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Set No. 1

Q.P. Code 2/1/1

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## ENGLISH (Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

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**101 A**

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## General Instructions :

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(i) *This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.*

(ii) *The question paper contains **THREE** sections –*

**Section – A : Reading Skills**

**Section – B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills**

**Section – C : Literature**

(iii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each **Part**.*

## Section – A

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### Reading Skills

1. Read the passage given below :

- (1) If you're like most kids, you may love snow. Not only can it get you out of school, but it's also fun to play with. Who doesn't love to sled and build snowmen ? Snow can also be dangerous, too. You may have heard your parents talk about how difficult it can be to drive in snow. Car accidents aren't the only dangers created by snow. If you're ever skiing in the mountains, you'll want to be aware of avalanches. An avalanche is a sudden flow of snow down a slope, such as a mountain. The amount of snow in an avalanche will vary based on many things, but it can be such a huge pile that it can bury the bottom of a slope in dozens of feet of snow.

- (2) Avalanches can be caused by many things. Some of them are natural. For example, new snow or rain can cause built up snow to loosen and fall down the side of a mountain. Earthquakes and the movement of animals have also been known to cause avalanches. Artificial triggers can also cause avalanches. For example, snowmobiles, skiers, gunshots and explosives have all been known to cause avalanches. Avalanches usually occur during the winter and spring, when snowfall is greatest. As they are dangerous to any living beings in their path, avalanches have destroyed forests, roads, railroads and even entire towns.
- (3) Warning signs exist that allow experts to predict – and often prevent – avalanches from occurring. When over a foot of fresh snow falls, experts know to be on the lookout for avalanches. Explosives can be used in places with massive snow build-ups to trigger smaller avalanches that don't pose a danger to persons or property. When deadly avalanches do occur, the moving snow can quickly reach over 80 miles per hour. Skiers caught in such avalanches can be buried under dozens of feet of snow. While it's possible to dig out of such avalanches, not all are able to escape.
- (4) If you get tossed about by an avalanche and find yourself buried under many feet of snow, you might not have a true sense of which way is up and which way is down. Some avalanche victims have tried to dig their way out, only to find that they were upside down and digging themselves farther under the snow rather than to the top ! Experts suggest that people caught in an avalanche try to “swim” to the top of the moving snow to stay close to the surface. Once the avalanche stops, do your best to dig around you to create a space for air, so you can breathe easier. Then, do your best to figure out which way is up and dig in that direction to reach the surface and signal rescuers.

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

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

Avalanche can be caused by

- (a) new snow or rain. (b) heavy winds.  
(c) high altitude. (d) global warming.

- (ii) Comment on warning signs exist which allow experts to predict avalanches in two sentences.

- (iii) Mention two reasons which destroyed the natural scenery.

- (iv) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'massive' :

- (a) tiny (b) lengthy  
(c) bulky (d) extensive

- (v) The writer will agree with one of the given statements (paragraph 4)

- (a) People caught in the Avalanche can try to swim to the top.  
(b) Put on an oxygen Mask.  
(c) Digging is not possible.  
(d) Should not come close to the surface.

- (vi) Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below :

You may not have an idea of which way is up and which way is down.

- (a) The crowd will gather at Gate No. 1 and disperse from Gate No. 2.  
(b) Due to the torrential rain, there was a heavy flooding.  
(c) The guest felt uneasy and uncomfortable watching the child's performance.  
(d) The more the effort, the bigger the gain.

- (vii) The major causes which do not trigger an avalanche :

- (a) Earthquakes (b) Snow fall  
(c) Rain (d) Plastic waste

(viii) Explosives can be used in places \_\_\_\_\_. (complete the sentence)

(ix) The word 'deadly' in the (3) paragraph most nearly means

(a) likely to cause death (b) harmful

(c) very boring (d) scary

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

(a) Avalanches (b) Adventure with Snow

(c) Ice Games (d) Calamity

2. Read the passage given below :

**10 × 1 = 10**

(1) Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing increasing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens.

(2) The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequent traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely.

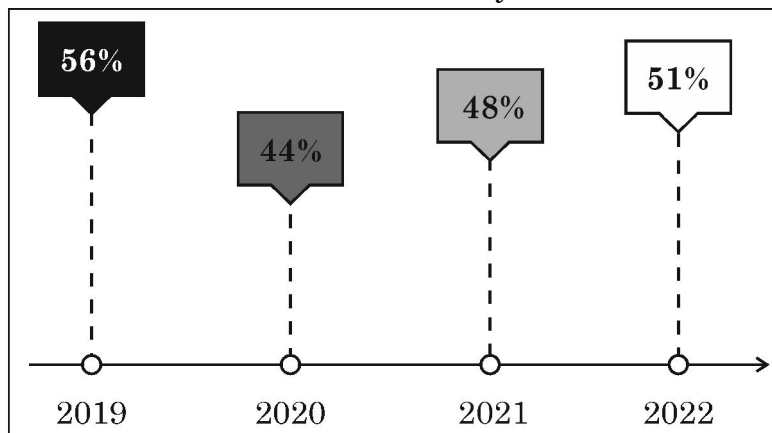
(3) The Capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4%, according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-21.

(4) In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increased congestion on the roads. In spite of these challenges people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel.

Citizens of Delhi/NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport, the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.

(5) What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.  
Reducing traffic congestion is not easy.
- (ii) Select the appropriate option to complete the following sentence. The reasons for increased traffic congestion are \_\_\_\_\_.  
 1. use of private vehicles  
 2. increase in demand for cars  
 3. inability to keep pace with population control  
 4. travelling by public transport  
 5. emission of pollutants  
 (a) 4, 5 (b) 1, 5 (c) 1, 2 (d) 2, 3
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phrase from the paragraph 5.  
 organized : chaotic :: lowest : \_\_\_\_\_  
 Clue : Just as organized is an antonym of chaotic, lowest is an antonym of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The vehicles emit pollutants which affect \_\_\_\_\_ badly.
- (v) Complete the following sentence.  
 Use of public transport will reduce \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) Select the appropriate option which states the methods of reducing traffic congestions.  
 1. start car pooling  
 2. add electric buses  
 3. increase in public modes of transport  
 4. increase car collection points  
 5. increase taxation  
 (a) 1, 4, 5 (b) 3, 5 (c) 2, 3, 4 (d) 1, 3
- (vii) Analyze the status of traffic between the years 2019-2022.



**For the visually challenged candidates only.**

- (vii) What is required to get an organized traffic management system ?

(viii) Give the reasons for increase in vehicular congestion.

(ix) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

There are \_\_\_\_\_ consequences of increasing vehicular congestion.

- (a) beneficial (b) adverse  
(c) implicit (d) explicit

(x) Substitute the underlined word with ONE WORD similar in meaning in the following sentence.

Citizens of Delhi/NCR have time and time again pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce traffic congestion.

### Section – B

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#### Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt any **Ten** of the following questions :

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(i) Reena always \_\_\_\_\_ the truth.

- (a) speak (b) speaks  
(c) will speak (d) speaking

(ii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line :

Bread and butter \_\_\_\_\_ my favourite breakfast.

- (a) is (b) am  
(c) are (d) has been

(iii) Read the conversation between two friends Ravi and Reena. Complete the sentence by reporting Reena's reply correctly.

Ravi : "Reena, lend me hundred rupees".

Reena : "I don't have it right now, but I will arrange it for you".

Ravi asked Reena to lend him hundred rupees, to which Reena replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line :

I can run fast when I was young.

Option no.	Error	Correction
a	was	is
b	run	ran
c	can	could
d	when	whence

- (v) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option :

Heena \_\_\_\_\_ from fever since last Sunday.

- (a) suffered (b) will suffer  
(c) suffer (d) has been suffering

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct word in the bracket.

Anyas \_\_\_\_\_ (eat) all the chocolates kept in the tray.

- (a) ate (b) eating  
(c) have eaten (d) eaten

- (vii) Report the dialogue between a mother and a daughter by completing the sentence :

Mother : Why are you looking so worried ?

Daughter : My exams are approaching.

In response to the question of the mother, the daughter replied that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence :

The ship Titanic and her fate continues to fascinate the imagination of the people.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

- (ix) Ritu and Randeep are talking.

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu – Where are you going ?

Ritu asked \_\_\_\_\_.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan :

\_\_\_\_\_ smile and pass it to others.

- (a) Happy (b) Short  
(c) Always (d) Humble



- (xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Anil and Sanjeev :

Anil : Where are you going ?

Sanjeev : To the airport.

Anil : May I drop you there as I'm going in that direction ?

Anil asked Sanjeev where he was going and offered to drop him as \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) he could be going in that direction  
(b) he would be going in the direction  
(c) he is going in the direction  
(d) he was going in that direction
- (xii) Identify the error in the newspaper headline.

Attractive packages for different Tourist destination – Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

4. (a) You are pained to see that in your city, there is no proper arrangement for cleaning of drains. There are heaps of accumulated garbage and stagnant water. Write a letter to the Municipal Commissioner of your city complaining about the same as there is a fear of outbreak of disease. You are Alka/Ashish. (Word limit 100-120)

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**OR**

4. (b) The authorities have been claiming that the roads in your town have been relaid and repaired. But no such work done is seen. Write a letter to the editor of a local newspaper expressing your concern at the present situation and giving suggestions to resolve the problem, in 100-120 words. You are Prabhu/Parvati of Vivek Vihar, Delhi.

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5. Attempt any **one** from a and b given below :

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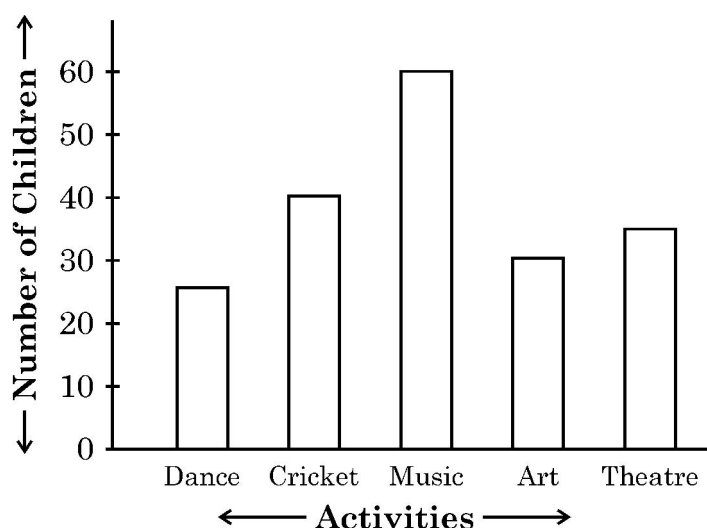
- (a) The chart below displays details regarding online activity for four age groups in six categories. Write an analytical paragraph for the table provided in about 100 words.

Activity%	Age	Age	Age	Age
	Teens	20s	30s	40s
News	76	71	72	78
Downloads	85	55	35	25
Buying a product	44	66	67	69
Online games	88	55	36	28
Searching for a product	0	77	81	85
Searching for people	6	33	22	21

**OR**

5. (b) A survey was conducted in New Delhi in over twenty schools about the different activities that interest the children in the age group of 13 to 15 years. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100 words analyzing the following information :

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5. (b) Rehanna is to write an analytical paragraph on 'Hazards of Smoking'. Using your own ideas and the information given below, write the paragraph in 100-120 words.

