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(22 Marks)

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Select the appropriate response.
(A) Primary purpose (B) Secondary objective
(C) Method of analysis (D) Research outcome
- (iii) Give two points to support why the study involved primary data and secondary data. 2
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Classify the following sentences as ‘preference’ or ‘challenge’ :
Sentence 1 : Feedback highlighted India’s appeal due to its history and cultural diversity. 1
Sentence 2 : Also noted issues like infrastructure gaps and pollution. 1
- (v) List any two points tourists were asked about in the survey. 1
- (vi) What were the more preferred destinations ? 1
- (vii) Analyse why though there was satisfaction among tourists, there were some complaints. 1
- (viii) What is the ultimate goal for stakeholders, based on the insights from the study ? 1
(A) tourists expressed a desire to revisit.
(B) tourist will visit historical sites.
(C) domestic tourism will increase.
(D) to promote India as a tourist destination.

SECTION – B

(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

(18 Marks)

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

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OR



- (B) Your school is organising an inter-house 'Maths Quiz' Competition. As president of the Quiz Club, draft a notice informing students of Classes IX – XII about the competition. Include necessary details regarding the number of participants, registration date, etc. You are Akila / Akhil. Put your notice in a box.

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- (A) You are Mr. Abhishek Sharma. You are planning to celebrate your parents' 50th wedding anniversary in a grand manner. Draft a formal invitation card for your friends and relatives. Mention all necessary details.

OR

- (B) You are Mrs. Sonali Gupta, a nutritionist. You are invited by the Principal of Radiant Public School, Jammu to address the students on 'Forming Healthy Food Habits'. Write a formal letter of reply accepting the invitation.

5. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, (A) or (B) in **120-150** words : **1 × 5 = 5**

- (A) You are Radhika / Rakesh of 43, J.N. Colony, Cochin. You read the given advertisement and wish to apply for the post advertised. Write a job application along with your bio-data :

EduNet Innovations	
requires	
Marketing Executive	
Qualifications	– Graduation in Commerce with Post Graduation in Marketing, Advertising, Business or Economics.
Skills required	– Strong communication, presentation and interpersonal skills. Proficient in software and data analysis. Detail oriented and understanding of product field.
Experience	– Min. 2 years in similar field.
Apply with detailed bio-data to The General Manager, EduNet Innovations, 46 Rose Avenue, Bangalore	

OR



- (B) You are Kirti / Keshav of 7, M.G. Road, Jhansi. You observe that students who come on a one day picnic to public parks leave plastic bottles and cans, littered all over the park. You are disturbed by the sight of this and write a letter to the editor of a national daily suggesting ways to inculcate civic sense among students. You may use some of the cues given along with your own ideas to draft the letter.

- What is the role of parents and school in inculcating civic sense ?
- Ways to sensitize students
 - Involve them in community projects
 - emphasize on civic responsibility
- Demonstrate civic behaviour in daily routine

6. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, (A) or (B) in **120-150** words : **1 × 5 = 5**

- (A) Children today are increasingly dependent on AI to help them complete their school tasks such as writing an article, answering questions, and making presentations. Therefore, they are unable to discover their own creative potential. However, AI can also be judiciously used for the benefit of the children.

Write an article on how Artificial Intelligence can be judiciously used for the benefit of students. You are Nirja of XII A. You may use the given cues along with your own ideas to draft the article.

- how it helps in digital literacy.
- how it enhances learning by giving real time feedback.
- facilitates collaborative learning.

OR

- (B) You are Chayan, student reporter of S.M. Public School, Bhopal. Your school celebrated the annual winter carnival where various stalls, games and shows were put up by students. Write a comprehensive report of the event in detail to be published in your school magazine. You may organize your report by following –
Who – What – When – Where – Why – How.



SECTION – C
(LITERATURE)

(40 Marks)

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two (A) or (B) : **1 × 6 = 6**

(A) It would be an exotic moment
without rush, without engines.

we would all be together

in a sudden strangeness

Fishermen in the cold sea

would not harm whales

and the man gathering salt

would look back at his hurt hands.

(Keeping Quiet)

(i) How according to the poet can we create this exotic moment ?

(ii) Choose the correct option :

The outcome of fisherman's activity led to the _____
(destruction / protection) of environment.

(iii) What is the common outcome of this exotic moment ?

(A) No rush and no mechanization

(B) Men would be gathering salt.

(C) There would be a strangeness among warring nations.

(D) Fisherman will look at his hurt hands.

(iv) Choose the correct option :

The tone of the poet is _____ (appealing / introspective) in
the line "and the man gathering salt would look back at his hurt
hands."

(v) The poet uses the expression 'sudden strangeness' to suggest.
_____.

(vi) Read the assertion and the reason below, with reference to the
given extract :

Assertion : The poet advocates for taking a break to
introspect the damage inflicted by man.

Reason : Introspection will make man's life better.

Choose the correct option regarding their relationship.

(A) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, but the Reason is
not the correct explanation.

(B) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, but the Reason is
correct explanation of the Assertion.

(C) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.

(D) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.

OR



(B) A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing,
Therefore, on every morrow are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth. *(A Thing of Beauty)*

- (i) By the phrase 'joy forever' the poet refers to things
(A) that make people extremely happy.
(B) that are a feast to eyes.
(C) that are a constant source of happiness.
(D) that are beautiful but transient.
- (ii) Choose the correct option :
By using the expression 'never pass into nothingness' the poet states that nature's beauty will create a _____ (lasting/temporary) impression on man's mind.
- (iii) How does Keats make it evident that there is a link between man's wellness and nature's beauty ?
- (iv) Read the Assertion and the Reason below, with reference to the given extract :
Assertion : Keats states that man derives strength and inspiration from the beauty of nature.
Reason : Nature gives physical, emotional and mental solace to man.
Choose the correct option regarding their relationship.
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(B) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, and the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
(C) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.
(D) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
- (v) Select one phrase from the extract which implies that man wants to continue his life on this earth despite innumerable problems.
- (vi) Complete the following sentence :
'a sleep full of sweet dreams' implies _____.



8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two (A) or (B) : **1 × 4 = 4**

(A) At midnight when the town slept in peace, the Dewan and his aged wife dragged the tiger to the car and shoved it into the seat. The Dewan himself drove the car straight to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. When they reached the forest, the tiger launched its Satyagraha and refused to get out of the car. The Dewan was thoroughly exhausted in his efforts to haul the beast out of the car and push it down to the ground.

On the following day, the same old tiger wandered into the Maharaja's presence and stood as if in humble supplication, "Master, what do you command of me ?" It was with boundless joy that the Maharaja took careful aim at the beast. The tiger fell in a crumpled heap.
(The Tiger King)

- (i) How did the Dewan manage to take the tiger to the forest ?
(A) The Dewan conceded to the tiger's satyagraha.
(B) The Dewan pushed the tiger into the car and drove to the forest.
(C) The Dewan hauled the tiger into the tent.
(D) The Dewan persuaded the tiger into a humble supplication of the Maharaja.
- (ii) Choose the correct option :
The attitude of the Dewan in the above extract can be described as _____ (negligent and reluctant / meek and servile)
- (iii) Select one statement or expression from the extract that reflects the humorous writing style of the author.
- (iv) State one reason for the 'boundless joy of the Maharaja'.

OR

(B) The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources, and the unmitigated burning of the fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world, which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature.



Climate change is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time. Will the west Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely ? Will the Gulf stream ocean current be disrupted ? Will be the end of the world as we know it ? *(Journey to the End of the Earth)*

- (i) List one way in which the increasing human population is affecting other species.
- (ii) Choose the correct option that best reflects the tone of the writer in the last line of the extract.
 - (A) happy and excited
 - (B) encouraging and optimistic
 - (C) anxious and concerned
 - (D) spiteful and bitter
- (iii) Choose the correct option :
'unmitigated burning of fossil fuels' reflects the _____
(avaricious / furious) streak in man's nature.
- (iv) In the above extract, what message is the author giving to mankind ?

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two (A) or (B) : **1 × 6 = 6**

(A) The next day both men got up in good season. The crofter was in a hurry to milk his cow, and the other man probably thought he should not stay in bed when the head of the house had gotten up. They left the cottage at the same time. The crofter locked the door and put the key in his pocket. The man with the rattraps said good bye and thank you, and thereupon each went his own way.

But half an hour later the rattrap peddler stood again before the door. He did not try to get in, however. He only went up to the window, smashed a pane, stuck in his hand, and got hold of the pouch with the thirty Kronor. He took the money and thrust it into his own pocket. Then he hung the leather pouch very carefully back in its place and went away. *(The Rattrap)*

- (i) Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

The behaviour of the peddler as described in the above extract is an act of _____. (deceit / obedience)



- (ii) “Both men got up in good season”. The author uses the expression ‘good season’ to denote that
- (A) They slept for a long time.
 - (B) They got up in a good mood.
 - (C) They got up early and timely.
 - (D) They got up hurriedly.
- (iii) State the irony in the peddler’s response. “The man with the rattrops said good bye and thank you”.
- (iv) Choose the correct option :
- The flaw in the peddler’s character as reflected in the above extract is
- (A) He is jealous of rich people.
 - (B) He indulges in self-pity.
 - (C) He can rob his benefactor.
 - (D) He can sleep anywhere without any hesitation.
- (v) Complete the following sentence :
- The role of cow in the crofter’s life is _____.
- (vi) Choose one instance from the above extract to show that peddler acted like a well mannered person.

OR

- (B) “It takes longer to build a school.” I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

After months of knowing him, I ask him his name. ‘Saheb-e-Alam’, he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning – lord of the universe – he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of bare feet boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

“Why aren’t you wearing chappals ?” I ask one.

“My mother did not bring them down from the shelf.” He answers simply.



