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Series A1DBB/3

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## ENGLISH

### (Language and Literature)

Time allowed : **3** hours

Maximum Marks : **80**

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### General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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

### Section – A : Reading Skills

(20 Marks)

1. Read the following text :

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- (1) Fossil fuels (oil, coal, and natural gas) are our most traditional sources for power generation. The energy that's produced from any source other than fossil fuels is termed as alternative energy. Between the two sources, using alternative energy has a lower environmental impact.
- (2) We now know that alternative energy sources are the sources we use to supplement or even replace traditional energy sources used for power generation. You could almost say the same thing about renewable energy sources. But there is one subtle difference between the two. All renewable energy sources fall under the category of alternative energy sources, but it doesn't work the other way around.
- (3) That's because renewable energy sources are derived from naturally replenished sources or processes of Earth, such as the sun, wind, and water. We refer to these resources as renewable or sustainable since, unlike fossil fuels, this naturally occurring continual renewal makes them inexhaustible. However, alternative energy sources are exhaustible, and therefore not renewable. That's the difference !



- (4) The equipment necessary to harness energy from alternative sources used to be so expensive that it wasn't practical for consumer use. However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that's no longer the case.
- (5) When it comes to energy efficiency, the leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy. Behind wind comes geothermal energy, hydropower, nuclear energy, and then solar power. Wind power serves both individuals and entire communities. It is versatile, and can be produced from small-scale windmills or wind turbines on residential properties. It can also be produced from large-scale offshore wind farms in the ocean.
- (6) We generate geothermal power by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam. Geothermal electricity can directly heat and cool buildings. Generated from the energy of moving water, hydroelectricity (also known as hydropower) is produced when water behind a dam causes turbine blades to move as it flows through an intake. The turbine blades then rotate a generator to produce electricity that is sent to power homes.
- (7) Nuclear energy is created in the form of heat through the fission process of atoms. The initial fission process creates energy and triggers a chain reaction that repeats the process and generates more energy. In nuclear power plants, the heat that fission produces creates steam. The steam then rotates a turbine, which leads to the production of electricity.
- (8) Solar power most commonly refers to the use of solar cells to create energy. On a small scale, you may see a few solar panels on a house roof used to produce energy for just that one home. On a larger scale, you may see a solar farm used as a power plant to produce electricity for its consumers.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the difference between renewable energy sources and alternate energy sources ? 1
- (A) Alternative energy sources are more expensive than renewable energy sources.
- (B) Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternate energy sources could be exhaustible.
- (C) Alternative energy sources are as renewable as renewable energy sources.
- (D) Renewable energy sources are exhaustible but alternative energy sources are inexhaustible.
- (ii) What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from para (4) ? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2
- “However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that’s no longer the case”.
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately : 1
- In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) to (e) below, identify two sets of antonyms : 1
- (a) generate and produce                      (b) exhaustible and inexhaustible
- (c) subtle and versatile                        (d) power and energy
- (e) sustainable and exhaustible
- (v) Who is the leader of renewable energy pack and why ? 1
- (vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, the difference between geothermal electricity and hydroelectricity. 2







(vii) What is the message conveyed by the passage ? 1

- (A) Only those energy sources should be used which are renewable.
- (B) Wind energy is a renewable as well as inexhaustible source of energy.
- (C) There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.
- (D) Alternative energy sources are the emerging energy trends and are still evolving.

(viii) State whether the following statement is **True** or **False** with reference to the given extract. 1

Hydroelectricity as a renewable energy source is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

2. Read the following text, an excerpt from a case study titled 10 M

“Scouts and Guides Around the World.”

- (1) Many young people aged between 6 and 25 belong to the Scout movement. It is a worldwide organization, which was set up to help young people achieve their full potential as they grow up.
- (2) The organization was established in 1907 by a British general called Robert Baden-Powell. While in the army, he wrote a publication about scouting (which means searching and keeping watch) and how to survive in the wild, called ‘Aids to Scouting’. He realized how popular this was, and the result was another book, ‘Scouting for Boys’, which had less emphasis on the military. To test his ideas, he held a week-long camp for 21 boys from various schools in London, Poole and Bournemouth. This took place in August 1907, on Brownsea Island, in Southern England. These boys had the chance to enjoy outdoors, which became another of the movement’s objectives.
- (3) The Scout Movement quickly got established in Europe. It then spread throughout the world, starting in Chile in 1909. To begin with, the focus was on boys aged 11 to 18. However, as the movement grew, it was clear that younger boys, older boys and girls all wanted to be involved. Baden-Powell’s sister set up the Girl Guides in 1910, and in 1914 she started Rosebuds, later renamed Brownies, for younger girls. The movement’s intention to help young people play useful roles in society applies equally to girls and boys. By 2010, there were 32 million scouts, and by 2006, there were 10 million guides around the world, from a total of 216 different countries.



- (4) 2007 marked 100 years of the Scout Movement, and events took place around the world to celebrate this centenary. To mark the occasion, a colourful badge was produced for scouts to sew onto their uniforms or bags. The design included the official scout emblem, as well as the phrase, 'one world one promise', and images of doves and the globe.
- (5) 2007 was also the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Baden-Powell's birth. To honour both occasions, a flame was lit at Baden-Powell's grave in Nyeri. This is the place in Kenya where he spent the last few years of his life. The flame was then carried through several countries until it reached the UK.

Country	Membership	Population participation	Scouting introduced	Guiding introduced
India	41500000	0.3%	1909	1911
Indonesia	17100000	7.2%	1912	1912
Philippines	21500000	2.2%	1910	1918
Thailand	1300000	1.9%	1911	1957
United States	7500000	2.4%	1910	1912

Answer the following questions based on your reading of the above passage :

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on the information given in paragraph 4 : 1  
'Colourful badge was sewn on to the uniform and bags of the Scouts'.
- (ii) From paragraph 1, we can infer that Scout Movement was set up \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 4. 1  
10 years : decade :: 100 years : \_\_\_\_\_
- (iv) After reading the passage, bring a contrast between the books 'Aids to Scouting' and 'Scouting for Boys'. 2
- (v) What does the writer mean by the following phrase ? 1  
'One world one promise.'
- (vi) According to the chart, which country took maximum time to introduce 'Guiding' after 'Scouting' ? Choose your answer from the options given below : 1  
(A) India (B) Indonesia  
(C) Thailand (D) Philippines





- (vii) List two reasons why a flame was lit at Baden-Powell's grave in 2007. 2
- (a) \_\_\_\_\_
- (b) \_\_\_\_\_
- (viii) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option : 1
- The establishment of Scout movement from 1907 to 2006 showed \_\_\_\_\_ results.
- (A) uniform (B) encouraging
- (C) inconsistent (D) disappointing

**Section – B : Grammar and Creative Writing Skills (20 Marks)**  
**GRAMMAR**

3. Complete any **TEN** of the following twelve tasks, as directed. **10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. 1

Sir

Enclosed is the report that \_\_\_\_\_ (summarize) the study conducted on the impact of climate change on crop yield in the region.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from a recipe review article. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. 1

The cake recipe was to sweet for my liking, but the texture was perfect.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (iii) Marie and Peter had a conversation about volunteer work. Report Marie's question. 1

What kind of skills have you imbibed from this volunteer work ?

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Adam and Emma about a career option. 1

Adam : Why did you opt for a career in journalism ?

Emma : I couldn't resist my love for storytelling and my desire to expose the truth.



Select the option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue :

Adam asked Emma \_\_\_\_\_ in journalism. Emma passionately expressed that she couldn't resist her love for storytelling and her desire to expose the truth.

- (A) why did she opt for a career
- (B) why had she opted for a career
- (C) why she opted for a career
- (D) why she had opted for a career

- (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete an issued circular by an organization, to its Managers. 1

Please refer to the attached conference schedule and \_\_\_\_\_ (it/these/them) should be circulated among all attendees for their reference.

- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a public health campaign. 1

The campaign's focus is on reduce sugar intake among children by promoting healthier snacks.

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction from a scientific review.

The study examines the association among exposure to sunlight and vitamin D levels in the body. 1

Option No.	Error	Correction
(A)	examines	examine
(B)	to	for
(C)	among	between
(D)	levels	level

- (viii) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

The opportunity to volunteer at the local food bank made me \_\_\_\_\_ the challenges faced by underprivileged communities.

- (A) realizing
- (B) to realize
- (C) realized
- (D) realize





- (ix) Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence : 1

Vendor : We missed your usual visits, sir.

Customer : I know, I had to travel for work.

The vendor expressed that the customer's regular visits were missed, reaching out to the customer. The customer acknowledged this and clarified that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the update on the school's chess team. 1

It's a victorious day !

Our school's chess team \_\_\_\_\_ the interschool chess championship.

- (A) has been won (B) will winning  
(C) was winning (D) has won

- (xi) Complete the line from a song by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

The whispering leaves tell your tale,

The silent stones \_\_\_\_\_ your journey,

The sun casts light on your path,

Leading you towards tomorrow's glory.

- (A) have echoed (B) echo  
(C) echoes (D) shall echo

- (xii) Identify the error and supply correction for this sentence from an economic analysis. 1

The relationships of the country's inflation rate and the GDP growth was analysed.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction



### Creative Writing Skills

10 M

**Note :** All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. (a) You are Kapil/Kavita, sports secretary of Ajax World School, Gurugram. You want to place an order for sports articles for the school cricket team to Rotary Sports, Janakpuri, New Delhi. Write a letter in about **120** words. Remember to include relevant information about quality and quantity of products, specific details, school discount, delivery date and mode of payment.

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OR

- (b) You are Rahul / Rita, a student of DRK World School, Preet Vihar, Prem Nagar. You have recently noticed that the street in front of the school is being used as a thoroughfare by vehicles because of the construction work on the main street. This has led to a number of near fatal accidents involving school students who have become vulnerable to road injuries and exposure to toxic air and noise pollution while going to school. Write a letter to the Editor of a local daily in about **120** words highlighting the problem. You may also suggest possible solutions such as road safety signages, speed breakers, traffic timings.
5. (a) Read the following excerpt from a newspaper on the problem of car parking and its impact.

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A survey conducted on the residents showed that car parking in colonies has risen due to an increase in the number of cars per family. This has resulted in ugly incidents of road rage. Most of the families revealed that they are facing multiple issues due to this situation. There is no place for visitors to park and residents themselves park their cars haphazardly. In addition there is an increase in commercial vehicles parked outside colony gates, thus blocking exits.

Write a paragraph in about **120** words to analyze the news clipping.

OR





- (b) The following data shows global literacy rates of different age groups and gender in a particular year. Write an analytical paragraph describing and analyzing the given data.

Global literacy rate %	People of different age-groups			
	12 – 15 years	15 – 24 years	25 – 64 years	65 years and older
Men	88	90	88	80
Women	80	88	79	75

**Section – C : Literature**

**(40 Marks)**

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **ONE** of the given two. 5

- (a) Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic non-racial government.

(Nelson Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom)

- (i) What do you infer from the following statement ?  
“The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African Soil.” 1
- (ii) Explain in about **40** words the effective shift from white supremacy to a rainbow gathering. 2
- (iii) Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘pleasantly besieged’ in the given sentence from that extract ? 1
- (iv) State **true** or **false** with reference to the given extract. 1  
In the past the ‘amphitheatre’ had been a seat for theatrical performances.

**OR**



- (b) Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking. I thought and suddenly I had an idea. I wrote the three pages, Mr. Keesing had assigned me and was satisfied. I argued that talking is a students' trait and that I would do my best to keep it under control, but that I would never be able to cure myself of the habit since my mother talked as much as I did if not more, and that there's not much you can do about inherited traits.