Smoking – drains out income of an average earner – affect health badly – vital organs are affected – harmful for passive smokers – need to educate people – Role of media in creating awareness.

**Section – C**

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**Literature**

6. Attempt any **one** of the given extracts :

- (a) Let me put this more clearly, since no one will believe that a thirteen-year old girl is completely alone in this world. And I'm not. I have loving parents and a sixteen years old sister, and there are almost thirty people I can call friends. I have a family, loving aunts and a good house. No, on the surface I seem to have everything, except my one true friend. All I think about when I am with friends is having a good time. I can't bring myself to talk about anything, but ordinary everyday things.

**5 × 1 = 5**

- (i) On the surface, it appears that Anne the thirteen year old girl \_\_\_\_.
- (ii) How can we infer that the speaker felt alone in the world ?
- (a) She had a family of many people.
- (b) She had loving parents.
- (c) She had thirty friends.
- (d) She craves for a true friend.
- (iii) Anne and her friends talked about \_\_\_\_.
- (a) their problematic parents (b) their financial problems
- (c) common everyday things (d) the commuting problems
- (iv) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text :
- alone : friends : : nothing :

(v) Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the idiom 'bring myself' from the extract :

- (a) to do something willingly (b) to do something unwillingly  
(c) a charitable act (d) an involuntary act

**OR**

6. (b) Mrs. Hall almost fell down the stairs in hysterics. She was convinced that the room was haunted by spirits and that the stranger had somehow caused these to enter into her furniture. **5 × 1 = 5**

(i) Mrs. Hall tripped because \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) the floor was oily.  
(b) she was standing on a chair.  
(c) she was in a state of panic.  
(d) the door was slammed.

(ii) Mrs. Hall suspected everything in the room was put under a spell of witchcraft by \_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) Fill in the blank with **one** word only :

Mrs. Hall was afraid that spirits had entered \_\_\_\_\_.

(iv) According to the extract, the feeling of Mrs. Hall can be best described as

- (1) stunned (2) happy  
(3) awestruck (4) nervous  
(5) outraged (6) agitated

Select the correct option :

- (a) (2) and (4) (b) (3) and (6)  
(c) (5) and (6) (d) (1) and (6)

(v) 'Spirits' in the above lines means the same as

- (a) ghosts (b) conscience  
(c) ego (d) attitude

7. Attempt any **one** of the given two extracts :

(a) Though to distinguish beasts of prey

**5 × 1 = 5**

A novice might nonplus,

The crocodiles you always may

Tell from the Hyena thus :

Hyenas come with merry smiles;

But if they weep they're crocodiles.

(i) Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract :

Crocodiles can be identified by their \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) tears

(b) attitude

(c) smiles

(d) attacks

(ii) State whether the following statement is True or False :

Hyenas are famous for weeping.

(iii) 'Novice' in line 2 means the same as :

(a) learner

(b) beast

(c) tender foot

(d) beginner

(iv) In this extract the poet has presented two different behavioural traits of animals. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

(v) The poet uses 'A novice might nonplus' instead of the novice might get confused. How does this usage impact the poem ?

(a) adds an incorrect option.

(b) it is associated with beasts.

(c) it rhymes and adds humour.

(d) it simplifies the meaning.

**OR**

7. (b) He stalks in his vivid stripes

$5 \times 1 = 5$

The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage

He should be lurking in shadow

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

- (i) Complete the sentence appropriately.

The vivid stripes refer to the \_\_\_\_\_.

- (ii) Which word from the extract is the opposite of 'loud' ?

- (iii) The use of the phrase 'pads of velvet' means

(a) neck

(b) tail

(c) skin

(d) paws

- (iv) State whether the following statement is True or False :

The confinement of the cramped space of the cage has restricted the tiger's steps.

- (v) The tiger was lurking in shadow \_\_\_\_\_.

(a) to catch its prey

(b) as the cage was dark

(c) as the velvet was quiet

(d) as he was in a rage

8. Attempt any **four** out of the **five** questions given below in **40-50** words each.

$4 \times 3 = 12$

(a) What did Pranjol and Rajvir do during the journey ? Why ?

(b) Who read the letter sent by Lencho ? What did he do then ?

(c) Where is Coorg located ? Write any two characteristics of the people of Coorg ?

(d) How does the poem 'The Tale of Custard The Dragon' differ from the traditional ballad ?

(e) What does the Buddha say about the world ?

9. Attempt any **two** out of the **three** questions given below in **40-50** words each : **2 × 3 = 6**
- (a) Why does Anil not hand over Hari Singh to the police ?
  - (b) What opinion did Mr. Weiherer, Ebright's Social Science teacher have about him ?
  - (c) What was Mr. Herriot's strict advice ? Did Mrs. Pumphrey agree to his advice ?
10. Answer any **one** of the following questions in **100-120** words : **6**
- (a) Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. What did Valli have to do to go and ride in a bus ?
  - (b) Through the story of Kisa Gotami, what did the Buddha try to preach to the common man ?
11. Answer any **one** of the following questions in **100-120** words : **6**
- (a) Education is always a great asset in the life of a woman. How did Bholi, an educated girl, face the challenge posed by Bishamber's greed ?
  - (b) Those who are satisfied with what they have are happy in life. Those who aspire more than what they can afford ruin their life. Matilda was one such person. If she were content with her life she would have led a happy life. Elaborate on the basis of the chapter 'The Necklace.'
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Section B – Grammar and Creative Writing Skills  
Section C – Literature
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**SECTION A**  
**Reading Skills**

**20 marks**

1. Read the following passage carefully :

- 1 Organic food is very popular these days. It can also be very expensive. Some organic food costs twice as much as non-organic food. Parents of young children and even some pet owners, will pay high prices for organic food if they think it is healthier. But many others think organic food is just a waste of money.
- 2 There is one main difference between organic and non-organic food. Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides that stop insects from damaging crops. In many countries, foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they're grown organically.
- 3 Some people think organic also means 'locally grown' and originally it was indeed true. But over a period of time organic farming has become a big business, with many organic foods now being grown by large agricultural companies that sell their products far from where they're grown. Processed food made with organic ingredients has also become more popular. At first, only small companies produced these products. But as demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non-organic products for many years also began selling organic products.
- 4 Is organic food safer and more nutritious ? This is an important part of the debate. Many farmers and consumers believe it is safer and more nutritious. They think agricultural chemicals can cause serious illnesses such as cancer, but there isn't much evidence proving this is true. However, recent studies have shown that eating organically-grown produce reduces your chances of developing heart diseases. Many doctors think it is more important to stop dangerous bacteria from contaminating foods. These bacteria can contaminate both organic and non-organic fruits and vegetables, and doctors recommend washing produce carefully before eating it. Meat, fish and chicken can also become contaminated so washing your hands before handling these foods is also very important.

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

10×1=10

- (i) People are willing to pay high prices for organic food because
- (a) it is not easily available.
  - (b) it helps in weight loss.
  - (c) it is produced by small companies.
  - (d) it does not contain agricultural chemicals.
- (ii) Select the option that displays what the writer projects with reference to the following :
- Is organic food safer and more nutritious ? This is an important part of the debate.
- (a) denial
  - (b) confirmation
  - (c) caution
  - (d) acceptance
- (iii) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3.

Opinion	Reason
Big food companies have started selling organic food products.	

- (iv) The writer contrasts organic food to non-organic food. State one point of comparison between the two.
- (v) Based on your reading of the text, list one benefit of eating organic food.
- (vi) What connect does the writer draw between contamination of food and washing hands ?
- (vii) The writer says that people believe that it is safer and more nutritious to eat organic food. Select the reason for his sceptical view.
- (a) the price decides the popularity
  - (b) there is no confirmed evidence
  - (c) it is tastier
  - (d) it is marketed by big food companies

- (viii) Supply one point to justify the following :  
Some people think organic also means 'locally grown'.
- (ix) Supply one method of how we can control the contamination of organic and non-organic food.
- (x) List one factor that certifies food to be organic.

**2.** Read the following passage carefully :

- 1 According to a new study, a vast blanket of pollution stretching across South Asia is cutting down sunlight by 10 per cent over India, damaging agriculture, modifying rainfall patterns and putting hundreds of thousands of people at risk.
- 2 It is said, "Acids in the haze may, by falling as acid rain, have the potential to damage crops and trees. Ash falling on leaves can aggravate the impact of reduced sunlight on the Earth's surface. The pollution that is forming the haze could be leading to several hundreds of thousands of premature deaths as a result of higher levels of respiratory diseases."
- 3 "The haze has cut down sunlight over India by 10 per cent (so far) — a huge amount ! As a repercussion, the North-West of India is drying up," Prof. V. Ramanathan said when asked specifically about the impact of the haze over India. He said, "We are still in an early stage of understanding of the impact of the haze."
- 4 Prof. V. Ramanathan was asked whether the current droughts in most parts of India after over a decade of good monsoons was owing to the haze. He said, "It was too early to reach a conclusion. If the droughts persist for about four to five years, then we would start suspecting that it may be because of the haze." India, China and Indonesia are the worst affected owing to their population density, economic growth and depleting forest cover.

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

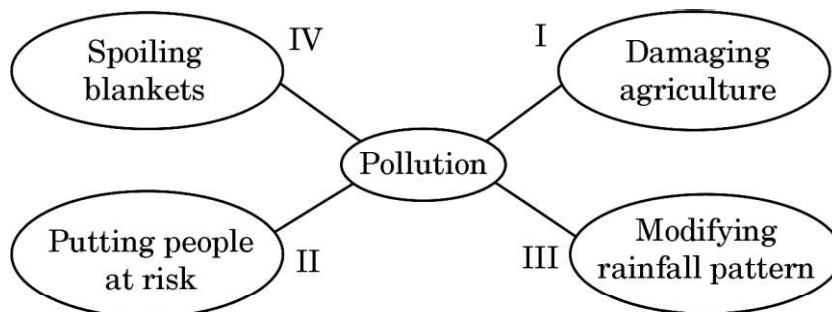
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- (i) Infer one reason for the following based on the information in paragraph 1 :

In India rainfall patterns are changing.

- (ii) The pollution spreading across South Asia is affecting India by \_\_\_\_\_.

Choose the correct option from the ones given below :

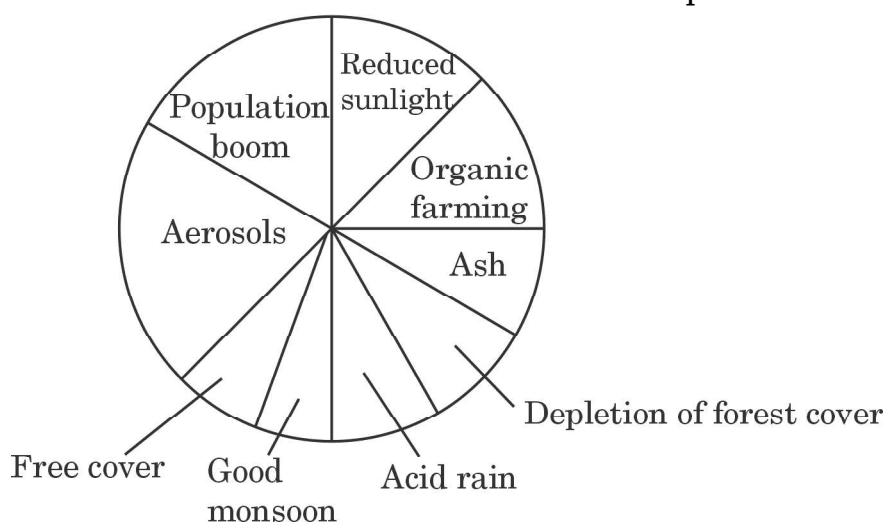


- (a) I, II and III
- (b) I, III and IV
- (c) II, III and IV
- (d) I, II and IV
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2.
- possibility : \_\_\_\_\_ :: suspecting : doubting

- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the sentence.