“Even if she did he will throw them off,” adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match. *(The Last Spring)*

Select the option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

- (i) The intention of the speaker in the first line of the extract is one of _____. (clarification / confusion)
- (ii) What is implied by the expression ‘he would have a hard time believing it’.
 - (A) Saheb is too innocent to believe everything.
 - (B) Saheb is living upto his name.
 - (C) Saheb’s living condition is contrary to the meaning of his name.
 - (D) Saheb is not used to anyone calling his name.
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The above statement of the speaker reveals the fact that people like Saheb are _____ (deluded / empowered) by such promises.
- (iv) State one reason for the boy was wearing shoes that did not match.
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 - (B) his world is his friends.
 - (C) his life is devoid of hope.
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10. Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in **40-50** words each :

5 × 2 = 10

- (i) What valid reason does Rudyard Kipling have to call an interview immoral ? *(The Interview)*
- (ii) How was self-reliance intertwined with the Champaran incident ? *(Indigo)*
- (iii) “I’ve plenty of time. I’ll learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we’ve come out.” *(The Last Lesson)*

What does M. Hamel mean to convey through these lines ?



- (iv) How can Earth play the role of a teacher according to Pablo Neruda ?
(*Keeping Quiet*)
- (v) 'And such too is the grandeur of dooms'. How can 'grandeur of dooms' be impressive and inspiring according to Keats ? (*A Thing of Beauty*)
- (vi) "Christ, Sophie, you're still at school."
(*Going Places*)
What image do you form of Geoff as a brother from the above context ?

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

2 × 2 = 4

- (i) Charlie's desperate attempt to find the third level reflects his frustration with the modern world. Substantiate the above statement with evidence from the story.
(*The Third Level*)
- (ii) 'Students on Ice Programme' proves Geoff Green's farsightedness. Explain with reference to the text of '*The Journey to the End of the Earth*'.
- (iii) 'You speak Peculiar Things.' Why does Derry find Mr. Lamb's conversation peculiar ?
(*On the Face of it*)

12. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in **120-150** words : **1 × 5 = 5**

- (A) How do the peddler from '*The Rattrap*' and 'the office boy' from '*Poets and Pancakes*' compare in terms of their frustration, status, and grudges against others.

OR

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- (A) Why did Dr. Sadao treat the American soldier, even though it was an unpatriotic act ? Describe the difficulties faced by Dr. Sadao when he decided to help the enemy soldier.
(*The Enemy*)

OR

- (B) "If you want to test a man's character, give him power." Analyse the theme of *The Tiger King* in the light of the above quote. (*The Tiger King*)

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SECTION – B

(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

(18 Marks)

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5. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, (A) or (B) in **120-150** words : **1 × 5 = 5**
- (A) You are Siddharth, of 46, Krishi Apartments, Lucknow. You read the given advertisement and wish to apply for the post advertised. Write a job application along with your bio-data.

Rajan Readymade Cloth Mart requires – Store Manager	
Qualifications : Graduate	
Skills	– Knowledge of textiles, trending fashions, customer service skills, sales skills, organizational and leadership abilities.
Experience	– Minimum 5 years in store keeping
Write to The Manager, Rajan Readymade Cloth Mart, 14 M.G. Road, Lucknow	

OR



- (B) Now-a-days students are leading a stressful life. Academic deadlines, grades, competitions can leave them feeling anxious. Stress Management Skills are recognized crucial for today's youth.

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily discussing the benefits of teaching stress management skills to children. Also suggest ways how school and parents can help children in coping with stress. You are a counsellor, Swati Mathur from 14, J.M. Layout, Bhubaneswar, Orissa. You may use the following cues along with your own ideas to draft the letter.

- What are the factors that cause stress ?
- What are some techniques to manage stress ?
- Setting goals, time management, healthy lifestyle.
- Role of school in teaching stress management skills.

6. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, (A) or (B) in **120-150** words : **1 × 5 = 5**

- (A) Development and urbanization lead to deforestation which leads to bio-diversity loss. This results in extinction of species and further leads to ecological imbalance which adversely impacts man's survival. Write an article for your school magazine stressing on the need to prevent bio-diversity loss and suggest ways and solutions to prevent bio-diversity loss. You may use some of the given cues along with your own ideas to compose the article.

You are Akash of class XII B.

- What is bio-diversity loss ?
- Why is it necessary to prevent bio diversity loss ?
- What needs to be done to preserve habitat ?
- Practice the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle principle in daily life.
- What are the benefits of preventing bio-diversity loss ?

OR

- (B) You are Vinay, student reporter of Brook Public School, Pune. In a significant move to boost sports culture and fitness among students, your school set up a new sports arena. On the inauguration by the Sports Minister, the school showcased its new infrastructure and facilities. Write a comprehensive report of the inauguration ceremony and include details of the sports facilities.

You may organize your report by following –

Who – What – When – Where – Why – How.



SECTION – C
(LITERATURE)

(40 Marks)

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Fishermen in the cold sea

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would look back at his hurt hands. *(Keeping Quiet)*

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OR



(B) A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases, it will never
pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing,
Therefore, on every morrow are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth. *(A Thing of Beauty)*

- (i) By the phrase 'joy forever' the poet refers to things
(A) that make people extremely happy.
(B) that are a feast to eyes.
(C) that are a constant source of happiness.
(D) that are beautiful but transient.
- (ii) Choose the correct option :
By using the expression 'never pass into nothingness' the poet states that nature's beauty will create a _____ (lasting/temporary) impression on man's mind.
- (iii) How does Keats make it evident that there is a link between man's wellness and nature's beauty ?
- (iv) Read the Assertion and the Reason below, with reference to the given extract :
Assertion : Keats states that man derives strength and inspiration from the beauty of nature.
Reason : Nature gives physical, emotional and mental solace to man.
Choose the correct option regarding their relationship.
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- (v) Select one phrase from the extract which implies that man wants to continue his life on this earth despite innumerable problems.
- (vi) Complete the following sentence :
'a sleep full of sweet dreams' implies _____.



8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two (A) or (B) : **1 × 4 = 4**

(A) At midnight when the town slept in peace, the Dewan and his aged wife dragged the tiger to the car and shoved it into the seat. The Dewan himself drove the car straight to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. When they reached the forest, the tiger launched its Satyagraha and refused to get out of the car. The Dewan was thoroughly exhausted in his efforts to haul the beast out of the car and push it down to the ground.

On the following day, the same old tiger wandered into the Maharaja's presence and stood as if in humble supplication, "Master, what do you command of me ?" It was with boundless joy that the Maharaja took careful aim at the beast. The tiger fell in a crumpled heap.
(The Tiger King)

- (i) How did the Dewan manage to take the tiger to the forest ?
(A) The Dewan conceded to the tiger's satyagraha.
(B) The Dewan pushed the tiger into the car and drove to the forest.
(C) The Dewan hauled the tiger into the tent.
(D) The Dewan persuaded the tiger into a humble supplication of the Maharaja.
- (ii) Choose the correct option :
The attitude of the Dewan in the above extract can be described as _____ (negligent and reluctant / meek and servile)
- (iii) Select one statement or expression from the extract that reflects the humorous writing style of the author.
- (iv) State one reason for the 'boundless joy of the Maharaja'.

OR

(B) The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources, and the unmitigated burning of the fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world, which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature.



Climate change is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time. Will the west Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely ? Will the Gulf stream ocean current be disrupted ? Will be the end of the world as we know it ? *(Journey to the End of the Earth)*

- (i) List one way in which the increasing human population is affecting other species.
- (ii) Choose the correct option that best reflects the tone of the writer in the last line of the extract.
 - (A) happy and excited
 - (B) encouraging and optimistic
 - (C) anxious and concerned
 - (D) spiteful and bitter
- (iii) Choose the correct option :
'unmitigated burning of fossil fuels' reflects the _____
(avaricious / furious) streak in man's nature.
- (iv) In the above extract, what message is the author giving to mankind ?

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two (A) or (B) : **1 × 6 = 6**

(A) The next day both men got up in good season. The crofter was in a hurry to milk his cow, and the other man probably thought he should not stay in bed when the head of the house had gotten up. They left the cottage at the same time. The crofter locked the door and put the key in his pocket. The man with the rattraps said good bye and thank you, and thereupon each went his own way.

But half an hour later the rattrap peddler stood again before the door. He did not try to get in, however. He only went up to the window, smashed a pane, stuck in his hand, and got hold of the pouch with the thirty Kronor. He took the money and thrust it into his own pocket. Then he hung the leather pouch very carefully back in its place and went away. *(The Rattrap)*

- (i) Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

The behaviour of the peddler as described in the above extract is an act of _____. (deceit / obedience)



- (ii) “Both men got up in good season”. The author uses the expression ‘good season’ to denote that
- (A) They slept for a long time.
 - (B) They got up in a good mood.
 - (C) They got up early and timely.
 - (D) They got up hurriedly.
- (iii) State the irony in the peddler’s response. “The man with the rattrops said good bye and thank you”.
- (iv) Choose the correct option :
- The flaw in the peddler’s character as reflected in the above extract is
- (A) He is jealous of rich people.
 - (B) He indulges in self-pity.
 - (C) He can rob his benefactor.
 - (D) He can sleep anywhere without any hesitation.
- (v) Complete the following sentence :
- The role of cow in the crofter’s life is _____.
- (vi) Choose one instance from the above extract to show that peddler acted like a well mannered person.

OR

- (B) “It takes longer to build a school.” I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

After months of knowing him, I ask him his name. ‘Saheb-e-Alam’, he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning – lord of the universe – he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of bare feet boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

“Why aren’t you wearing chappals ?” I ask one.

“My mother did not bring them down from the shelf.” He answers simply.



