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# SAMPLE PAPER

## SOLVED

# ENGLISH

## (CORE)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

### General Instructions:

1. This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
2. Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary. Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

### SECTION - A

#### READING

20 Marks

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

- (1) It is now being increasingly realised that sports contribute to the physical, psychological and emotional well-being of an individual. Sports play a significant role in healthy social development and interaction. It helps people learn how to set and achieve goals through discipline and hard work. It nurtures the development of decision-making and leadership abilities, while teaching people to manage both success and failure.
- (2) Sports today, face the pressures of modern society and new challenges. When sports events like Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games, Asian Games or those related to cricket, football, volleyball, tennis, hockey or badminton take place, millions of spectators, viewers on television, the internet or listeners on radio become intensely engaged, even though only a select few participate. Along with emotions, a large amount of money too rides on the performance of sportspersons.
- (3) Perhaps that is why, in this highly competitive sports environment, we quite often hear about unethical behaviour, which includes doping, abuse of food additives, physical and verbal violence, harassment, sexual abuse and trafficking of young sports persons, discrimination, exploitation, unequal opportunities, unethical sports practices, unfair means, excessive commercialisation and corruption. In this context, ethics occupy a critical place.
- (4) Ethics, morals and values are used interchangeably in everyday language, though these terms are not synonymous. The concept of ethics is technically understood as a branch of philosophy that defines what is good for the individual and society and establishes the nature of obligations, or duties, that people owe themselves and one another.

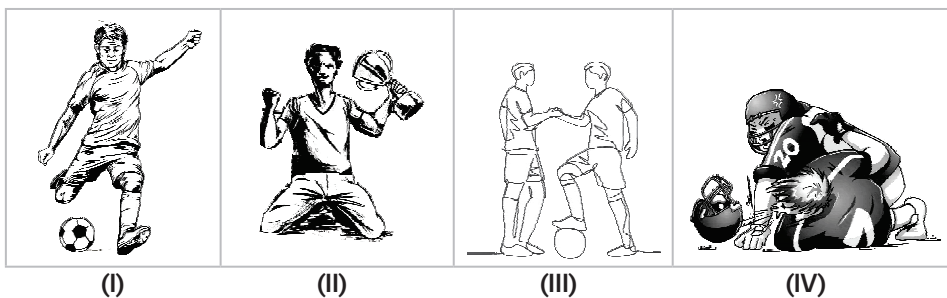


But without going into the complexities of this concept, it is relevant to understand ethics as the practice of making principled choices between right and wrong: a code of conduct that guides human behaviour, norms or laws by which attitudes and actions are determined to be either “right or wrong”.

- (5) The fundamental problem of ethics is determining what constitutes proper conduct. It is important to figure out an answer because it defines how individuals, professionals in different fields, organisations, associations, federations and corporations choose to interact with one another.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten questions from the eleven given below: 1 × 10 = 10

- (A) Spending of a large amount of money on the performances of the sportspersons is intended to:
- Pressurize the player to perform better
  - Compensate the player for his abilities
  - Boost the morale of the player
  - Help the player earn more money
- (B) “listeners on radio become intensely engaged.....” Pick the option in which the meaning of ‘engaged’ is NOT the same as it is in the passage.
- He was pretty engaged in reading books in the free time.
  - Soniya is getting engaged this week.
  - The mother is engaged in her new born baby these days.
  - The school engages the students in various activities during summer.
- (C) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence of the following descriptions:
- Determination of the fundamental problem of ethics
  - The reality of pressures of modern society and new challenges that sports faces today
  - The interchangeable usage of ethics, morals and values in everyday language
  - Realisation of the contribution of sport to the physical, psychological and emotional well-being of an individual
- (IV), (II), (III), (I)
  - (I), (II), (III), (IV)
  - (III), (I), (II), (IV)
  - (I), (II), (IV), (III)
- (D) We quite often hear about unethical behavior in sports. NOT BEING unethical means, being
- verbally violent
  - physically violent
  - morally correct
  - abusive
- (E) Which option represents ‘unethical behavior’ by a sportsperson?



