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## **ENGLISH (Core)**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

### **General Instructions :**

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

- This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.*
- This question paper contains **three** sections — Section A : **Reading Skills**, Section B : **Creative Writing Skills** and Section C : **Literature**.*
- Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.*
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## SECTION A

### Reading Skills

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

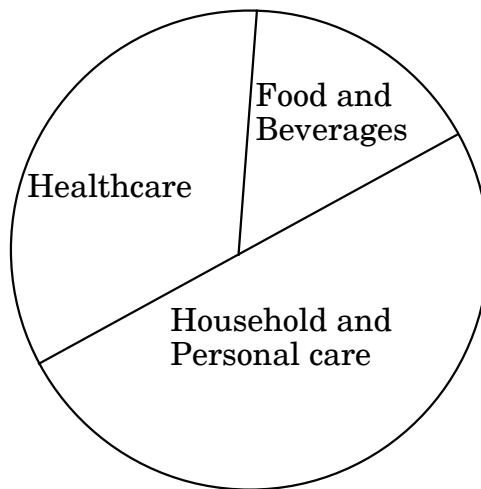




Table I. FMCG Products

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

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

*10×1=10*

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

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

Select from the following :

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



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

**OR**

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

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



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

## SECTION B

### Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

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





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

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

**OR**

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

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

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

**ADVERTISEMENTS**

– Read with care

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

**OR**



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

INDIA BOOK HOUSE — Requires Marketing Executive

Qualification :

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

Job requirement :

- Setting targets and timelines
- Supervising sales

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

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

PROGRAMME

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

OR



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

**Polluting Factors**

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

**Solutions**

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

**SECTION C**

**Literature**

**(40 marks)**

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

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

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



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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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

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

She was overwhelmed with emotion and could not speak much.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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

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

All I did was smile and smile and smile.

**OR**



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

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

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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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



(iv) The benefits of 'Keeping Quiet' include

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Select the most appropriate option :

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

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

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

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

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

**OR**

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

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

- (i) Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to ?
  - (a) Derry; His mother
  - (b) Derry; Mr. Lamb
  - (c) Derry; Ladies at the bus stop
  - (d) Mother; Mr. Lamb



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

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

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

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

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





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

**OR**

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

**OR**

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

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

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

**OR**

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



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### SECTION – A (READING SKILLS)

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1. Read the passage given below :

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





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

Choose the option that best describes this phrase :

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

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

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

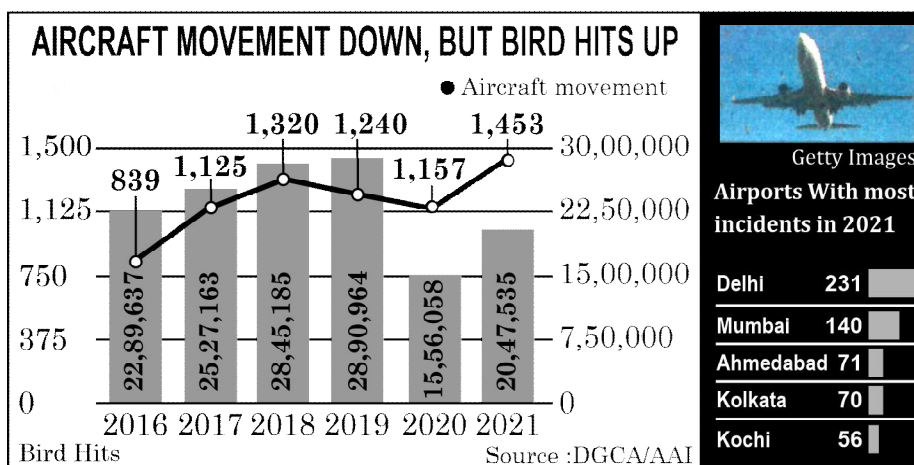
The writer says that games can calm our impatience without creating any conflict by \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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





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

New Delhi June 20

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

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

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

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

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

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





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

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

**10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1.

When an airplane is hit by a bird or is suspected to have been hit, the passengers must be asked to get down at once.