(From the Diary of Annie Frank)

- (i) State any one inference about Anne from the given context. 1  
"Anyone could ramble on and leave big spaces between the words, but the trick was to come up with convincing arguments to prove the necessity of talking."
- (ii) In about 40 words, elaborate on the justification Anne gives for her talkative nature. 2
- (iii) Which one of the following best describes the tone of the given extract? 1  
(A) derogatory (B) persuasive  
(C) nostalgic (D) cautionary
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'ramble on' in the given sentence from the extract? 1
7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **ONE** of the given two. 5
- (a) He stalks in his vivid stripes  
The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of velvet quiet,  
In his quiet rage
- (i) Explain the contrast created by the words, 'stalks' and 'few steps of his cage'. 1
- (ii) Which of the following best describes the tiger's feelings in the context? 1  
(A) anger (B) conflicted  
(C) pessimism (D) apprehension







- (iii) Comment in about **40** words on the poet's use of imagery in the above extract. **2**
- (iv) Which word in the stanza means the same as 'clear and bright' ? **1**

**OR**

- (b) And no one buys a ball back, Money is external  
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes  
The epistemology of loss, how to standup.
- (i) When the poet says that "no one buys a ball back", what does he refer to in the context of the poem ? **1**
- (ii) Complete the sentence with an appropriate option : **1**  
The lines from the poem tell us that the boy is experiencing \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A) distress (B) terror  
(C) realisation (D) elation
- (iii) What is the significance of the term "desperate" used to describe the boy's eyes in the poem, and how does it contribute to the overall mood and tone of the poem ? **2**
- (iv) Identify and discuss the poet's use of metaphor in the poem "The Ball Poem". **1**

8. Answer any **FOUR** of the following questions in **40-50** words each.

**4 × 3 = 12**

- (i) Explain the irony in the chapter, "A Letter to God".
- (ii) "During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and guide." What does this statement imply in relation to the character of the baker ? (Glimpses of India)
- (iii) It is our attitude towards a situation that makes it positive or negative. Do you agree with it ? Express your views with reference to the poem, 'Dust of Snow'.



- (iv) Belinda and other animals have been described as brave. But on seeing the pirate they behaved in a cowardly way. How did they react ? (A Tale of Custard, The Dragon)
- (v) Flying is a natural act in birds. Then why was the young seagull 'exhausted by the strange exercise' ? Justify the given statement with reference to baby seagull's fear. (His First Flight)

9. Answer any **TWO** out of the three questions, in **40-50** words each : **2 × 3 = 6**

- (i) Do you think Bholi could have confidently refused to marry Bishamber if she wasn't educated ? Give reasons. (Bholi)
- (ii) Who was Henry ? What role did he play in Ausable's plan ?  
(The Midnight Visitor)
- (iii) How did Think – Tank interpret the following nursery rhyme ?  
"How does your garden grow with cockle shells and silver bells ?"  
(The Book that Saved the Earth)

10. Answer any **ONE** of the following questions, in **100-120** words.

**1 × 6 = 6**

- (a) Valli was sensitive, but at the same time, she was fearless and quite determined. Think of another character from your text book, who displayed similar character traits.

Compare and contrast the lives of Valli and the other character, that you have chosen from the text of Two Stories about Flying.

You may begin this way.

The characters who are fearless and determined from two texts are Valli and \_\_\_\_\_.

(Reference : Madam Rides a Bus & Two Stories about Flying)

**OR**





- (b) Based on your understanding of the Play, 'The Proposal', what do you think of relationships ?

Prepare a speech draft on relationships based on Natalya's and Anne Frank's characters.

You may begin this way.

Good morning everyone.

Relationships are the bond between two people based on mutual likes, understanding, need or love. I'd like to discuss relationships as portrayed in the two texts .....

You may end this way

To conclude, I'd like to say that .....

Thank you,

(Reference : The Proposal & from the Diary of Anne Frank)

11. Answer any **ONE** of the following two questions in **100-120** words.

**1 × 6 = 6**

- (a) Griffin's brilliance as a man of science fades before his darker traits. Give reasons from the text to support your answer.

(Footprints Without Feet)

**OR**

- (b) Hari Singh says – "He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything." Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it all. Elaborate based on your reading of 'The Thief's Story'.

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**Section – C : Literature Text Book**

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**SECTION – A**  
**READING SKILLS**

**20 Marks**

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

**10 Marks**

- (1) Held every year on 21 May, UNESCO leads the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development highlighting not only the richness of the world's cultures, but also the essential role of intercultural dialogue for achieving peace and sustainable development.
- (2) A recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis. It has also underscored the sector's potential to generate economic growth, something which is too often underestimated.
- (3) With the adoption in September 2015 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the United Nations, and the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2015, the message of the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is more important than ever. The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) can best be achieved by drawing upon the creative potential of the world's diverse cultures and engaging in continuous dialogue to ensure that all members of society benefit from sustainable development.
- (4) Bridging the gap between cultures is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. Cultural diversity is a driving force of development, not only with respect to economic growth, but also as a means of leading a more fulfilling intellectual, emotional, moral and spiritual life. This is captured in the culture conventions, which provide a solid basis for the promotion of cultural diversity. Cultural diversity is thus an asset that is indispensable for poverty reduction and the achievement of sustainable development.
- (5) At the same time, acceptance and recognition of cultural diversity in particular through innovative use of media and Information and Communications Technologies (ICTs) are conducive to dialogue among civilizations and cultures, respect and mutual understanding.
- (6) In 2001, UNESCO adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity. Next, in December 2002, the UN General Assembly, in its resolution 57/249, declared May 21 to be the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, and in 2015, the Second Committee of the UN General Assembly





unanimously adopted the resolution on Culture and Sustainable Development, affirming culture's contribution to the three dimensions of sustainable development, acknowledging further the natural and cultural diversity of the world, and recognizing that cultures and civilizations can contribute to, and are crucial enablers of, sustainable development.

- (7) The day provides us with an opportunity to deepen our understanding of the values of cultural diversity and to achieve the goals of the UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions adopted on 20 October, 2005.

**Answer the following questions based on the above passage :** **10**

- (i) Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 points to describe the purpose of UNESCO leading the celebration of World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development. **1**

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

- (ii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from para (2).

The recent international emergency has proved the intrinsic value of the cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion, educational resource or personal well-being in times of crisis. **1**

- (A) the real worth of cultural sector at generating social cohesion during pandemics  
(B) the real worth of creative sector at undermining the social cohesion during an international emergency  
(C) questioning the real worth of creative sector at generating education resource during an international emergency  
(D) highlighting the real worth of cultural and creative sector at generating social cohesion and educational resource during an international emergency

- (iii) Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about **40** words how Sustainable Development Goals can be achieved. **2**

- (iv) What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph (4) ? Rationalise your response in about **40** words : **2**  
“Cultural diversity is an asset.”



- (v) The phrase 'bridging the gap' in paragraph (4) refers to : 1
- (A) widening the differences
  - (B) connecting two desparate ideas
  - (C) supporting the bridging
  - (D) filling in the space between two connected things

- (vi) In sets a-e below, identify two sets of synonyms. 1
- a richness and poverty
  - b. intellectual and moral
  - c. reduction and promotion
  - d. essential and intrinsic
  - e. urgent and crucial

**Options :**

- (A) a and c
  - (B) b and e
  - (C) d and e
  - (D) b and d
- (vii) Complete the sentence appropriately :  
The Second Committee of UN General Assembly in 2015  
adopted \_\_\_\_\_. 1
- (viii) Complete the following sentence :  
\_\_\_\_\_ is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and  
development. 1

**2. Read the extract given below : 10 Marks**

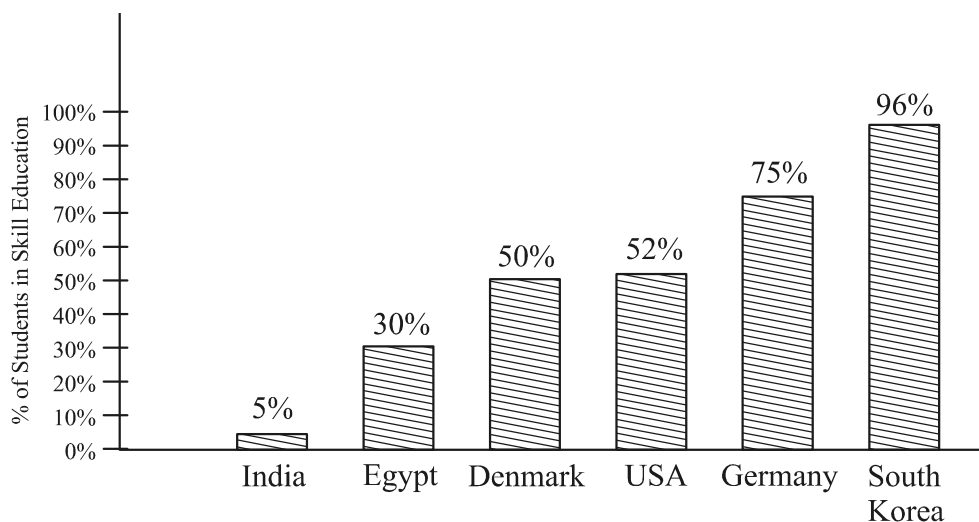
- (1) The National Education Policy 2020 proposes the revision and revamping of all aspects of education, including the educational structure, regulations and governance, to create a new system which is aligned with the aspirational goals of 21st century students. According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education, for which a clear action plan with targets and timelines are to be developed.
- (2) The policy aims to overcome the social status hierarchy associated with skill education and integration of skill education into mainstream education in all educational institutions in a phased manner. Beginning with skill exposure at early ages in middle and secondary school, quality skill education will be integrated smoothly into school and higher education.





- (3) Every child will learn at least one skill and is exposed to several more. This would lead to emphasizing the dignity of labour and importance of various vocations involving Indian arts and artisanship.
- (4) The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of 'academic' or other capacities. To achieve this objective, secondary schools will have to collaborate with Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs), Polytechnics, Local Industry, etc. Skill labs will also be set up and created in the schools in a Hub and Spoke model, which will allow other schools to use the facility. Higher education institutions will offer skill education either on their own or in partnership with industry and other institutions.

The Global Scenario of Students in Skill Education Sector.



**For visually challenged students only :**

Percentage of students in Skill Education in various countries is as follows :

India	–	5%
Egypt	–	30%
Denmark	–	50%
USA	–	52%
Germany	–	75%
South Korea	–	96%



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

**10**

- (i) Based on the reading of the extract, list 2 objectives of NEP 2020. **2**
- (ii) Fill in the blank with appropriate option from those given in the brackets, based on the understanding of paragraph (4).

**The statement :**

“The development of skill capacities will go hand-in-hand with the development of academic or other capacities” is a / an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact / opinion) because it is a / an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement / objective detail) **1**

- (iii) Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the statement given below :

“According to the policy, by 2025, at least 50% of learners through the school and higher education system shall have exposure to skill education.” **1**

- (A) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.
- (B) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to technical education.
- (C) Minimum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.
- (D) Maximum 50% learners shall have exposure to skill education.

- (iv) Based on the understanding of the passage, complete the following statement appropriately :

The benefit of the hub and spoke model will be \_\_\_\_\_.

**1**

- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word / phrase from paragraph (3) :

Racism : condemn :: \_\_\_\_\_ : respect

**1**

- (vi) As per the Global Scenario which country has the maximum percentage of students in Skill Education and what can be the possible reason? **2**



- (vii) Fill in the following blank choosing the most appropriate option from the ones given below :

As per NEP 2020, skill exposure will begin at \_\_\_\_\_.

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- (A) middle and secondary school  
(B) primary school  
(C) higher school  
(D) senior secondary school

- (viii) Justify the statement – ‘The NEP will create an awareness and appreciation of Indian arts and artisanship.’