“Even if she did he will throw them off,” adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match. *(The Last Spring)*

Select the option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

- (i) The intention of the speaker in the first line of the extract is one of _____. (clarification / confusion)
- (ii) What is implied by the expression ‘he would have a hard time believing it’.
 - (A) Saheb is too innocent to believe everything.
 - (B) Saheb is living upto his name.
 - (C) Saheb’s living condition is contrary to the meaning of his name.
 - (D) Saheb is not used to anyone calling his name.
- (iii) Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank :

“Promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.”

The above statement of the speaker reveals the fact that people like Saheb are _____ (deluded / empowered) by such promises.
- (iv) State one reason for the boy was wearing shoes that did not match.
- (v) The speaker describes Saheb’s life as a ‘bleak world’ because
 - (A) he lives in a house without electricity.
 - (B) his world is his friends.
 - (C) his life is devoid of hope.
 - (D) he belongs to the world of illiterates.
- (vi) “Why aren’t you wearing chappals ?” I asked one. The conversation between the speaker and the boys reflects the _____ of the speaker.

10. Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in **40-50** words each :

5 × 2 = 10

- (i) What valid reason does Rudyard Kipling have to call an interview immoral ? *(The Interview)*
- (ii) How was self-reliance intertwined with the Champaran incident ? *(Indigo)*
- (iii) “I’ve plenty of time. I’ll learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we’ve come out.” *(The Last Lesson)*

What does M. Hamel mean to convey through these lines ?



- (iv) How can Earth play the role of a teacher according to Pablo Neruda ?
(*Keeping Quiet*)
- (v) 'And such too is the grandeur of dooms'. How can 'grandeur of dooms' be impressive and inspiring according to Keats ? (*A Thing of Beauty*)
- (vi) "Christ, Sophie, you're still at school."
(*Going Places*)
What image do you form of Geoff as a brother from the above context ?
11. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions, in **40-50** words each : $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) Charlie's desperate attempt to find the third level reflects his frustration with the modern world. What aspects of the modern world have led to Charlie's frustration ? (*The Third Level*)
- (ii) Why did the servants leave the house despite their concern for their master Dr. Sadao ? (*The Enemy*)
- (iii) 'I'm not fond of curtains.' What does the above statement speak of Mr. Lamb's character ? (*On the Face of it*)
12. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in **120-150** words : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (A) In '*Indigo*', Gandhi as the sole representative of peasants fought against the injustice to share-croppers and saved them from the exploitation of the British. On the other hand bangle makers in Firozabad in '*Lost Spring*' felt 'There is no leader among them, no one could help them see things differently' and they were caught in the vicious circle.
With reference to the two texts, analyse the importance of a leader and how Gandhi emerged as an ideal leader.
- OR**
- (B) 'Nature is the best companion to man.' In the light of above quote, analyse the themes of '*A Thing of Beauty*' and '*Keeping Quiet*'.
13. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions, in **120-150** words : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (A) Dr. Sadao's basic human values and the education he received gave him the ability to rise above prejudices. Analyse the theme of '*The Enemy*' in the light of the above statement.
- OR**
- (B) Analyse the theme of optimism being the right approach to life in the play '*On the Face of It*'.

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SET – 3



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Q.P. Code

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ENGLISH (Core)

Time allowed : 3 hours



Maximum Marks : 80

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General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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

(22 Marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

12 M

- (1) Marketing is all about creativity and expression, so it must be an art, right? Not necessarily. While marketers once relied purely on instinct, they now rely on data-driven insights. On top of that, cutting-edge technologies and analytics have shifted the focus of marketing farther toward the science side of the spectrum. Armed with so much data, marketers can now track the impact of money spent on their bottom line.
- (2) In today's world, the best approach to marketing combines both disciplines. And there's a distinct balance to the craft – a strategic mix of interpersonal empathy and tactical analysis. Neither side of the mix can be isolated or ignored, or the results will not be encouraging. Psychologists believe the brain is separated into two distinct functions : the left-brain and the right-brain. The right side of the brain is responsible for creative thinking and artistic intuition.



- (3) As an art, marketing is all about understanding the nuances of human behaviour and determining how to make an emotional connection with the customer. More importantly, some level of art is needed to create brand standards for your company, including the logo, messaging, and overall visual identity for a brand.
- (4) Right-brained marketers focus on the creative – the copy, graphics and emotions tied to the message. The science side of marketing tells us to let the data guide what strategies will be most effective. Marketers are now reporting the need for digital-first expertise including digital proficiency, data analysis, and data science. With science, marketers adopt an outcome-centric mindset that helps them curate smarter campaigns. Over the past few years, there has been an evolving prioritization on data-savvy talent. In 2020 and beyond, brands will need to focus on recruiting talent that can understand the complexities of AI and machine technologies.
- (5) But when we reflect on earlier times, marketing was defined as the predominance of traditional advertising, like television, newspaper, and direct mail. Today, it ropes in digital channels, social media, mobile devices, and integrated, complex campaigns. And just as consumers today are more tech-savvy, employees should be able to match – and exceed – their expertise. It's important that brands continue to prioritize creative, engaging campaign messages while also focusing on key insights and performance metrics for optimal results.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above :

- (i) According to paragraph 1, how does the author describe the evolution of marketing ? 2
- (ii) Choose ONE of the following statements that aptly reflects the point of view of the writer. 1
- (a) In the field of marketing, there is a conflict between Art and Science.
- (b) Art and Science should work in tandem to do effective marketing.



- (iii) Provide ONE textual evidence with reference to paragraph 3 to support that marketing is an art. 1
- (iv) Based on the passage, assess the way data and digital platforms have transformed the field of marketing and employment. 2
- (v) _____ cutting-edge technologies and analytics have shifted the focus of marketing. (Para 1) 1
By 'cutting-edge technologies', the writer refers to _____.
- (vi) Complete the analogy with ONE word from paragraph 2 : 1
included : incorporated : _____ : secluded
(A) approach
(B) empathy
(C) isolated
(D) intuition
- (vii) 'Marketing is all about understanding the nuances of human behaviour. (Para 3) 1
The writer uses the word 'nuances' to denote
(A) man's appreciation for art.
(B) man's preference for branded clothes.
(C) the complexities of human character.
(D) human inclination for analytical approach.
- (viii) Complete the following based on your understanding of the above passage : 1
According to the writer, modern marketing is built on both _____ and _____.
(ix) '_____ exceed their expertise'. (Para 5) 1
With reference to paragraph 5, what skills do you think the employees should possess to match the demand of the consumers ?
- (x) What fascinating fact about the human brain is revealed by the writer in the above passage. 1



2. Case Study : Tourism in India

10 M

- (1) Introduction : India, with its rich cultural heritage, diverse landscapes, and historical sites, attracts millions of tourists each year. Tourism significantly contributes to India's GDP, generating employment and boosting infrastructure. This case study explores factors impacting tourism in India, examines seasonal patterns, and assesses tourist satisfaction through a survey.
- (2) Methodology : The study involved primary data collection through a structured survey targeting 500 tourists across major destinations like Delhi, Jaipur, Goa and Kerala. Additionally, secondary data from government reports and tourism boards were used. The survey included questions about preferences, challenges and satisfaction levels, focusing on various demographics, including international and domestic tourists.
- (3) Survey Examination : Tourists were surveyed on travel preferences, challenges encountered, accommodation satisfaction and cultural experiences. Feedback highlighted India's appeal due to its history and cultural diversity, but also noted issues like infrastructure gaps and pollution.
- (4) Results : The study found that most tourists preferred historical sites and beaches. International tourists were drawn to heritage sites, while domestic tourists preferred nature destinations. Satisfaction was high among tourists who experienced local culture, but infrastructure issues and overcrowding at key locations were common complaints. Overall, 85% of tourists expressed a desire to revisit.

Answer the following questions, based on the given passage :

- (i) Complete the following suitably.

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In the introduction, the researcher links tourism to India's GDP to highlight _____.



- (ii) What would the following be classified as ? 1
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Select the appropriate response.
(A) Primary purpose (B) Secondary objective
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SECTION – B

(CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

(18 Marks)

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5. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, (A) or (B) in **120-150** words : **1 × 5 = 5**

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KPMG	
requires	
Software Developer	
Qualification	– B.E./B.Tech. in Computer Science
Skills required	– Proficiency in programming languages, understanding of computer systems and problem solving skills.
	– Understanding of user needs and software requirements.
Experience	– Min. 3 years in similar field.
Apply to	
The H.R. Manager,	
KPMG Pvt. Ltd.,	
40, New Friends Colony,	
Dehradun	

OR



- (B) You are Susheel of 10, R.K. Marg, New Delhi. You come across a report stating that a number of people in cities suffer from respiratory diseases, lung cancer, and heart diseases due to air pollution.

Write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your concern and suggestions and ways to improve the situation. You may use some of the cues given along with your own ideas to draft the letter.

- What are the causes for air pollution ?
- What are the ways it affects human health ?
- Ways to reduce air pollution.
- Steps to be taken by government.
- How can common people help in reducing air pollution ?
- Role of Media

6. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the two, (A) or (B) in **120-150** words : **1 × 5 = 5**

- (A) Parents want their children to excel in academics and due to this physical activity is compromised. Sports is an important aspect of education and is deeply connected with the physical, physiological, mental, and intellectual health of the students.

Write an article for your school magazine stressing on the value of sports in education. You may use the some of the cues given along with your own ideas to compose the article.

You are Anil Vij of XII-G.

- Helps in maintaining physical and mental fitness.
- Brings motivation, discipline, and concentration.
- Enhances confidence levels and leadership qualities.
- Role of school in promoting sports.

OR

- (B) Your school has recently inaugurated a botanical garden in the school campus to educate children on the need to preserve species of plants and appreciate their significance in our lives. As a member of the student editorial board, write a report of the inaugural ceremony and details of the garden to be published in your school newsletter. You are Ayush of class XII A.