Select from the following :

True : If the statement agrees with the information.

False : If the statement contradicts the information.

Not Given : If there is no information on this.

- (ii) Select the option that displays the most likely reason for Bird hits.

- (a) when the aircraft is overloaded
- (b) at the time of landing or taking off
- (c) when the crew become negligent
- (d) when the passengers become panicky

- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately with one word.

Smaller planes are generally more \_\_\_\_\_ than the larger ones.

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

When the window or the windscreen of the air plane is cracked due to a bird hit \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) the crew must rush to the cockpit.
- (b) the pilot must land at the earliest airport.
- (c) the pilot must inform the maintenance engineer.
- (d) the pilot must get instructions from the aviation wing what should do in emergency.

- (v) Based on the reading of the text, state a point to further the statement.

Dozens of bird hits take place every day \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) but only a few are dangerous.
- (b) all of them are fatal.
- (c) but after every bird hit it is imperative to land the aircraft.
- (d) the pilot should ignore them.



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

**FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES.**

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

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

**SECTION – B**

**(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)**

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3. Attempt any **ONE** from (a) and (b) given below :
- (a) In collaboration with the Municipal Health Department your school is organizing a Health Camp with an emphasis on fit living and healthy eating for the benefit of students between the ages of 12 years to 17 years. Draft a notice in 50 words informing students of the event. Also state the day, date, time and venue. You are Amit/Amita – Secretary, Student council.

**5**

**OR**



3. (b) Members of the Resident Welfare Association have decided to visit the senior residents of the society as a gesture of affection and sensitivity. Draft a notice in 50 words inviting residents to volunteer for these visits. Mention relevant details. You are Ritika/Rahul, Secretary, R.W.A. 5

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

- (a) Your school has invited a group of foreign students to attend your Annual Day function. Draft an invitation in 50 words to the guests and parents of the students. Also state the day, date and time of the function. You are Dr. Ahluwalia, Principal, Rohtak Public School. 5

**OR**

4. (b) You are Dr. Mehra, an eminent educationist who has been invited to address the students of Sunshine Public School on 'The Benefits of Reading' and release a book written by one of the students. Draft a formal letter in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the function. Mention day, date, time and venue. 5

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

- (a) Draft a letter to the editor of a renowned daily in 120-150 words on the need to keep our surroundings clean to avoid outbreak of common diseases like malaria and dengue. You are Bharat/Bharati. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this letter. 5

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

**OR**



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

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**Credence Pvt. Ltd.**

Required : Food Technologist

Preferred Skills and Qualifications :

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

Competency in basic computer skills.

Send your bio-data within 10 days to Manager, Credence Pvt. Ltd., Hazratganj, Lucknow. For further details, check our website - [www.credence.com](http://www.credence.com).

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

- (a) Every Sunday morning, you have observed senior residents of the colony teaching children from the neighbouring slums. You are impressed by this spirit of giving back to the community. You are Shalu/Shalin, news reporter for a national daily. Write a report in 120-150 words on a community initiative. You may use following cues :

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**Spirit of Community**

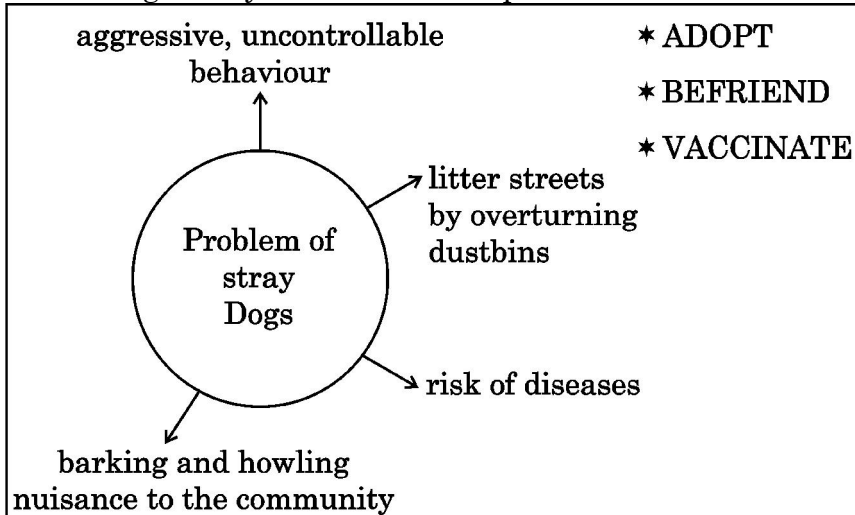
- Senior Residents – volunteerism
- Teach underprivileged children
- Be a part of fundraising
- Help with animal shelters
- Join groups for clean-up drives