\_\_\_\_\_ droughts were caused by the haze.

- (a) Strong evidence suggested that
  - (b) Past surveys confirmed that
  - (c) There has not been enough time to determine that
  - (d) Superstitious people believe that
- (v) From the following pie chart, identify one reason each which does and does not contribute to weather disruption :



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

- (v) List two phenomena which lead to weather disruptions.
- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.
- Ash falling on leaves can \_\_\_\_\_ the impact of reduced sunlight on the Earth's surface.
- (a) worsen
  - (b) encourage
  - (c) diminish
  - (d) support

- (vii) Substitute the word 'repercussion' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 3.

The haze has cut down sunlight over India ... As a repercussion, the North-West of India is drying up.

- (viii) List any two countries which are affected due to depleting forest cover.

- (ix) Which of the following mean the same as 'persist' in 'droughts persist' as used in para 4 ?

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| (a) destroying | (b) halting  |
| (c) continue   | (d) blocking |

- (x) Select the option that titles paragraphs 1 – 4 appropriately with reference to information in the text.

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| (a) | 1. Impact of Pollution in South Asia  |
|     | 2. Effects of Acid Rain               |
|     | 3. Understanding Consequences of Haze |
|     | 4. Debate over Droughts               |
| (b) | 1. Impact of Droughts                 |
|     | 2. Understanding Acid Rain            |
|     | 3. Effect of Haze                     |
|     | 4. Debate over Pollution              |
| (c) | 1. Impact of Pollution in South Asia  |
|     | 2. Effects of Acid Rain               |
|     | 3. Debate over Droughts               |
|     | 4. Understanding Haze                 |
| (d) | 1. Impact of Haze                     |
|     | 2. Understanding Acid Rain            |
|     | 3. Debate over Pollution              |
|     | 4. Effect of Haze                     |

## SECTION B

### Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

20 marks

3. Attempt any **ten** of the following twelve questions :

10×1=10

- (i) The teacher motivated the students by letting them know that if they \_\_\_\_\_ submit their assignments by the end of the day, they might get an opportunity to watch the match.

- (a) did not
- (b) must
- (c) would
- (d) were

- (ii) Read the conversation between a coach and his player. Complete the sentence by reporting the player's reply correctly.

*Coach :* Will you be able to report for morning practice during the summer break ?

*Player :* Sir, I will report every morning at 7 a.m. sharp.

The coach while talking to the player asked him whether he would be able to report for morning practice. The player affirmed \_\_\_\_\_.

- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a daily newspaper :

The cars were stopped \_\_\_\_\_ going any further due to a traffic diversion.

- (a) to
- (b) from
- (c) within
- (d) by



- (iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following traffic advisory :

Whoever drove a motor vehicle without a safety belt or carries passengers without seat belts will be fined.

<i>Option No.</i>	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
(a)	drove	drives
(b)	or	nor
(c)	without	within
(d)	fined	celebrated

- (v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option :

Not only did Mayank work hard to win the trophy, \_\_\_\_\_ helped the juniors to improve their skills.

- (a) he as well as
- (b) but he also
- (c) and he also
- (d) just as he

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in the brackets.

The names of the applicants were \_\_\_\_\_ (list) in the report and submitted to the manager.

- (vii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option.

Two-thirds of the students \_\_\_\_\_ present at the inaugural function.

- (a) is
- (b) being
- (c) was
- (d) were

- (viii) Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction.

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Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (ix) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Ajay and his friend.

*Friend* : Ajay, did you buy a zoom lens with your camera ?

*Ajay* : No, I did not. I ran out of money.

Ajay's friend asked Ajay whether he had bought a zoom lens with his camera. Ajay replied that he had not because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) he was running out of money
  - (b) he has ran out of money
  - (c) he have run out of money
  - (d) he had run out of money
- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.
- His brother along with his friends \_\_\_\_\_ leaving for the stadium.
- (a) are
  - (b) has
  - (c) is
  - (d) were

- (xi) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option :

The residents promised to \_\_\_\_\_ the President of the association in his demand for proper garbage disposal systems.

- (a) stood by
- (b) stand by
- (c) stand against
- (d) stood for

- (xii) Fill in the blank with the correct option :

The number of people attending this evening's annual function is \_\_\_\_\_ than that of the previous year's.

- (a) fewer
- (b) few
- (c) less
- (d) much

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

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- (A) You are Mohit/Mohita of E-46, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi. You came across news articles about neglect of elders in today's society. Disturbed after reading the articles, you decide to write a letter to the editor of 'The Hindustan Times' stressing upon the need of sensitizing children to the plight and loneliness of the elders and to inculcate in them values of caring and sharing. You can also express your views on strengthening of family values. Write your letter in 100 – 120 words.

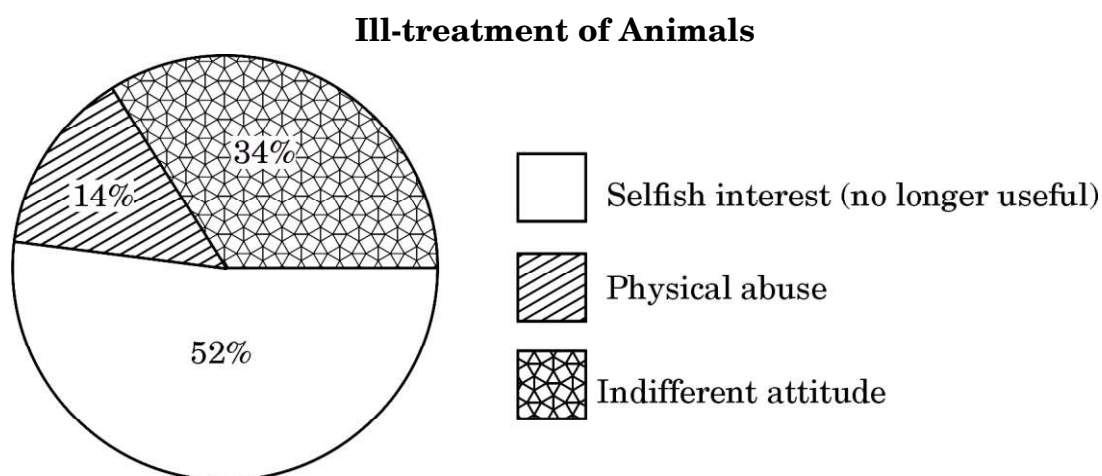
**OR**

- (B) You are Rajni/Rakesh Kothari, Director, Marketing in Oil Spices Manufacturing Unit. You have observed the commitment with which your Assistant Manager works. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to your Assistant Manager, Sadiq Qureshi, congratulating him on his work ethic and professional approach. Also include a mention of his commitment, sense of responsibility, good inter-personal skills and his spirit of team work.

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

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- (A) It is distressing to see the attitude of people towards animals. The number of cases of cruelty towards animals is increasing. The following pie chart represents the attitude of people towards animals. Write an analytical paragraph in 100 – 120 words interpreting the data given in the pie chart.

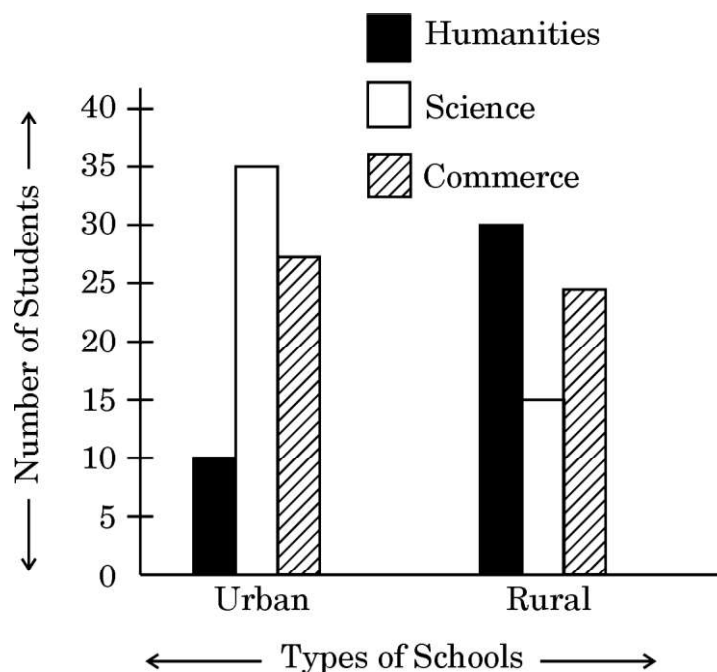


***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 5 (A) :***

- (A) Write a paragraph on how cruelty towards animals can be stopped. You may use the following inputs.
- (i) adopt strays
  - (ii) put them in shelters
  - (iii) create community awareness
  - (iv) support animal care groups

**OR**

- (B) Study the bar chart given below. The chart depicts the number of students in Class Twelve opting for Humanities, Science and Commerce streams in urban and rural areas. Based on the details given in the bar chart given below, write an analytical paragraph in 100 – 120 words.



***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 5 (B) :***

- (B) You are Rita/Rohan, Head Girl/Head Boy of your school. You decided to make the school population aware of the advantages of tree plantation and tell them how trees can serve as better air-conditioners.

Write an analytical paragraph in 100 – 120 words. Take the help of the notes given below :

Trees keep environment cool by :

- (i) taking heat off the Earth and air.
- (ii) absorbing carbon dioxide that helps in controlling temperature rise.
- (iii) bringing rains.
- (iv) checking direct sunlight.
- (v) providing shade.

## SECTION C

### Literature

**40 marks**

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

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

I wrote the three pages Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a student's trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did, if not more, and that there's not much one can do about inherited traits.

(i) Who was Mr. Keesing ?

- (a) English teacher
- (b) Social Science teacher
- (c) Warden
- (d) Principal

(ii) According to the extract, the incorrigible habit possessed by the speaker was

- I. making noise in class
- II. talking too much
- III. procrastinating
- IV. coming late to class
- V. asking irritating questions

Select the correct option :

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

- (iii) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.  
routine : habit : : characteristic : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) Select the reason why the narrator is unable to control her trait.
- (a) She had deliberately practised it.
  - (b) She wanted to be different from her brother.
  - (c) Her teacher had encouraged her to continue as she was.
  - (d) She had inherited it.
- (v) Which of the following most nearly means the opposite of the phrase 'under control' ?
- (a) to spend less
  - (b) unable to take on the challenge
  - (c) find it difficult to manage
  - (d) being very stubborn

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge, Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money and quite invisible — until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked !

- (i) Griffin's landlord tried to eject him because
- (a) he was a lawless person.
  - (b) he had set his house on fire.
  - (c) he didn't like him.
  - (d) he was a drug addict.
- (ii) Fill in the blank with one word only.

Griffin deliberately removed his clothes because he wanted to become \_\_\_\_\_.

- (iii) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'fire' as used in this extract.
- (a) Griffin said that he would fire the manager.
  - (b) The soldiers opened fire at the enemy.
  - (c) His remarks provoked heavy fire from the political opponents.
  - (d) The Amar Palace was completely destroyed by the fire.
- (iv) Griffin's presence was felt when
- (a) he jumped into the water with a splash.
  - (b) he wore clothes.
  - (c) he left muddy footprints.
  - (d) he stepped in mud.
- (v) Which of the following is **not** true with reference to the given extract ?
- (a) Griffin had become penniless.
  - (b) Griffin promised to behave himself.
  - (c) Griffin revealed himself by his muddy footprints.
  - (d) No one could see Griffin when he took off his clothes.

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

- (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

Or if some time when roaming round,  
A noble wild beast greets you,  
With black stripes on a yellow ground,  
Just notice if he eats you.  
This simple rule may help you learn  
The Bengal Tiger to discern.



- (i) Who is the 'noble wild beast' in the above lines ?
- (a) zebra
  - (b) Asian Tiger
  - (c) Asian Lion
  - (d) Bengal Tiger
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately.
- It is clear that 'Alliteration' is the poetic device used for 'roaming round' because \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue : explain how alliteration applies here)
- (iii) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False* :
- The extract helps to identify a Royal Bengal Tiger.
- (iv) In the given lines, what effect does the poet create ?
- 'Just notice if he eats you.  
This simple rule may help you learn  
The Bengal Tiger to discern.'
- (a) irony
  - (b) terror
  - (c) sympathy
  - (d) criticism
- (v) Which word in the extract tells you that you have recognised the 'noble beast' ?
- (a) rule
  - (b) discern
  - (c) roaming
  - (d) notice

**OR**

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

He hears the last voice at night.  
The patrolling cars,  
And stares with his brilliant eyes  
At the brilliant stars.  
He stalks in his vivid stripes  
A few steps of his cage.

- (i) Whose is the last voice heard by the tiger ?
- (a) police jeep
  - (b) patrolling cars
  - (c) watchmen
  - (d) roar of lion
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately.  
It is clear that 'Repetition' is the poetic device used for 'his brilliant eyes at the brilliant stars' because \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue : explain how repetition applies here)
- (iii) The main contrasting ideas in this extract are
- (a) tiger and deer.
  - (b) cruelty and sympathy.
  - (c) confinement and freedom.
  - (d) master and slave.
- (iv) The use of the word 'stalks' creates an image of
- (a) cowardice.
  - (b) frustration.
  - (c) lethargy.
  - (d) purposefulness.
- (v) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False* :  
The poem uses 'staring at the sky' to symbolize the freedom 'he' yearns for.

8. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 40 – 50 words each : 4×3=12

- (a) What is the Indian legend about the discovery of tea ?
- (b) What did Lencho hope for and why ?
- (c) “I’ll take the risk.” What is the risk ? Why does the narrator take it ?  
(The Black Aeroplane)
- (d) What impression do you form about Amanda in the poem ?
- (e) What did Siddhartha Gautama come across by chance when he was about twenty-five years old ?

9. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×3=6

- (a) How did Hari Singh justify to himself his stealing Anil’s money ?
- (b) How did Ebright’s mother help him to become a scientist ?
- (c) Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricki’s appearance ?

10. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words : 6

- (a) The people and surroundings are a great book to learn from. Valli in the lesson ‘Madam Rides the Bus’ learns a lot from others. Mention the traits of her character which help her to learn from people and her surroundings.

**OR**

- (b) Mandela said, “People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love.” Discuss.

11. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words : 6

- (a) Mme Loisel’s disposition invites her doom. Elucidate with reference to the text.

**OR**

- (b) Bholi was believed to be a ‘dumb cow’. What turned her into a fearless, bold and confident girl ?

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## ENGLISH (Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

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

- (i) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper contains **THREE** sections –  
Section A – Reading Skills.  
Section B – Grammar and Creative Writing Skills.  
Section C – Literature.
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.



**SECTION - A**  
**READING SKILLS**

**20 Marks**

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

1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we really feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.
2. Hiking takes us in the midst of nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing. A connect is established between us and nature. Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.
3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain – All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.
4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.
5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and is able to do twice as much work as before.
6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature.



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

**10×1=10**

- (i) To go out for a walking tour is  
(a) to stroll. (b) to ramble.  
(c) to hike. (d) to saunter.
- (ii) Why does the writer say that the mind is at ease when you hike ?  
(a) because hiking is an inexpensive activity.  
(b) because it brings families together.  
(c) because of intolerable noise of traffic.  
(d) because the depressing daily routine is forgotten.
- (iii) Complete the following with a phrase :  
The various sounds of nature acquire.....
- (iv) Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 2.  
A contact is established between us and nature.
- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 2.  
aroma : cooking ; fragrance : .....
- (vi) Give one reason why it is a pleasure to hike in the mountains than in the plains.  
(a) because observation is sharpened.  
(b) because of the excitement of climbing up and adventure of coming down.  
(c) because it is leisure to stand, to walk.  
(d) because there are no worries.
- (vii) Hiking gives the brain, the rest it needs because  
(a) it is a short time activity.  
(b) it is one of the healthiest sports.  
(c) it makes us sleep peacefully.  
(d) it is an escape from our busy schedule.
- (viii) List any two examples of minute observations you make while on a hike.
- (ix) Supply one point to justify the following :  
Hiking gives us a feeling of unlimited joy.



- (x) Substitute the word 'leap with joy' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from the passage.

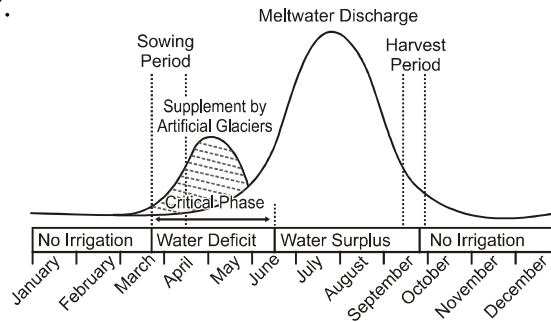
The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.

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

1. Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why ? Because a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
2. Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000 – 3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt, unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years, with increasing effects of climate change, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the extreme winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.
3. It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April–May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with the increasing temperature, thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Therefore, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,50,000 and above to create a glacier.
4. Fondly called the glacier man, he has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by The President of India.
5. There are a few basic steps followed while creating an artificial glacier. River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools which



freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an ‘artificial glacier’.



**Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions below :**

**10×1=10**

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.  
Areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage but life didn't grind to a halt.
- (ii) Select from the passage the appropriate option to fill in the blanks :  
Agriculture is completely dependent on ..... unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.  
(a) rainfall pattern                      (b) climate change  
(c) glaciers melt                          (d) extreme winter conditions
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3 :  
icing : cake :: layers : .....
- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence :  
At the start of winter the diverted water is made to flow .....  
(a) on sloping hills facing distribution channels.  
(b) on high altitude.  
(c) on ice—cold water level.  
(d) on mountain range.
- (v) From the chart select the months of water surplus.  
(a) January, February.  
(b) November, December.  
(c) July, August, September.  
(d) March, April.





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- (v) Describe the number of months which result in large accumulation of ice.
- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting from the passage the correct option :  
The ..... have been the only source of water in areas in and around Ladakh.  
(a) glaciers (b) rivers  
(c) streams (d) water springs
- (vii) The word 'located' in paragraph 3 means :  
(a) found (b) locally found  
(c) situated (d) adapted
- (viii) Write any two steps followed while creating the glaciers.
- (ix) List one reason why artificial glaciers seem the best option.
- (x) Select the most suitable title from the following for the passage :  
(a) Water Shortage. (b) New Ways to Pool Water.  
(c) Artificial Glacier. (d) River Beds.

### SECTION - B

#### GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS      20 Marks

#### 3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions :      10×1=10

- (i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :  
The mud houses are not ..... the buildings in your city.  
(a) comparable to (b) comparable of  
(c) comparable as (d) comparable for
- (ii) Read the conversation between a policeman and a driver. Complete the sentence by reporting the driver's reply correctly.

**Policeman :** Why did you park your car here ?

Don't you see a 'no parking area'.

**Driver :** Sorry Sir ! The engine broke down.

The policeman asked the driver why he had parked the car there and if he didn't see it was a 'no parking area'. The driver felt sorry and explained .....



- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence :

Where were you ? You ..... be in the class at the right time.

- (a) shall
- (b) should
- (c) will
- (d) would

- (iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence :

More of the fun and excitement in our lives comes from using our imagination.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	More	Most
(b)	Our	The
(c)	From	Of
(d)	Using	Use

- (v) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option :

Each of the boys ..... rewarded.

- (a) are being
- (b) have been
- (c) was
- (d) were

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

Governments are starting programmes..... (teach) adults how to read and write.

- (a) that teaching
- (b) which taught
- (c) to teach
- (d) were teaching



- (vii) Report the dialogue between Ashish and his interviewer by completing the sentence :

**Interviewer** : Why do you want to be a computer programmer?

**Ashish** : I have always been interested in computers.

In response to the question of the interviewer about why Ashish wanted to be a computer programmer, he replied .....

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

Latex was a natural polymer found beneath the bark of a mature rubber tree.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

- (ix) Kabir shared some information with Sahil about his travel plans. Report Kabir's plans.

I will go to Tripura tomorrow.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan.

..... ONLY WEAPON TO FIGHT INJUSTICE IS EDUCATION

- (a) THE (b) A  
(c) AN (d) THIS

- (xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between a passerby and a farmer.

**Passerby** : Can you tell me the way to Rampur.

**Farmer** : Drive for four kms and then turn right.

The passerby asked the farmer if he could tell him the way to Rampur. The farmer replied that .....

- (a) he may drive for four kms and then turn right.  
(b) he should drive for four kms and then turn right.  
(c) he might drive for four kms and then turn right.  
(d) he had to drive for four kms and then turn right.



- (xii) Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction. Use the given format for your response.

Water was vital to human health and fitness.

Error	Correction

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

- (A) Technology today is an effective and convenient means of learning.

**5**

**TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION**

PROS	CONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improves engagement and retention.</li> <li>- Promotes interactive collaborative learning</li> <li>- Prepares students for the future</li> <li>- Reduces costs</li> <li>- Promotes technological skills</li> <li>- Provides current information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Distracting</li> <li>- Reduces problem solving skills</li> <li>- Reduces direct peer interaction</li> <li>- Expensive to maintain</li> <li>- Information may not be authentic</li> <li>- Communication</li> </ul>

You are Meera/Vaibhav and would like to share your views on the pros and cons of technology in education.

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views in about 100 -120 words.

**OR**

4. (B) You are Aruna/Arjun C.C.A. incharge of St. Joseph's High School, Pune Cantt. You have read an advertisement by the National Tourist Corporation, offering excellent prices for group tours.

