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 ?

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|---------------|---------------------|
| (i) remorse | (ii) regret |
| (iii) empathy | (iv) disappointment |
| (v) guilt | |

Choose the correct appropriate option.

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| (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 _____.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (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.

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|------------------------------------|
| (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 × 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 × 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 about **40-50** words each : **2 × 2 = 4**
- (a) How did Zitkala-Sa try to save her long hair ?
 - (b) What did the Maharaja do to realize his ambition of killing hundred tigers ?
 - (c) What did Geoff Green switch over to ? Why ? (Journey to the End of the Earth)

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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Q.P. Code 1/1/2

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- Please check that this question paper contains **19** printed pages. *
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- Please check that this question paper contains **13** questions.
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- 15 minute time has been allotted to read this question paper. The question paper will be distributed at 10.15 a.m. From 10.15 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer on the answer-book during this period.

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

(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.

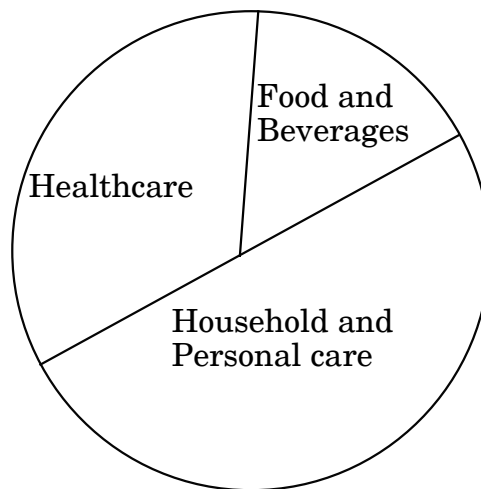




Table I. FMCG Products

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 :

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(A) Many residents of Ajay Complex, Bhopal have undertaken the responsibility of feeding the street dogs in the Complex. As Raina/Rahul, President of R.W.A., draft a notice in 50 words to fix feeding spots and timings to avoid inconvenience to other residents.

OR

(B) Your school is introducing a five-week certified module on Graphic Design during the summer vacation. Draft a notice in 50 words asking interested students to register for the same latest by 20th April. Mention relevant details like fee, timing and course coverage. You are Nishi/Nishant, Academic Incharge.



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

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(A) You are Kavita/Karan Sharma. Draft a formal letter of reply in 50 words, accepting the invitation to be the Guest of Honour on 28th February at the Inter-School Debate Competition being organised by Priti Public School. Mention day, date, time and venue.

OR

(B) As the Naina/Niraj Gupta, Principal of Harmony Public School, draft a formal invitation to parents in 50 words, inviting them to attend an orientation workshop on Effective Parenting by Dr. S.K. Hridhay. Mention day, date, time and venue.

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

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(A) You are concerned at the increase in the number of incidents taking place on poorly lit roads in your city. Write a letter in 120 – 150 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views and suggesting solutions. You are Hamida/Hamid. You may use the cues given below.

BE SAFE

- Poorly lit roads
- Do not travel alone at night
- Be alert of your surroundings
- Road accidents – hit and run incidents
- Petty crimes — snatching valuables at knife point

OR



- (B) You are Anita/Andrew of B-15, M.G. Road, Jammu. You read the advertisement for an Accounts Officer in the local newspaper and wish to apply for the same. Write a letter of application in 120 – 150 words along with your biodata.

World Solutions Delhi – Requires Accounts Officer

Qualification – B.Com.

Experience – Minimum 2 years

Job Requirement – Maintaining books of accounts, preparation of
Balance Sheets

Knowledge of basic computer skills

Apply to :

Managing Director

World Solutions

Galaxy Building

Geetanjali Enclave

New Delhi

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

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- (A) You are Mira/Mohan of Rose Public School, Vadodara. Your school recently celebrated its Annual Day. You were asked to cover this event as a student correspondent of the school magazine. Write a report in 120 – 150 words. Support your ideas with outline cues given below. Mention day, date, time and venue.

Programme

Welcome address

Speech by Chief Guest

Cultural Programme

Award ceremony

Honouring Scholastic Students. Felicitation of Teachers who have completed 25 years of service

Vote of thanks

OR



- (B) As a student studying in Class 12, you are confused about which course to pursue after school. To gain clarity you attended a career fair in which you interacted with professionals from various fields and admission officers from different institutions. Based on your experience, write an article in 120 – 150 words on the importance of making informed choices. You are Rita/Rahul.
Support your ideas with the cues given below :

- Different courses
- Eligibility
- Admission procedures
- Aptitude testing
- Education loans
- Further prospects

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 ?
- (a) People are empathetic towards him.
 - (b) People are repulsed by his appearance.
 - (c) People are annoyed by his presence.
 - (d) 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 ?

- (a) The staff consisted of a Bengali, a Maharashtrian, a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and Tamils.
- (b) They recited slogans of national integration.
- (c) The staff studied make-up techniques of various states.
- (d) 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) Did the Tiger King manage to kill the hundredth tiger ?
Why / Why not ?
- (b) Why did Charley buy old-style currency ?
- (c) Why does Derry enter Mr. Lamb's garden ?

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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Q.P. Code **1/5/2**

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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.