**OR**



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

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**SECTION – C  
(LITERATURE)**

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

(a) but after airport's security check, standing a few yards away, I looked again at her, Wan, pale as a late winter's moon and felt that old familiar ache, my childhood's fear but all I said was, see you soon, Amma, All I did was smile and smile and smile -----

6 × 1 = 6

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



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

**OR**

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

**6 × 1 = 6**

- (i) What is the sentiment expressed in the above extract ?
- (i) remorse
  - (ii) regret
  - (iii) empathy
  - (iv) disappointment
  - (v) guilt
- Choose the correct appropriate option.
- (a) (iii) and (iv)
  - (b) (ii) and (iii)
  - (c) (iv) and (v)
  - (d) (i) and (v)
- (ii) Identify the phrase in the extract that suggests 'innocent desires'.
- (iii) The roadside stand owners pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (a) a relief from the heat
  - (b) free housing
  - (c) cars stopping
  - (d) benefits from pollution
- (iv) Complete the following analogy correctly :
- He fought like a lion : Simile :: selfish cars : \_\_\_\_\_





8. (b) Mr. Lamb : Well that needn't stop you, you needn't mind.  $4 \times 1 = 4$   
Derry : It'd stop them. They'd mind me. When they saw me here. They look at my face and run.  
Mr. Lamb : They might. They might not. You'd have to take the risk. So would they.  
Derry : No, you would, you might have me and lose all your other friends, because nobody wants to stay near me if they can help it.  
Mr. Lamb : I've not moved.  
Derry : No .....
- Mr. Lamb : When I go down the street, the kids shout 'Lamey-Lamb'. But they still come into the Garden, into my house; it's a game. They're not afraid of me. Why should they be ? Because I'm not afraid of them, that's why not.'
- (i) The kids tease Mr. Lamb but still come into his garden. Why ?  
(ii) Choose the best option that describes Mr. Lamb.  
(a) headstrong (b) pessimist  
(c) negligent (d) positive  
(iii) Choose the correct option with reference to the extract :  
What makes Derry tell Mr. Lamb that if he comes, others would stop coming ?  
(a) Mr. Lamb would not let others come.  
(b) They would be repulsed by Derry.  
(c) Mr. Lamb will have to choose between him and others.  
(d) Derry would flare up.  
(iv) What does Mr. Lamb mean by 'They might, they might not' ?
9. Attempt any **ONE** of two extracts given :  $6 \times 1 = 6$   
(a) And in dark hutments, next to lines of flames of flickering oil lamps, sit boys and girls with their fathers and mothers, welding pieces of coloured glass into circles of bangles. Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside. That is why they often end up losing their eyesight before they become adults.  
(i) Complete the sentence with reference to the extract :  
Their eyes are more adjusted to the dark than to the light outside because \_\_\_\_\_.  
(ii) Which of the following would NOT be true ?  
(a) The hutments were shining and inviting.  
(b) The children's lives were as bleak as their surrounding.  
(c) There were no electricity connections.  
(d) The boys and girls had got used to the dark.





- (iii) The bangle workers lose their eyesight before they became adults because
- (a) they already have poor eyesight.
  - (b) they work in dim light.
  - (c) they are married in childhood.
  - (d) they are malnourished.
- (iv) Which of the following most nearly means 'adjusted' in the context of the extract ?
- (a) conditioned
  - (b) favoured
  - (c) accepted
  - (d) reconciled
- (v) 'Flickering oil lamps' suggests \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) What is the antonym from the extract of the word 'rarely' ?