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SECTION – C
(LITERATURE)

(40 Marks)

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OR



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Its loveliness increases, it will never
pass into nothingness; but will keep
A bower quiet for us, and a sleep
Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing,
Therefore, on every morrow are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth. *(A Thing of Beauty)*

- (i) By the phrase 'joy forever' the poet refers to things
(A) that make people extremely happy.
(B) that are a feast to eyes.
(C) that are a constant source of happiness.
(D) that are beautiful but transient.
- (ii) Choose the correct option :
By using the expression 'never pass into nothingness' the poet states that nature's beauty will create a _____ (lasting/temporary) impression on man's mind.
- (iii) How does Keats make it evident that there is a link between man's wellness and nature's beauty ?
- (iv) Read the Assertion and the Reason below, with reference to the given extract :
Assertion : Keats states that man derives strength and inspiration from the beauty of nature.
Reason : Nature gives physical, emotional and mental solace to man.
Choose the correct option regarding their relationship.
(A) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, and the Reason is the correct explanation of the Assertion.
(B) Both the Assertion and Reason are true, and the Reason is not the correct explanation of the Assertion.
(C) The Assertion is false, but the Reason is true.
(D) The Assertion is true, but the Reason is false.
- (v) Select one phrase from the extract which implies that man wants to continue his life on this earth despite innumerable problems.
- (vi) Complete the following sentence :
'a sleep full of sweet dreams' implies _____.



8. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two (A) or (B) : **1 × 4 = 4**

(A) At midnight when the town slept in peace, the Dewan and his aged wife dragged the tiger to the car and shoved it into the seat. The Dewan himself drove the car straight to the forest where the Maharaja was hunting. When they reached the forest, the tiger launched its Satyagraha and refused to get out of the car. The Dewan was thoroughly exhausted in his efforts to haul the beast out of the car and push it down to the ground.

On the following day, the same old tiger wandered into the Maharaja's presence and stood as if in humble supplication, "Master, what do you command of me ?" It was with boundless joy that the Maharaja took careful aim at the beast. The tiger fell in a crumpled heap. *(The Tiger King)*

- (i) How did the Dewan manage to take the tiger to the forest ?
(A) The Dewan conceded to the tiger's satyagraha.
(B) The Dewan pushed the tiger into the car and drove to the forest.
(C) The Dewan hauled the tiger into the tent.
(D) The Dewan persuaded the tiger into a humble supplication of the Maharaja.
- (ii) Choose the correct option :
The attitude of the Dewan in the above extract can be described as _____ (negligent and reluctant / meek and servile)
- (iii) Select one statement or expression from the extract that reflects the humorous writing style of the author.
- (iv) State one reason for the 'boundless joy of the Maharaja'.

OR

(B) The rapid increase of human populations has left us battling with other species for limited resources, and the unmitigated burning of the fossil fuels has now created a blanket of carbon dioxide around the world, which is slowly but surely increasing the average global temperature.



Climate change is one of the most hotly contested environmental debates of our time. Will the west Antarctic ice sheet melt entirely ? Will the Gulf stream ocean current be disrupted ? Will be the end of the world as we know it ? *(Journey to the End of the Earth)*

- (i) List one way in which the increasing human population is affecting other species.
- (ii) Choose the correct option that best reflects the tone of the writer in the last line of the extract.
 - (A) happy and excited
 - (B) encouraging and optimistic
 - (C) anxious and concerned
 - (D) spiteful and bitter
- (iii) Choose the correct option :
'unmitigated burning of fossil fuels' reflects the _____
(avaricious / furious) streak in man's nature.
- (iv) In the above extract, what message is the author giving to mankind ?

9. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the given two (A) or (B) : **1 × 6 = 6**

(A) The next day both men got up in good season. The crofter was in a hurry to milk his cow, and the other man probably thought he should not stay in bed when the head of the house had gotten up. They left the cottage at the same time. The crofter locked the door and put the key in his pocket. The man with the rattraps said good bye and thank you, and thereupon each went his own way.

But half an hour later the rattrap peddler stood again before the door. He did not try to get in, however. He only went up to the window, smashed a pane, stuck in his hand, and got hold of the pouch with the thirty Kronor. He took the money and thrust it into his own pocket. Then he hung the leather pouch very carefully back in its place and went away. *(The Rattrap)*

- (i) Select the correct option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

The behaviour of the peddler as described in the above extract is an act of _____. (deceit / obedience)



- (ii) “Both men got up in good season”. The author uses the expression ‘good season’ to denote that
- (A) They slept for a long time.
 - (B) They got up in a good mood.
 - (C) They got up early and timely.
 - (D) They got up hurriedly.
- (iii) State the irony in the peddler’s response. “The man with the rattrops said good bye and thank you”.
- (iv) Choose the correct option :
- The flaw in the peddler’s character as reflected in the above extract is
- (A) He is jealous of rich people.
 - (B) He indulges in self-pity.
 - (C) He can rob his benefactor.
 - (D) He can sleep anywhere without any hesitation.
- (v) Complete the following sentence :
- The role of cow in the crofter’s life is _____.
- (vi) Choose one instance from the above extract to show that peddler acted like a well mannered person.

OR

- (B) “It takes longer to build a school.” I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.

After months of knowing him, I ask him his name. ‘Saheb-e-Alam’, he announces. He does not know what it means. If he knew its meaning – lord of the universe – he would have a hard time believing it. Unaware of what his name represents, he roams the streets with his friends, an army of bare feet boys who appear like the morning birds and disappear at noon. Over the months, I have come to recognise each of them.

“Why aren’t you wearing chappals ?” I ask one.

“My mother did not bring them down from the shelf.” He answers simply.



“Even if she did he will throw them off,” adds another who is wearing shoes that do not match. *(The Last Spring)*

Select the option from those given in brackets, to fill in the blank.

- (i) The intention of the speaker in the first line of the extract is one of _____. (clarification / confusion)
- (ii) What is implied by the expression ‘he would have a hard time believing it’.
 - (A) Saheb is too innocent to believe everything.
 - (B) Saheb is living upto his name.
 - (C) Saheb’s living condition is contrary to the meaning of his name.
 - (D) Saheb is not used to anyone calling his name.
- (iii) Select the correct option from those given in brackets to fill in the blank :

“Promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.”
The above statement of the speaker reveals the fact that people like Saheb are _____ (deluded / empowered) by such promises.
- (iv) State one reason for the boy was wearing shoes that did not match.
- (v) The speaker describes Saheb’s life as a ‘bleak world’ because
 - (A) he lives in a house without electricity.
 - (B) his world is his friends.
 - (C) his life is devoid of hope.
 - (D) he belongs to the world of illiterates.
- (vi) “Why aren’t you wearing chappals ?” I asked one. The conversation between the speaker and the boys reflects the _____ of the speaker.

10. Answer **ANY FIVE** of the following six questions in **40-50** words each :

5 × 2 = 10

- (i) What valid reason does Rudyard Kipling have to call an interview immoral ? *(The Interview)*
- (ii) How was self-reliance intertwined with the Champaran incident ? *(Indigo)*
- (iii) “I’ve plenty of time. I’ll learn it tomorrow. And now you see where we’ve come out.” *(The Last Lesson)*
What does M. Hamel mean to convey through these lines ?



- (iv) How can Earth play the role of a teacher according to Pablo Neruda ?
(*Keeping Quiet*)
- (v) 'And such too is the grandeur of dooms'. How can 'grandeur of dooms' be impressive and inspiring according to Keats ? (*A Thing of Beauty*)
- (vi) "Christ, Sophie, you're still at school."
(*Going Places*)
What image do you form of Geoff as a brother from the above context ?
11. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions, in **40-50** words each :
 $2 \times 2 = 4$
- (i) Why did Geoff Green start the '*Students on Ice Programme*' ?
(*Journey to the End of the Earth*)
- (ii) 'I will struggle first.' I answered. What emotion and trait of Zit-ka-la-sa is revealed in her response ?
(*Childhood Memories*)
- (iii) "Who can limit our future ? It depends on what we make it." What image do you form of Dr. Sadao's father based on the above expressions ?
(*The Enemy*)
12. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about **120-150** words :
 $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (A) Umberto Eco : "I consider myself a University professor who writes novels on Sundays".
Umberto Eco in '*The Interview*' and William Douglas in '*Deep Water*' are multifaceted personalities. Elaborate with reference to the texts.
- OR**
- (B) What do the images of nature signify in Keats' '*A Thing of Beauty*' and Pablo Neruda's '*Keeping Quiet*' ?
13. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions, in **120-150** words : $1 \times 5 = 5$
- (A) Compare the characters of Zit-ka-la-sa and Bama in terms of their struggle, pain, determination, and success. (*Memories of Childhood*)
- OR**
- (B) 'It is only war that makes people enemies.' Analyse the theme of the lesson '*The Enemy*' in the light of the above statement.

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**ENGLISH (Core)***Time allowed : 3 hours**Maximum Marks : 80***General Instructions :***Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :*

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



SECTION A
Reading Skills

(22 marks)

1. Read the following passage carefully :

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



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

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

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



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



2. Read the following passage carefully :

10

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



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

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



SECTION B
Creative Writing Skills

(18 marks)

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

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

OR

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

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

- (a) You are the Student Head, Cultural Affairs Club at Newton Public School. The school is holding its annual function on Saturday, April 20th, 2024 at 11 am. The Honourable Education Minister, Dr. Shah has consented to be the Chief Guest. Design an invitation card to be sent to the parents and other invitees. Mention necessary details.

OR

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



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

5

- (a) You are Amar/Anita, a fresh MBA graduate from Singla Institute of Management, Khushbagh. You saw the given advertisement in a newspaper and wish to apply for the position advertised. Write a letter to India Helptel Company along with your bio-data, expressing your interest in the advertised post.