1

### SECTION – B

#### GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS 20 Marks

##### GRAMMAR

3. Complete ANY TEN of the following twelve tasks, as directed : 10×1 = 10

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

Dear Sir

In response to your query, the document that \_\_\_\_\_ (explain) our country’s sustainability initiatives has been attached for your consideration.

- (ii) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence :

The uniquely flavoured dish was interestingly enough to captivate my taste buds.

Error	Correction

Use the above format for your response.

- (iii) Raashi and Ratul had a conversation about volunteer work.

Report Raashi’s question.

**Raashi :** What challenges have you faced while volunteering?

**Ratul :** The main challenge is dealing with different personalities, but it’s also a great learning experience.



- (iv) Read the dialogue between a librarian and a student.

**Librarian :** Welcome back! It's good to see you, young man!

**Student :** Thanks! I was overloaded with assignments, so I have not visited the library this week.

Based on the conversation above, report the dialogue between a librarian and a student by completing the sentence.

The librarian greeted the student warmly, expressing pleasure at his visit. The student thanked her and explained that \_\_\_\_\_ which had limited his recent visits to the library.

Select the correct option from those given below :

- (A) he had been overloaded with assignments  
(B) he has been overloaded with assignments  
(C) he was overloaded with assignments  
(D) he is overloaded with assignments
- (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option in the bracket, to complete the sentence :

The revised meeting agenda is attached and \_\_\_\_\_ (this / those / it) needs to be emailed to all participants before the meeting.

- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from an e-commerce website's return policy.

We offers a 30-day return policy on all unopened products purchased from our websites.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the sentence from a public health campaign.

The campaign's goal is to increase physical activity among the younger.

Option	Error	Correction
(A)	activity	activities
(B)	goal	goals
(C)	younger	youth
(D)	is	are



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

The internship at the tech startup had me \_\_\_\_\_ excited about the potential of innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

- (A) feeling
- (B) felt
- (C) to feel
- (D) feels

- (ix) Report the dialogue between a vendor and his customer, by completing the sentence :

**Vendor :** You look a little different today!

**Customer :** Yes, I just got a new haircut.

The vendor noticed that his customer's appearance had changed and asked him about it. The customer admitted this, citing the fact that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence to update the result of the regional science fair :

We have exciting news to share!

Our school \_\_\_\_\_ first place in the regional science fair.

- (A) awarded
- (B) was awarded
- (C) had awarded
- (D) has been awarded

- (xi) Complete the line from a song by filling the blank with the correct option :

The morning dew captures your essence,  
The flowers and grass \_\_\_\_\_ your colour,  
The Sunrise embraces your arrival,  
As the dawn welcomes a new day.

- (A) reflect
- (B) reflects
- (C) reflected
- (D) shall reflect



- (xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence :

The public health campaign aimed in increase awareness of the risks associated with underage drinking.

Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

### CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

**Note :** All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose :

4. **Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below :**

(A) There are daily reports in the newspaper of fatal accidents due to reckless driving and road rage. Write a letter to the Commissioner of Traffic Police in about **120** words suggesting the need to take stricter action against the offenders. Recommend the use of social media to launch awareness campaigns about the implications of irresponsible driving. You are Shantanu / Savita, living at B-108 Krishi Apartments.

5

**OR**

4. (B) A leading communication company 'Savera' is sponsoring a half marathon run in your city to raise funds for 'Koshish' an orphanage. You are Roshini/Roshan, school captain of Adarsh Vidyalaya. You are leading a batch of hundred students in the half marathon to be held in your city.

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily emphasizing the participation of school children in such programmes as part of voluntary community service. Highlight the benefits of participation in such activities.

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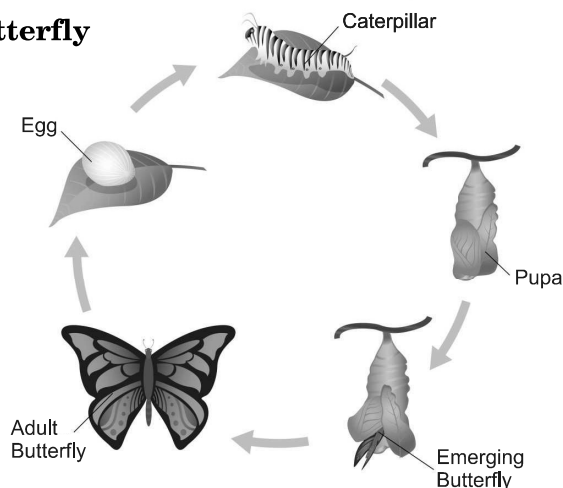
5. **Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below :**

(A) The visual given shows the life cycle of a butterfly. Study the information carefully and then summarise it in the form of an analytical paragraph. Make comparisons and draw conclusions wherever applicable.

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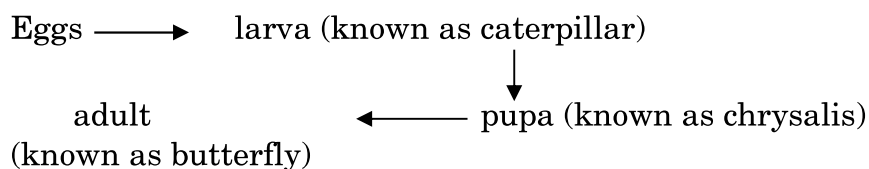


### Life Cycle of Butterfly



**5. (A) For visually challenged students only :**

The following are notes about the four stages in the metamorphosis of butterflies. Summarise the notes in the form of an analytical paragraph :



**5**

**OR**

**5. (B)** Study the table given below which shows the data on the hobbies of students during summer vacations. Write an analytical paragraph in about **120** words analyzing what hobbies do boys and girls choose in their summer vacations :

Hobbies	Boys	Girls
Singing	7%	25%
Photography	35%	5%
Playing	30%	16%
Dancing	13%	40%
Yoga	19%	15%

**5**

### SECTION – C

#### LITERATURE TEXT BOOK

**40 Marks**

**6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two :**

**(A)** On the day of the inauguration, I was overwhelmed with a sense of history. In the first decade of the 20th century a few years after the bitter Anglo-Boer war and before my own birth, the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their



differences and created a system of racial domination against the dark-skinned people of their own land. The structure they created formed the basis of one of the harshest, most inhumane societies the world has ever known. Now, in the last decade of the twentieth century, and my own eighth decade as a man, that system has been overturned forever and replaced by one that recognised the rights and freedoms of all peoples, regardless of the colour of their skin.

- (i) Explain the feelings of the narrator when he said ; “I was overwhelmed with a sense of history.” 1
- (ii) The system of racial domination has been replaced by a system that : 1
  - (A) confirms the education of the Blacks.
  - (B) recognises the rights and freedoms of all people.
  - (C) recollects the bitter experiences.
  - (D) focuses on the personality development.
- (iii) Comment on the kind of society apartheid had created ? 2
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘patched up’ in the given sentence from the extract : 1

“...the white skinned people of South Africa patched up their differences...”

**OR**

- 6. (B)** I started right away at the Montessori Nursery School. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form, my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell. In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.
- (i) “In the summer of 1941, Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.” State any one inference about Anne from the above context. 1
  - (ii) The first education of Anne started at \_\_\_\_\_. 1
    - (A) some Kindergarten School
    - (B) a Nursery School
    - (C) Montessori Nursery School
    - (D) Elementary School





- (iii) Who was Mrs. Kuperus? What kind of relationship did Anne share with her? 2
- (iv) Substitute the word 'heartbreaking' with a word similar in meaning in the following sentence :  
"At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell." 1

**7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the given two :**

**(A)** He stalks in his vivid stripes

The few steps of his cage,  
On pads of velvet quiet,  
In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow,  
Sliding through long grass  
Near the water pole  
Where plump deer pass.

He should be snarling around houses  
At the jungle's edge,  
Baring his white fangs, his claws,  
Terrorising the village!

- (i) State any one point of contrast between the tiger in the zoo and in its natural habitat. 1
- (ii) When the speaker suggests that the tiger should be "Snarling around houses at the jungle's edge" ? What does he insinuate about the tiger's natural behaviour and habitat? 1
- (iii) The poet's skillful use of imagery effectively depicts the confinement and frustration of the tiger. Elaborate in about 40 words. 2
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'quiet rage' in the given sentence from the extract ?  
The few steps of his cage on pads of velvet quiet in his 'quiet rage.' 1



OR

7. (B) No use to say 'O there are other balls  
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down  
All his young days into the harbour where his ball went.

I would not intrude on him,  
A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now  
He senses first responsibility  
In a world of possessions. People will take  
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy  
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external  
He is learning.....

- (i) Which of the following best describes the speaker's attitude towards the boy's reaction to losing his ball? 1  
(A) indifferent as the ball is inexpensive  
(B) sympathetic, understanding the depth of the boy's loss  
(C) mocking, finding the boy's reaction exaggerated and unnecessary.  
(D) panicked, sharing the boy's distress over the lost ball.
- (ii) Comment on the use of metaphor in the above extract. 1
- (iii) Explain the phrase 'all his young days into the harbour' with reference to the extract. 1
- (iv) Briefly state in about 40 words the boy's journey from 'shaking grief' to 'he is learning' in the above extract. 2

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions in 40-50 words each : 4×3 = 12

- (i) What mood of the poet is reflected in the poem 'Dust of Snow' initially ? What images are used by the poet to bring about the effect ? Comment.
- (ii) How far would you agree that one's positivity can bring in a spark of brightness even in adverse circumstances?
- (iii) What makes Custard, the dragon look fearsome? Explain.



- (iv) Explain, why the speaker mentions God in the poem “For Anne Gregory”.
- (v) What message might the Buddha’s story hold for those who are in positions of power and privilege ?

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

**2×3 = 6**

- (i) Scientists contribute to make the world a better place. Griffin is an antithesis to this statement. Justify.  
(Footprints Without Feet)
- (ii) Why did Bholi’s teacher feel like an artist admiring her masterpiece ?  
(Bholi)
- (iii) What is the twist at the end of the story ‘The Necklace’ ?  
(The Necklace)

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

- (i) In the chapter ‘A Baker from Goa’ the narrator talks about his childhood in Goa and his fond memories. In about **120** words write a presentation draft comparing the childhood of the narrator in ‘A Baker from Goa’ to that of Nelson Mandela.

**You may begin this way :**

Childhood memories remind us of the days gone by.....

Reference : A Baker from Goa and Nelson Mandela : Long Walk

**6**

- (ii) Amanda from the poem ‘Amanda’ is a teenager like Anne Frank and lives in her fantasy world whereas Anne is a chatter box. What conversation will Anne Frank have with Amanda about different perspectives of life ? Write your answer in about **120** words.

**6**

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

- (i) How did the lady in red manage to outsmart and out maneuver the other thief, Horace Danby, by robbing the safe without leaving a single fingerprint ?  
(A Question of Trust)
- (ii) Hari Singh says – “He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything.”  
Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it at all. Elaborate based on your reading of The Thief’s Story.

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**SET-1**

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**NOTE**

- (I) Please check that this question paper contains **15** printed pages.
- (II) Please check that this question paper contains **11** questions.
- (III) Q.P. Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.