**OR**

9. (b) "I am thinking of this stranger here," said Edla "He walks and walks the whole year long, and there is probably not a single place in the whole country where he is welcome and can feel at home. Wherever he turns he is chased away. Always he is afraid of being arrested and cross-examined. I should like to have him enjoy a day of peace with us here-just one in the whole year." **6 × 1 = 6**
- (i) Complete the following sentence with the most appropriate option :
- Edla wished the Pedlar to have a peaceful day because \_\_\_\_\_
- (a) the Pedlar had worked for Edla.
  - (b) the Pedlar had not been released from jail.
  - (c) the Pedlar had been staying at the forge.
  - (d) the Pedlar had always been looked with suspicion.
- (ii) Select the suitable word from the extract to complete analogy.  
single : multiple :: abroad : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iii) In the above extract, Edla comes across as
- (a) conscientious
  - (b) pretentions
  - (c) compassionate
  - (d) selfless
- (iv) Based on the above extract, choose the statement which is true.
- (a) relationships are rattraps.
  - (b) money is important in the world.
  - (c) criminal is not born but made.
  - (d) christmas is a time of charity
- (v) In the context of the given extract, which day is referred to in the expression 'just one in the whole year' ?
- (vi) What does the expression 'he is cross examined' suggest ?



10. Answer any **FIVE** of the following in about **40-50** words each : **5 × 2 = 10**
- (a) When do the residents of Alsace realise how precious their language is to them ?
  - (b) What are the feelings of the poet about her aged mother with reference to the poem 'My Mother at Sixty Six' ?
  - (c) Describe the role of Raj Kumar Shukla in Indigo.
  - (d) 'There can be life under apparent stillness'. Explain. (Keeping Quiet)
  - (e) Explain the metaphor of the rattrap.
  - (f) Do we experience things of beauty only for short moments or do they make a lasting impression ? Explain. (A Thing of Beauty)

11. Answer any **TWO** of the following in about **40-50** words each : **2 × 2 = 4**
- (a) Describe Gondwana.
  - (b) Do you agree with the Tiger King's statement ? You may kill even a cow in self defence.
  - (c) What extraordinary experience did Charley have when he went to the Grand station ?

12. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about **120-150** words : **5**
- (a) 'Last Spring' and 'Indigo' bring out how the common man is a victim of exploitation. Explain.

**OR**

- (b) 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' and 'A Thing of Beauty', can be read together to show the permanence and everlasting impact of art and of things of beauty. Comment. **5**

13. Answer any **ONE** of the following in about **120-150** words : **5**
- (a) After seeing off the enemy soldier, Dr. Sadao must have felt relieved. He was able to uphold the oath that he had taken as a doctor. Dr. Sadao made an entry into his daily diary explaining the dilemma faced by him and how he resolved it.

Imagine yourself to be Dr. Sadao and express his thoughts.

(You may begin like this :

I was able to uphold the oath that I had taken as a doctor....)

**OR**

- (b) Both Bama and Zitkala-Sa were from marginalised communities. They challenged the system to bring dignity into their lives. Justify. **5**





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## **ENGLISH (Core)**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