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Write a letter to enquire about the following :

- Duration of tour
- Sight seeing itinerary

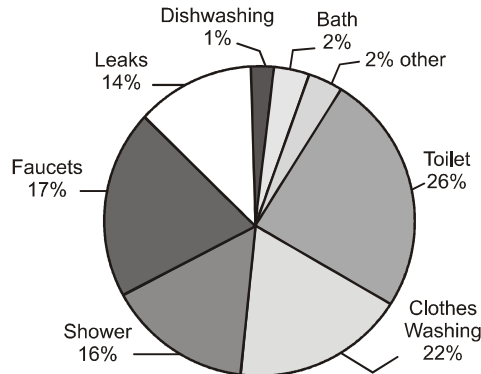


- Cost of package discount
- Mode of transport
- Destinations being offered

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

- (A)** The given pie-chart shows how water is consumed in households in a metropolitan city in India. Study the information carefully and write a paragraph analysing the given pie-chart data.

**5**



**5. (A) For Visually impaired candidates.**

List three ways in which we waste water and the ways how we can save water.

**OR**

- 5. (B)** The chart below gives the percentage of social media users by age in India in 2020. Write a paragraph analysing the given information in 100-120 words.

**5**

**Internet Activities by Age Group**

Age Group							
Activity %	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27



**SECTION - C**  
**LITERATURE**

**40 Marks**

- 6. (A) Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow :**

**5×1=5**

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes the compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work. The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio. "Paris Control? Paris Control ? Can you hear me?" There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm.

- (i) As soon as the pilot was inside the cloud.....
  - (a) his ears got blocked.
  - (b) he choked with fear.
  - (c) his vision was obstructed.
  - (d) he was jumping up and down.
- (ii) The devices in the aeroplane were .....
  - (a) malfunctioning.
  - (b) broken completely.
  - (c) giving wrong readings.
  - (d) stopped responding completely.
- (iii) The Paris air control did not reply to the pilot's call because .....
- (iv) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'twisted' as used in the extract.
  - (a) Ragini **twisted** Raghav's wrist.
  - (b) Ragini **twisted** the story to suit the occasion.
  - (c) Ragini did not appreciate Raghav's **twisted** bent of mind.
  - (d) Ragini matched the swimmer as he **twisted** twice in the air before diving into the water.



- (v) Fill in the blank with **ONE WORD** only :  
The narrator's ..... comes through clearly  
when he sees the compass turning round and round.

**OR**

- 6. (B) Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow :**

**5×1=5**

**Lomov :** But you can see from the documents, honoured Natalya Stepanovna. Oxen Meadows, its true were once the subject of dispute, but now everybody knows they are mine. There's nothing to argue about. You see my aunts grandmother gave the free use of these Meadows in perpetuity to the peasants of your father's grandfather, in return for which they were to make bricks for her. The peasants belonging to your father's grandfather had the free use of Meadows for forty years, and had got into the habit of regarding them as their own, when it happened that.....

**Natalya :** No, it isn't at all like that ! Both grandfather and great grandfather reckoned that their land extended to Burnt Marsh - which means Oxen Meadows were ours. I don't see what there is to argue about, its simply silly.

- (i) The subject of dispute was regarding
  - (a) free use of Meadows.
  - (b) making of bricks.
  - (c) peasants using Meadows.
  - (d) ownership of Meadows.
- (ii) Find the word from the extract which means 'continuance' :
  - (a) dispute
  - (b) perpetuity
  - (c) belonging
  - (d) reckoned
- (iii) Lomov's aunt's grandmother gave Oxen Meadows to Natalya's father's grandfather in lieu of .....
- (iv) According to Natalya why did Oxen Meadows belong to them ?
- (v) Fill in the blank with **ONE WORD** only :  
The peasants had free use of Meadows for ..... years.



**7. (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :**

**5×1=5**

Don't eat that chocolate Amanda !

Remember your acne, Amanda !

Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you Amanda !

(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care; life in tower is tranquil and rare, I'll certainly never let down my bright hair)

- (i) The Speaker's tone is
  - (a) loving. (b) hopeful.
  - (c) instructive. (d) indifferent.
- (ii) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :  
rare : uncommon :: peace : .....
- (iii) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE :  
Amanda did not want anyone to invade her privacy and silence.
- (iv) Select the appropriate option :  
Amanda's mother is continuously ..... Amanda.
  - (a) encouraging (b) reprimanding
  - (c) motivating (d) disappointing
- (v) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'dull' ?
  - (a) dreary (b) shady
  - (c) bright (d) angry

**OR**

**7. (B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :**

**5×1=5**

He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.





- (i) 'Quiet rage' refers to the tigers .....
- (a) helplessness
  - (b) he has not been able to hunt
  - (c) his prey has not come to the water hole
  - (d) he is not free
- (ii) He is lurking in shadows because .....
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately :  
It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' because ..... (clue-explain how metaphor applies here).
- (iv) Find a word from the extract which means - to walk with measured, stiff or haughty strides :
- (a) steps
  - (b) lurking
  - (c) pads
  - (d) stalk
- (v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE :  
The tiger is stealthily waiting for the deer to come to the water hole.

**8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each :**

**4×3=12**

- (a) Why did the night after the rains turn sorrowful for Lencho ?  
(A letter to God)
- (b) Describe the young seagull's first flight.  
(Two stories about flying)
- (c) Who are paders and why are they friends of children ?  
(Glimpses of India)
- (d) How did Valli gather the details of the bus journey ?  
(Madam rides the bus)
- (e) Describe how Custard the dragon fights with the Pirate.  
(The tale of Custard the Dragon)



**9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each :**

**2×3=6**

- (a) How did Mrs. Pumphery treat Tricki ?  
(The Triumph of Surgery)
- (b) How did Ausable get rid of Max without using a weapon.  
(The Midnight Visitor)
- (c) Why did Richard Ebright raise a flock of butterflies ?  
(Making of a scientist)

**10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words :**

- (a) 'As ripe fruits are in danger of falling early, so mortals when born are always in danger of death'. With this statement of the Buddha find out the moral values that Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child.

**6**

**OR**

- (b) 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion'. Do you agree? Elaborate on the basis of the chapter "Nelson Mandela - Long walk to freedom".

**6**

**11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words :**

- (a) Contentment in one's life is very important to lead a peaceful life. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave for what we don't have. Matilda suffered in life because she was not content in her life. Her desires led to her disaster. What do you learn from her mistake in life ?

**6**

**OR**

- (b) Trust and compassion can reform a person. Justify this statement in the light of the lesson 'The Thief's Story'.

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**ENGLISH**  
(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

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**General Instructions :**

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

- (i) This question paper comprises **11** questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper contains **three** sections :  
Section A – Reading Skills  
Section B – Grammar and Creative Writing Skills  
Section C – Literature
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

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

**20 marks**

**1.** Read the following passage carefully :

- 1 Floods are not new to India and this subcontinent, but in recent years the problem of flooding has received much greater attention, perhaps largely because it has led to greater damage now than it did in the past. Even though information on the impending occurrence of floods is now more accurate and certainly more timely, often there is very little time or support infrastructure in place by which damage can be minimised. This is particularly true in the case of flash floods resulting from sudden and excessive heavy rain.
- 2 In the case of India, flooding is very much related to the seasonal nature of our rainfall. The monsoons are spread over a short period during the year and often bring a concentrated volume of rain, which cannot be absorbed by the earth and finds an outlet only in the form of streams that join up with our major river systems. Flooding due to heavy rain is confined not only to the main rivers of the country, but also affects smaller tributaries and streams. Once these streams spill over their banks they could cause excessive harm, mainly because those living near the banks of these streams, particularly in mountain areas, do not have easy recourse to moving away quickly.
- 3 One major factor that could lead to a higher severity of flooding in the future is the danger of climate change. While the evidence of the nature of impacts, resulting from climate change on precipitation and flooding at the regional level, is not entirely clear, it could happen that the Indian subcontinent witnesses and suffers the effects of a significantly changed pattern of monsoons. One set of scientists has estimated that the monsoons could be shorter in duration but far more intensive; in other words, much greater precipitation would

take place in a much shorter period of time, thereby increasing the danger of floods. Climate change is the result of human actions through the increased concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, of which carbon dioxide is the most prominent.

- 4 At the local level also human actions have heightened the danger of floods through the cutting of trees in the mountains as well as in the plains. In case of India, the ecological damage through deforestation of the Himalayas has led to large-scale erosion of the mountain slopes and high levels of siltation. These lead to the deposition of silt on the riverbeds in the plains and hence spillover of water whenever the volume in the river reaches a certain level. With siltation on the riverbeds, flooding occurs even at very shallow water levels. The vulnerability of the population has increased substantially because of population pressures. An example is the stubborn and perhaps helpless settling of slum dwellers on the banks of the river Yamuna in Delhi, who become victims of flooding. What is a mere trickle most of the year, bursts its banks during the monsoons, as has been the case in recent years.
- 5 Flood forecasting is critical to minimising the damage from floods. It is for this reason that the Central Water Commission has set up a network of forecasting stations, which cover the most important flood-prone interstate rivers in the country. These stations produce forecasts that are used to alert the public and to mobilize various official agencies so that they take both preventive as well as relief measures, whenever required. However, even in cases where forecasts have been timely and generally accurate, people have often been reluctant to move away, because in most cases they lack the means and physical options for moving away from a danger zone to one that is relatively safe. In the case of flash floods, forecasts are difficult to make, and often the time available for relief is very short.

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

10×1=10

(i) The problem of floods has been considered more important recently because

- (a) floods have led to much greater damage now than in the past.
- (b) floods are resulting in increased relocation.
- (c) floods occur only during the monsoon season.
- (d) of problems of frequent tornadoes and cyclones in the subcontinent.

(ii) Specify the option that displays what the writer projects with reference to the following statement.

One major factor that could lead to higher severity of flooding in the future is the danger of climate change.

- (a) helplessness
- (b) speculative
- (c) denial
- (d) conviction

(iii) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3 :

Opinion :	Reason
Some scientists estimate that shorter duration of monsoon season leads to more intensive rainfall.	

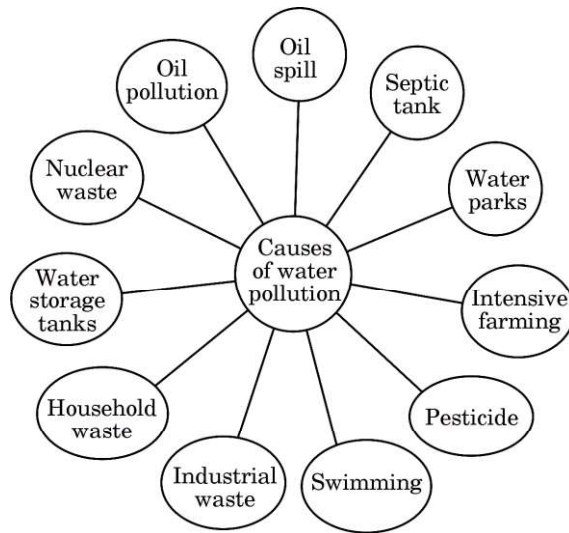
(iv) The writer claims that flood forecasting is critical to minimising the damage from floods. State one reason for the claim.