- (IV) **Please write down the Serial Number of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.**

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

**ENGLISH**  
**(Language and Literature)**

*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 80*

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### General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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

### Section – A (20 Marks) Reading Skills

1. Read the following text : 10 M

- (1) Fossil fuels (oil, coal, and natural gas) are our most traditional sources for power generation. The energy that's produced from any source other than fossil fuels is termed as alternative energy. Between the two sources, using alternative energy has a lower environmental impact.
- (2) We now know that alternative energy sources are the sources we use to supplement or even replace traditional energy sources used for power generation. You could almost say the same thing about renewable energy sources. But there is one subtle difference between the two. All renewable energy sources fall under the category of alternative energy sources, but it doesn't work the other way around.
- (3) That's because renewable energy sources are derived from naturally replenished sources or processes of Earth, such as the sun, wind, and water. We refer to these resources as renewable or sustainable since, unlike fossil fuels, this naturally occurring continual renewal makes them inexhaustible. However, alternative energy sources are exhaustible, and therefore not renewable. That's the difference !
- (4) The equipment necessary to harness energy from alternative sources used to be so expensive that it wasn't practical for consumer use. However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that's no longer the case.





- (5) When it comes to energy efficiency, the leader of the renewable energy pack is wind energy. Behind wind comes geothermal energy, hydropower, nuclear energy, and then solar power. Wind power serves both individuals and entire communities. It is versatile, and can be produced from small-scale windmills or wind turbines on residential properties. It can also be produced from large-scale offshore wind farms in the ocean.
- (6) We generate geothermal power by tapping into underground reservoirs of hot water and steam. Geothermal electricity can directly heat and cool buildings. Generated from the energy of moving water, hydroelectricity (also known as hydropower) is produced when water behind a dam causes turbine blades to move as it flows through an intake. The turbine blades then rotate a generator to produce electricity that is sent to power homes.
- (7) Nuclear energy is created in the form of heat through the fission process of atoms. The initial fission process creates energy and triggers a chain reaction that repeats the process and generates more energy. In nuclear power plants, the heat that fission produces creates steam. The steam then rotates a turbine, which leads to the production of electricity.
- (8) Solar power most commonly refers to the use of solar cells to create energy. On a small scale, you may see a few solar panels on a house roof used to produce energy for just that one home. On a larger scale, you may see a solar farm used as a power plant to produce electricity for its consumers.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the difference between renewable energy sources and alternate energy sources ?
- (A) Alternative energy sources are more expensive than renewable energy sources.
- (B) Renewable energy sources are inexhaustible whereas alternate energy sources could be exhaustible.
- (C) Alternative energy sources are as renewable as renewable energy sources.
- (D) Renewable energy sources are exhaustible but alternative energy sources are inexhaustible.

1



- (ii) What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from para (4) ? Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2  
“However, thanks to increased demand, more experienced energy developers, competitive supply chains, improved renewable technologies, and enhanced energy efficiency capabilities, that’s no longer the case”.
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately : 1  
In the past, alternative energy sources were not used much by the consumers because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a) to (e) below, identify two sets of antonyms : 1  
(a) generate and produce                      (b) exhaustible and inexhaustible  
(c) subtle and versatile                      (d) power and energy  
(e) sustainable and exhaustible
- (v) Who is the leader of renewable energy pack and why ? 1
- (vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, the difference between geothermal electricity and hydroelectricity. 2
- (vii) What is the message conveyed by the passage ? 1  
(A) Only those energy sources should be used which are renewable.  
(B) Wind energy is a renewable as well as inexhaustible source of energy.  
(C) There are plenty of renewable energy sources that can be used to replace traditional energy sources.  
(D) Alternative energy sources are the emerging energy trends and are still evolving.
- (viii) State whether the following statement is **True** or **False** with reference to the given extract. 1  
Hydroelectricity as a renewable energy source is used for residential as well as commercial purposes.

2. Read the passage given below : 10 M
- (1) Mango (*Mangifera indica*) is Asia’s most popular fruit, and it has gained popularity around the world. It has long been a component of culture and religion as a useful and tasty fruit. In addition to taste, it has many good qualities thus making it to be called as “King of Fruits”. Major mango-growing states in India include Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh are the leading states in mango production.







- (2) Mango is grown in an area of 5.58 million hectares of area in the world. India is the largest producer of mangoes with 46.02 and 45.88 percent of the total world area and production, respectively. However, India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production indicating the huge gap in exporting of mangoes. Peru exports about 46%, Thailand 24%, Mexico 18% and Brazil 11% of their total mango production. These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports. Hence, efforts are needed to evolve cheap transportation mechanism, increase the trade agreements with major importing countries and enhance the productivity.
- (3) The top importing country is United States of America, however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the USA. The USA, European countries, the UK, Malaysia and Russia can be the other hotspots where India can target to export the mangoes. The critical issue for exporting to the USA is transportation cost (due to sea route distance) and limited shelf life of mango, while for Europe transportation costs as well as competition by African countries are the major hurdles.

The following chart shows the major export destinations of Indian mangoes in 2019-20 :

Table :

Major Export Destination of Indian Mangoes in 2019-20 :

S. No.	Country	Percentage
1.	U.S.A.	2
2.	Kuwait	2
3.	Saudi Arabia	3
4.	Qatar	6
5.	Bangladesh	6
6.	Oman	7
7.	U.K.	9
8.	Nepal	24
9.	United Arab Emirates	33
10.	Bahrain	2
11.	Others	6

(Adapted for academic usage.)



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of Para (1) : 1  
We can say that for becoming the king of jungle, Lion has to be the strongest, bravest and the fiercest. Similarly, Mango is known as the king of fruits because \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of Para (2) : 1  
The statement that, India is the largest producer of Mangoes with 45.88 percent of the total world production can be attributed to Indian orchardists, is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/objective detail)
- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words : 2  
India being the major shareholder in terms of mango production, exports only 0.52% of its total production.
- (iv) Based on the table, which three countries were at par with each other in terms of mango import from India in 2019-20 ? 1
- (v) The top mango importing country is the U.S.A., however, India exports only two percent of its total exports to the U.S.A. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1
- (vi) In the given sentence taken from para-2, select the option that correctly replaces the underlined word, with its most likely antonym. 1  
These countries are the bigger challenges for Indian mango exports.  
(A) enigmas (B) solutions  
(C) provocations (D) disputes
- (vii) Why is India described as the largest producer of mangoes in the world ? (Answer in about 40 words.) 2
- (viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage ? 1  
(A) India needs to produce more mangoes so that more can be exported.  
(B) The UAE imported most mangoes from India in 2019-20.  
(C) India is the largest producer of mangoes and by putting in more efforts, has the potential to be the largest exporter too.  
(D) More study is needed to find ways to increase the export of mangoes from India.





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

**(20 Marks)**

3. Complete any **ten** of the following twelve tasks, as directed : **10 × 1 = 10**

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter : **1**

Therefore, I request you to please consider this request of \_\_\_\_\_  
(construct) a park in our society so that each and every person can benefit and we can enjoy a healthy environment amidst the concrete jungle.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from an article on Yoga. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence : **1**

Yoga should help lower blood pressure, cholesterol, and blood sugar, all of which are not good for your heart and blood vessels.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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- (iii) Manthan and Sonalika had a conversation about Sonalika's job interview. **1**

Report Manthan's question.

How are you preparing for the interview ?

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Meher and her mother, regarding Meher's dance classes. **1**

Mother : Are you enjoying your dance classes ?

Meher : Oh Yes ! I am loving it. It is so refreshing to attend them after a long day.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Meher's mother asked her \_\_\_\_\_. In response, Meher exclaimed and said that she was loving it. She added that it was very refreshing to attend them after a long day.

- (A) whether the dance classes were being enjoyed by her  
(B) whether she is enjoying her dance classes  
(C) whether she was enjoying her dance classes  
(D) whether the dance classes are being enjoyed by her



- (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the line of a circular issued by an organization, to its stakeholders. 1

In order to enable the stakeholders to \_\_\_\_\_ (access/assess/accent) all the applicable circulars at one place, the provisions of the circulars issued till January 6, 2024, are incorporated in this master circular.

- (vi) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from a company's orientation programme : 1

A founder's goal, during the first phase, is to learn how to obtain feedback on low prospective and real customers are experience the product.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a line from a Research Report : 1

In many low and middle income countries, health coverage has improved dramatically in the last two decades, but health outcomes may not.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	has	have
B	improved	improve
C	may	have
D	but	thus

- (viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1

Excited about his newly earned powers, Midas started touching all kinds of things, \_\_\_\_\_ each item into pure gold.

- (A) to turning (B) turning  
(C) turned (D) turns

- (ix) Report the dialogue between two friends, Nidhi and Neha, by completing the sentence : 1

Nidhi – Have you mastered the art of cooking Chinese food ?

Neha – Yes, indeed ! I have been cooking Chinese food for a month.

Nidhi asked Neha if she had mastered the art of cooking Chinese food. Neha answered in the affirmative and explained that \_\_\_\_\_.





- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the disclaimer given in a textbook : 1  
The authors of the book \_\_\_\_\_ all reasonable care to ensure that the contents of the book do not violate any copyright or other intellectual property rights of any person in any manner.  
(A) has been taking (B) have taken  
(C) has taken (D) have been took
- (xi) Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option : 1  
Planting a tree is a very noble deed and \_\_\_\_\_ the earth from global warming !  
(A) saves (B) saving  
(C) had saved (D) should save
- (xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a toaster's instruction manual : 1  
Use this appliance only for its intentional use as described in this manual. Do not use attachments that are not recommended by the manufacturer.  
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction
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### CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

10 M

4. (a) As Nalini Sharda of 409, Surya Apartments, Gopalpur, you believe that pedestrian safety is very important. Footpaths on both sides of the main roads of your city need major repairs and on some stretches they need to be constructed.  
Write a letter to the MLA of your city area, in about 120 words, stressing the need for footpaths for pedestrian safety. Share your concern for maintenance of existing footpaths and the need to construct new ones where they are required. 1 × 5 = 5

OR

- (b) As Sohail Khan, the sports captain of Pinnacle Public School, you believe that fitness as a lifestyle should be promoted. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, suggesting the introduction of "Cycle to School" campaign for school going students. The programme aims to develop the habit of exercising through cycling to maintain fitness and keeping children active. Share the importance and credibility of such a programme and suggest a feasible way to execute it along with possible activities.



5. (a) An area is believed to be water stressed when annual water supplies drop below 1700 cubic metres per person per year. As per an analysis, we are already surviving with around 1700-1800 cubic metres per year. As our demand for water has increased drastically over the years, per capita water availability has taken a beating. Based on the given table, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the possible causes of water scarcity in the future.

Table on water availability

Year	Population (Million)	Per capita water availability (m <sup>3</sup> /year)
1951	361	5177
1955	395	4732
1991	846	2209
2001	1027	1820
2025	1394	1341
2050	1640	1140

1 × 5 = 5

OR

- (b) There are many types of bottles available in the market. This chart compares the disadvantages and advantages of various types of bottles. Based on the chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the pros and cons of each and selecting a suitable one.

	Chemical Free ?	Environmentally Friendly ?	Recyclable ?	Durable ?	Lightweight ?	Easy to clean ?	Dishwasher safe ?	Affordable ?
Glass Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Silicone Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	–	Yes	Yes	No
Stainless Steel Bottles	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No
Plastic Bottles	No	No	Yes	–	Yes	–	–	Yes

(Adapted for academic purpose.)





## Section – C

(40 Marks)

### Literature

6. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two : 5

- (a) The train pulled out of the station – Pranjol buried his nose in his detective book again. Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories but, at the moment he was keener on looking at the beautiful scenery. It was green, green everywhere. Rajvir had never seen so much greenery before. Then the soft green paddy fields gave way to tea bushes. It was a magnificent view. Against the backdrop of densely wooded hills a sea of tea bushes stretched as far as the eye could see. Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall, sturdy, shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures.