### **General Instructions :**

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

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



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

**(20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below :

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



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

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

*10×1=10*

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



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



2. Read the passage given below :

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





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

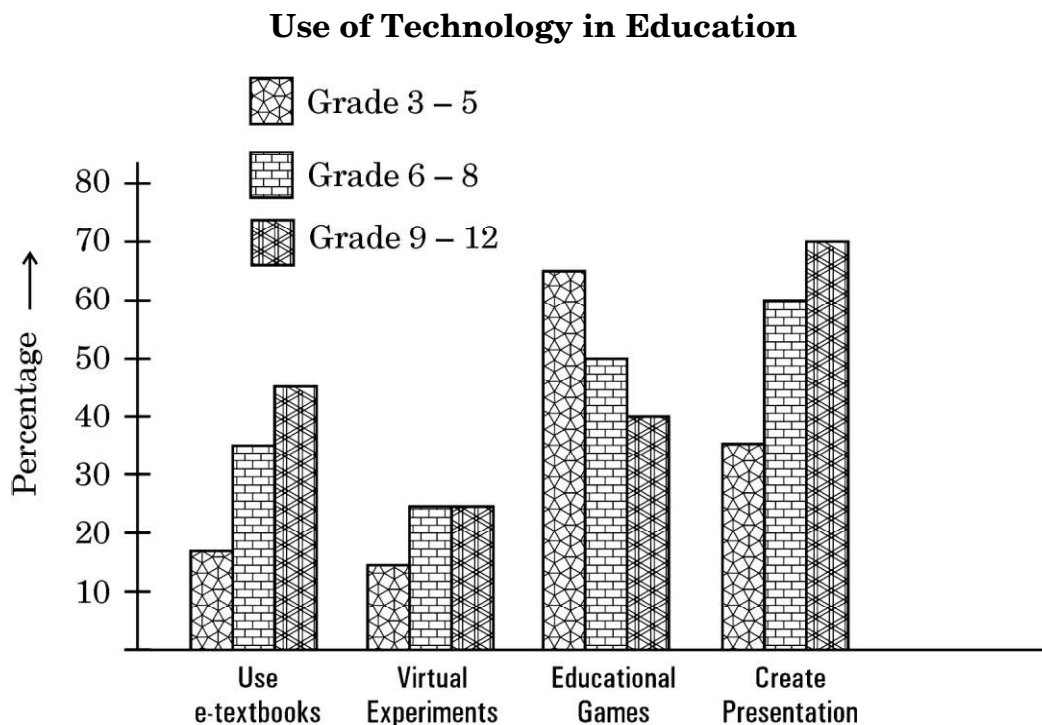


TABLE I.

REASONS FOR BOOM IN EDTECH

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



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

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

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

Select from the following :

True – If the statement agrees with the information

False – If the statement contradicts the information

Not Given – If there is no information on this

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



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

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

- (a) the growth of educational technology and online education will take some time
  - (b) nobody imagined a growth as exponential as in the last two years
  - (c) development of EdTech will work for the betterment of many other sectors as well
  - (d) the private sector has to play a decisive role
- (ix) Based on the graph, state the items which have the highest percentage of technology used by students of grades 9 – 12 and by students of grades 3 – 5.

**OR**

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

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

### **SECTION B**

#### **Creative Writing Skills**

**(20 marks)**

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

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

**OR**

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



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

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

**OR**

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

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

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(A)

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

**OR**

(B)

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



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

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

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

(B)

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



## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

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

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

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

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

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

(Keeping Quiet)

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



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

**OR**

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

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



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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OR**



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

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

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

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

*Derry* : We're not the same.

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



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

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

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

*(The Interview)*

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



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

**OR**

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

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

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



(iii) Where did the talk take place ?