- (ii) Comment on the writer's reference to the unique feature of coffee plant. (paragraph 2)
- (iii) List the reason why the author refers to humans as 'great threat to coffee' plants.
- (iv) Select an option that conveys the same meaning as 'energiser' from words used in paragraph 3.
- (a) bland (b) mature
(c) antioxidant (d) stimulants
- (v) Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference with respect to the following :
Fats and carbohydrates turn into essential oils leading to ____.
- (vi) Comment on the writer's reference to the interesting phenomenon in paragraph 4.
- (vii) Over extraction does not give a stronger coffee. Based on your understanding of paragraph 6, list one method to get stronger coffee.
- (viii) The writer would not agree with the given statements based on paragraph five EXCEPT
- (a) The burr grinder grinds coffee beans uniformly.
(b) Less surface area makes extraction easier.
(c) Grinding gives stronger aroma.
(d) Good coffee is a mix of smaller and bigger particles.
- (ix) Why is it fair to say that the right degree of extraction of coffee is important ?
- (x) Select the most suitable title of the above passage.
- (a) The Art of Coffee Making
(b) Benefits of Consuming Coffee
(c) Green Coffee – The perfect antioxidant
(d) The Coffee Addict



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.

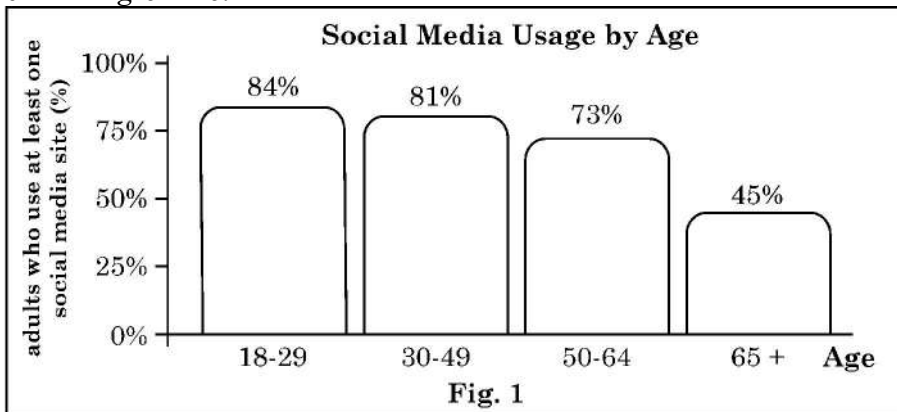


Fig. 1

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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- (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 Sunil/Sunila, Head Boy / Girl of Lotus Valley Public School, Ahmedabad. Your school is planning to organise a theatre workshop for students. Draft a notice in about **50** words informing the students about the workshop mentioning day, date, time and venue.

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OR

3. (b) You are Gaurav / Geeta, Sports Captain of A.J. Bhopal. Your school is planning to start football coaching for middle school students. As Sports Captain, draft a notice in about **50** words informing students about the details of the football coaching. Mention date, time and venue.

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4. Attempt any **ONE** from the following in about **50** words :

(a) You are Amit / Amita. You are planning a weekend trek to Kalghat. Write an informal letter of invitation to your friend inviting him / her to join you. Mention day, date, time and any other relevant information. (Word limit about **50** words)

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OR

4. (b) You are Prof. R.K. Chadha, eminent environmentalist. You have been invited to chair a panel discussion on ‘Solar Power – The Alternate Lifestyle’. Write a formal letter accepting the invitation in about **50** words. Mention day, date, time and venue.

5

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

(a) You are Rajat / Radha of J.P. Colony, Bhubaneswar. You have recently come across an advertisement for the post of Manager in S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd., Bhubaneswar. Apply with bio-data to The General Manager, S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd., J.H. Avenue, Bhubaneswar.

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S.J. Food Products Pvt. Ltd. Required Manager
Preferred skills and qualifications
* Bachelor’s degree
* MBA
* Strong interpersonal & communication skills
* Computer competency
* 5 years experience
Apply with complete bio-data within 7 days to HR Dept. SJ Foods

OR



5. (b) You are a counsellor in a reputed public school. You are concerned to see that bullying has become common among school students. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern and suggesting ways and methods to end this menace in schools. You are Rajesh / Radhika of A.P. Colony, Pune. Use the given cues along your own ideas to compose this letter. 5

Bullying can be physical, emotional, and verbal
Leads to depression, anxiety, anger, stress, poor performance

Solutions :

- * Strict implementation of rules
- * Counselling
- * Encourage students to speak out
- * Set up student anti bullying cell

6. Attempt any **ONE** in about **120-150** words :
- (a) You travel to office by the metro rail everyday. You are delighted to observe how well maintained it is even after ten years. Write an article in **120-150** words expressing your views on the sense of civic responsibility among citizens today. You are Tanmay / Tanisha. Support your ideas with cues given below. 5

METRO – OUR PRIDE

- Keep it clean – No smoking, No littering
- Disciplined Travel
- Our Responsibility
- It takes us Home

OR

6. (b) Your school recently conducted an inter-school debate competition. As a student reporter Anita/Anish, write a report of the event to be published in your school magazine. 5

Use the input given below and your own ideas to write a report in **120-150** words.



INTER SCHOOL DEBATE COMPETITION
TOPIC : INDIA – THE NEW EDUCATION DESTINATION

- * Date :
- * Time :
- * Venue :
- * Each team comprises 3 participants. One for the motion, one against and an interjector
- * Prizes – Certificate of Participation to all participants
- * Cash prize to winners : Sponsored by EdTech Now.

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
- (iii) The men setting beneath the tree are _____.