- pic (I) of a player playing
  - pic (II) of a player winning
  - pic (III) of a player shaking hands with another player
  - pic (IV) of a player hitting another player
- (F) Why does ethics occupy a critical place in sports?
- It increases competition amongst players
  - It increases brotherhood amongst players
  - It curbs unfair game practices
  - It hypes up the game



- (G) According to the passage, the fact that the sportspersons are using methods like harassing and limiting other candidates' opportunities, shows that they are
- (a) ethical (b) moral  
(c) unethical (d) righteous
- (H) Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word 'dope(ing)'
- (a) The singer was bad at the start of the show but the way he ended it was dope.  
(b) His father recently got to know about his habit of doping.  
(c) Yesterday, she went to the dope page3 party in the town.  
(d) The counselor was giving the listeners the dope advices.
- (I) Pick the option that correctly states what DOES NOT happen if the sportsperson is morally correct.
- (a) He stops any sort of violence.  
(b) He stops playing on bets.  
(c) He gets others into sexual harassment.  
(d) He gives opportunities to young players.
- (J) The unethical behavior in sports leads to:
- (a) promotion of sportspersons in the team  
(b) success of sportsperson in the field  
(c) contentment of sportsperson  
(d) destruction of sportsperson's moral values
- (K) Pick the option that correctly lists the factors which sports do not contribute to.
- (I) physical (II) psychological  
(III) emotional (IV) environmental  
(V) mental (VI) personal  
(a) (IV) and (V) (b) (I) and (VI)  
(c) (III) and (II) (d) only (IV)

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

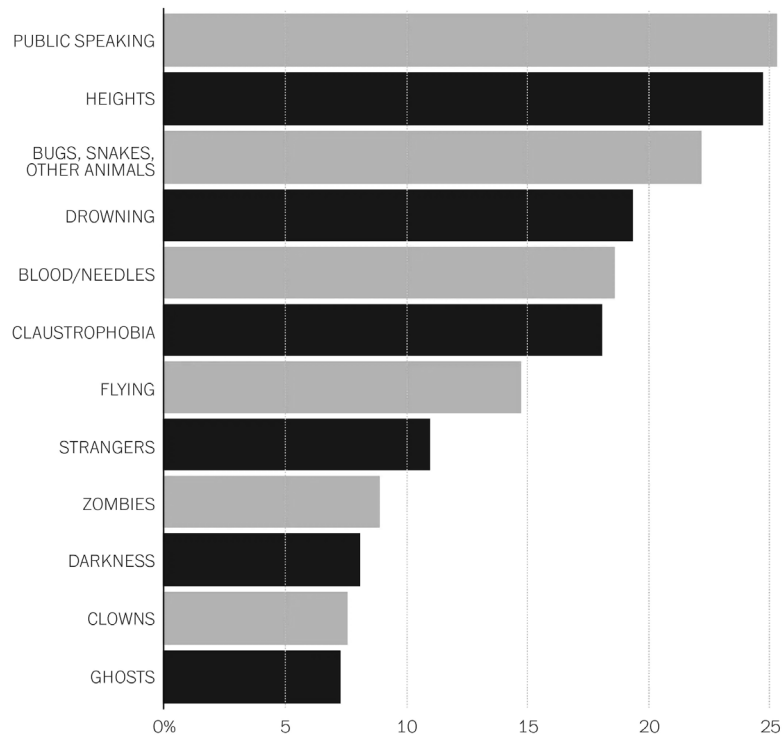
- (1) Dealing with nervousness can sometimes be a difficult thing to do. When you feel nervous, you tend to lose control to some extent. You can start to shake and tremble a bit or you can start to sweat and even get a bit dizzy. It may seem like a bad thing but this feeling that you experience is your body's way of telling you something. Nervousness is a signal to your mind that you need to get ready. It can sometimes be mixed with the feeling of excitement as well.
- (2) There are many situations that can cause a person to feel nervous. It can be a situation where you are about to make a speech, appear for an interview or take an exam. All of these things can bring out that feeling of anxiety. It can cause you to stumble on your words. It can cause you to make a fool out of yourself in public. It can cause you to just plain freeze up.. It can even cause you to turn around and go back the way you came from.
- (3) However, there are ways and means by which you can learn to control nervousness and use it to your advantage. The first thing you need to do is understand the reason for your nervousness. Most of the times when you get anxious, it means that you aren't as prepared as you think you should be. Often when it's our first time doing something that is outside of our comfort zone, we will feel a bit nervous but after we have done it over and over, we feel more confident about it. In other words, in order to feel less nervous about whatever is causing you to feel that feeling of nervousness, you need more practice. There is a difference between feeling nervous because you aren't prepared and feeling excited because you're anxious to show what you can do.



- (4) We often get nervous because we are afraid of what others might think of us. You don't have to worry about that because more often than not, people are too concerned with their own selves to focus on your faults. According to a study conducted on Americans, most of the people are afraid of 'public speaking'.

What are you so afraid of?

% of Americans who say they fear...