Choose the correct option.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

**OR**

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

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

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

**OR**

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



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## **ENGLISH (Core)**

**Time allowed : 3 hours**

**Maximum Marks : 80**

### ***General Instructions :***

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

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



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

**(20 marks)**

1. Read the passage given below :

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





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

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



2. Read the passage given below :

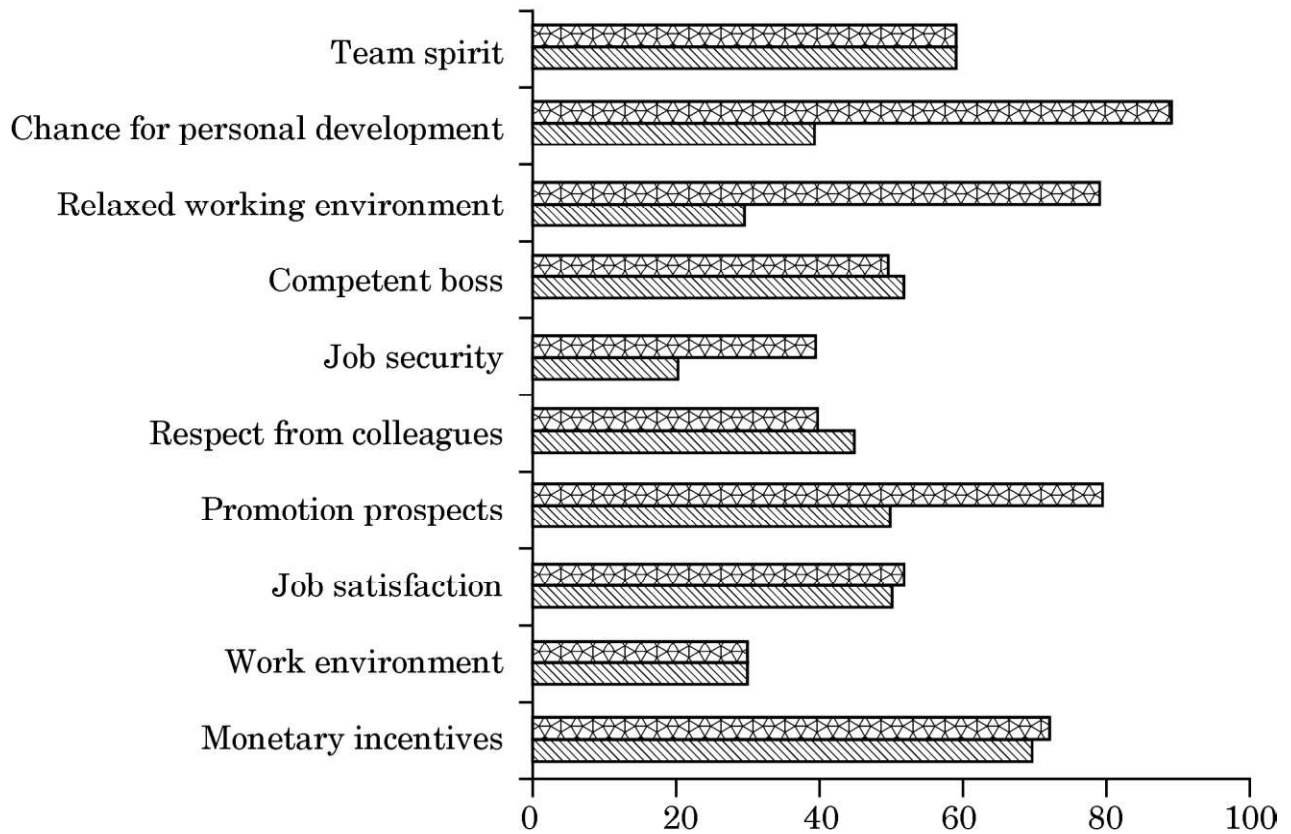
- 1 Nowadays companies demand an outstanding job performance by every single employee to be better than that of their competitors because there is competition among enterprises. The employers make efforts to motivate the employees and optimise performance.
- 2 There are numerous factors affecting job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



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

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

### Factors affecting work performance





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

*10×1=10*

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

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

Select from the following :

True – If the statement agrees with the information

False – If the statement contradicts the information

Not Given – If there is no information on this

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

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

(a) companies demand an outstanding performance

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

(c) when there are chances to get financial gratification

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

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



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

**OR**

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

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



## SECTION B

### Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

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

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

**OR**

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

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

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

**OR**

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



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

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

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

**OR**

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

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

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

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

**OR**

(B)

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

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





## SECTION C

### Literature

(40 marks)

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

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

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

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

Choose the correct option :

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

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

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

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



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

**OR**

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

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

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



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

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

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

941 Willard Street  
Galesburg, Illinois  
July 18, 1894

Charley

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

The note is signed *Sam*.



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

**OR**

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

*Derry* : What do you do all day ?