- (iv) What quality of uncle can be inferred through these lines ?
(a) compassionate nature (b) courageous
(c) confident (d) dominating
- (v) The tigers in the extract are symbolic of
(a) creativity and courage (b) confidence and gentleness
(c) cruelty and fear (d) aggression and starving
- (vi) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across
(1) the screen (2) the fields
(3) the embroidered tunic (4) the cage
Which of the following is the most appropriate choice ?
(a) (1) and (2) (b) (2) and (4)
(c) (1), (2) and (3) (d) (1) and (3)

8. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow. Attempt any **ONE** : $4 \times 1 = 4$

(a) To make sure, I walked over the newsboy and glanced at the stack of papers at his feet. It was *The World* and *The World* hasn't been published for years. The lead story said something about President Cleveland. I've found that front page since, in the Public library files, and it was printed June 11, 1894.

I turned toward the ticket windows knowing that here – on the third level at Grand Central – I could buy tickets that would take Louisa and me anywhere in the United States we wanted to go. In the year 1894. And I wanted two tickets to Galesburg, Illinois.

- (i) The newspaper that covered the lead story about President Cleveland was
(a) *The Pioneer* (b) *The New York Times*
(c) *The World* (d) *The Times*
- (ii) The narrator wanted to buy tickets to _____.
- (iii) Which of the following in the extract most nearly means the opposite of 'stare' ?
(a) glance (b) peek
(c) ignore (d) examine
- (iv) Charley wanted two tickets because he wanted to go with
(a) Sam (b) Cleveland
(c) Louisa (d) the Psychiatrist

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 _____.
(ii) The narrator 'dawdled along' as she _____.
(a) enjoyed looking at the various sights
(b) was getting late for school
(c) she didn't like going home
(d) she enjoyed haggling and shopping
(iii) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below :
(I) The distance from school to home was very short.
(II) She was feeling upset and so dawdling her way home.
(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) cannot be inferred from the extract
(d) Both (I) and (II) can be inferred from the extract
(iv) The word 'novelties' in the passage most nearly means
(a) colourful trinkets (b) wooden toys
(c) unique and interesting items
(d) expensive souvenirs

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

6 × 1 = 6

- (a) "I sometimes find a rupee, even a ten rupee note", Saheb says, his eyes lighting up when you can find a silver coin in a heap of garbage, you don't stop scrounging, for there is hope of finding more. It seems that for children, garbage has a meaning different from what it means to their parents. For the children it is wrapped in wonder, for the elders it is a means of survival.

One winter morning I see Saheb standing by the fenced gate of the neighbourhood club, watching two young men dressed in white, playing tennis. "I like the game", he hums, content to watch it standing behind the fence. "I go inside when no one is around" he admits. "The gate keeper lets me use the swing."



- (i) Saheb found a rupee
(a) on the street (b) in the garbage dump
(c) in Firozabad (d) on the tennis court
- (ii) Which emotion of Saheb is revealed in the phrase 'his eyes lighting up' ?
(a) anxiety (b) envy
(c) happiness (d) greed
- (iii) For the elders garbage is _____ and for children it is _____.
- (iv) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to I and II given below :
I. Saheb watches the game from outside.
II. Saheb had lost the previous match.
(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 ? (My Mother at Sixty-Six)
(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' ?
(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** in about **40-50** words :

2 × 2 = 4

- (a) What gave Derry the courage to go back to Mr. Lamb's house despite his mother's refusal ?
(b) What did the astrologers depict about the child when he was born ? (The Tiger King)
(c) Why did Geoff Green include young students in his 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.

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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.

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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

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.
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| (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 ?
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|-----------------|-----------------|
| (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

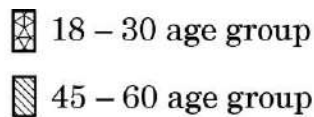


2. Read the passage given below :

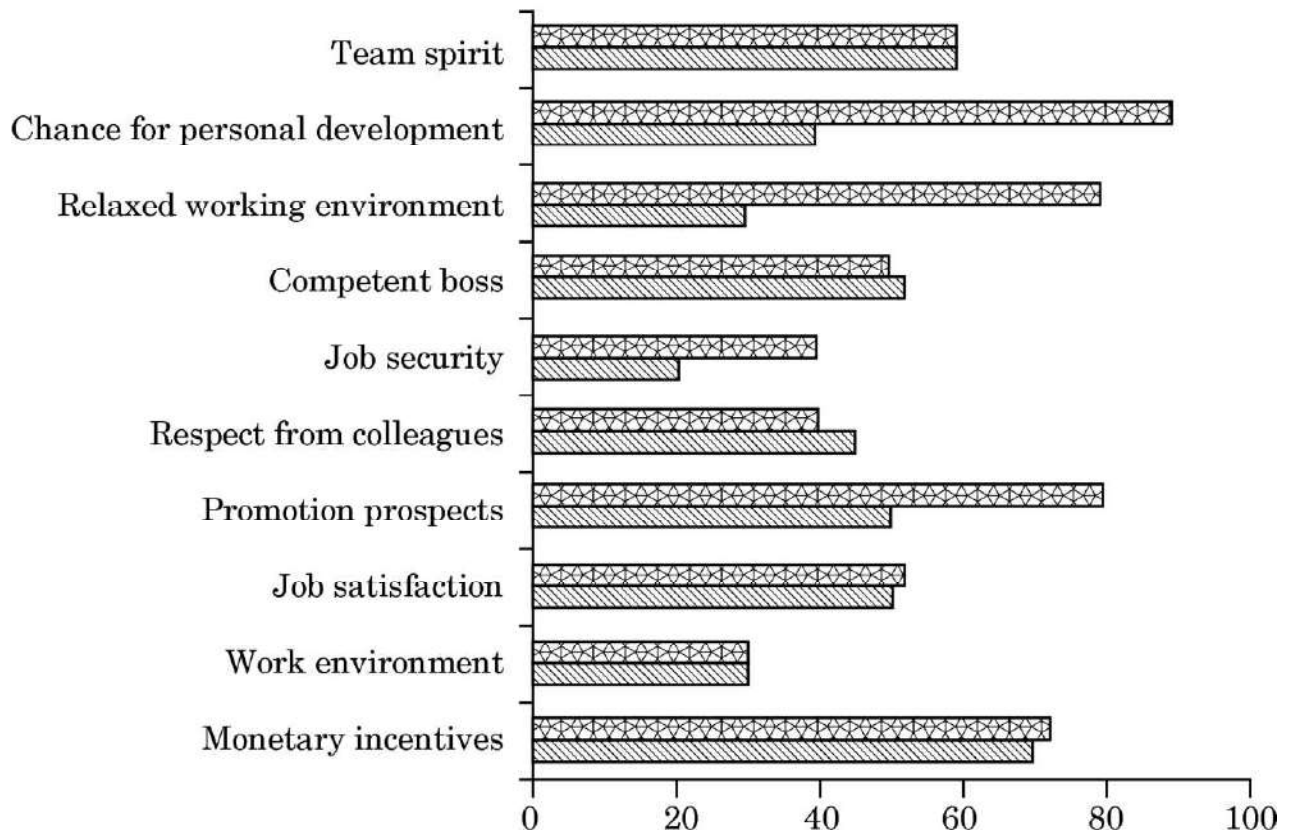
- 1 Nowadays companies demand an outstanding job performance by every single employee to be better than that of their competitors because there is competition among enterprises. The employers make efforts to motivate the employees and optimise performance.
- 2 There are numerous factors affecting job 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.