The problem is that we are our own worst critics. American psychologist William James believes, "Human beings by changing the inner attitudes of their minds, can change the outer aspects of their lives." Visualise yourself doing a great job.. Visualise yourself getting the results you want.. Visualise receiving praise and appreciation. Visualisation and affirmations have the power of bringing about a positive change in your thought patterns. Nervousness is something that can be dealt with through practice as well as realizing that life is too short to spend too much time worrying. If you want to do a good job, be prepared, think positive and practice as much as you can.

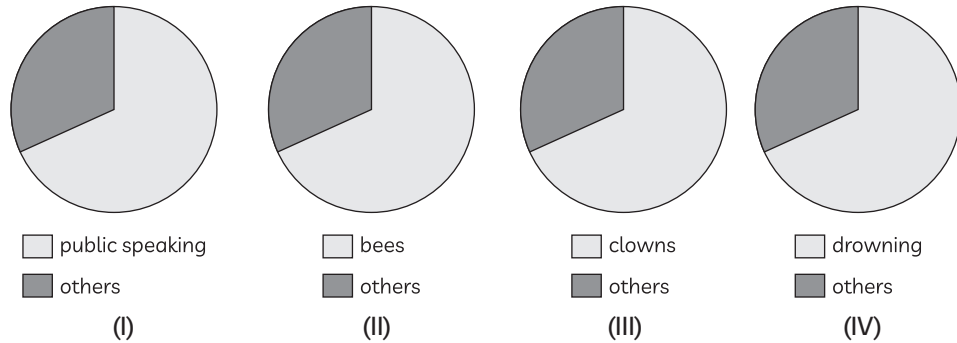
On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten questions from the eleven given below: 1 × 10 = 10

- (A) According to the passage, one of the reasons for feeling nervous is the:
- situation of taking an exam
  - lack of physical strength in a person
  - problem of mood swings
  - lack of mental strength
- (B) Pick the option that lists the statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
- There is only a single situation that can cause a person to feel nervous.
  - The problem that makes us nervous is the fact that we are our own worst critics.
  - Most of the people are afraid of 'height' according to a study conducted on Americans.
  - Nervousness is normal and it can happen while any important activity.
- (I) and (II)
  - (II) and (IV)
  - (I) and (III)
  - (III) and (IV)





- (C) The word 'stumble', as used in paragraph (2), means the same as:  
 (a) Fall (b) Stammer  
 (c) Skip (d) Misspell
- (D) Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly states the depiction of the most feared thing amongst the Americans.



- (a) Option (I) (b) Option (II)  
 (c) Option (III) (d) Option (IV)
- (E) "The problem is that we are our own worst critics...." The idea of being own worst critics, is mainly a reference to  
 (a) self criticism (b) self analyses  
 (c) self confidence (d) self interrogation
- (F) Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE with respect to the fears of the Americans.  
 (I) Heights are the second most feared things for Americans.  
 (II) Claustrophobia is the only phobia that makes it to the list of top fears.  
 (III) 20% of the Americans are afraid of flying.  
 (IV) Same per cent of the Americans fear ghosts and drowning.  
 (a) (I) and (IV) (b) (I) and (II)  
 (c) (III) and (IV) (d) (II) and (IV)
- (G) Based on the graphical chart, pick the option that lists the people with the fifth highest percentage.  
 (a) They are not afraid of bees.  
 (b) They are most scared of strangers.  
 (c) None of them is afraid of darkness.  
 (d) Majority of them are afraid of clowns.
- (H) In the chart, the people's reaction towards fears depicts that they often get .....  
 (a) excited (b) nervous  
 (c) ecstatic (d) melancholic
- (I) Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by the information given for American psychologist William James belief?  
 (a) Human beings cannot change the outer aspects of their lives by changing the inner attitudes of their minds.  
 (b) Human beings can change the outer aspects of their lives by changing the inner attitudes of their minds.



**5. Attempt any one of the following:**

5

Analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

The quality of river Ganga is getting worse day by day. From filthy cattle to industrial wastes, all is being dumped into the river. Write a letter in about 120-150 words to the editor of a national daily, informing him about the deterioration in the water quality of the river and suggest a measure for its treatment.



OR

You are Vrinda/Vinod, resident of 656 Bimal Apartments, Sector 25, Gurugram. You come across an advertisement for a job in the newspaper. Write an application in about 120-150 words for the post of PGT English. Include your bio-data in the application.

**WOODLAND SCHOOL**  
**ENGLISH TEACHER WANTED**  
PGT English for Woodland School. He/she should have a minimum experience of 2 yrs of teaching in a school. Apply with Bio-data to the school.