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Whom Do We Need

- Fresh MBA Graduates
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- Languages – English and State language

OR

- (b) An increase in the number of vehicles on the road has increased instances of traffic snarls, road rage and accidents. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily showing your concern and examining the reasons for such behaviour. Provide suggestions on how to manage the situation. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose the letter. You are Brinda/Bharat.

**REASONS**

- Increase in vehicles
- More cars per family
- Budgeted cab services
- People not adhering to traffic rules

SUGGESTIONS

- Improve traffic management during peak hours
- Stricter implementation of laws
- Role of media in creating awareness

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

5

- (a) India is emerging as one of the most popular tourist destinations in the world. Write an article on “India as a popular choice of Foreign Visitors”. You are Leela/Laksh. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose the article.

Importance

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

What needs to be done

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

OR



- (b) The senior residents of your colony have initiated a Reading Club for the children of a neighbourhood slum. As Ramesh/Ranjita, the local correspondent of the neighbourhood newsletter, write a report covering the project. Support your ideas with the cues given below.

- Senior citizens' initiative
- 2 hour voluntary service on Sunday morning
- Support reading of school texts
- Comprehension quizzing
- Read newspaper – share information – encourage discussion

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

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

6

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

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness; but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

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

(A Thing of Beauty)

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

1

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



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

OR

- (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)



- (i) Which of the following are symbolised by the 'tigers' in the extract above ? 1
- I. masculine world
 - II. feminine world
 - III. world of bold, fearless creatures
 - IV. world of beautiful handicrafts
- (A) I, II and III
(B) II, III and IV
(C) III and IV
(D) I, III and IV
- (ii) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False*. 1
The creator of the tigers was fearless and assertive like the tigers.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence. 1
The use of the word 'topaz' suggests that the image of the tiger on the screen is _____.
- (iv) 'Tigers do not fear the men beneath the tree' because they are 1
- (A) tamed
 - (B) in a cage
 - (C) fearless
 - (D) kings of the jungle
- (v) Based on the poem's rhyme scheme evident in lines 1 and 2, which of the following will rhyme ? 1
mean, akin, cream
- (vi) Chivalric certainty refers to which poetic device ? 1
- (A) Alliteration
 - (B) Metaphor
 - (C) Simile
 - (D) Repetition



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

4

(a) Derry : I....there....I thought this was an empty place. I didn't know there was anybody here....

Mr. Lamb : That's all right. I'm here. What are you afraid of, boy ?
That's all right.

Derry : I thought it was empty....an empty house.

Mr. Lamb : So it is. Since I'm out here in the garden. It is empty. Until I go back inside. In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop. A day like this. Beautiful day. Not a day to be indoors.

Derry : [*Panic*] I've got to go.

(On The Face Of It)

- (i) Derry was stammering because of : 1
(A) a speech defect.
(B) excitement.
(C) anger.
(D) fear.
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
Derry insisted on going back because _____.
- (iii) Mr. Lamb was trying to tell Derry that : 1
(A) it was a matter of perception.
(B) Derry could stay with him.
(C) he spent all his days in the garden.
(D) he was fond of company.



- (iv) From the extract, one can infer that Mr. Lamb was a/an : 1
- (A) compassionate man.
- (B) mysterious character.
- (C) new neighbour.
- (D) unreasonable man.

OR

- (b) Anyway, here's what happened at Grand Central. One night last summer I worked late at the office. I was in a hurry to get uptown to my apartment so I decided to take the subway from Grand Central because it's faster than the bus.

Now, I don't know why this should have happened to me. I'm just an ordinary guy named Charley, thirty-one years old, and I was wearing a tan gabardine suit and a straw hat with a fancy band; I passed a dozen men who looked just like me. (The Third Level)

- (i) List any two details about how Charley was dressed up. 1
- (ii) Charley decided to use the subway because it was : 1
- (A) quicker.
- (B) cheaper.
- (C) more fashionable.
- (D) safer.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1
- Landing at the third level was due to Charley's flight of _____.



(iv) Which time frame is represented through the kind of outfit mentioned in the extract ?

1

- (A) pre world war era
- (B) the present times
- (C) the eighteenth century
- (D) in the future

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

6

(a) They have lived here for more than thirty years without an identity, without permits but with ration cards that get their names on voters' lists and enable them to buy grain. Food is more important for survival than identity. "If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain," say a group of women in tattered saris when I asked them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents. (Lost Spring)

(i) The ragpickers have been living there for _____ decades.

1

- (A) three
- (B) four
- (C) two
- (D) five



- (ii) Why do these people have ration cards ? 1
- (iii) What do you infer about their lifestyle from the phrase 'pitch their tents' ? 1
- (iv) In spite of the hardships, they are not willing to go back to their homeland because _____. 1
- (v) The women had a/an _____ approach towards life. 1
- (A) idealistic
- (B) passive
- (C) indifferent
- (D) practical
- (vi) What does the term 'go to bed without an aching stomach' indicate ? 1

OR

- (b) Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British.

The officials felt powerless without Gandhi's cooperation. He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians.

The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

(Indigo)



- (i) The result of the demonstration was that _____. 1
- (ii) The participants of the spontaneous demonstration were : 1
- (A) Gandhi's lawyers.
- (B) people of Champaran.
- (C) Indigo landowners.
- (D) Indian soldiers.
- (iii) Gandhi cooperated with the British by : 1
- (A) not going to the court.
- (B) remaining quiet when he was accused.
- (C) helping to manage the mob of people.
- (D) leaving Champaran for Delhi.
- (iv) The statement 'Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors' was indicative of the Britisher's _____. 1
- (v) With reference to the extract, the word 'baffled' most nearly means : 1
- (A) strengthened.
- (B) disgusted.
- (C) frightened.
- (D) confused.
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Dear Robert,

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

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Warmly

John Keats

OR

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Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

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



SECTION B
Creative Writing Skills

(18 marks)

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

- (a) You are Bala/Bandhini, school counsellor of Bala Vidyagram School, Dharti Bagh. Your school is organising a Career Counselling Fair. Write a notice encouraging students to attend the fair. Mention the benefits and include necessary details.

OR

- (b) You are Secretary of Highrise Society, Vayu Nagar. Write a notice to the homeowners inviting them to attend the forthcoming meeting to discuss the election of the new committee and the changes to be made in the regulations. Include necessary details about the time and duration of the meeting.

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- (a) Write a formal invitation letter inviting Shri Saras Rathore, the Education Minister to be the Chief Guest at your high school's annual day celebrations. Include details of the event such as date and time, cultural events, etc. You are Savitri/Saurabh Trehan, Principal, Tyagraj Public School, Surya Nagar.

OR

- (b) You have been invited to a close friend's wedding. Write an informal letter expressing your excitement and gratitude for the invitation. Create an appropriate reply accepting the invitation. Invent necessary details.



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

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- (a) You are Arti/Anuj, a resident of A-33, Himani Enclave, Sadar Nagar. You saw an advertisement in The National Times for the post of Accounts Officer and wish to apply for the post. Write a letter to the General Manager, A.S. Consultants along with your bio-data expressing your interest in the advertised post.

A.S. Consultants

Hiring

Accounts Officer

Job Description

- Improve systems and procedures
- Maintain financial files
- Analyse expenditure data

Education : BBA/B.Com; MBA/M.Com

Skills : Good Communication Skills

Experience : 2 Years

OR

- (b) A book fair was organized in your city, Birnagar. Thousands of people including a large number of students visited and benefitted from the fair. It aroused a great interest in the revival of buying and reading books. You want that such book fairs should be organized in other cities of the state to promote the habit of reading. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily sharing your views on the issue and suggesting ways of encouraging reading as a habit. You are Vinod/Vanita of F-115, Roop Nagar, Birnagar.



You may use the following cues with your own ideas to compose the letter.

- make reading a habit
- take trips to the library
- promote a reading culture in schools
- set reading goals
- let children choose their books
- read with the children

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- (a) You are Shiksha/Sameer of XI-C. Write an article for your school magazine on the benefits of participating in the co-curricular activities of the school. Use the given cues along with your own ideas to compose this article.

Participation :

- develops personality
- boosts confidence
- creates a sense of responsibility
- is an exposure to new activities
- nurtures organizational skills
- improves communication and inter-personal skills

OR



- (b) Addiction to mobile phones is becoming a cause of concern today. It is impacting both physical and mental health of young and old alike. You attended a workshop on 'Joy of Missing Out' organized by Home Association. As the local correspondent, write a report on the event. You may use the following cues along with your own ideas. You are Rita/Rakesh of Savitri Nagar.

- Problems** • preoccupation and compulsion of mobile phone use
• withdrawal symptoms such as irritation, anxiety and depression when stopped
- Solutions** • set limits for usage
• turn your phone off
• practice mindfulness
• engage in physical activities

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

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

6

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

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness; but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

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

(A Thing of Beauty)

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

1

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



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

OR

- (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)



- (i) Which of the following are symbolised by the 'tigers' in the extract above ? 1
- I. masculine world
 - II. feminine world
 - III. world of bold, fearless creatures
 - IV. world of beautiful handicrafts
- (A) I, II and III
(B) II, III and IV
(C) III and IV
(D) I, III and IV
- (ii) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False*. 1
The creator of the tigers was fearless and assertive like the tigers.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence. 1
The use of the word 'topaz' suggests that the image of the tiger on the screen is _____.
- (iv) 'Tigers do not fear the men beneath the tree' because they are 1
- (A) tamed
 - (B) in a cage
 - (C) fearless
 - (D) kings of the jungle
- (v) Based on the poem's rhyme scheme evident in lines 1 and 2, which of the following will rhyme ? 1
mean, akin, cream
- (vi) Chivalric certainty refers to which poetic device ? 1
- (A) Alliteration
 - (B) Metaphor
 - (C) Simile
 - (D) Repetition



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

4

(a) Derry : I....there....I thought this was an empty place. I didn't know there was anybody here....