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 50th 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, 22nd 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;">ROSE RESTAURANT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">– A GOURMET DELIGHT</p> <p>REQUIRED – SENIOR MANAGER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOOD & BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT</p> <p>JOB RESPONSIBILITIES :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• OVERSEE FINANCES OF THE FOOD & BEVERAGE DEPARTMENT• SUPERVISE RESTAURANTS <p>PREFERRED SKILLS & QUALIFICATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DEGREE IN HOTEL MANAGEMENT• 5 YEARS WORK EXPERIENCE• STRONG INTERPERSONAL & COMMUNICATION SKILLS (VERBAL AND WRITTEN)



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 :

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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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SECTION A
Reading Skills

(20 marks)

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- 2 Education in both rural and urban India is expected to be supported by technology in the near future.
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- 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.
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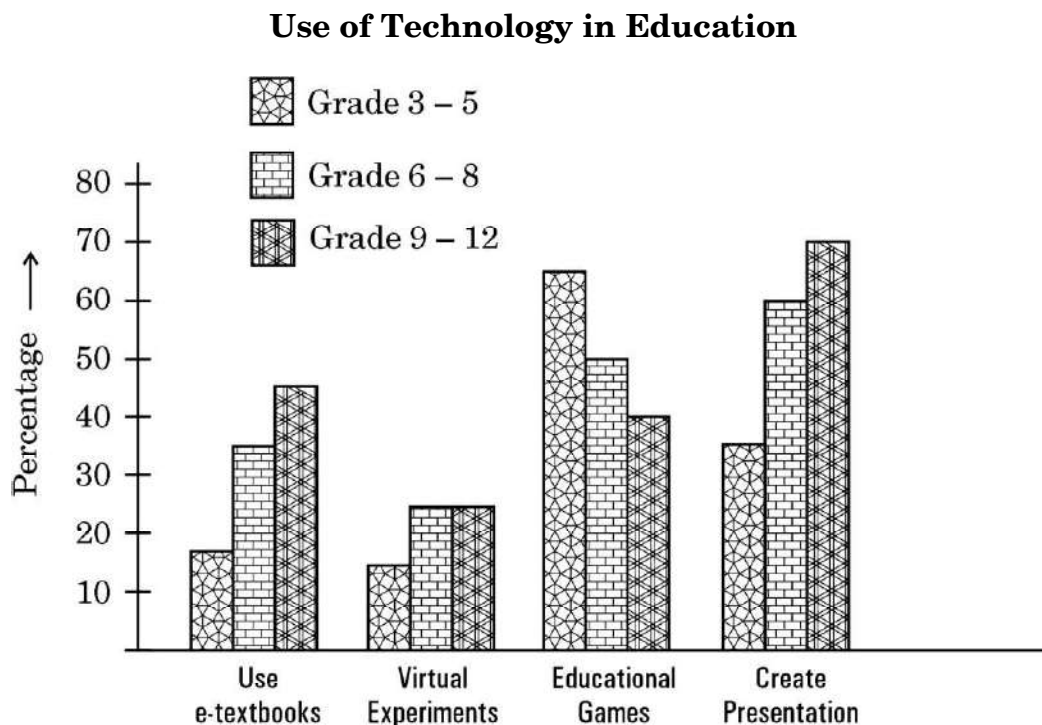


TABLE I.

REASONS FOR BOOM IN EDTECH

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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



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- (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 ?
- (iii) Select the option which displays that use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times.
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- (b) Teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide more value to the students.
- (c) It understands what is needed and technology is subsequently developed effectively.
- (d) Simplifies assignment management with user-friendly methods.
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The role of EdTech is more critical now _____.
- (v) The word 'critical' in para 6 most nearly means
- (a) difficult
- (b) crucial
- (c) complementary
- (d) causative
- (vi) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :
Technology in education works for the betterment of many sectors such as _____.
- (a) farmers, educators and businessmen
- (b) educating learners, job opportunities for educators and technical teams
- (c) doctors, engineers and technocrats
- (d) banking, construction workers and software technicians
- (vii) Digital education will become a top priority for the government because _____.