**6. Attempt any one of the following:**

5

Analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

Social media has become an indispensable part of our daily lives. It is an entertaining and an easy way to stay abreast of what's happening in the world. However, a recent study reveals that children who spend more time on online social networks are more prone to mental illnesses like depression and anxiety. Write an article in 120-150 words, using the given cues on the topic 'Harmful Impact of Social Media on Children'. You are Divya/ Digvijay.

- (1) Impact on teenagers
- (2) Sleep deprivations
- (3) Vulnerability to kids

OR

Despite the various measures taken by the government to improve sanitation and hygiene conditions, the situation still seems grave. The Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan also seems like a gimmick or a one day wonder. As Rohit Lowe, a reporter for the daily, 'The Chronicle', you decide to write a report on the same using the cues, in 120-150 words.

- (1) Covered 1500 towns
- (2) Problem of open defecation
- (3) People not following hygiene rules





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

**40 Marks**

**7. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

6 × 1 = 6

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 at his hurt hands.

- (A) Why do you think the poet employs words like “exotic” and “strangeness”?
- (a) To highlight the importance of everyone being together suddenly for once.
  - (b) To emphasize the frenetic activity and chaos that usually envelops human life.
  - (c) To indicate the unfamiliarity of a sudden moment without rush or without engine.
  - (d) To direct us towards keeping quiet and how we would all be together in that silence.
- (B) Choose the option that correctly matches the idioms given in Column A with their meanings in Column B:

| Column A                    | Column B  |
|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. On the face of the earth | (i) In existence                                |
| 2. What on earth            | (ii) To do all possible to accomplish something |
| 3. Move heaven and earth    | (iii) To express surprise or shock              |
| 4. The salt of the earth    | (iv) To be good and worthy                      |

- (a) 1 – (i); 2 – (iv); 3 – (iii); 4 – (ii)                      (b) 1 – (i); 2 – (iii); 3 – (ii); 4 – (iv)
- (c) 1 – (ii); 2 – (i); 3 – (iv); 4 – (iii)                      (d) 1 – (iv); 2 – (ii); 3 – (iii); 4 – (i)
- (C) What would everyone feel at that exotic moment?
- (a) happy
  - (b) content
  - (c) dancing
  - (d) strange blissful oneness
- (D) ‘Without rush, without engines’ refers to:
- (a) no noise
  - (b) no hurry to go to the office
  - (c) no travelling
  - (d) no holidaying
- (E) What appeal does the poet make in the above given lines?
- (a) we should stop abusing others.
  - (b) we should live in peace and harmony
  - (c) we should introspect and think
  - (d) we should work quietly
- (F) Which poetic device is used in ‘without engines’?
- (a) Metaphor
  - (b) Analogy
  - (c) Synecdoche
  - (d) Alliteration

OR



**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

but soon  
put that thought away, and  
looked out at Young  
Trees sprinting, the merry children spilling  
out of their homes

- (A) What was the poet initially looking at?  
(a) Trees (b) Her mother  
(c) Scenery (d) Herself
- (B) What thought did she struggle to get rid of?  
(a) Her mother's deprived plight  
(b) The trees outside the vehicle  
(c) The Merry children  
(d) Her mother's frail condition
- (C) Which literary device is used in 'trees sprinting'?  
(a) Personification  
(b) Pun  
(c) Metaphor  
(d) Hyperbole
- (D) Which personality trait of the poet is highlighted here?  
(a) Supportive  
(b) Hopefulness about her mother's state  
(c) Helplessness about her mother's state  
(d) Carelessness about her mother's state
- (E) 'Young trees' and 'Merry children' symbolise .....  
(a) Non living and living things  
(b) Strength, vigour and happiness  
(c) Despondency  
(d) Gloominess
- (F) What does the poet mean by 'trees sprinting'?  
(a) Trees running past the moving car  
(b) Rapidly passing years in human's life  
(c) both (a) and (b)  
(d) none of the above

**8. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

4 × 1 = 4

"I wondered, Your Excellency," Sadao murmured.

"It was certainly very careless of me," the General said. "But you understand it was not lack of patriotism or dereliction of duty." He looked anxiously at his doctor. "If the matter should come out you would understand that, wouldn't you?"

"Certainly, Your Excellency," Sadao said. He suddenly comprehended that the General was in the palm of his hand and that as a consequence he himself was perfectly safe. "I swear to your loyalty, Excellency," he said to the old General, "and to your zeal against the enemy."