(Glimpses of India – Tea from Assam)

- (i) State any one inference about Rajvir from the given context : 1  
“Rajvir too was an ardent fan of detective stories, but at the moment he was keen on looking at the beautiful scenery.”
- (ii) State True or False : 1  
The reason Rajvir was interested in looking at the beautiful scenery was that the detective book he was reading, was not interesting.
- (iii) People who live in big cities are always fascinated by the natural beauty and abundant greenery. Elaborate in about 40 words, with reference to the extract. 2
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘doll-like figures’, in the given sentence from the extract ? 1  
Dwarfing the tiny tea plants were tall sturdy shade-trees and amidst the orderly rows of bushes busily moved doll-like figures.

OR

- (b) I went back to the bazaar and sat down in the shelter of the clock tower. The clock showed midnight. I felt for the notes. They were damp from the rain.

Anil’s Money. In the morning he would probably have given me two or three rupees to go to the cinema, but now I had it all.

I couldn’t cook his meals, run to the bazaar, or learn to write whole sentences any more.



I had forgotten about them in the excitement of the theft. Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees. It was a simple matter to steal- and sometimes just as simple to be caught.

(The Thief's Story)

- (i) Which of the following is NOT a reason why Hari Singh thinks he would not be able to write whole sentences ? 1
- (A) Anil would not be there to teach him.
- (B) He had robbed Anil and left.
- (C) He would not go back to Anil to learn.
- (D) He had no money to take admission in school.
- (ii) Why is it fair to say that Hari Singh's tone, when he says "I couldn't cook his meals, run to the bazaar or learn to write whole sentences any more," is filled with remorse and regret ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) What do you infer about Hari Singh from this statement ? 1
- "Whole sentences, I knew, could one day bring me more than a few hundred rupees."
- (iv) State **True** or **False** with reference to the given extract. 1
- The reason Hari Singh was filled with a feeling of guilt was because Anil trusted him.

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two : 5

- (a) The true Chameleon is small  
A lizard sort of thing;  
He hasn't any ears at all,  
And not a single wing,  
If there is nothing on the tree,  
'Tis the Chameleon you see.

(How To Tell Wild Animals)







- (i) Fill in the blank with one word : 1  
When the speaker says "If there is nothing on the tree, 'Tis the Chameleon you see", he refers to \_\_\_\_\_ as characteristic trait of a true Chameleon.
- (ii) What does the speaker mean when he says, "A lizard sort of thing" ? 1
- (iii) Which of the following best describes the speaker's disposition while describing the Chameleon ? 1  
(A) indifferent (B) playful  
(C) dismissive (D) respectful
- (iv) Comment on the poet's use of language in these lines. Answer in about 40 words. 2

**OR**

- (b) My head is full of whispers  
Which tomorrow will be silent.  
Listen. The glass is breaking.  
The trees are stumbling forward  
into the night. Winds rush to meet them.  
The moon is broken like a mirror,  
its pieces flash now in the crown  
of the tallest Oak.

(The Trees)

- (i) Identify the figure of speech used in the line : "The Trees are stumbling forward into the night". 1
- (ii) Explain the significance of the line : 2  
"The moon is broken like a mirror, its pieces flash now in the crown of the tallest Oak." Answer in about 40 words.
- (iii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. In the third line, the word 'Listen' is used to \_\_\_\_\_. 1  
(A) serve no purpose but to complete the sentence.  
(B) emphasize listening carefully to the sound of glass breaking.  
(C) emphasize listening carefully as a change is about to take place.  
(D) make the reader more attentive.
- (iv) What does the line : "My head is full of whispers which tomorrow will be silent" tell us about the poet's state of mind ? 1



8. Answer any **four** of the following five questions, in **40-50** words each :

**4 × 3 = 12**

- (i) What idea does the Postmaster come up with ? What did he do to stick to his resolution ? (A Letter to God) **3**
- (ii) Briefly bring out the contrast between the young seagull's initial attempts to fly and his first successful flight. (His First Flight) **3**
- (iii) Explain why Amanda wants to be an orphan. Refer to the given lines, from the text – I am an orphan, roaming the street. I pattern soft dust with my hushed, bare feet. The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet. (Amanda) **3**
- (iv) Mijbil turned out to be a playful pet. Elaborate. (Mijbil the Otter) **3**
- (v) Ogden Nash uses vivid imagery in 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' to appeal to the senses. Elaborate the imagery used for the Pirate. **3**

9. Answer any **two** out of the following three questions, in **40-50** words each :

**2 × 3 = 6**

- (i) What does Mr. Herriot mean by "happy period" for himself and his partners ? Explain. (A Triumph of Surgery) **3**
- (ii) Justify how Ebright's mother played an important part in his becoming a scientist. (The Making of a Scientist) **3**
- (iii) A well known book of nursery rhymes saved the world from a Martian invasion. Comment with reference to 'The Book that Saved the Earth'. **3**

10. Answer any **one** of the following two questions, in **100-120** words : **1 × 6 = 6**

- (a) A desire is more personal whereas a vision has broader connotations. You have been asked to present an analysis of Valli's desire and Mandela's vision and how they are respectively fulfilled. Write this presentation draft including your insights, in about 120 words, comparing the approaches of both Valli and Mandela.

You may begin like this :

One acknowledges that both, Valli and Mandela \_\_\_\_\_ however,

(Reference – Nelson Mandela – A Long Walk to Freedom & Madam Rides a Bus)

**OR**





- (b) You have been chosen to address the student gathering from the nearby schools, to speak on “How to Deal with Loss – Personal or Material”. Prepare the speech draft in not more than 120 words, with reference to the commonality of themes in John Benyman’s ‘The Ball Poem’ and ‘A Sermon at Benaras’.

You may begin this way.

Good Morning everyone. Today, I’d like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how we can learn to deal with loss.

You may end in this way –

To conclude, I’d like to say that –

Thank you.

11. Answer any **one** of the following two questions, in **100-120** words : **1 × 6 = 6**

- (a) Imagine that Griffin’s conscience pricks him and he decides to write a diary entry, about misusing science and endangering society, in the context of his own experience.

Write this diary entry, as Griffin, in about **120** words.

(Reference – Footprints without Feet by H.G. Wells)

**OR**

- (b) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of their experiences, challenges, and interactions with other characters.

In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of Matilda in Guy De Maupassants’ ‘The Necklace’, in about **120** words.

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SET-1

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

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**NOTE**

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**ENGLISH**

**(Language and Literature)**

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

**General Instructions :**

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

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



## SECTION A

### Reading Skills

20 marks

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) The words probiotics, prebiotics, and postbiotics may sound like variations of the same thing, but what a difference a prefix makes. The first is a category of health-promoting microbes. The latter two groups are types of beneficial molecules. But all three biotics are critical for supporting the community of microscopic organisms that live in the gastrointestinal tract, known as the gut microbiome. With both beneficial and harmful bacteria living in the human body, these diet-related factors — the biotics — help tip the balance in the positive direction. It is important to understand their differences, as you'll see, because each of these factors serves a distinct purpose, even as they work together.
- (2) Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these 'biotics', which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract. A growing body of scientific evidence has linked prebiotics, probiotics, and postbiotics, with improvements in metabolic diseases — including obesity and cholesterol abnormalities — depressive symptoms and poor sleep quality, among many other conditions.
- (3) Besides promoting general gut health, consuming food rich in probiotics can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea, prevent traveller's diarrhea, produce vitamins and increase nutrient absorption, and decrease the risk of common infections. In fact, when consumed regularly, probiotics have been found to reduce the occurrence of upper respiratory tract infections (like the common cold).
- (4) Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics. The most common ones include *Lactobacillus* and *Bifidobacterium*, of which there are dozens of strains. "You have to match what it is you're concerned about with the probiotic you should use," says Gregor Reid. Many different types of beneficial bacteria are considered probiotics.



- (5) Some foods, such as yogurt, kefir, kimchee, and fermented soybeans and kombucha naturally contain probiotics. But here's where things get complicated: not all fermented foods or yogurts contain probiotics, Reid says. As a consumer, a good starting point is to look for the phrase "contains live and active cultures" on the label; it's even better if specific strains of bacteria are listed, because then you'll know you're getting the right stuff.
- (6) Simply put, prebiotics are sources of food for those beneficial microbes — the probiotics. They are typically a form of carbohydrate or fiber that we don't have the enzymes to digest. As a result, they move through the digestive tract to the intestine, where beneficial bacteria (probiotics) can feast on them.
- (7) When you consume foods that are rich in probiotics and prebiotics, the microbes in your gut consume the undigestible prebiotic fiber and produce bioactive compounds called postbiotics. They are ultimately the endgame that we want — they affect how our gut operates and keeps the good bacteria there and the bad bacteria out.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the author's attitude towards probiotics ? 1
- (A) Probiotics, prebiotics and postbiotics are variations of the same thing, with just a difference of a prefix.
- (B) All fermented foods or yogurts naturally contain probiotics.
- (C) All three biotics are equally important to support microscopic organisms that live in the gut microbiome.
- (D) Only probiotics are important as they can improve irritable bowel syndrome and antibiotic-related diarrhea.
- (ii) According to the writer, health benefits of all the 'biotics' extend beyond the digestive tract. Rationalise your response in about 40 words. 2



- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
To get the right probiotic and to match it with your body's requirement, it is important to see the label for \_\_\_\_\_.
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (A) – (E) below, identify two sets of antonyms. 1  
(A) increase and decrease  
(B) probiotic and postbiotic  
(C) beneficial and harmful  
(D) feast and fermented  
(E) consuming and digestive
- (v) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1  
The author wants to stress the fact that there is not just one type of beneficial bacteria considered as probiotic, in fact, some probiotics have \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) Based on the reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words, the importance of prebiotics for the human gut and how they are related to probiotics. 2
- (vii) As a consumer, if you want to pick a probiotic product, what is the most important thing to keep in mind ? 1  
Pick the best answer.  
(A) Any fermented product that contains probiotics.  
(B) Checking the label for specific strains of bacteria.  
(C) All products under “probiotics” section in a grocery store are safe to pick.  
(D) Checking the label which clearly says “probiotics” is sufficient.
- (viii) “Despite their importance for the gut microbiome, the health benefits of these ‘biotics’, which are present in certain foods or result from their metabolism, extend beyond the digestive tract.” 1  
As per this statement from the passage, how relevant are the ‘biotics’ for humans ? Pick the best answer.  
(A) Their relevance has been proven by scientific evidence.  
(B) Not very relevant as more study is needed.  
(C) Their relevance cannot be generalised for everyone.  
(D) Only probiotics are relevant for humans.





2. Read the following passage carefully :

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- (1) After more than two years of halted travel, India's tourism and hospitality industry is now cautiously hopeful. Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019. But the sector was severely hit in India — like in other countries — in the past two years.
- (2) Indians are now travelling with a vengeance — 'revenge travel', as the phenomenon is called. And many, experts say, now prefer to travel within the country instead of flying to more expensive destinations abroad. The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.
- (3) According to a survey, 51 percent of Indian travellers believed that international travel remained an important means of expanding their horizons and connecting with other cultures. Over two years, the survey said, Indian travellers are now dreaming about their next international trip and more than 70 percent of Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (4) There has also been an increase in the number of students going abroad to study. The increasing desire to study overseas is credited to the pent-up demand from the pandemic's two-year duration. This has got further pronounced because of growing aspirations and affordability among the middle-class students from Tier II and Tier III cities.



The table below shows foreign travel by Indians for different purposes from 2019 to 2022.