- (viii) Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option :

The concluding sentence of the passage makes a clear case that _____.

- (a) the growth of educational technology and online education will take some time
 - (b) nobody imagined a growth as exponential as in the last two years
 - (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) Under the mission “Each One Teach One”, your school has been requested to send volunteers to participate in this programme. Draft a notice in 50 words for the senior class students to offer themselves as volunteers. State the details of the task expected to be undertaken by the volunteers. Mention relevant details of day, date, time and venue. You are Rashi/Rishi, President, Social Service Club.

OR

(B) Your school was celebrating its Annual Day function on Saturday, 4th 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><u>Causes</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Smaller families• Children abroad• Modern, hectic lifestyles <p><u>Suggestions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helplines• Support groups, RWA activities• Sensitization of younger generation
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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
- Monitor Online Marketing

Preferred Skills & Qualifications :

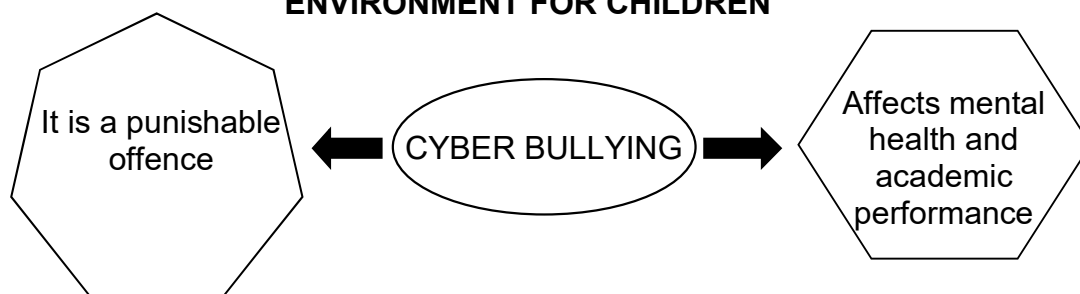
- Bachelor’s Degree in Marketing or Business
- Minimum 2 years experience in Digital Marketing
- Knowledge of Picture/Video Editing Software

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rote learning• Academic focus• Theoretical• Text-based		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spirit of Inquiry• Holistic focus• Experiential• Skill-based & entrepreneurial

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.
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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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- (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)



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- (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)
- (c) How does Mr. Lamb react when children call him Lamey-Lamb ?
(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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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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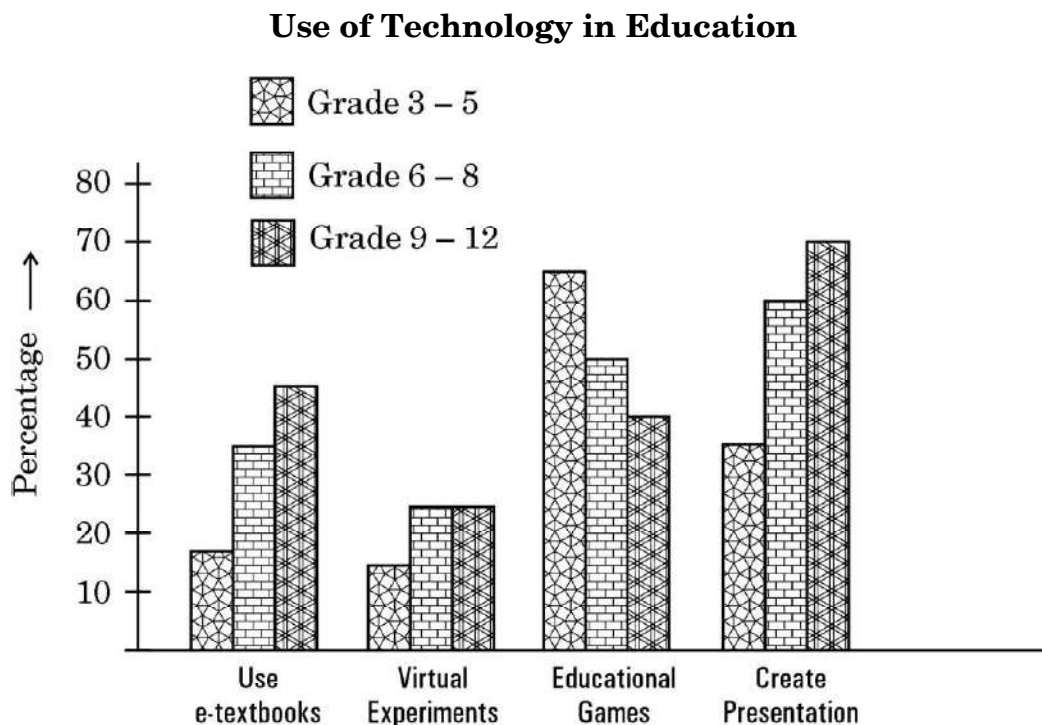


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OR



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OR

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Good interpersonal skills

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OR



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(A)

STREET THEATRE



CHILD RIGHTS DRUG ABUSE SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT ILLITERACY

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OR



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- affordable
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Literature

(40 marks)

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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.
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 - (b) a harmonious world.
 - (c) an atmosphere for introspection.
 - (d) a world full of hustle and bustle.
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- face of the Earth : _____ : : sudden strangeness : alliteration
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 - II. Introspection will lead to peaceful coexistence.
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OR