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

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

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



- (i) The description of the house indicates that Mr. Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (ii) The expression 'does not like shutting things out, shutting things in' suggests Mr. Lamb's
- (a) welcoming nature.
  - (b) poverty-stricken existence.
  - (c) lack of resources.
  - (d) confused state of mind.
- (iii) Mr. Lamb spends his time \_\_\_\_\_ .
- I. reading books
  - II. cooking meals
  - III. shutting things out
  - IV. enjoying beauties of nature
- Which of the following options are appropriate ?
- (a) I and IV
  - (b) II, III and IV
  - (c) I and II
  - (d) I and III
- (iv) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. Mr. Lamb liked meeting people.
  - II. Mr. Lamb accepted life as it came.
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I can be inferred from the extract, but II cannot.
  - (b) II can be inferred from the extract, but I cannot.
  - (c) Both I and II can be inferred from the extract.
  - (d) Neither I nor II can be inferred from the extract.



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

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

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

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

Most of the celebrities dislike being interviewed because

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

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

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

(iii) In primitive cultures being photographed implied

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OR**



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

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

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

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

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

The boy felt unsteady in the knees.



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

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

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

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

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

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

**OR**

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





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

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

**OR**

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



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## ENGLISH (Core)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80



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### General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.

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

### SECTION – A Reading Skills

**20 Marks**

1. Read the passage given below :

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



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

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

**10 × 1 = 10**

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

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

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





2. Read the passage given below :

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



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

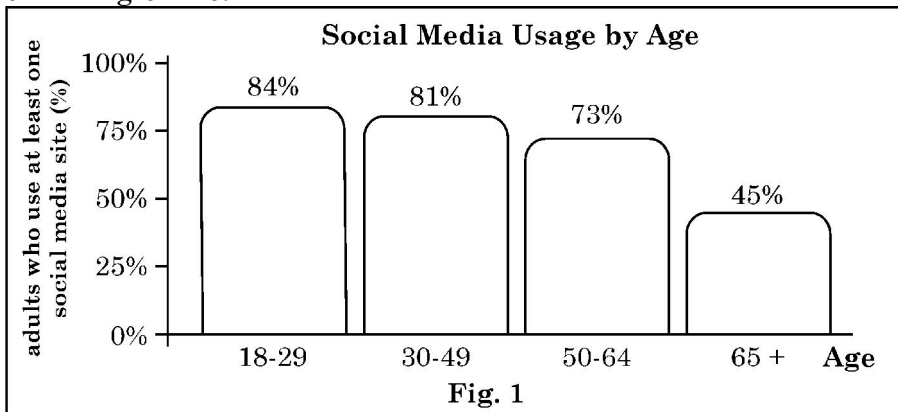


Fig. 1

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

10 × 1 = 10

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



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

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

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





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

**20 Marks**

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

**SK GLOBAL SOLUTIONS**

Required Software Engineer

Job Responsibilities :

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

Preferred Skills & Qualifications :

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

**OR**



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

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

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

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

**OR**

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

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Know Your Heritage  
An Inter-School Quiz Contest

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

**SECTION – C**

**40 Marks**

**Literature**

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

**6 × 1 = 6**

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

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

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

- (i) Keats defines beauty as

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

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

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



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

**OR**

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



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

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

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

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

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

**OR**



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

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

4 × 1 = 4

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

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

6 × 1 = 6

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

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



- (i) Saheb found a rupee  
(a) on the street (b) in the garbage dump  
(c) in Firozabad (d) on the tennis court
- (ii) Which emotion of Saheb is revealed in the phrase 'his eyes lighting up' ?  
(a) anxiety (b) envy  
(c) happiness (d) greed
- (iii) For the elders garbage is \_\_\_\_\_ and for children it is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to I and II given below :  
I. Saheb watches the game from outside.  
II. Saheb had lost the previous match.  
(a) I is true but II is not (b) II is true but I is not  
(c) Both I and II are true (d) Both I and II are untrue
- (v) 'Scrounging' in the passage most nearly means.  
(a) digging (b) searching  
(c) flinging (d) burying
- (vi) 'There is hope for finding more'. Explain with reference to the above extract.

**OR**

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

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



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

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

**5 × 2 = 10**

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

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

**2 × 2 = 4**

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

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

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

**5**

**OR**

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

**5**

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

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

**5**

**OR**

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

**5**