Purpose	2019	2020	2021	2022
Business	14.7 L	2.6 L	1.2 L	4.6 L
Job	25.2 L	7.1 L	8.3 L	21.4 L
Residency	89.5 L	28.9 L	34.6 L	72.5 L
Education	5.8 L	2.6 L	4.4 L	6.5 L
Tourists	63.8 L	13.1 L	12.8 L	30.8 L
Visit	42.1 L	10.1 L	15.1 L	40.9 L
Medical	1,448	390	545	1,253
Pilgrimage	8.8 L	1.1 L	4,139	4.6 L
Others	2.6 L	54,775	58,767	1.6 L
Total	2.5 Crore	66.2 L	77.2 L	1.8 Crore

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of paragraphs 1 and 2. 1

We can say that the situation when people were travelling with a vengeance is comparable to people going out to dine in hordes, because \_\_\_\_\_.

- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 1. 1

The statement that, 'Tourism constituted almost 3% of India's GDP and generated around 100 million jobs in 2019', is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/objective detail).



- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words. 2  
After being cooped up inside their houses for more than two years, Indians are now excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (iv) Based on the given table, for which 'purpose' did Indian foreign travel increase in 2022 as compared to 2019 ? 1
- (v) 'The industry is also benefitting from new trends borne of the pandemic such as micro-holidays and workcations.' Which 'industry' is being talked about here ? 1
- (vi) As per the given table, for which purpose did maximum number of Indians undertake foreign travel in 2019 and in 2022 ?  
State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1
- (vii) Why are students today choosing to go abroad to study ?  
(Answer in about 40 words.) 2
- (viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage ? 1
- (A) International travel remains an important means of expanding the horizons and connecting with other cultures.
- (B) Though travel, both domestic and international, has picked up, it has yet to reach its previous levels.
- (C) Indians are excited about being able to travel internationally.
- (D) The study needs to include experts from Tourism Department to offer any recommendations for further research.



## SECTION B

### Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

20 marks

#### Grammar

3. Complete any **ten** of the following twelve tasks, as directed. 10×1=10

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter. 1

Thank you for exceeding company expectations and \_\_\_\_\_  
(inspire) your team with your spectacular work ethic.

- (ii) Read the given sentence from a movie review article.  
Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence. 1

The movie doesn't let you rest and is packed with engaged action sequences.

Use the given format for your response.

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

- (iii) Akshat and Niharika had a conversation about the felicitation of Akshat's achievements. 1

Report Niharika's question.

What will you be wearing for tomorrow's function ?

- (iv) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the disclaimer given before a documentary film. 1

The film has been created by taking creative liberties and dramatizing the events \_\_\_\_\_ (about/for/on) cinematic expressions.





- (viii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the opening line, from a Terms and Conditions document. 1

Though all efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of the content on this website, the same could not be construed as a statement of law or used for any legal purposes.

<i>Option No.</i>	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
(A)	efforts	effort
(B)	ensure	ensuring
(C)	could	should
(D)	of	for

- (ix) Report the following dialogue between a hawker and his customer, by completing the sentence. 1

*Hawker :* Do you want any tomatoes ?

*Customer :* Yes, indeed! Although they are a bit expensive, I like to add tomatoes to my diet.

The hawker asked the customer whether she wanted any tomatoes. The customer answered in the affirmative and explained that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the part of the grievance posted by a citizen on a social media platform. 1

Crossing this stretch at any time of the day is a challenge. Even during afternoons, there \_\_\_\_\_ ice cream vendors on the road with people crowding around their carts.

- (A) were  
(B) are  
(C) have been  
(D) would be



- (xi) Complete the line from a 'Save the Planet' song, by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1  
Let's see what we can do  
To save the planet for me and you  
E is for environment, keep it clean  
If we \_\_\_\_\_ together, we'll make the best team.  
(A) will be standing (B) stand  
(C) had stood (D) are standing
- (xii) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following note in a smart watch's instruction manual. 1  
When the watch is connected to the mobile phone, the watch may automatically calibrate and synchronize with the time of the mobile phone.  
Use the given format for your response.

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

### Creative Writing Skills

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

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

- (a) The problem of open manholes and drains in your locality is posing a threat to the lives of people. As a young citizen, who cares about the upkeep of the locality and safety of the residents, write a letter to the editor of a local daily, in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to resolve the problem and drawing attention of the concerned authorities.

You are Sam/Karen of 67, Mist Apartments, Gagan Vihar, Akash Nagar.

**OR**

- (b) As Rohini Monga / Rohan Monga, of 43 Jai Apartments, Neerbagh, you feel that there should be a dedicated space in the community park for the senior citizens of the society, where they can gather.

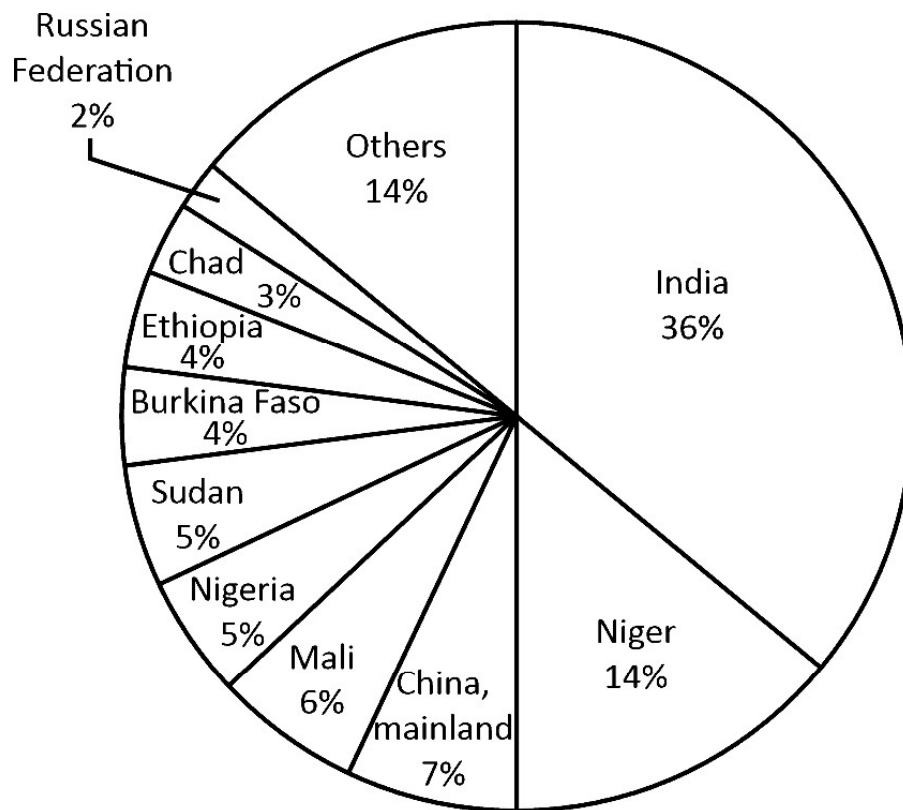
Write a letter to the RWA of your society in about 120 words, suggesting spaces in the park and emphasizing the importance of creating such a space.



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

5

- (a) The detailed global millets production data from different countries is depicted in the pie chart given below. Analyze this chart and write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words, by selecting features that support your analysis and suggesting possible reasons for the variation in production by different countries.



**Global Millet Production Statistics (FAO 2018)**

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

Raina is to write an analytical paragraph on 'Importance of Tree Plantation'. Using your own ideas and the information given below, write the paragraph in about 120 words.

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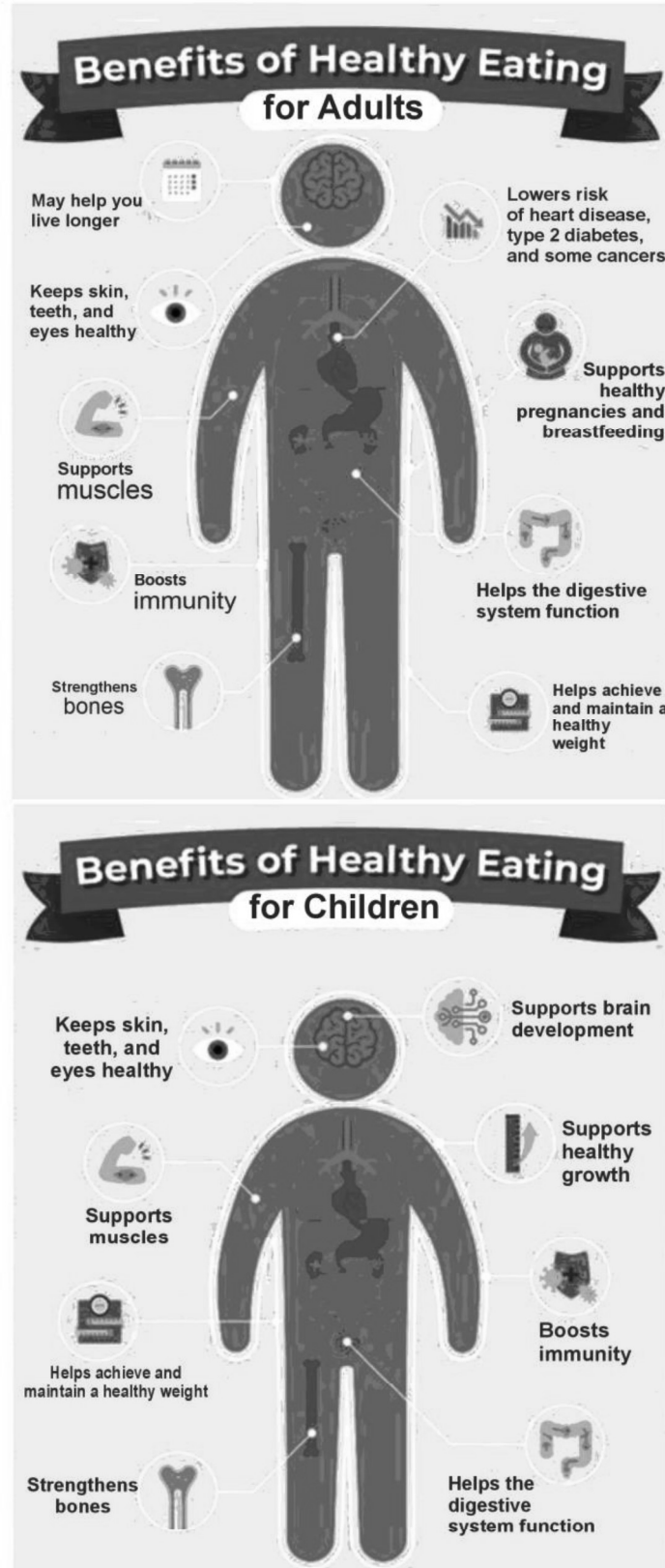
One of the best activities – make planet – greener, healthier – to develop biodiversity – ensure supply of oxygen for coming generations – add to natural beauty – NGOs can be involved for plantation drive.

**OR**





- (b) There are many benefits of healthy eating for adults as well as children. The following charts reflect the same. Based on the information given in the charts, write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words, assessing the importance of healthy eating for adults as well as children.





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

Based on the given information, write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words, assessing the importance of healthy eating for both adults and children.

*Adults*

- longer life, healthy weight
- keeps skin, teeth, eyes healthy
- supports muscles
- boosts immunity
- strengthens bones
- helps digestive system
- supports healthy pregnancies and breastfeeding

*Children*

- keeps them healthy and strong
- strengthens bones
- supports muscles
- boosts immunity
- supports brain development

**SECTION C**

**Literature**

**40 marks**

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

5

- (a) We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination.

Never, never, and never again shall it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another.

The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.

Let freedom reign. God bless Africa!

(Nelson Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom)

- (i) State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given context :

1

“We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation.”

- (ii) State True or False :

1

When Mandela says, “God bless Africa”, he intends to mean well-being and welfare of only black people in South Africa.

- (iii) “Nelson Mandela’s speech is full of optimism.” Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract.

2

- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute ‘so glorious’, in the given sentence from the extract.