- (A) Pick the option that best describes the word 'dereliction' as used in the passage:  
(i) evasion  
(ii) deterioration  
(iii) negligence



- (iv) carelessness
  - (v) dilapidation
  - (vi) management
  - (a) (ii), (iii) and (vi)
  - (b) (i), (iv) and (v)
  - (c) (ii), (iv) and (vi)
  - (d) (i), (iii) and (iv)
- (B) At the end of the conversation with the General, Sadao felt:
- (a) rejuvenated and guilt-free.
  - (b) conceited and egotistic.
  - (c) refreshed and self-conscious.
  - (d) relieved and guilt-free.
- (C) Read the analysis of the General based on the given extract. Choose the option that fills in the given blanks most appropriately:
- The General (i) ..... power but is (ii) ..... of the obligations of his job. He is so (iii) ..... with his health that he forgets to send the assassins to kill the prisoner. Due to his (iv) .....interests, he doesn't want to expose Sadao and agrees to keep the prisoner's escape a secret.
- (a) (i) fantasizes; (ii) lonely ; (iii) consumed ; (iv) vested
  - (b) (i) relishes; (ii) weary; (iii) self-absorbed ; (iv) selfish
  - (c) (i) fancies; (ii) apathetic ; (iii) negligent ; (iv) worthless
  - (d) (i) desires; (ii) concerned ; (iii) indisposed ; (iv) narrow
- (D) Pick the option that best matches the idioms with 'hand' with their meanings:
- Idioms:
- (i) hand in glove
  - (ii) in good hands
  - (iii) tip one's hand
  - (iv) Bite the hand that feeds you
- Meanings:
- (I) in the care of somebody good and knowledgeable
  - (II) to reveal a secret about one's plans
  - (III) do harm to someone who has been kind to you
  - (IV) two or more people who are in collusion
- (a) (i)-(I); (ii)-(IV); (iii)-(III); (IV)-(ii)
  - (b) (i)-(II); (ii)-(III); (iii)-(IV); (iv)-(I)
  - (c) (i)-(IV); (ii)-(I); (iii)-(II); (iv)-(III)
  - (d) (i)-(III); (ii)-(I); (iii)-(IV); (iv)-(II)

OR

**Read the given extract to attempt questions that follow:**

That night, among my oldest first-day covers, I found one that shouldn't have been there. But there it was. It was there because someone had mailed it to my grandfather at his home in Galesburg; that's what the address on the envelope said. And it had been there since July 18, 1894 the postmark showed that I didn't remember it at all. The stamp was a six-cent, dull brown, with a picture of President Garfield. Naturally, when the envelope came to Granddad in the mail, it went right into his collection and stayed there and opened it.

- (A) Why should this particular first-day cover not be there?
- (a) Because Charley did not notice its existence before.
  - (b) Because it could not have been collected by his grandfather.
  - (c) Because it was a modern first-day cover from the future.
  - (d) Because it was too old to be from his grandfather's time.



- (B) Why doesn't Charley remember the existence of this first-day cover?
- Because Charley was forgetful.
  - Because Louisa collected it.
  - Because it appeared recently.
  - Because it was in a bad state.
- (C) The Picture of President Garfield indicates that the first-day cover was:
- not at all old
  - slightly old
  - somewhat old
  - definitely old.
- (D) What is the only probable explanation that can be inferred for the existence of this first-day cover?
- That someone from the present travelled to the past.
  - That someone from the past travelled to the present.
  - That Charley was hallucinating this detail.
  - That someone was playing a trick on Charley.

**9. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

6 × 1 = 6

Poor man! It was in honour of this last lesson that he had put on his fine Sunday clothes, and now I understood why the old men of the village were sitting there in the back of the room. It was because they were sorry, too, that they had not gone to school more. It was their way of thanking our master for his forty years of faithful service and of showing their respect for the country that was theirs no more.