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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
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- (c) I, II and IV
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(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
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 - (b) fear of losing her mother.
 - (c) fear of illness.
 - (d) anxiety of taking her mother on the flight.
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- I. The poet was in a hurry to reach the airport.
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 - (b) vitality and youthfulness
 - (c) energy and casualness
 - (d) pallor and exuberance

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"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.
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(The Interview)

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 - (b) condemnation.
 - (c) reconciliation.
 - (d) gratitude.
- (ii) Kipling assaulted _____ with an interview.
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 - (c) T.S. Eliot
 - (d) Mark Twain



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(b) annihilated.
(c) killed.
(d) ruined.
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OR

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(b) they had never before seen an Englishman.
(c) they failed to comprehend what the poet was speaking.
(d) they were already bored.



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The English poet was _____ when he was addressing the dazed audience.
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(c) Film studio
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(Deep Water)



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OR

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OR

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(20 marks)

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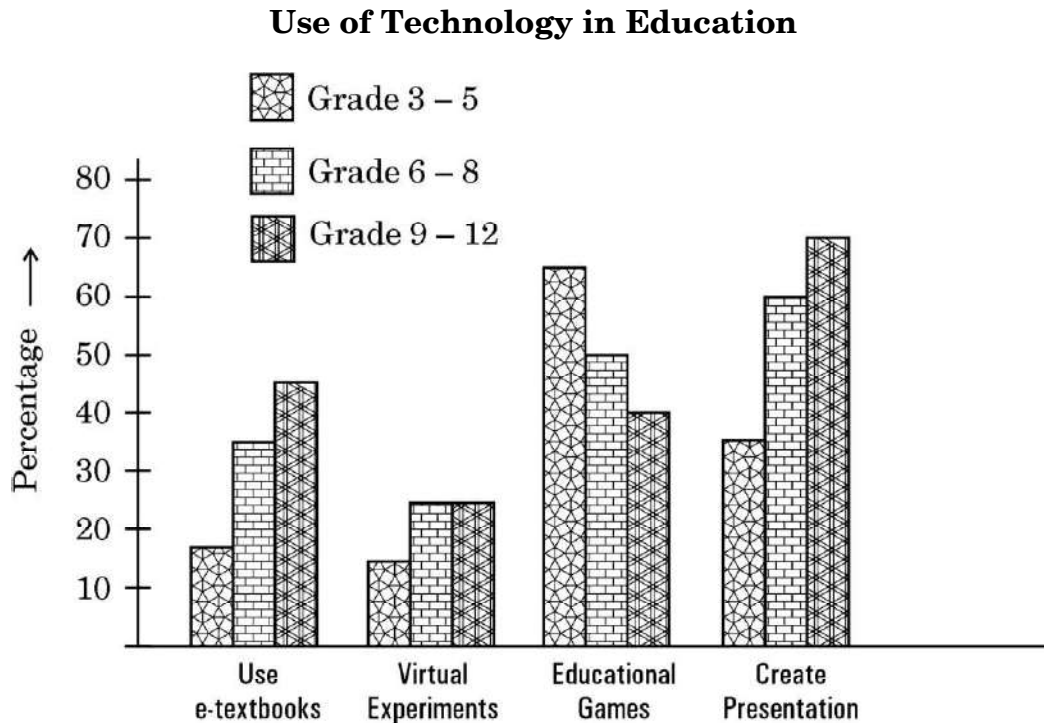


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OR

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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;">SITUATION VACANT</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Reputed Manufacturing Company needs Receptionist for its Front Office</p> <p>Eligibility – 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>

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;">DRIVE CAREFULLY</p> <p>SAFETY IS IN YOUR HAND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• WEAR SEAT BELTS• FOLLOW TRAFFIC RULES• NO MOBILE WHILE DRIVING• FOLLOW SPEED LIMIT• DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE <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;">ENVIRONMENT WEEK DON'T CUT DOWN A LIFE – STOP BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tree Plantation Drive• Poster Making Competition• Interaction with Environmentalists• Panel Discussion• Clean Your Campus <p style="text-align: center;">IT'S YOUR WORLD SAVE IT – IT'S YOUR TOMORROW</p>

OR

(B)

<p style="text-align: center;">LEAD A PRODUCTIVE LIFE — VOLUNTEER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Spend time with senior citizens• Keep surroundings clean• Support Each One Teach One programme• Build books/clothes banks for the needy• Share celebratory moments <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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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.

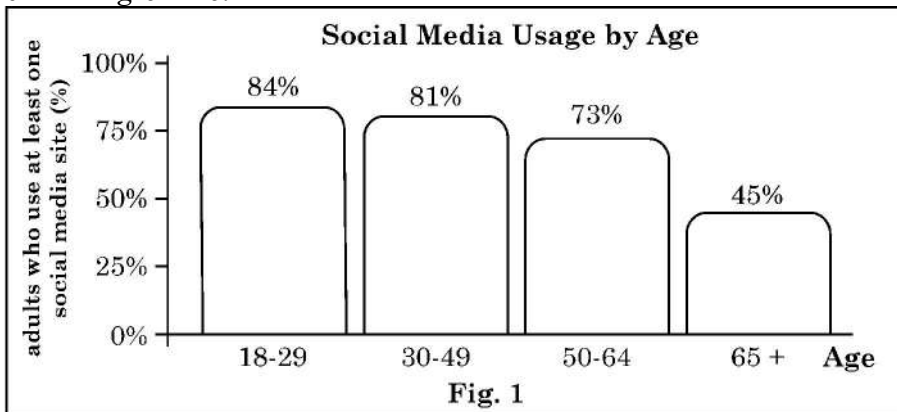


Fig. 1

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
- reading choices of teenagers.
 - digital competency of teenagers.
 - speed of reading text.
 - 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 14th 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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- (v) Sophie's mother's sigh is one of
(a) regret (b) delight
(c) relief (d) helplessness
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5 × 2 = 10

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(d) What is the significance of the word 'but' in 'but all I said was see you soon, Amma ? (My Mother at Sixty-Six)
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(f) What according to Pablo Neruda in the poem 'Keeping Quiet' is the lesson that we should learn from mother earth ?