- (v) Even when the prediction is accurate, people do not evacuate the places where the warning is given.
- (a) True
  - (b) False
- (vi) Supply one point to justify the following :  
The worst hit people are slum dwellers.
- (vii) Based on your reading of the text, list two reasons why the writer says that in spite of timely forecasting people have suffered.
- (viii) The writer says that forecasts are difficult to make and time available is very short. Select the reason for it.
- (a) Flash floods
  - (b) Cyclonic rain
  - (c) Tornadoes
  - (d) Landslides
- (ix) What connect does the writer draw between tributaries and floods ? (Para 2)
- (x) Which of the following statements is/are false ?  
The vulnerability of the population has increased substantially because of population pressures symbolised by :
- I. People are superstitious.
  - II. Difficult to evacuate flood-affected areas.
- Select the correct option :
- (a) Only I
  - (b) Only II
  - (c) Both I and II
  - (d) None of the above



**2.** Read the following passage carefully :

- 1 Unsafe water kills more people each year than do war and all other forms of violence combined. Meanwhile, our drinkable water sources are finite : less than 1 percent of the Earth's freshwater is actually accessible to us. Without action, the challenges will only increase by 2050, when global demand for freshwater is expected to be one-third greater than it is now.
- 2 Water is uniquely vulnerable to pollution. Known as a “universal solvent”, water is able to dissolve more substances than any other liquid on Earth. Water pollution is the release of substances into subsurface groundwater or into lakes, streams, rivers, estuaries, and oceans to the point where the substances interfere with beneficial use of the water or with the natural functioning of ecosystems. In addition to the release of substances, such as chemicals, trash, or microorganisms, water pollution may also include the release of energy, in the form of radioactivity or heat, into bodies of water. The key causatives of water pollution in India are urbanization, deforestation, industrial effluents and agricultural run-offs with the use of insecticides and pesticides. The other causes are social and religious offerings in water bodies and the use of detergents and fertilizers.
- 3 Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on the ecosystem. Furthermore, toxic chemicals can travel through the food chain and get into our bodies, causing diseases and death.
- 4 There is no single or simple answer to stop the water pollution crisis. However, there are many solutions to prevent water pollution, both in our daily lives and within industries. They are wastewater treatment, reducing plastic waste and water conservation. In addition to this, we must have water-efficient toilets, stormwater management and ozone wastewater treatment.



### Major Causes of Water Pollution

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

*10×1=10*

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in para 1.  
Less than 1 percent of the Earth's freshwater is actually accessible to us.

- (ii) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank :

Water is uniquely vulnerable to \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) season
- (b) pollution
- (c) water bodies
- (d) extreme weather conditions

- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2 :

vulnerable : resilient :: artificial : \_\_\_\_\_

(Clue : just as resilient is the opposite of vulnerable, similarly the opposite of artificial is \_\_\_\_\_.)

- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence :

Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) the ecosystem
- (b) weather conditions
- (c) unexpected rainfall
- (d) flash floods

- (v) From the chart, identify two causes of water pollution in our homes.

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

- (v) Describe any three major causes of water pollution.

- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option :

One of the solutions of preventing water pollution is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) building industries near water bodies
- (b) water conservation and reducing plastic waste
- (c) avoiding swimming
- (d) reducing farming

- (vii) Substitute the word 'causative' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence :

The key causative of water pollution in India must be addressed.

- (viii) According to the writer, water pollution is defined as \_\_\_\_\_.

(Para 2)

- (ix) List one way in which religious rituals impact water bodies.

- (x) Select the most suitable title for the passage from the following :

- (a) Water Pollution — A Concern
- (b) Unsafe Water — A Menace
- (c) Universal Solvent — Water
- (d) Global Concern — An Urgent Need

**SECTION B**  
**Grammar and Creative Writing Skills**

**20 marks**

**3.** Attempt any **ten** of the following twelve questions : **10×1=10**

- (i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following report :

The inspector \_\_\_\_\_ the group sitting behind the shed and took them by surprise.

- (a) walked up (b) walked away  
(c) walked into (d) walked up on

- (ii) Read the conversation between a driver and his passenger. Complete the sentence by reporting the passenger's reply correctly.

*Driver :* Do the bus timings suit you ?

*Passenger :* Yes, if I catch the 9 a.m. one, I reach office on time.

The driver was trying to figure out whether the bus timings were convenient to the passenger. The passenger clarified that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a fashion magazine.

The advertisement read, '\_\_\_\_\_ we dress your day ? Make you special. Pick the perfect look.'

- (a) Must  
(b) Can  
(c) Will  
(d) Ought to

- (iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a news report :

Yesterday, two man were rescued from a deep sewer by a policeman.

<i>Option No.</i>	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
(a)	man	men
(b)	rescued	rescue
(c)	from	for
(d)	by	in

- (v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option :

The students \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the workshop, and submit a report at the end of the day to the English teacher.

- (a) were ask
- (b) had been asked
- (c) will have asked
- (d) were asked

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word given in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter :

Subject : Request for permission to participate in the Meet.

Dear Sir

I would like to request for permission to participate in the forthcoming inter-school cultural meet. I \_\_\_\_\_ (interest) in taking part in the dance drama.

- (vii) Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather by completing the sentence :

*Grandson :* Grandpa, can you tell me what inspired you to set up a school in the village ?

*Grandfather :* Seeing the lack of adequate facilities and the children's eagerness to learn.

In response to the question about his reason for setting up of a village school, the grandfather says that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence from a school magazine report and supply the correction :

When I was a child, my grandmother often repetition the story of her childhood days.

Use the given format for your response.

<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>

- (ix) Sunil shared some information with Sunita about the story he was reading. Report Sunita's question.

What was the theme of the story ?

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan by the Animal Welfare Board.

\_\_\_\_\_ WE CUT TREES AND DESTROY NATURAL HABITAT ? STOP ! BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.

- (a) MIGHT
- (b) MAY
- (c) MUST
- (d) COULD

- (xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Shyam and Shivam.

*Shyam* : Have you seen this actor's latest film ?

*Shivam* : Yes, I have. The actor has done a marvellous job.

Shyam met his friend Shivam and they began talking. Shyam asked Shivam whether he had seen the actor's latest film. Shivam affirmed and said

- (a) that the actor has done a marvellous job.
- (b) that the actor had done a marvellous job.
- (c) that the actor has been doing a marvellous job.
- (d) that the actor could have done a marvellous job.

- (xii) Fill in the blank with the correct option :

There is something wonderful waiting \_\_\_\_\_ her, when she reaches home.

- (a) of
- (b) about
- (c) for
- (d) inside

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

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- (A) You are Swati/Soham living at 14, DLF, Phase III, Gurugram. Your streets and roads get waterlogged during the monsoon season every year. Cars stall, drains overflow and traffic comes to a standstill. It is difficult to lead a normal life and this adds to your woes. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the editor, 'The Times of India', highlighting the problems and suggesting measures to control the problem.

**OR**

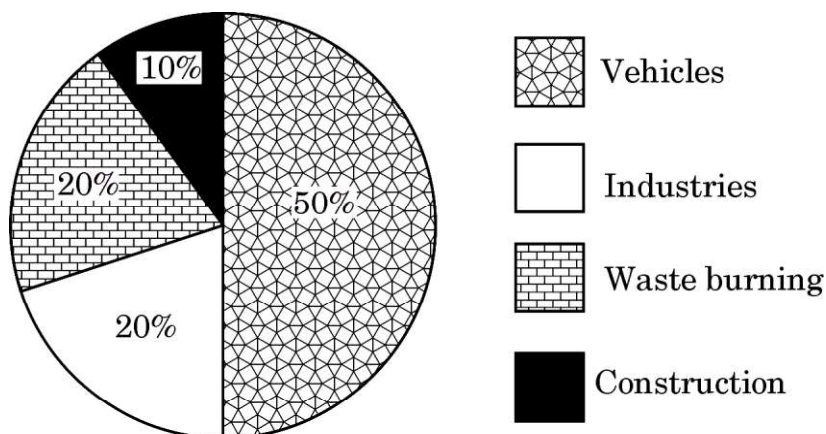
- (B) You are Rita/Rahul living at Sunder Colony, Agra. The stray dogs in your colony are regularly fed and vaccinated by the RWA of the colony. You are disturbed to see your neighbours treating these dogs badly. Write a letter in 100 – 120 words to the President of the Society complaining against the rough treatment meted to them and how it impacts the behaviour of the dogs who are otherwise very docile.

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

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- (A) The following pie chart shows the major causes of air pollution in metropolitan cities in India. Study the data and write an analytical paragraph in 100 – 120 words.

**Air Pollution in Metropolitan Cities in India**



***For the Visually Impaired Candidates only in lieu of Q. No. 5 (A) :***

- (A) You are Rita/Rohan, Head Girl/Head Boy of your school. You decided to make the school population aware of the advantages of tree plantation and tell them how trees can serve as better air-conditioners.

Write an analytical paragraph in 100 – 120 words. Take the help of the notes given below :

Trees keep environment cool by :

- (i) taking heat off the Earth and air.
- (ii) absorbing carbon dioxide that helps in controlling temperature rise.
- (iii) bringing rains.
- (iv) checking direct sunlight.
- (v) providing shade.

**OR**

- (B) Read the following excerpt from an article that appeared in the magazine section of a local daily :

The ban on single-use plastic is impractical. The purpose of articles such as bags and packing material is ultimately to make human life easier. Plastic articles make this convenient, so they should not be banned.

Write an analytical paragraph in 100 – 120 words for the given argument. You could give rationale/evidence that would counter/strengthen the argument.

**SECTION C**

**Literature**

**40 marks**

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

- (A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

To the assembled guests and the watching world, I said : Today, all of us do, by our presence here ..... confer glory and hope to newborn liberty. Out of the experience of an extraordinary human disaster that lasted too long, must be born a society of which all humanity will be proud. We who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil. We thank all our distinguished international guests for having come to take possession with the people of our country of what is after all, a common victory for justice, for peace, for human dignity.



- (i) A society that \_\_\_\_\_ was born out of human disaster.
- (a) all humanity would be proud of
  - (b) was full of extraordinary human disaster
  - (c) was full of outlaws and fighters
  - (d) hosts nations on their soil
- (ii) The former outlaws were given the privilege of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) getting citizenship of their country
  - (b) participating in a trade conclave
  - (c) finalizing the foreign policy
  - (d) hosting the nations of the world on their soil
- (iii) The speaker was overwhelmed with the sense of \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) gratitude
  - (b) achievement
  - (c) happiness
  - (d) charity
- (iv) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False* :  
The common victory was when South Africa did not become an independent nation.
- (v) The noun form of the word 'confer' is
- (a) conferring
  - (b) confident
  - (c) conference
  - (d) configuring

**OR**

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

*Think-Tank* : That's better Noodle, I wish to be placed in communication with our manned space probe to that ridiculous little planet we are going to put under our generous rulership. What do they call it, again ?

*Noodle* : Earth, your Intelligence.

*Think-Tank* : Earth — of course. You see how insignificant the place is ? But first something important. My mirror. I wish to consult my mirror.

- (i) Think-Tank wants to communicate with the \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (a) People of Earth
  - (b) Scientists on Earth
  - (c) Environmentalists on Earth
  - (d) Martians on Earth
- (ii) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the passage.
- read : learn :: explore : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) Your Intelligence refers to
- (a) Earth
  - (b) Noodle
  - (c) Little Planet
  - (d) Think-Tank
- (iv) What does Think-Tank want to do ?
- (v) Fill in the blank with one word only.
- Think-Tank is a \_\_\_\_\_ of the Martian team.