- (A) Why does the narrator refer to M. Hamel as 'Poor man!'?
- He empathises with M Hamel as he had to leave the village.
  - He believes that M Hamel's "fine Sunday clothes" clearly reflected that he was not rich
  - He feels sorry for M Hamel's as it was his last French lesson
  - He thinks that M Hamel's patriotism and sense of duty resulted in his poverty
- (B) Which of the following idioms might describe the villagers' act of attending the last lesson most accurately?
- 'Too good to miss'
  - 'Too little too late'
  - 'Too many cooks spoil the broth'
  - 'Too cool for school'
- (C) Choose the option that might raise a question about M. Hamel's faithful service:
- When France came late, M. Hamel told him that he was about to begin class without him
  - France mentioned how cranky M. Hamel was and is "great ruler rapping on the table".
  - M. Hamel often sent students to water his flowers, and gave a holiday when he wanted to go fishing.
  - He permitted villagers to put their children "to work on a farm or at the mills" for some extra money
- (D) Choose the option that most appropriately fills in the blanks, for the following description of the given extract:
- The villagers and their children sat in class, forging with their old master a (i) ..... togetherness. In that moment, the class room stood (ii) ..... . It was France itself, and the last French lesson a desperate hope to (iii) ..... to the remnants of what they had known and taken for granted. Their own (iv) .....
- (i) graceful; (ii) still; (iii) hang on; (iv) country
  - (i) bygone; (ii) up; (iii) keep on; (iv) education
  - (i) beautiful; (ii) mesmerised; (iii) carry on; (iv) unity
  - (i) forgotten; (ii) transformed; (iii) hold on; (iv) identity



- (E) Who is referred to as 'poor man' here?
- M. Hamel
  - Franz
  - The villagers
  - None of options (a), (b) and (c)
- (F) Name the writer of the extract given.
- Alphonse Daudet
  - Anees Jung
  - Selma Lagerlof
  - Louis Fischer

OR

Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:

It had happened when I was ten or eleven years old. I had decided to learn to swim. There was a pool at the Y.M.C.A. in Yakima that offered exactly the opportunity. The Yakima River was treacherous. Mother continually warned against it, and kept fresh in my mind the details of each drowning in the river. But the Y.M.C.A. pool was safe. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet deep at the other, the drop was gradual. I got a pair of water wings and went to the pool. I hated to walk naked into it and show my skinny legs. But I subdued my pride and did it.

- (A) 'The Yakima river was treacherous'. Here, treacherous means:
- unfaithful
  - perilous
  - uneven
  - zigzag
- (B) What did the narrator's mother warn him about?
- about the anti-social elements near YMCA pool
  - about the each drowning case in the river
  - about the fresh misadventure that happened the previous day
  - that he should learn swimming within a month
- (C) The narrator believed that YMCA pool was:
- treacherous
  - safe
  - shallow
  - disloyal
- (D) "but I subdued my pride and did it". What does 'subdued my pride' here means?
- to maintain self-respect
  - to reduce self-respect
  - to fight for one's integrity
  - to remain firm
- (E) His mother warned him against swimming in the Yakima River because it had:
- strong currents
  - it was meant only for boating
  - many people had drowned there
  - it had no lifeguards around
- (F) The body part about which Douglas felt insecure:
- Feet
  - Arms
  - Legs
  - Hair



**10. Attempt any five out of the six questions given below, in 40-50 words each:** 5 × 2 = 10

- (A) Why was Edla happy to see the gift left by the peddler?
- (B) Explain the shocking experience that Douglas have at YMCA pool.
- (C) Why did the magistrate release Gandhiji?
- (D) Comment on the kind of pain and ache that the poet feels in the poem 'My mother at sixty-six'?
- (E) State one thing that counting up till twelve and keeping still will help us to achieve.
- (F) What job did Saheb take up? Was he happy?

**11. Attempt any two out of the three questions given below in 40-50 words each:** 2 × 2 = 4

- (A) In the chapter 'The Last Lesson', Franz considers his books as his old friends. Why so?
- (B) In the story 'On the face of it,' there was a lot common between Derry and Mr. Lamb. Support this statement with a rationale.
- (C) 'One night, while fussing with his stamp collection, Charley comes across a first day cover'. State the meaning of a first day cover with reference to the story 'The Third Level'.

**12. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:** 5

Mahatma Gandhi was a man of great thoughts and even greater actions. Elaborate with reference to Louis Fischer's recollections of Gandhi.

OR

The order from Berlin created a great enthusiasm in the school in the story 'The Last Lesson'. Support your rationale with textual evidence.

**13. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:** 5

Dr. Sadao and Hana were true patriots and human beings. Do you agree with the statement? Justify your rationale with reference to the story 'The Enemy'.

OR

The third level pushed the narrator back in time. Which old fashioned things did he see there? Support your answer with reference to the instances from the text.