Mr. Lamb : That's all right. I'm here. What are you afraid of, boy ?
That's all right.

Derry : I thought it was empty....an empty house.

Mr. Lamb : So it is. Since I'm out here in the garden. It is empty. Until I go back inside. In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop. A day like this. Beautiful day. Not a day to be indoors.

Derry : [*Panic*] I've got to go.

(On The Face Of It)

- (i) Derry was stammering because of : 1
(A) a speech defect.
(B) excitement.
(C) anger.
(D) fear.
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
Derry insisted on going back because _____.
- (iii) Mr. Lamb was trying to tell Derry that : 1
(A) it was a matter of perception.
(B) Derry could stay with him.
(C) he spent all his days in the garden.
(D) he was fond of company.



- (iv) From the extract, one can infer that Mr. Lamb was a/an : 1
- (A) compassionate man.
- (B) mysterious character.
- (C) new neighbour.
- (D) unreasonable man.

OR

- (b) Anyway, here's what happened at Grand Central. One night last summer I worked late at the office. I was in a hurry to get uptown to my apartment so I decided to take the subway from Grand Central because it's faster than the bus.

Now, I don't know why this should have happened to me. I'm just an ordinary guy named Charley, thirty-one years old, and I was wearing a tan gabardine suit and a straw hat with a fancy band; I passed a dozen men who looked just like me. (The Third Level)

- (i) List any two details about how Charley was dressed up. 1
- (ii) Charley decided to use the subway because it was : 1
- (A) quicker.
- (B) cheaper.
- (C) more fashionable.
- (D) safer.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1
- Landing at the third level was due to Charley's flight of _____.



(iv) Which time frame is represented through the kind of outfit mentioned in the extract ?

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- (A) pre world war era
- (B) the present times
- (C) the eighteenth century
- (D) in the future

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(i) The ragpickers have been living there for _____ decades.

1

- (A) three
- (B) four
- (C) two
- (D) five



- (ii) Why do these people have ration cards ? 1
- (iii) What do you infer about their lifestyle from the phrase 'pitch their tents' ? 1
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OR

- (b) Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British.

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The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

(Indigo)



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- (ii) The participants of the spontaneous demonstration were : 1
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- (B) people of Champaran.
- (C) Indigo landowners.
- (D) Indian soldiers.
- (iii) Gandhi cooperated with the British by : 1
- (A) not going to the court.
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- (C) helping to manage the mob of people.
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- (C) IV and V
- (D) III, IV and V



2. Read the following passage carefully :

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



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

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



SECTION B
Creative Writing Skills

(18 marks)

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

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

OR

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

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

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

OR

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



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

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

LIONS PUBLIC SCHOOL

MAYA NAGAR

**invites applications for the post of
School Librarian**

Last date of application : 31st March, 2024

Qualifications : M.A. Lib.Sc./B.A. Lib.Sc.

Experience : Minimum 5 years in a reputed school

Job Profile : • Managing digital database for cataloging

• Awareness of latest books

• Documentation

Skills : • Research skills

• Communication skills

• Basic computer and digital skills

OR



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

Problems

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

Solutions

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

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

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

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

OR



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

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

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

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

6

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

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness; but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

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

(A Thing of Beauty)

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

1

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



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

OR

- (b) Aunt Jennifer's tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)



- (i) Which of the following are symbolised by the 'tigers' in the extract above ? 1
- I. masculine world
 - II. feminine world
 - III. world of bold, fearless creatures
 - IV. world of beautiful handicrafts
- (A) I, II and III
(B) II, III and IV
(C) III and IV
(D) I, III and IV
- (ii) State whether the given statement is *True* or *False*. 1
The creator of the tigers was fearless and assertive like the tigers.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence. 1
The use of the word 'topaz' suggests that the image of the tiger on the screen is _____.
- (iv) 'Tigers do not fear the men beneath the tree' because they are 1
- (A) tamed
 - (B) in a cage
 - (C) fearless
 - (D) kings of the jungle
- (v) Based on the poem's rhyme scheme evident in lines 1 and 2, which of the following will rhyme ? 1
mean, akin, cream
- (vi) Chivalric certainty refers to which poetic device ? 1
- (A) Alliteration
 - (B) Metaphor
 - (C) Simile
 - (D) Repetition



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

4

(a) Derry : I....there....I thought this was an empty place. I didn't know there was anybody here....

Mr. Lamb : That's all right. I'm here. What are you afraid of, boy ?
That's all right.

Derry : I thought it was empty....an empty house.

Mr. Lamb : So it is. Since I'm out here in the garden. It is empty. Until I go back inside. In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop. A day like this. Beautiful day. Not a day to be indoors.

Derry : [*Panic*] I've got to go.

(On The Face Of It)

- (i) Derry was stammering because of : 1
(A) a speech defect.
(B) excitement.
(C) anger.
(D) fear.
- (ii) Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
Derry insisted on going back because _____.
- (iii) Mr. Lamb was trying to tell Derry that : 1
(A) it was a matter of perception.
(B) Derry could stay with him.
(C) he spent all his days in the garden.
(D) he was fond of company.



- (iv) From the extract, one can infer that Mr. Lamb was a/an : 1
- (A) compassionate man.
- (B) mysterious character.
- (C) new neighbour.
- (D) unreasonable man.

OR

- (b) Anyway, here's what happened at Grand Central. One night last summer I worked late at the office. I was in a hurry to get uptown to my apartment so I decided to take the subway from Grand Central because it's faster than the bus.

Now, I don't know why this should have happened to me. I'm just an ordinary guy named Charley, thirty-one years old, and I was wearing a tan gabardine suit and a straw hat with a fancy band; I passed a dozen men who looked just like me. (The Third Level)

- (i) List any two details about how Charley was dressed up. 1
- (ii) Charley decided to use the subway because it was : 1
- (A) quicker.
- (B) cheaper.
- (C) more fashionable.
- (D) safer.
- (iii) Complete the following sentence appropriately. 1
- Landing at the third level was due to Charley's flight of _____.



(iv) Which time frame is represented through the kind of outfit mentioned in the extract ?

1

- (A) pre world war era
- (B) the present times
- (C) the eighteenth century
- (D) in the future

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

6

(a) They have lived here for more than thirty years without an identity, without permits but with ration cards that get their names on voters' lists and enable them to buy grain. Food is more important for survival than identity. "If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain," say a group of women in tattered saris when I asked them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents. (Lost Spring)

(i) The ragpickers have been living there for _____ decades.

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- (A) three
- (B) four
- (C) two
- (D) five



- (ii) Why do these people have ration cards ? 1
- (iii) What do you infer about their lifestyle from the phrase 'pitch their tents' ? 1
- (iv) In spite of the hardships, they are not willing to go back to their homeland because _____. 1
- (v) The women had a/an _____ approach towards life. 1
- (A) idealistic
- (B) passive
- (C) indifferent
- (D) practical
- (vi) What does the term 'go to bed without an aching stomach' indicate ? 1

OR

- (b) Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British.

The officials felt powerless without Gandhi's cooperation. He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians.

The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

(Indigo)



- (i) The result of the demonstration was that _____. 1
- (ii) The participants of the spontaneous demonstration were : 1
- (A) Gandhi's lawyers.
- (B) people of Champaran.
- (C) Indigo landowners.
- (D) Indian soldiers.
- (iii) Gandhi cooperated with the British by : 1
- (A) not going to the court.
- (B) remaining quiet when he was accused.
- (C) helping to manage the mob of people.
- (D) leaving Champaran for Delhi.
- (iv) The statement 'Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors' was indicative of the Britisher's _____. 1
- (v) With reference to the extract, the word 'baffled' most nearly means : 1
- (A) strengthened.
- (B) disgusted.
- (C) frightened.
- (D) confused.
- (vi) Whose 'might' did this demonstration question ? 1



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

- (i) What inference can you draw about Sophie's relationship with her father from the story 'Going Places' ?
- (ii) We miss a thing when we are in fear of losing it. Substantiate this statement with two examples from 'The Last Lesson', how the people in the story suddenly realised how precious their language was to them.
- (iii) What did the peddler say in his defence when it was clear that he was not the person the ironmaster thought him to be ? (The Rattrap)
- (iv) What does 'The God That Failed' refer to ? (Poets and Pancakes)
- (v) Umberto Eco has a formidable reputation as a novelist after the success of 'The Name of the Rose'. Why does he still have apprehensions of being called a novelist ? (The Interview)
- (vi) It is said that the 'Face is a mirror of one's emotions.' Why did the poet 'smile and smile' ? (My Mother at Sixty-six)

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

- (i) What confusion does the Dewan have when the Tiger King broaches the topic of his marriage ? (The Tiger King)
- (ii) "My Antarctic experience was full of such epiphanies," says Tishani Doshi. Which experience does she consider the best and why ? (Journey to the End of the Earth)
- (iii) Zitkala-Sa says, "Eating by formula wasn't the hardest trial in that first day." What does she mean by 'Eating by formula' ? (Memories of Childhood)



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

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- (a) M. Hamel in 'The Last Lesson' and Gandhiji in 'Indigo' were both concerned about the state of education in the face of oppression. Write a speech to be shared with your peers on the importance of education. You may use cues from the two texts.

OR

- (b) Write a paragraph focusing on how the poems 'Keeping Quiet' and 'My Mother at Sixty-six' illuminate different facets of human introspection and the significance of quiet reflection in understanding oneself.