1

“The sun shall never set on so glorious a human achievement.”

**OR**



- (b) The expected call came within a few days. Mrs. Pumphrey was distraught. Tricki would eat nothing. Refused even his favourite dishes; and besides he had bouts of vomiting. He spent all his time lying on a rug, panting. Didn't want to go for walks, didn't want to do anything.

I had made my plans in advance. The only way was to get Tricki out of the house for a period. I suggested that he be hospitalised for about a fortnight to be kept under observation.

(A Triumph of Surgery)

- (i) Which of the following is **not** a reason why Mr. Herriot thinks Tricki needs to be taken out of the house for a period ? 1
- (A) He wanted to keep Tricki away from Mrs. Pumphrey.
- (B) He wanted to keep Tricki under observation.
- (C) He wanted to do an experiment on Tricki.
- (D) He wanted to improve Tricki's health.
- (ii) What was the main reason for Mrs. Pumphrey to be distraught ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) State True or False : 1
- When Mr. Herriot says, "I had made my plans in advance" – what he actually means is, he had already seen this trauma coming for Tricki.
- (iv) Which of the following best describes Mrs. Pumphrey ? 1
- (A) unkind and inconsiderate
- (B) impractical but compassionate
- (C) anxious and ambitious
- (D) fearful but confident



7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) : 5

(a) In a world of possessions. People will take  
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.  
And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.  
He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,  
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up  
Knowing what every man must one day know  
And most know many days, how to stand up.  
(The Ball Poem)

- (i) Fill in the blank with one word. 1  
When the speaker says “People will take balls, Balls will be lost always, little boy”, his tone is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (ii) The poet says that money is external. What inference can be drawn from this statement ?  
Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) Which of the following best describes the speaker’s attitude towards material possessions ? 1  
(A) indifferent  
(B) emotional  
(C) casual  
(D) respectful
- (iv) Identify the poetic device used in “And no one buys a ball back”. 1

**OR**



(b) Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda!  
 Remember your acne, Amanda!  
 Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you,  
 Amanda!  
 (I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;  
 life in a tower is tranquil and rare;)

(Amanda)

- (i) What is the central idea of the poem as reflected in the lines above ?  
 Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (ii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. 1  
 "Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you, Amanda!" tells us that the mother's attitude is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (A) loving (B) relaxed  
 (C) authoritative (D) thoughtful
- (iii) Identify any one poetic device used in the above extract. 1
- (iv) For what reason does Amanda imagine herself to be Rapunzel ? 1

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

- (i) Maxwell decides to keep an otter as a pet. Elucidate with reference to the fact that owning a pet is a life of commitment.  
(Mijbil the Otter)
- (ii) 'The Tale of Custard the Dragon' is a humorous ballad. How does Ogden Nash create humour and entertainment in the poem ?
- (iii) Justify the title of the play 'The Proposal' with reference to the characters and plot.
- (iv) The author says – 'During our childhood in Goa, the baker used to be our friend, companion and guide.' Elaborate.  
(Glimpses of India)
- (v) Do you think you can love a person for his/her inner beauty alone and not care about the physical appearance ?  
 Justify with reference to the theme of the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.



9. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each :  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (i) One should never judge a book by its cover. Explain with reference to Ausable and how he outwits Max with his presence of mind.  
(The Midnight Visitor)
- (ii) “Horace Danby is a thief who was cheated by another thief.” Justify.  
(A Question of Trust)
- (iii) How can one say that Ebright’s curiosity / inquisitiveness drove him to become a scientist ?

(The Making of a Scientist)

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

- (a) You have been asked to present an evaluation of the approaches of both, the Baby Seagull and the Pilot who was lost in the clouds, towards achieving their dreams of conquering the skies.

Write this presentation draft including your insights, comparing the approaches of both.

You may begin this way : One acknowledges that both, the Seagull and the Pilot, wanted to ..... however, ..... .

(Reference : Two Stories About Flying)

**OR**

- (b) You have been chosen to address the school assembly, to speak on the epistemology of loss and the resilience of the human spirit during times of crisis. Prepare the speech draft, with reference to the commonality of themes in ‘The Ball Poem’ by John Berryman and ‘From the Diary of Anne Frank’.

You may begin this way :

Good morning everyone.

Today, I’d like to discuss two pieces of literature that offer a powerful insight into how to deal with loss and the resilience of the human spirit required during times of crisis.

You may end this way :

To conclude, I’d like to say that ..... . Thank you.



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

6

- (a) Imagine that Bholi writes a diary entry, exploring the themes of 'Girl Child' and 'Impact of Education', in the context of her own experiences.

Write this dairy entry, as Bholi.

**OR**

- (b) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of his/her experiences, challenges and interactions with other characters.

In light of the above information, trace the character arc of Griffin in H.G. Wells' 'Footprints without Feet'.



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SET-1

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**NOTE**

- (I) Please check that this question paper contains **19** printed pages.
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**ENGLISH**

**(Language and Literature)**

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*Time allowed : 3 hours*

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*Maximum Marks : 80*

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**General Instructions :**

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

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







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

**20 marks**

1. Read the following passage carefully :

10

- (1) Plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues, as rapidly increasing production of disposable plastic products overwhelms the world's ability to deal with them. Plastic pollution is most visible in developing Asian and African nations, where garbage collection systems are often inefficient or nonexistent. But the developed world, especially in countries with low recycling rates, also has trouble properly collecting discarded plastics. Plastic trash has become so ubiquitous that it has prompted efforts to write a global treaty negotiated by the United Nations.
- (2) Plastics made from fossil fuels are just over a century old. Production and development of thousands of new plastic products accelerated after World War II. It transformed the modern age so much that life without plastics is unrecognizable today. Plastics revolutionized medicine with life-saving devices, made space travel possible, lightened cars and jets — saving fuel and pollution — and saved lives with helmets, incubators, and equipment for clean drinking water.
- (3) The conveniences plastics offer, however, led to a throw-away culture that reveals the material's dark side : today, single-use plastics account for 40 percent of the plastic produced every year. Many of these products, such as plastic bags and food wrappers, have a lifespan of mere minutes to hours, yet they may persist in the environment for hundreds of years.
- (4) Most of the plastic trash in the oceans, Earth's last sink, flows from land. Trash is also carried to sea by major rivers, which act as conveyor belts, picking up more and more trash as they move downstream. Once at sea, much of the plastic trash remains in coastal waters. But once caught up in ocean currents, it can be transported around the world.



- (5) Millions of animals are killed by plastics every year, from birds to fish to other marine organisms. Nearly 700 species, including endangered ones, are known to have been affected by plastics. Nearly every species of seabirds eats plastics. Most of the deaths of animals are caused by entanglement or starvation. Seals, whales, turtles, and other animals are strangled by abandoned fishing gear or discarded six-pack rings.
- (6) The solution is to prevent plastic waste from entering rivers and seas in the first place, many scientists and conservationists — including the National Geographic Society — say. This could be accomplished with improved waste management systems and recycling, better product design that takes into account the short life of disposable packaging, and reduction in manufacturing of unnecessary single-use plastics.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Which of the following statements best describes the reason why plastic pollution has become one of the most pressing environmental issues ?
- (A) Plastic trash collection systems have become inefficient or nonexistent.
- (B) Rapidly increasing production of disposable plastic products overwhelms the world's ability to deal with them.
- (C) Some plastics have a lifespan of mere minutes to hours, yet they may persist in the environment for hundreds of years.
- (D) The developed world, especially in countries with low recycling rates, has trouble properly collecting plastics.

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- (ii) What is the tone of the writer in the given lines from paragraph 2 ?  
Rationalise your response in about 40 words.  
'It transformed the modern age so much that life without plastics is unrecognizable today.'  
2
- (iii) The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other.  
From the sets (A) – (E) below, identify two sets of synonyms.  
1
- (A) garbage and trash  
(B) starvation and strangled  
(C) disposable and reduction  
(D) persist and downstream  
(E) transformed and revolutionized
- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately :  
1  
The writer says that most of the plastic trash is found in the Earth's last sink and the reason it is transported around the world is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (v) Based on the reading of the passage, examine, in about 40 words, the downside of the convenience that plastic offers.  
2
- (vi) Complete the sentence appropriately :  
1  
According to conservationists, the two ways in which most of the deaths of animals are caused are \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vii) Based on the passage, how can we contribute to the reduction of plastic waste ?  
1
- (A) by internationalising the waste management system  
(B) by minimizing the use of single-use plastics  
(C) by not abandoning fishing gear  
(D) by not using helmets made of plastic
- (viii) State one reason why plastic pollution is most visible in developing Asian and African nations.  
1



2. Read the following passage carefully :

10

- (1) Rotation of crops is a universal phenomenon which is practised by most of the farmers of the tropical and temperate countries. The main objective of rotation of crops is to obtain higher agricultural returns on the one hand, and to maintain the soil fertility on the other.
- (2) In other words, the rotation of crops helps in making agriculture more sustainable. The importance of crop rotation is more in the areas where farmers grow two, or more than two crops in the same field in a year. Irrigation facilities have also been appreciably developed in the country during the last three decades. The availability of water to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture.
- (3) In the areas such as Punjab and Haryana, where the Green Revolution is a big success, one soil exhaustive crop (rice) is followed by another soil exhaustive crop (wheat). Subsequently, the field vacated by wheat is devoted to either rice or maize or cotton. Thus, in one year, the farmers are harvesting three soil exhaustive crops from the same field. Such a rotation of crops may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace.
- (4) A number of field studies were conducted to assess the traditional crop rotation pattern. One such field study about the changes in the rotation of crops was conducted in the village Banhera (Tanda), Haridwar district. The main rotation of crops of the village is shown in the table below.



<i>Traditional Rotation of Crops (1960-65) in Banhera (Tanda)</i>				
<i>Year</i>	<i>Kharif (mid-June to mid-October)</i>	<i>Rabi (mid-October to mid-April)</i>	<i>Zaid (April to June)</i>	<i>No. of days land left fallow</i>
1960	Millet/fodder/rice	Gram	Fallow	90
1961	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	210
1962	Millet/fodder/rice	Gram	Fallow	90
1963	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	210
1964	Millet mixed with urad/fodder/rice	Gram	Fallow	90
1965	Fallow	Wheat	Fallow	210

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- (i) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of para 2. 1
- One of the reasons that there has been an intensification of agriculture in the country is the development of irrigation facilities is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/objective detail).
- (ii) Based on your understanding of paras 1 and 2, state whether the following statement is true or false. 1
- If proper irrigation facility is provided, higher agricultural returns can be obtained by making crop rotation more sustainable.
- (iii) Justify the following in about 40 words. 2
- Crop rotation may fetch more income to the farmers, but depletes the soil fertility at a faster pace.
- (iv) Based on the table, mention the years when the land was left fallow for maximum number of days. 1



- (v) The study conducted in village Banhera (Tanda) reflects that during the years 1960 to 1965, from April to June, the land was left fallow or uncultivated throughout. State any one inference that can be drawn from this. 1
- (vi) Select the option that correctly states the significance of crop rotation as given below : 1
- (1) Crop rotation is done to obtain higher agricultural returns.
  - (2) Higher agricultural returns can be obtained by harvesting soil exhaustive crops.
  - (3) Crop rotation demands that land should be left fallow for a few months to increase the fertility of soil.
  - (4) Better irrigation facility to the arable land has helped in the intensification of agriculture.
  - (5) If crops to be harvested are chosen wisely, crop rotation can help in maintaining fertility of soil.
- Options :
- (A) (1), (2) and (4)
  - (B) (1) only
  - (C) (3) and (5)
  - (D) (1) and (5)
- (vii) Crop rotation is helping in making agriculture more sustainable. Mention one benefit and one drawback of crop rotation. (Answer in about 40 words) 2
- (viii) Which of the following is the main takeaway from the study mentioned in the passage ? 1
- (A) The study needs to include more valid data to support the practice of crop rotation.
  - (B) Crop rotation is a sustainable practice that can transform the agricultural sector.
  - (C) The impact of crop rotation on farmer's upliftment has been thoroughly explained.
  - (D) Crop rotation is independent of the type of crops harvested and availability of water for irrigation.