# SOLUTION

## PART - A

### READING

1. (A) (a) *Pressurize the player to perform better*  
**Explanation:** A big amount of money is not spent on the players to compensate them, boost their morale or help them earn more money but to pressurize them to play better as millions of viewers and spectators in the world watch them play. So, (a) is the correct answer.
- (B) (b) *Soniya is getting engaged this week.*  
**Explanation :** The word 'enganged' here means 'to be involved in an activity'. Options (a), (c) and (d) means the same thing whereas option (b) means 'to be tied in a relationship with someone'. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.
- (C) (a) (IV), (II), (III), (I)  
 (D) (c) *morally correct*  
**Explanation:** Unethical behavior in sports includes being (a) verbally violent, (b) physically violent, and (d) abusive. Being morally correct is not being 'unethical'. Hence, (c) is the right answer.
- (E) (d) *pic (IV) of a player hitting another player*  
**Explanation:** In the given options, only option (d) i.e., image (IV) represents the 'unethical behavior' by a sportsperson as all the other options are ethical. So, the correct answer is (d).
- (F) (c) *It curbs unfair game practices*  
**Explanation :** Ethics occupy a critical place in sports to curb unfair game practices like harassing, doping, etc. It does not (a) increase competition, (b) brotherhood or hype up the game. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.
- (G) (c) *unethical*  
**Explanation:** Using methods like harassing and limiting other candidates' opportunities is never considered to be (a) ethical, (b) moral or (d) righteous. It is always unethical. So, clearly, the correct answer is (c).
- (H) (b) *His father recently got to know about his habit of doping.*  
**Explanation:** In the given passage, the word 'dope(ing)' means 'using drugs or steroids to perform better'. In the given question, options (a), (c) & (d) means 'amazing', making them the wrong answers. Hence, the correct answer is (b).
- (I) (c) *He gets others into sexual harassment.*  
**Explanation:** When a sportsperson is morally correct, he does not get others into sexual harassment as it is immoral. All the other options (a), (b) & (d) depicts morality. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.
- (J) (d) *destruction of sportsperson's moral values.*  
 (K) (d) *only (IV).*  
**Explanation:** Sports contribute to all the given options as (I) physical, (II) psychological, (III) emotional, (V) mental & (VI) personal, but it does not contribute to (IV) environmental factor. So, the correct answer is (d).
2. (A) (a) *situation of taking an exam*  
**Explanation:** According to the passage, a person may not feel nervous while being physically weak, having mood swings or lacking mental strength but he may feel nervous while taking an exam. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.



- (B) (c) (I) & (III)  
**Explanation:** According to the passage, there are multiple situations that can cause a person to feel nervous so statement (I) is not true. Also, most of the people are afraid of 'public speaking' according to a study conducted on Americans which makes statement (III) untrue. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.
- (C) (b) *Stammer*  
**Explanation:** The word 'stumble' in paragraph 2 means to stammer. So, the correct answer is (b)
- (D) (a) *Option (I)*  
**Explanation:** The pie chart given in option (I) is correct as it shows that the majority of the Americans fear 'Public Speaking'. So, (a) is the correct answer.
- (E) (a) *self criticism*  
**Explanation:** Self criticism is a human quality that makes a person his own worst critic whereas self analyses, self confidence & self interrogation does not propagate the idea of being our own critics. Hence, the correct answer is (a).
- (F) (b) (I) and (II)  
**Explanation:** In the given question, statements (I) & (II) are true as heights are the second most feared things in Americans and no other phobia than claustrophobia is included in the list. Whereas statements (III) & (IV) are false as per the data given in the passage, Hence, (b) is the correct answer.
- (G) (b) *The are most scared of strangers.*
- (H) (b) *nervous*  
**Explanation:** Excited, ecstatic & melancholic are not expressions depicted by the people while being faced with their fears. Instead, they get nervous and scared. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.
- (I) (a) *Human beings cannot change the outer aspects of their lives by changing the inner attitudes of their minds.*
- (J) (b) *option (II)*  
**Explanation:** According to the survey, the highest feared thing in Americans is public speaking while the lowest feared thing is ghosts. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.
- (K) (d) (II), (III), (I), (IV)

## SECTION - B

### WRITING

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| <p><b>Rainbow Public School, Varanasi</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Notice</p> <p>25<sup>th</sup> March 20XX</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Career Counselling Day</b></p> <p>On the occasion of International Career Day, the Students' Council is organizing a career counselling session for the students of classes IX to XII.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Date :</b> 16<sup>th</sup> April 20xx</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Timings :</b> 9 am to 3 pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue :</b> School Auditorium</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Registration fee :</b> ₹ 150 only</p> <p>Renowned professionals of different fields will be present to give career guidance. Please make use of this opportunity and register in large numbers.</p> <p>Interested students must give their names to the undersigned by 10<sup>th</sup> April 20XX.</p> <p>Alex<br/>President</p> |
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OR



West End Cooperative Group Housing Society, Vasundhara

**NOTICE**

1st March 2019

**SOCIETY MEETING ON IRREGULAR WATER SUPPLY**

Members of the West End Cooperative Group Housing Society are requested to attend a meeting to discuss the problem of irregular supply of drinking water. The meeting will be held on 05/03/2019 at the West End Community Hall from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Attendance is compulsory.