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2 × 2 = 4

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(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' ?

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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.

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

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OR

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SET ~ 3

Q.P. Code **1/5/3**

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ENGLISH (Core)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80



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Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

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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.
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- (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.

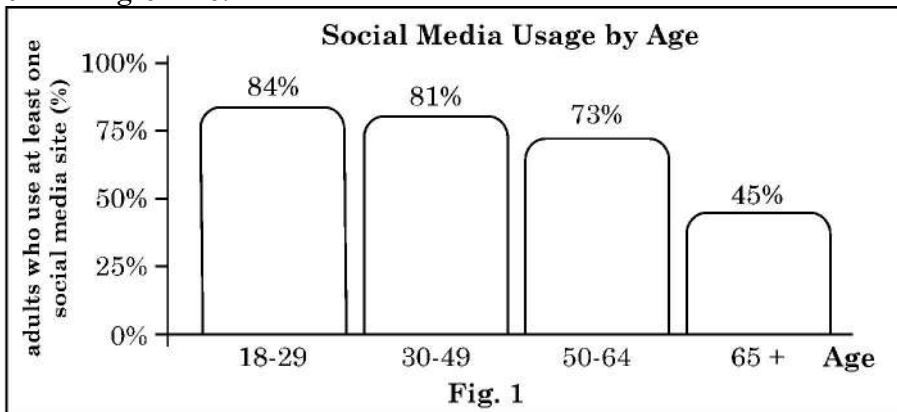


Fig. 1

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** 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 17th 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 80th 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 20th 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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Required – English Teacher for Primary Classes

Skills & Qualificaton :

- Graduate, Montessori trained.
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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 :
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 2. Beauty is everchanging.
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- (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 :
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(c) (4) and (5) (d) (3) and (6)
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flowery band : metaphor :: : alliteration
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OR

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Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
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The massive weight of uncle's wedding band
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(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 'duraaisani' 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.

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OR

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

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General Instructions :

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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 :

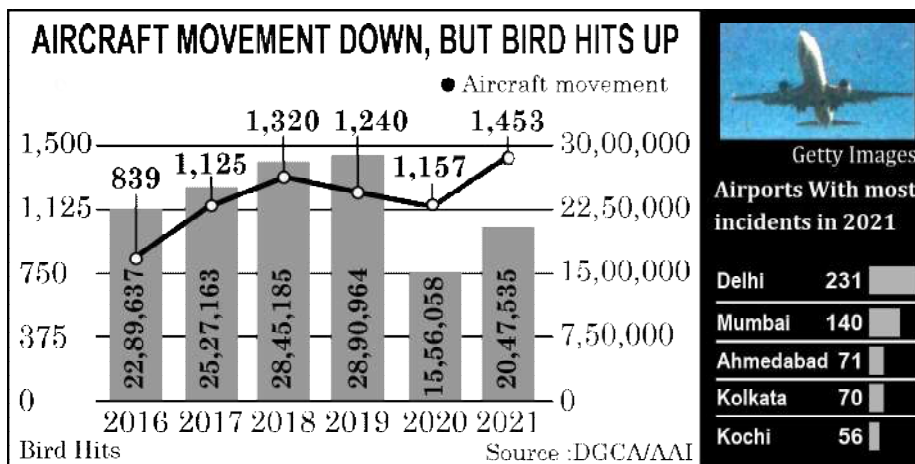
The writer says that games can calm our impatience without creating any conflict by _____.

(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.

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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 15th May to Friday 2nd 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 × 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 × 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.

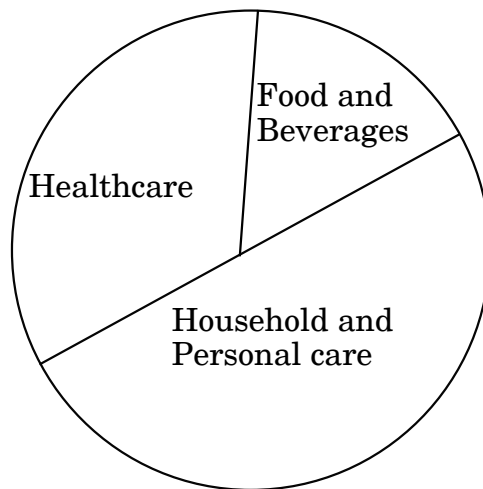




Table I. FMCG Products

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 :

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(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 :

5

(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 :

5

- (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

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- 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