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

(A) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,  
What, what is he to do ? I saw it go  
Merrily bouncing, down the street and then  
Merrily over — there it is in the water !  
No use to say 'O there are other balls' :  
(The Ball Poem)

- (i) What does the expression 'what, what is he to do' denote ?
- (a) loss of the ball
  - (b) ask the poet for another ball
  - (c) boy's grief over the loss of the ball
  - (d) go down the street
- (ii) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False* :
- The poet was delighted to watch the ball bouncing down the street into the water.
- (iii) The poet repeats the word 'what' in order to \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) There is no use to say 'O there are other balls' indicates that the poet feels that it would be \_\_\_\_\_ to console the boy.
- (a) helpful
  - (b) futile
  - (c) easy
  - (d) shameful
- (v) 'What is the boy now, who has lost his ball.'
- Which feeling is expressed in this line ?
- (a) regret
  - (b) cheer
  - (c) despair
  - (d) thrill

**OR**

- (B) Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,

And spikes on top of him and scales underneath

Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,

And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

- (i) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract.

sharp : blunt :: above : \_\_\_\_\_

- (ii) Which one of the following is **not** a feature of the Dragon ?

- (a) big sharp teeth
- (b) spikes on the top
- (c) brave as a lion
- (d) could release fire from the mouth

- (iii) What effect does the poet want to create by the simile 'mouth like a fireplace' ?

- (a) emphasis
- (b) compassion
- (c) rhyme
- (d) pathos

- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately.

It is clear that 'Metaphor' is the poetic device used for 'chimney for a nose' because \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue : explain how metaphor applies here)

- (v) State whether the following statement is *True* or *False* based on the given extract :

Custard's formidable appearance was a true reflection of his courage.

8. Answer any **four** of the following questions in about 40 – 50 words each : 4×3=12

- (a) 'Family played a vital role in the first flight of the young seagull.'  
Give examples to substantiate the above statement.
- (b) Why did Pranjol not share Rajvir's excitement at seeing the tea gardens ?
- (c) What stopped Valli from going to the stall to have a drink ? What do we learn about Valli from this ?
- (d) State any three disadvantages that the tiger faces inside a cage.
- (e) The poet in the poem 'For Anne Gregory' conveys beauty as temporary. Explain with reference to the poem.

9. Answer any **two** of the following questions in about 40 – 50 words each : 2×3=6

- (a) Describe Max as a secret agent.
- (b) What does the phrase 'honour among thieves' mean ? Why does Horace get angry at this phrase ?
- (c) What does the thief say about the different reactions of the people when they are robbed ?

10. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words each : 6

- (a) Forgiveness is the foundation of a cordial relationship. Do you agree ? How is this message conveyed in the play 'The Proposal' ?

**OR**

- (b) Why did Kisa Gotami meet the Buddha ? How did Buddha change her life ?

11. Answer any **one** of the following questions in about 100 – 120 words each :

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- (a) 'Education is considered the most important tool for empowering women in society. It plays an important role in social and cultural development.' Prove the above statements in the light of the story 'Bholi'.

**OR**

- (b) Matilda's over-ambitiousness was the cause of her destruction. Justify.

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## ENGLISH (Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours

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General Instructions :

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

- (i) *This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.*
- (ii) *The question paper contains THREE sections –*  
**Section – A : Reading Skills**  
**Section – B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills**  
**Section – C : Literature**
- (iii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

## **Section – A**

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### **Reading Skills**

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :
  - (1) Mankind's fascination with gold is as old as civilization itself. The ancient Egyptians held gold in high esteem. Gold had religious significance for them, and King Tutankhamen was buried in a solid gold coffin 3300 years ago. The wandering Israelites worshipped a golden calf, and the legendary King Midas asked that whatever he touched be turned into gold.
  - (2) Not only is gold beautiful, but it is virtually indestructible. It will not rust or corrode. Gold coins and products fabricated from the metal have survived undamaged for centuries. Gold is extremely easy to work with. One ounce, which is about the size of a cube of sugar, can be beaten into a sheet nearly 100 square feet in size, and becomes so thin that light can pass through it. An ounce of gold can also be stretched into a wire 50 miles long. Gold conducts electricity better than any other substance except copper and silver, and it is particularly important in modern electronic industry.



- (3) People have always longed to possess gold. Unfortunately, this longing has also brought out the worst in human character. The Spanish conquerors robbed palaces, temples and graves and killed thousands of people in their ruthless search for gold. Even today, the economy of South Africa's gold mines depend largely on the employment of black labourers who are paid about 40 pounds a month, plus boarding and lodging. They work in conditions that can only be described as cruel. About 400 miners die in South Africa each year.
- (4) Much of the gold's value lies in its scarcity. Only about 80,000 tons have been mined in the history of the world. All of it can be stored in a vault 60 feet square, or a super tanker. Great Britain was the first country to adopt the gold standard, when the Master of the Mint, Sir Issac Newton, established a fixed price for gold in 1717. The discovery of gold in the last half of the nineteenth century in California, (1848) and later in Australia and South Africa changed everything. Before the discovery, there wasn't enough gold around for all the trading nations to link their currencies to the precious metal.
- (5) An out-of-work prospector named George Harrison launched South Africa into the gold age in 1886 when he discovered the metal in a farm near what is now Johannesburg. Harrison was given a 12 pounds reward by the farmer. He then disappeared and was eaten by a lion.
- (6) One of the biggest gold mining areas in the Soviet Union is the Kolyma River region, once infamous for its prison camp. The camp has gone, but in a way nothing has changed. Many ex-prisoners have stayed on to work in the mines and are supervised by ex-guards.

- (7) Despite the current rush to buy gold, 75 percent of the metal goes into making jewellery. Italy is the biggest consumer of gold for this purpose, and many Italian jewellers even tear up their wooden floors and burn them to recover the tiny flecks of gold. Historically, the desire to hoard gold at home has been primarily an occupation of the working and peasant classes, who have had no faith in paper money. George Bernard Shaw defended their instincts eloquently, “You have to choose between trusting the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the government,” he said “and with due respect to these gentlemen, I advise to vote for gold.”

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

**10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) When was King Tutankhamen buried ?
- (a) 1717 (b) 1886  
(c) 3300 years ago (d) 1848
- (ii) Why did Egyptians hold gold in great esteem ?
- (a) because it is a good conductor of electricity.  
(b) because of its religious significance.  
(c) for lovely gold ornaments.  
(d) because it is indestructible.
- (iii) According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true ?
- (a) Gold is the best conductor of electricity.  
(b) Apart from gold, copper and silver are good conductors of electricity.  
(c) Gold can be easily beaten, hence it is easy to work with.  
(d) Gold plays an important role in the modern electronics industry.

- (iv) Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following.

The wandering Israelites worshipped a golden calf \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) importance of religion (b) importance of the metal  
(c) good conductor (d) can replace money
- (v) How were the black labourers exploited ?
- (vi) Complete the following with the phrase from paragraph 1 :

Opinion	Reason
	King Tutankhamen was buried in a solid gold coffin 3300 years ago.

- (vii) Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that,

Not only is gold beautiful but it is virtually indestructible.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- (viii) Who launched South Africa into the gold age ?

- (a) Issac Newton (b) George Harrison  
(c) George Bernard Shaw (d) A farmer
- (ix) Select the option that corresponds to the following :

The ancient Egyptians and the modern electronic industry both hold gold in high esteem.

- (a) The hardworking student came first because of his diligent practice.  
(b) Monesty is underrated whereas strategy is appreciated.  
(c) The vibrant colours made the interiors look luminous.  
(d) The steaming food was both appetizing and tasty.
- (x) Supply one point to justify the following :

The desire to hoard gold at home has been primarily an occupation of the working and peasant classes.

2. Read the passage given below :

10 × 1 = 10

- (1) Starting Monday, the country's low-cost Mars mission with the red planet for an extended period will enter the "blackout" phase snapping communication with the satellite. From June 8 to 22 the Sun will block Mars from the Earth snapping communication with the satellite.
- (2) A senior Indian Space Research Organisation official said. "This will be for the first time that there will be a communication break for such a long period of about 15 days. During this period, there will be no communication with the satellite", he added.
- (3) Expressing confidence about regaining control over the satellite once the blackout phase is over, he said, "the scenario has been tested and the line of communication will be established." The spacecraft's life has been extended for another six months in March due to surplus fuel.
- (4) Stating that the spacecraft has been "configured" for the blackout, the ISRO official said, "we are not sending any commands to the spacecraft now, till 8<sup>th</sup> June few hours of signals will be sent by the spacecraft that will be for about two to three hours per day". In May next year, the mission will have to go through a similar phase once again, if there is another extension of mission life when the Earth will come between the Sun and Mars.
- (5) Scripting space history, India on September 24 last successfully placed its low-cost Mars spacecraft in orbit around the red planet in its very first attempt, breaking into an elite club of three countries.
  - (i) Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 1.  
The 'blackout' phase is significant \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (ii) Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blank.  
From paragraph 1 & 2, we can infer that there will be \_\_\_\_\_
    1. no communication with the people.
    2. blackout phase.
    3. satellite will get no communication.
    4. moon will block the earth.
    5. the communication break will be for 15 days.

(a) 1, 2 & 3

(b) 1, 3 & 4

(c) 2, 3 & 5

(d) 3, 4 & 5

- (iii) The communication with the satellite will break for approximately \_\_\_\_ days.  
(a) 10 (b) 15  
(c) 20 (d) 25
- (iv) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phase from paragraph 2 :  
aroma : cooking :: \_\_\_\_\_ : space research  
(Clue – just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly \_\_\_\_\_ is/are integral to Space Research.)
- (v) According to ISRO official till 8<sup>th</sup> July, when Sun will block Mars, \_\_\_\_ signal / signals per day will be sent to the spacecraft.  
(a) no (b) considerable  
(c) indefinite (d) only for few
- (vi) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence :  
The ISRO officials are \_\_\_\_ about their control over the spacecraft after the blackout phase.  
(a) doubtful (b) apprehensive  
(c) confident (d) jittery
- (vii) The spacecraft's life was extended by six months because of  
(a) extra fuel  
(b) incomplete work  
(c) lack of communication amongst ISRO officials  
(d) technical problems in its landing
- (viii) Read the following sentences :  
(A) The blackout was a sudden development.  
(B) Because of this, the officials are very nervous about the success of the spacecraft.  
(a) Both (A) & (B) are true. (b) Both (A) & (B) are false.  
(c) (A) is true and (B) is false. (d) (A) is false and (B) is true.
- (ix) Substitute the word 'nonpareil' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 5.  
India managed to get into the nonpareil club of Mars spacecraft in orbit.
- (x) The word 'fascination' in the opening sentence means the same as  
(a) enchantment (b) boredom  
(c) disinterest (d) ugliness

**Section – B****20****Grammar and Creative Writing Skills**3. Attempt any **TEN** of the following questions :**10 × 1 = 10**

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :

You should \_\_\_\_ your mother for your rude behaviour.