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

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

OR

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



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ENGLISH (Core)

Time allowed : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

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



SECTION A

Reading Skills

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

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



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

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

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



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

2. Read the passage given below :

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



staples. Real household spending is projected to increase 9.1% after 2021, after a decrease of 9.3% in 2020 due to the economic impact of the pandemic. Price increase across product categories will offset the impact of rising raw material prices, along with volume growth and resurgence of demand for discretionary items.

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

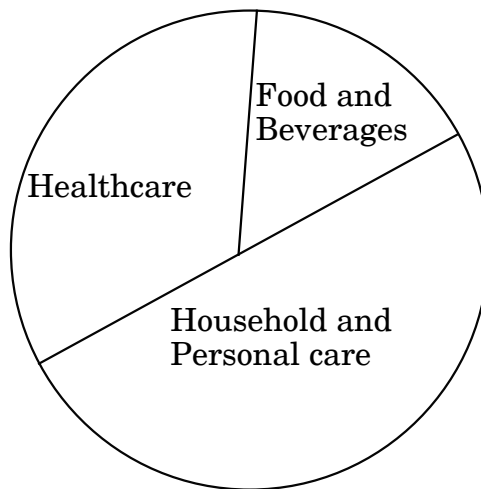




Table I. FMCG Products

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

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

10×1=10

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

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

Select from the following :

- I. True – If the statement agrees with the information
- II. False – If the statement contradicts the information
- III. Not Given – If there is no information on this

- (ii) What do you think gives opportunities to boost exports ?



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

OR

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

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



(vii) How is the Government trying to help Indian brands of food products in the international markets ?

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

The concluding paragraph of the passage makes a clear case _____.

- (a) that the rural people also want branded products
- (b) that the FMCG industry will not focus on brand consciousness
- (c) for the role of data analytics in the FMCG industry
- (d) for the Government's role by providing incentives

(ix) What will be the impact of increased level of brand consciousness ?

(x) Based on the reading of the passage, correct the following statement :

The urban segment contributes to about 45% of the revenue share, while the rural segment accounts for 55%.

SECTION B

Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

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

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(A) A sea storm is expected to hit the states on the East Coast of the country within 72 hours. As Rohit/Reema, Director General, Coast Guard, Odisha, write a notice in 50 words to warn fishermen, tourists and general public to take all safety precautions and not venture into the sea. Mention relevant details.

OR

(B) You are the Anuj/Anu, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no water supply in your colony for two days due to necessary repair and maintenance work. Mention dates, and the timings that tankers will be available in the R.W.A. premises.



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

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

OR

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

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

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

ADVERTISEMENTS

– Read with care

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

OR



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

INDIA BOOK HOUSE — Requires Marketing Executive

Qualification :

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

Job requirement :

- Setting targets and timelines
- Supervising sales

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

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

PROGRAMME

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

OR



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

Polluting Factors

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

Solutions

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

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

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

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

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



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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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

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

She was overwhelmed with emotion and could not speak much.

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

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

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

Trees sprinting : personification : : _____ : simile

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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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

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

All I did was smile and smile and smile.

OR



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

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

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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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



(iv) The benefits of 'Keeping Quiet' include

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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

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

The poet suggests we will all be together when _____.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

Select the most appropriate option :

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

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

The treatment meted out to the community was _____.

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

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

OR

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

OR

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

OR

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

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

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

OR

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

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



SECTION A

Reading Skills

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

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



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

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

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



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

2. Read the passage given below :

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



staples. Real household spending is projected to increase 9.1% after 2021, after a decrease of 9.3% in 2020 due to the economic impact of the pandemic. Price increase across product categories will offset the impact of rising raw material prices, along with volume growth and resurgence of demand for discretionary items.

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

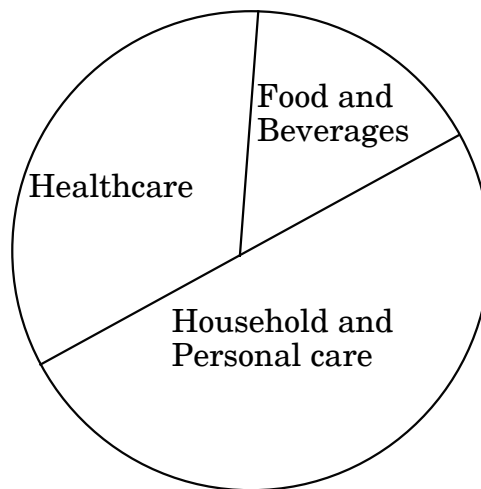




Table I. FMCG Products

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

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

10×1=10

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

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

Select from the following :

- I. True – If the statement agrees with the information
- II. False – If the statement contradicts the information
- III. Not Given – If there is no information on this

- (ii) What do you think gives opportunities to boost exports ?



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

OR

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

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



(vii) How is the Government trying to help Indian brands of food products in the international markets ?

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

The concluding paragraph of the passage makes a clear case _____.

- (a) that the rural people also want branded products
- (b) that the FMCG industry will not focus on brand consciousness
- (c) for the role of data analytics in the FMCG industry
- (d) for the Government's role by providing incentives

(ix) What will be the impact of increased level of brand consciousness ?

(x) Based on the reading of the passage, correct the following statement :

The urban segment contributes to about 45% of the revenue share, while the rural segment accounts for 55%.

SECTION B

Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

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

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

OR

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



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

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

OR

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

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

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

BE SAFE

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

OR



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

World Solutions Delhi – Requires Accounts Officer

Qualification – B.Com.

Experience – Minimum 2 years

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

Knowledge of basic computer skills

Apply to :

Managing Director

World Solutions

Galaxy Building

Geetanjali Enclave

New Delhi

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

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

Programme

Welcome address

Speech by Chief Guest

Cultural Programme

Award ceremony

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

Vote of thanks

OR



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

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

SECTION C
Literature

(40 marks)

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

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

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

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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

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



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

She was overwhelmed with emotion and could not speak much.

- (iii) The word 'wan' in the given context most nearly means
- (a) pale
 - (b) old
 - (c) unwell
 - (d) anxious
- (iv) Complete the following analogy correctly. Do not repeat from the example used.
Trees sprinting : personification : : _____ : simile
- (v) On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below :
- I. The poet accepts the reality of her mother's declining health and old age.
 - II. She is nostalgic about her childhood days spent with her mother.

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I is true, but II is false
 - (b) Both I and II are true
 - (c) II is the reason for I
 - (d) II cannot be inferred from the extract
- (vi) Explain the following statement with reference to the above extract :
- All I did was smile and smile and smile.

OR

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

Now we will count to twelve

and we will all keep still.

For once on the face of the Earth

let's not speak in any language,

Let's stop for one second,

and not move our arms so much.

It would be an exotic moment

without rush, without engines,

we would all be together



- (i) The poet counts up to twelve as a countdown to
- (a) lift arms.
 - (b) speak in different languages.
 - (c) stop all activities.
 - (d) be without engines.
- (ii) The poet appeals to the people that they should
- I. keep quiet
 - II. not move
 - III. celebrate festivals
 - IV. not hibernate
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) Only II
 - (b) I and II
 - (c) Only I
 - (d) I and IV
- (iii) Choose the option that displays the same poetic device as used in the third line of the extract :
- (a) lightning danced across the sky
 - (b) greedy good doers
 - (c) children spilling out of their homes
 - (d) fight like cats and dogs
- (iv) The benefits of 'Keeping Quiet' include
- I. harmony
 - II. non-violence
 - III. brotherhood
 - IV. meditation
- Choose the most appropriate option :
- (a) I and II
 - (b) II and IV
 - (c) I, II and III
 - (d) I, II, III and IV



- (v) Complete the statement with reference to the extract :
The poet suggests we will all be together when _____.
- (vi) The word 'exotic' in the extract most nearly means
- (a) unique
 - (b) luxurious
 - (c) rich
 - (d) illusive

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

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

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

- (i) Who is the speaker ? Who is he speaking to ?
- (a) Appa; Bama
 - (b) Bama; Amma
 - (c) Bama; The Zamindar
 - (d) Annan; Bama
- (ii) Select the option that best describes the speaker in the above extract :
- I. marginalized
 - II. practical
 - III. idealistic
 - IV. curious
 - V. aggressive
- Select the most appropriate option :
- (a) I and II
 - (b) III and IV
 - (c) II and IV
 - (d) IV and V



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

The treatment meted out to the community was _____.

- (iv) Which of the following summarizes the author's opinion about study ?
- (a) Childhood should be spent in experiential learning.
 - (b) Studying is better than playing.
 - (c) Studying is essential to the nation's development.
 - (d) Studying leads to social reforms and progress.

OR

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

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

- (i) Who is the speaker and who is he speaking to ?
- (a) Derry; His mother
 - (b) Derry; Mr. Lamb
 - (c) Derry; Ladies at the bus stop
 - (d) Mother; Mr. Lamb
- (ii) According to the speaker, what do people feel about him ?
- (a) People are empathetic towards him.
 - (b) People are repulsed by his appearance.
 - (c) People are annoyed by his presence.
 - (d) People are unhappy at his association with his neighbours.
- (iii) Complete the following statement with reference to the extract :
- When I look in the mirror, and see it, I'm afraid of me _____.
- (iv) Explain the following statement with reference to the given extract :
- You think, 'Poor boy.' But I'm not.



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

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

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

(i) How was there national integration long before A.I.R. and Doordarshan in the make-up department ?

- (a) The staff consisted of a Bengali, a Maharashtrian, a Dharwar Kannadiga, an Andhra, a Madras Indian Christian, an Anglo-Burmese and Tamils.
- (b) They recited slogans of national integration.
- (c) The staff studied make-up techniques of various states.
- (d) Their clients were from various states.

(ii) Select a suitable word from the extract to complete the analogy :

front : rear :: ravishing : _____

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks :

The make-up artists could turn _____ looking people into _____ looking men and women.