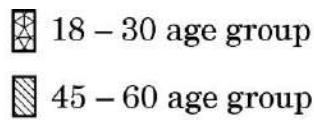


2. Read the passage given below :

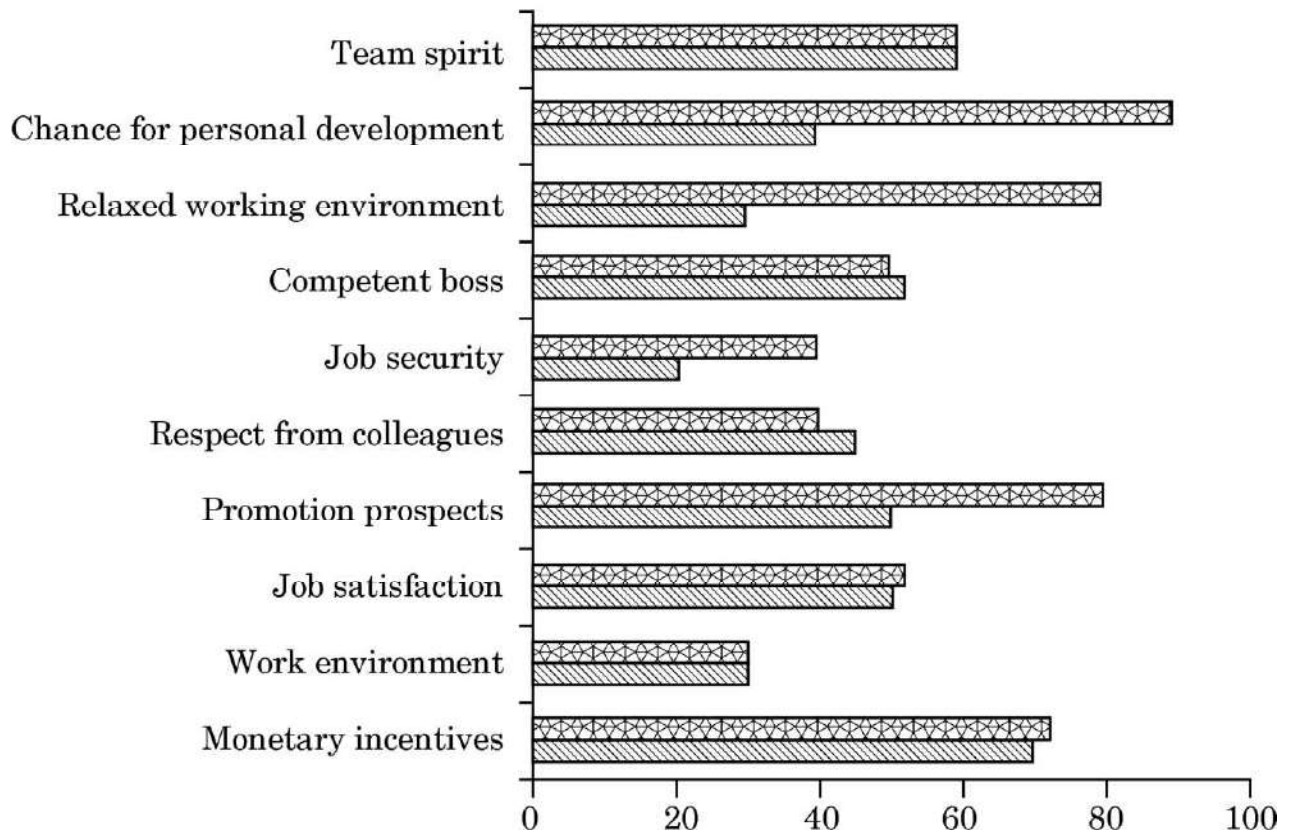
- 1 Nowadays companies demand an outstanding job performance by every single employee to be better than that of their competitors because there is competition among enterprises. The employers make efforts to motivate the employees and optimise performance.
- 2 There are numerous factors affecting job 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.



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)	PROBLEMS FACED BY WOMEN <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DOMESTIC VIOLENCE• LACK OF EDUCATION• FINANCIAL DEPENDENCE• FEWER WORK OPPORTUNITIES	WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LEGAL RIGHTS• EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT• FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE• PROVISION FOR HEALTH CARE
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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;">FRONTIER FOODS PVT. LTD.</p> <p>REQUIRED – Receptionist Young male or female for front desk</p> <p><u>JOB RESPONSIBILITIES</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive calls• Sort and distribute daily mail• Maintain Visitors’ Record <p><u>Preferred Skills and Qualifications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduate• Workable knowledge of Computers• Good interpersonal skills <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		Lead an active life
Health		Timely medical support
Emotional wellbeing		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
- he had got severe food poisoning.
 - he had just been rescued from nearly drowning in the pool.
 - he was frightened when he saw the big man.
 - 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 :
- The boy did not know how to swim.
 - The boy took a long time to recover from his fear.
- I can be inferred from the extract but II cannot.
 - I cannot be inferred from the extract but II can.
 - I is true but II is false.
 - 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 :

- (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

(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.

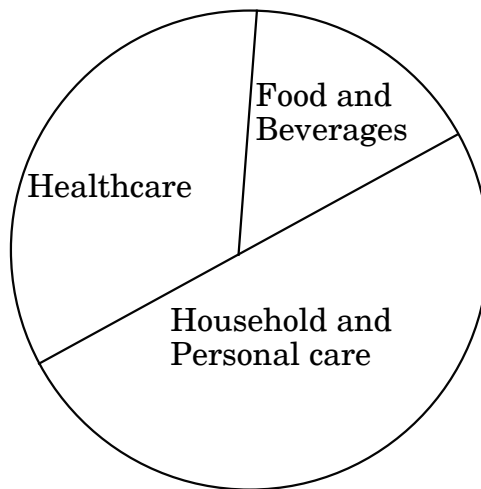




Table I. FMCG Products

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

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- (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 28th 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.