- (a) apologise for                      (b) apologise at  
(c) apologise with                    (d) apologise to

(ii) Read the conversations between a customer and a waiter. Complete the sentence by reporting the waiter's reply correctly :

Customer : Waiter, come here. The plate is dirty.

Waiter : I'll change it sir.

The customer asked the waiter to come there. He pointed out that the plate was dirty. The waiter politely offered \_\_\_\_.

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence :

\_\_\_\_ you help me cross the road, young man ?

- (a) Will                                      (b) May  
(c) Shall                                    (d) Might

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence :

Twenty years ago, kids at school had never even heard of the internet.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	years	year
B	at	in
C	had	have
D	the	an

(v) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blanks with the correct option :

NO NEWS \_\_\_\_ GOOD NEWS.

- (a) HAS                                      (b) HAD  
(c) IS                                        (d) ARE

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :

When a satellite \_\_\_\_ (launch), the rocket begins by going slowly upwards.

- (a) is launched                          (b) are launched  
(c) have been launched              (d) were launched

- (vii) Report the dialogue between two friends Seema and Anu, by completing the sentence :

Seema : What brings you here ?

Anu : I am going to Dr. Sen's house.

In response to the question about what brought Anu there, Anu says \_\_\_\_\_.

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :

Behind every success film there is a lengthy creative process.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (ix) Ritu met Anita and saw her crying.

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu : "Anita, what is the matter ?"

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan :

\_\_\_\_\_ EDUCATED MIND CAN TEACH MANY.

- (a) THE (b) A  
(c) AN (d) THIS

- (xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Raj and his wife :

Raj : I have invited my friends for dinner.

Wife : I'll invite my friends too.

Raj told his wife that he had invited his friends for dinner. The wife added that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) she will invite her friends too (b) she would invite her friends too  
(c) she can invite her friends too (d) she could invite her friends too

- (xii) Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction :

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

The evil of begging is very common into our country.

4. (a) You are Rohit / Rohini of A-45, Pitampura, Delhi. You observed that the subways in Delhi are seldom used by pedestrians who are always trying to cut across traffic. You have decided to write a letter to the editor of 'Hindustan Times' highlighting the dire need of creating awareness about it. Based on the points given along with your own ideas write a letter in 100-120 words.

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- infrastructure unutilized
- pedestrians prone to accidents
- accumulation of stagnant water/garbage in subways
- need for improvement and regular cleanliness under proper supervision.

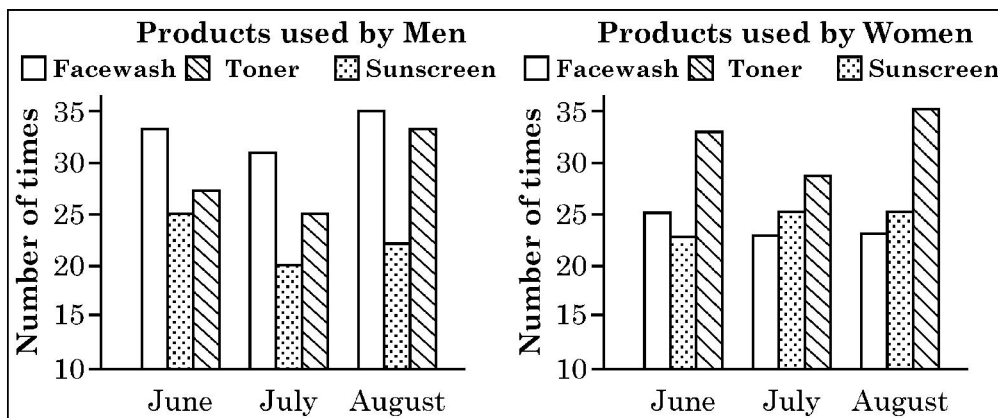
**OR**

4. (b) You are Shivam / Shivani of C-12, Janakpuri, Indore. You wish to make a pilgrimage to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Haridwar with your family of six. Write a letter to R.K. Travels, enquiring about the schedule of their conducted tour by Deluxe buses to these places. Ask about the charges, boarding and lodging arrangements and the total time needed for the tour. (Word limit 100-120 words)

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5. (a) The given bar graph shows the increasing use of skin care products by men and women over the period of three months. Write an analytical paragraph elaborating the given information in about 100 words :

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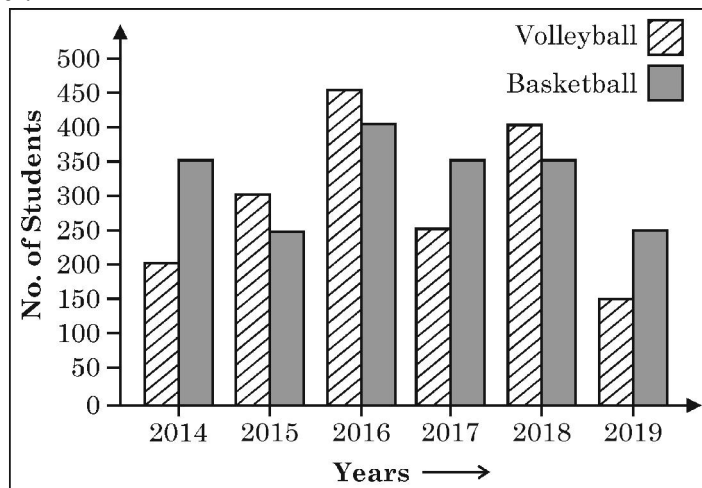


**For Visually Challenged Candidates.**

5. (a) Junk food can harm our bodies in different ways. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words on “Junk Food and its impact on the Body”. You may use the following cues :
- They have high level of cholesterol, sugar/salt, calories and more.
  - rising popularity of junk food due to taste, low prices, convenience.
  - Spikes energy levels and then leads to drop in concentration.
  - Consumption leads to obesity and adverse impact on liver.
  - Impairs cognitive functions
  - Role of media in creating awareness.

**OR**

5. (b) The given bar graph shows the preferences of children in a school in playing different games over the span of six years. Write an analytical paragraph about the given information in about 100 words :



**For Visually Challenged Candidates.**

5. (b) Excessive usage of screen time can cause damage to a growing child. Moreover, it cannot be denied that the child of the digital era cannot be separated from the use of technology. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words on ‘Screen Time and the Digital Generation’. You can use the following cues :
- Technology has changed our lifestyle.
  - Screens refer to mobiles, televisions, laptops, Ipads etc.
  - have become a part of our lives.
  - Many progressive schools encourage the use of laptops.
  - During lockdown – screens came to the rescue of uninterrupted education.
  - Cannot replace face to face, physical interaction between teacher and taught.

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**Section – C**  
**Literature**

6. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :  $5 \times 1 = 5$

I started right away at the Montessori nursery school. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell.

In the summer of 1941 Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.

- (i) The narrator 'I' refers to  
(a) Mr. Keesing (b) Mrs. Kuperus  
(c) Anne Frank (d) Miss Margot
- (ii) The phrase 'right away' in this extract most nearly means  
(a) with delay (b) the correct way  
(c) immediately (d) overtaking from right
- (iii) What does the narrator mean by saying 'we were both in tears' ?
- (iv) Complete the analogy by selecting a word from the text :  
dawn : dusk :: mourning : \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'form' as used in the extract.  
(a) Raghav was in good form while playing the match.  
(b) Saheb was promoted to the next form after the annual exam.  
(c) My brother did not know how to form a circle.  
(d) Anne saw the form on the headmaster's desk.

**OR**

6. (b) The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London ? And where was the man ?  $5 \times 1 = 5$

As they gazed, a remarkable sight met their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere !

Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter and at last disappeared altogether.

- (i) The boys were surprised to see a barefooted man in London because \_\_\_\_.
- (a) everybody in London moved around in shoes.
  - (b) it was very cold in London to move around barefoot.
  - (c) the muddy footprints were fresh.
  - (d) only a homeless person would walk barefoot.
- (ii) Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'started' in the above extract.
- (a) When I reached the theatre the movie had already started.
  - (b) The fire started from the kitchen.
  - (c) On hearing the bell ring, the sleeping Raman started and jumped out of bed.
  - (d) Taking a deep breath, Ravi started down the stairs.
- (iii) The boys reaction can best be described as
- (a) captivated, bored      (b) repulsed, absorbed
  - (c) curious, unhappy      (d) captivated, interested
- (iv) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text :
- Disappeared : Vanished :: Extraordinary :
- (v) According to the extract the boys were \_\_\_\_ when they saw the footmark.
- 1. terrified                      2. nervous
  - 3. delighted                    4. curious
  - 5. puzzled

Select the correct option :

- (a) 1, 2, 4                      (b) Only 1
- (c) 4 and 5                    (d) 2 and 3

7. (a) Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option : **5 × 1 = 5**

If strolling forth, a beast you view,  
Whose hide with spots is peppered,  
As soon as he has leapt on you,  
You'll know it's the leopard.  
'Twill do no good to roar with pain,  
He'll only lep and lep again.

- (i) One can find out that it is a leopard by the way it \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) leaps (b) eats  
(c) looks (d) roars
- (ii) State whether the following statement is true or false :  
When an animal repeatedly leaps at a person, it is a leopard.
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately :  
It is clear that repetition is a poetic device used for 'lep and lep again' because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Clue : explain how repetition is applied here.)
- (iv) The Royal Bengal Tiger has black stripes on yellow skin whereas a leopard has \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract :  
claws : nails :: ? : skin

**OR**

7. (b) He stalks in his vivid stripes **5 × 1 = 5**

The few steps of his cage  
On pads of velvet quiet  
In his quiet rage.  
He should be lurking in shadow  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water hole  
Where plump deer pass

- (i) 'He' is in a rage because he is  
(a) hungry (b) tied  
(c) thirsty (d) in a cage
- (ii) He is lurking in the shadow because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iii) The above lines express the tiger's \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) resignation (b) fear  
(c) anger (d) acceptance

- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately :  
It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' – because \_\_\_\_\_. (Clue : explain how metaphor is applied here.)
- (v) The contrast in the above extract is between life in the forest and life in the
- |            |                   |
|------------|-------------------|
| (a) circus | (b) national park |
| (c) cave   | (d) zoo           |

8. Read the following questions and answer any **four** of the five questions given below : **4 × 3 = 12**
- What did Kisa Gotami do after the death of her only son ?
  - What are the raindrops compared to and why ?
  - How is the Goan baker still an important part of the life of a Goan village ?
  - How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage ?
  - Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid ?
9. Read the following questions and answer any **two** of the three questions that follow : **2 × 3 = 6**
- Why did Hari Singh smile in his most appealing way towards the end of the story ?
  - What excuses did Mrs. Pumphrey make about Mr. Herriot's advice ?
  - What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at a science fair ?
10. Answer any **one** of the following questions in 100-120 words : **6**
- Motivation plays an important role in taking risks in life and in succeeding. Do you agree ? Discuss with reference to the pilot of the old Dakota and the young seagull.
  - Valli was an extra-ordinary girl who had self-confidence and courage to realise her ambition by planning and drawing on her spirit of adventure. Discuss in reference to the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'.
11. Answer any **one** of the following questions in 100-120 words : **6**
- Destiny had been cruel to Bholi yet she made a place for herself in a conservative society. Discuss.
  - Matilda was very proud of her beauty and charm and this led to her downfall. Elaborate.