- (a) ordinary; pleasant
- (b) ugly; good
- (c) pleasant; ugly
- (d) monstrous; beautiful



- (iv) The word 'pancake' in the extract most nearly means
- (a) brand name (b) lemon cake
(c) savoury (d) preservative
- (v) Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is true for the make-up department.
- (a) The make-up artists were welcomed by the actors.
(b) The make-up artists were poorly paid.
(c) The work done by the make-up artists was not appreciated.
(d) The department exhibited national integration.
- (vi) Bring out the irony in the above given extract.

OR

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

Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives. I call them interstices. Say you are coming over to my place. You are in the elevator and while you are coming up, I am waiting for you. This is an interstice, an empty space. I work in empty spaces. While waiting for your elevator to come up from the first to the third floor, I have already written an article !

- (i) Umberto Eco, was
- (a) a professor of semiotics, an author
(b) an interviewer, a novelist
(c) a journalist, a professor
(d) a publisher, an author
- (ii) Rationalise, to support the given statement :
- Similarly, we have a lot of empty spaces in our lives.
- (iii) Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined phrase with its inference :

I call them interstices.



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

I. Umberto Eco works even in the spare time between activities.

II. Umberto Eco does not like to be interviewed.

Choose the most appropriate option :

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

(v) Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.

Umberto Eco does not like to waste time. He writes an article while he is proceeding to the elevator.

(vi) Umberto Eco's views on his manner of work are based on _____.

- | | |
|--------------|------------------|
| (a) facts | (b) an interview |
| (c) his blog | (d) hypothesis |

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

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



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

- (a) Did the Tiger King manage to kill the hundredth tiger ?
Why / Why not ?
- (b) Why did Charley buy old-style currency ?
- (c) Why does Derry enter Mr. Lamb's garden ?

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

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

OR

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

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

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

OR

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

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- This question paper has **13** questions. **All** questions are **compulsory**.*
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- Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.*



SECTION A

Reading Skills

(20 marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

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



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

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

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



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

2. Read the passage given below :

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



staples. Real household spending is projected to increase 9.1% after 2021, after a decrease of 9.3% in 2020 due to the economic impact of the pandemic. Price increase across product categories will offset the impact of rising raw material prices, along with volume growth and resurgence of demand for discretionary items.

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

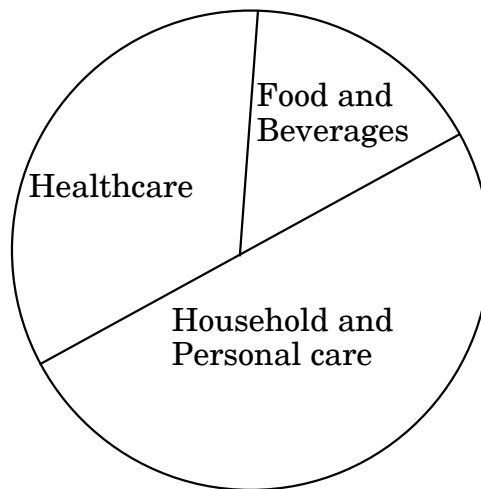




Table I. FMCG Products

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

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

10×1=10

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

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

Select from the following :

- I. True – If the statement agrees with the information
- II. False – If the statement contradicts the information
- III. Not Given – If there is no information on this

- (ii) What do you think gives opportunities to boost exports ?



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

OR

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

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



(vii) How is the Government trying to help Indian brands of food products in the international markets ?

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

The concluding paragraph of the passage makes a clear case _____.

- (a) that the rural people also want branded products
- (b) that the FMCG industry will not focus on brand consciousness
- (c) for the role of data analytics in the FMCG industry
- (d) for the Government's role by providing incentives

(ix) What will be the impact of increased level of brand consciousness ?

(x) Based on the reading of the passage, correct the following statement :

The urban segment contributes to about 45% of the revenue share, while the rural segment accounts for 55%.

SECTION B

Creative Writing Skills

(20 marks)

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

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

OR

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



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

5

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

OR

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

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

5

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

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

OR



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

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

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

5

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

Programme

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

OR



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

College Life

Freedom

- choosing friends
- following own schedule
- pursuing your interests

Responsibilities

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

SECTION C

Literature

(40 marks)

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

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

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



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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) Only I
 - (b) I and IV
 - (c) II and IV
 - (d) Only III
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She was overwhelmed with emotion and could not speak much.

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

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

Trees sprinting : personification : : _____ : simile

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

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

Choose the most appropriate option :

- (a) I is true, but II is false
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 - (d) II cannot be inferred from the extract
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All I did was smile and smile and smile.



OR

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

Now we will count to twelve
and we will all keep still.
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Let's stop for one second,
and not move our arms so much.
It would be an exotic moment
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- (a) Appa; Bama
- (b) Bama; Amma
- (c) Bama; The Zamindar
- (d) Annan; Bama



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

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

Select the most appropriate option :

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

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

The treatment meted out to the community was _____.

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

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

OR

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

OR

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



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



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

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

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

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

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

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

OR

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

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

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

OR

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



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SET-1

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ENGLISH (Core)

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248 A

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SECTION – A

(Reading)

14 Marks

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

$1 \times 8 = 8$

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2. Read the passage given below :

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

- Who controls procurement, processing and marketing ? **1**
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SECTION – B

(Writing)

8 Marks

3. You are Avantika, residing in Jamshedpur. Your friend, from the same city is hosting her parents' 50th marriage anniversary and has extended an invite to you. Draft a letter of reply of acceptance in not more than 50 words mentioning date, venue and time.

3

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

(A)

SITUATION VACANT

NAV JEEVAN PUBLIC SCHOOL requires Senior Computer Teacher. Eligibility requirements – Post-graduate in Computer Science with minimum 5 years work experience as a computer teacher.

Mention additional skills, interests and achievements.

Contact-Principal, Nav Jeevan Public School

You are Samera/Sameer. Write a letter of application for the above mentioned post in 120-150 words. Include a detailed bio-data.

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(OR)

- (B) You are Akshita/Akshay, staff correspondent for the 'BRIGHT STAR' newspaper. A day long seminar was organized by Nirmaan Public School on the "Benefits of Yoga – A Healthy Heart". Students from 20 schools participated in the event. Renowned yoga exponent Guru Shivang addressed the students on the benefits of yoga. Students of the Yoga Club demonstrated basic 'asanas' and breathing exercises. Write a report on it for the newspaper in about **120-150** words mentioning date, venue, Chief Guest, activities and response of the participants.

5



SECTION – C

(Literature)

18 Marks

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

$2 \times 5 = 10$

- (i) What made the peddler think that he had fallen into a trap ?
(The Rattrap) 2
- (ii) What would be the impact of synthetic indigo on the prices of natural indigo ? 2
- (iii) What does Aunt Jennifer symbolize in the poem 'Aunt Jennifer's Tigers' ? 2
- (iv) Explain "On every morrow are we wreathing.
A flowery band to bind us to the earth ...". (A Thing of Beauty) 2
- (v) Who is Mr. Lamb ? How does Derry get into his garden ? 2
- (vi) Do you think Jack had the capability to tell good stories ? Why/
Why not ? 2

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

- (i) In what way do the things of beauty leave a lasting impression on us ? 4
- (ii) Evans managed to outsmart the authorities because of his meticulous planning. Explain in the context of Evan's character. 4
- (iii) What changes occurred in the lives of farmers after Gandhi's visit to Champaran ? 4



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SET-2

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ENGLISH (Core)

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248 B

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SECTION – B

8 Marks

(Writing)

3. You are Akshat/Ankita, living in Palghat. Your cousin from the same city has purchased a new house and he has invited you for a house warming party. Draft a letter of acceptance mentioning date, time, venue. Word limit 50 words.

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

(A)

SITUATION VACANT

NIRMAAN VIHAR PUBLIC SCHOOL invites applications for the post of a Dance teacher. Must be a graduate with minimum 5 years experience, skilled in both classical and contemporary forms of dance. Mention additional skills, interests and achievements.

Contact Principal

You are Arun/Arti of Model Town, Kolkata. Write an application with detailed bio-data for the above post in **120-150** words. Invent necessary details.

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OR

- (B) Roma Public School, Preet Vihar organized 'Library Day' to promote the habit of reading among students. Renowned author Anita Desai was the Chief Guest. The activities included bookmark making, short story writing, and book cover designing. Write report in **120-150** words for the school magazine mentioning date, duration, activities and response of participants. You are Venkat/Varsha, student editor.

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SECTION – C

18 Marks

(Literature)

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

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- (i) Why did the iron master speak kindly to the peddler and invite him home ? 2
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- (iii) What was Aunt Jennifer terrified of ? 2
- (iv) According to the poet, Keats, nature offers a vast array of beautiful things around us which we fail to notice in our mundane life. List the beautiful things. 2
- (v) Why does Derry steal into Mr. Lamb's garden ? What is Mr. Lamb's reaction ? 2
- (vi) Why was the story telling session specially tiring for Jack on Saturdays ? 2

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

- (i) 'A thing of beauty is a joy forever.' Explain with reference to the poem. 4
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- (iii) How does the lesson 'Indigo' depict Gandhi's humanitarian approach ? 4



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SET-3

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| (9) Find a word in the passage which means 'wealthy'. (Paragraph 3) | 1 |



2. Read the passage given below :

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

Segment wise break down of Customer – Based target Audience	
Customers	Ratan products
Kids	Chocolate, Ratan cool, Ratan milk.
Youth	Ratan Pizza Cheese, Cheese spread.
Health Conscious	Ratan Shakti, Ratan Lite, Butter.

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



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

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

1 × 6 = 6

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

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

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



SECTION – B

(Writing)

8 Marks

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

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

(A)

SITUATION VACANT

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

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

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OR

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

5





SECTION – C

(Literature)

18 Marks

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

2 × 5 = 10

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

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

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