## SECTION B

### Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

20 marks

#### Grammar

3. Complete any **ten** of the following twelve tasks, as directed. 10×1=10

- (i) Read the given sentence from a science journal. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

‘When nutrition therapy is provided by a qualified professional, people could learn how to make better food choices.’

1

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

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

1

Please keep me \_\_\_\_\_ (apprise) of your next step to address this matter. Thanks for your time.

- (iii) Sunanda and Pushkar had a conversation about their travels. Report Pushkar’s question.

1

Have you ever been to Peri Bagh ?

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Vilakshna and her physician, Dr. Sharnani, regarding the effectiveness of her medication.

1

*Dr. Sharnani* : How is your acid reflux problem now ?

*Vilakshna* : I’d tried everything without success, but this new medicine is great.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

Dr. Sharnani asked Vilakshna about her acid reflux problem to which Vilakshna replied that she’d tried everything without success, \_\_\_\_\_.

- (A) but she found the new medicine to be great  
(B) but she thought that this new medicine was great  
(C) but the new medicine was great  
(D) but that new medicine was great



- (v) Identify the error and supply the correction for the given sentence from a private coaching institute's advertisement. 1

Are you living a happy life ? Do you want to find your identification ? Do you want to enhance your career ?

Use the given format for your response.

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

- (vi) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the line from an insurance company brochure. 1

Suitable for someone who wishes to \_\_\_\_\_  
(insure/assure/ensure) adequate financial backup. It is available to the family in case of his/her untimely death.

- (vii) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a pop-up that appeared on a webpage. 1
- These cookies are used to collect information about how you interact with our website and allows us to remember you.

<i>Option No.</i>	<i>Error</i>	<i>Correction</i>
(A)	interact	interacted
(B)	with	to
(C)	about	for
(D)	allows	allow

- (viii) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option. 1

I \_\_\_\_\_ watching that programme every week since it started.

- (A) has been  
(B) had  
(C) have been  
(D) was been





- (ix) Report the following dialogue between two friends who are visiting a museum, by completing the sentence. 1

*Auronima* : What are you staring at ?

*Soumitra* : I am in awe of this beautiful painting! I have not seen anything like this before.

Auronima asked Soumitra what he was staring at. Soumitra exclaimed that he was in awe of the beautiful painting and that \_\_\_\_\_.

- (x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the weather warning given by the IMD. 1

IMD on Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ a 'thunderstorm' alert for some districts in coastal Maharashtra in view of the extremely severe cyclonic storm Biparjoy gushing over the Arabian Sea.

- (A) will issue
- (B) will be issuing
- (C) issued
- (D) is issuing

- (xi) Complete the slogan, by filling in the blank with the correct option.

When it gets really hot, rain \_\_\_\_\_ a blessing. 1

- (A) should be
- (B) will be
- (C) must be
- (D) ought to be

- (xii) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following advertisement of an antivirus software. 1

A properly installed and maintained antivirus program may wipe out any malware attack, be it a bot, a virus, a Trojan or even ransomware.

Use the given format for your response.

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





## Creative Writing Skills

*Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.*

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

5

- (a) The problem of speeding traffic on colony roads causing accidents is increasing day by day. As a young citizen, who wants to minimize the accidents caused by them, write a letter to the editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, expressing your concern at the situation and suggesting measures to resolve the problem and drawing attention of the concerned authorities.

You are Samyukta Khanna/Sanjay Khanna of 567, Madhur Apartments, Amar Vihar, Aram Nagar.

**OR**

- (b) As Kaveri Mahajan, of 543, Narmada Apartments, Jeev Nagar, you feel that during the monsoon season all the rain water goes down the drain without being utilized.

Write a letter to the RWA of your society, in about 120 words, suggesting measures to save and preserve rain water emphasizing the importance of saving every drop of water.

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

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- (a) Co-curricular activities help to enhance holistic development and assist in inculcating critical skills and abilities to be successful and happy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century life and workplace.



Based on the table given below, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, on how co-curricular activities supplement the theoretical curriculum.

**ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND VALUES THAT CAN BE  
DEVELOPED THROUGH CO-CURRICULAR  
ACTIVITIES**

- logical and analytical thinking
- creative and critical thinking
- problem-solving skills
- leadership skills
- social, emotional and communication skills
- recreational value
- enhanced technology skills

**OR**

- (b) Tourism stands as a cornerstone of the nation's development. The following table provides an insight into the multifaceted impact and positive contributions of tourism. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words assessing the significance of tourism.

**IMPACT OF TOURISM**

- contributes to GDP and foreign exchange
- boosts local markets and businesses
- creates employment
- preserves culture
- promotes infrastructural development



## SECTION C

### Literature

40 marks

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

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(a) For the first twenty-four hours, Mijbil was neither hostile nor friendly; he was simply aloof and indifferent, choosing to sleep on the floor as far from my bed as possible. The second night Mijbil came on to my bed in the small hours and remained asleep in the crook of my knees until the servant brought tea in the morning, and during the day he began to lose his apathy and take a keen, much too keen, interest in his surroundings. I made a body-belt for him and took him on a lead to the bathroom, where for half an hour he went wild with joy in the water.

(Mijbil the Otter)

- (i) Which of the following is **not** a reason why Mijbil came on to Maxwell's bed in the small hours ?

1

- (A) He had started taking interest in his surroundings.
- (B) He was becoming friendly with Maxwell.
- (C) He wanted to play with Maxwell on his bed.
- (D) He wanted to feel safe and not remain indifferent.

- (ii) Maxwell says that Mijbil was neither hostile nor friendly, he was simply aloof and indifferent for the first twenty-four hours. Give reasons in not more than 40 words.

2



(iii) Read the following descriptions (A) – (D) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- (A) Owning a pet is tedious and needs commitment.
- (B) A pet needs his own space and time to get adjusted to his owner's environment.
- (C) Maxwell decided to bring Mijbil because he was very sad to lose his dog.
- (D) Maxwell and Mijbil loved travelling.

(iv) Which characteristic trait of otters is revealed when Mijbil is taken to the bathroom ? 1

**OR**

(b) The arrival of a stranger at an inn in winter was in any case an unusual event. A stranger of such uncommon appearance set all tongues wagging. Mrs. Hall, the landlord's wife, made every effort to be friendly. But Griffin had no desire to talk, and told her, "My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face." Satisfied that her guest was an eccentric scientist, and in view of the fact that he had paid her in advance, Mrs. Hall was prepared to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper.

(Footprints Without Feet)

(i) State any one inference about Griffin from the given context :  
"My reason for coming to Iping is a desire for solitude. I do not wish to be disturbed in my work. Besides, an accident has affected my face." 1



- (ii) State True or False : 1  
Even though Mrs. Hall was satisfied with Griffin, she was skeptical to excuse his strange habits and irritable temper.
- (iii) It was not difficult for Griffin to convince the landlord and his wife about his strange appearance and eccentric behaviour. Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the context. 2
- (iv) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'set all tongues wagging' in the given sentence from the extract ? 1  
A stranger of such uncommon appearance \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any **one** of the given two, (a) or (b) : 5

(a) But he's locked in a concrete cell,  
His strength behind bars,  
Stalking the length of his cage,  
Ignoring visitors. (A Tiger in the Zoo)

- (i) Why is the tiger 'stalking the length of his cage' ? 1
- (ii) What is the significance of the use of the word 'locked' to describe the concrete cell where the tiger is kept and how does it contrast with the tiger's presence in its natural habitat ? Answer in about 40 words. 2
- (iii) Complete the sentence with the appropriate option : 1  
The lines from the poem tell us that the tiger is \_\_\_\_\_ .
- (A) enjoying his time in the cell
- (B) being indifferent to visitors because it is a daily routine for him
- (C) not as strong as his counterpart in the jungle
- (D) wanting to be free from the cage



- (iv) Identify the type of literary device used in the line : 1

‘But he’s locked in a concrete cell’

**OR**

- (b) Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,  
And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,  
Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,  
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

- (i) Comment upon the contrast that is reflected in the last two lines of the extract. 1
- (ii) Fill in the blank with one word. 1  
While describing Ink and Blink, the speaker says that they could chase lions down the stairs. By saying so, he is revealing the \_\_\_\_\_ characteristic of their personality.
- (iii) Comment on the poet’s use of language in these lines in about 40 words. 2
- (iv) Which of the following best describes the theme of the poem ? 1
- (A) Bravery and heroism  
(B) Humility leads to bravery  
(C) Valour and diligence  
(D) Crisis reveals character



8. Answer any **four** of the following five questions in 40 – 50 words each :  $4 \times 3 = 12$

- (i) Nelson Mandela in his inauguration speech says, “We, who were outlaws not so long ago, have today been given the rare privilege to be host to the nations of the world on our own soil.”

What is the significance of this statement with reference to the political system that prevailed before this ?

(Nelson Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom)

- (ii) ‘The Ball Poem’ initially appears simple but it is actually quite impactful and intense. Comment upon the theme of ‘The Ball Poem’.
- (iii) Coorg has been defined as a ‘piece of heaven’ by the writer. Justify.

(Glimpses of India)

- (iv) “Oh, what a burden, Lord, to be the father of a grown-up daughter!” Explain what this line conveys about Chubukov as a father.

(The Proposal)

- (v) In every alternate stanza, Amanda drifts into fantasy and yearns for more freedom and silence. Justify and elaborate the reason.

(Amanda)

9. Answer any **two** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each :  $2 \times 3 = 6$

- (i) “We are often over-indulgent towards people we care about.” Explain with reference to the context of the story “A Triumph of Surgery”.
- (ii) How did Apprentice Noodle act smartly by suggesting something about the book without offending Think-Tank ?

(The Book That Saved The Earth)





- (iii) Despite his unusual appearance, Ausable's presence of mind helped him get rid of Max.

Comment with reference to the story 'The Midnight Visitor'.

10. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 100 – 120 words.

6

- (a) Grief or sadness is an emotion natural to all types of loss or significant change. You have been asked to present an analysis of the approaches of Lencho and Kisa Gotami in dealing with their respective losses. Write this presentation draft including your insights, and comparing the approaches of both.

You may begin like this : One acknowledges that Lencho had unwavering faith in God whereas Kisa Gotami in her grief, believed that her son ..... however .....

(Reference – A Letter to God and The Sermon at Benares)

**OR**

- (b) You have been chosen to address the school assembly on the occasion of Women's Day. You choose to speak on the resilience and indomitable spirit of the young girls : Anne Frank and Valli. Prepare the speech draft, with reference to the commonality and contrast in the situations and circumstances of both the girls.

(Madam Rides the Bus and From the Diary of Anne Frank)

You may begin like this : Good morning everyone. Today, I'd like to express my insights on the resilience of two young girls .....

You may end this way : To conclude I'd like to say that .....

Thank you.



11. Answer any **one** of the following two questions in 100 – 120 words.

6

- (a) Imagine that Hari Singh from ‘The Thief’s Story’ by Ruskin Bond, writes a diary entry, exploring the theme of human values and relations that are essential in life and can transform a person in the context of his own experience. Write this diary entry as Hari Singh.

(The Thief’s Story)

**OR**

- (b) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of his/her experiences, challenges and interactions with other characters.

In the light of the above information, trace the character arc of Bholi in K.A. Abbas’s ‘Bholi’.