ANKITA

Secretary

West End Cooperative Group Housing Society.

4.

**Mrs. and Mr. Vinod Gupta**

request your presence at

**ESSAR BANQUET HALL**

34<sup>th</sup> Plam street, abc road, Ambala

at 8.00 p.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 20XX

to celebrate their son, Ravi's success in the

GATE Examination and his admission to SSR College

**RSVP**

**Mrs. & Mr. Vinod Gupta**

**271201/973296964**

**OR**

12th January, 20XX

Palm Street

Delhi

Mrs and Mr Sodhi

My wife and I thank you for inviting us on the occasion of the wedding ceremony of your son, Abhijit on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 20XX at Ammar Hotel. With immense regrets we wish to inform that we will be unable to attend the ceremony due to a prior engagement. We wish the couple a very happy married life.

Best wishes

Mr T.P Chand



5. 21, C. R . Park

Delhi, 282001

12<sup>th</sup> November, 20XX

The Editor

The Hindu Office,

Bagh Farzana road,

Delhi

**Subject :** High level of contamination in the river Ganga

Dear Sir,

I am Sana, a member of the NGO, 'People for Water' and I am writing this letter in order to highlight the deteriorating condition of the river Ganga.

The water of river Ganga has become tremendously polluted over the years. Despite many attempts to clean and detoxify the river by some volunteers, the contamination is too severe to deconcentrate. Domestic and factory waste disposals are some of the major factors leading to acute infection in its water quality, making it hazardous for aquatic life. Some residents also carelessly pollute the water by throwing garbage, sewage and filth in it. The water is full of bacteria, plastic, chemicals and other waste materials, making it unfit for any kind of utilization. There is an urgent need for the installation of a water treatment plant to purify and clean the river but the local authorities have not yet responded to the repeated requests made by concerned citizens of the city.

I request you to highlight the problem in your esteemed newspaper and arouse public interest so that this environmental problem receives due attention and the water body is cleaned at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely,

Sana Arora

OR

656 Bimal Apartments

Sector 25

Gurugram

20<sup>th</sup> March 20XX

The Principal

Woodland School, Gurugram

**Subject:** Application for the post of PGT English

Dear Sir

This letter is in response to your advertisement in the Times of India, dated 19th March 20XX, inviting applications for the post of PGT English. I wish to apply for the advertised vacancy.

My qualifications are as per your requirements. I have the relevant experience and my professionalism, dedication and abilities will enable me to be a definite asset to your organisation.

My bio-data is enclosed herewith for your kind perusal. Your favourable consideration is requested. I promise my sincere devotion to my duties if appointed.

Yours sincerely

Vrinda

**Enclosure :** Bio-data



**Name** : Vrinda  
**Father's name** : Mr Rahul K V  
**Date of birth** : 13th August 19XX  
**Postal address** : 656, Bimal Apartments, Sec. 25, Gurugram  
**Phone no.** : 9945XXXXXX

**Educational qualifications :**

| S. No. | Exam         | Year | Board/University  | Percentage |
|--------|--------------|------|-------------------|------------|
| 1.     | Class X      | 20XX | CBSE              | 94%        |
| 2.     | Class XII    | 20XX | CBSE              | 94%        |
| 3.     | BA           | 20XX | GNDU              | 65%        |
| 4.     | MA (English) | 20XX | Punjab University | 70%        |
| 5.     | B.Ed.        | 20XX | Punjab University | 70%        |

**Additional Qualifications** : CTET in 20XX scoring 68%  
NET in 20XX scoring 55%

**Prior Work Experience** : DPS Bhilwara from 20XX to 20XX as PGT English

**Languages known** : English, Hindi, French, Punjabi

**Expected Salary** : ₹ 50000 per month

**References** : (i) Ms Sajita S PGT Biology, DPS Bhilwara  
Ph no. 9864XXXXXX  
(ii) Ms Veena S PGT Chemistry, SSBB School,  
Gurugram. Ph no. 7864XXXXXX

**Testimonials enclosed herewith :**

The above given information is true to the best of my knowledge

Vrinda

## 6. Harmful Effects of Social Media on Children

By Digvijay/Divya

We live in times where it is very difficult to escape from the impact of social media. It makes its presence felt in every area of our life. From providing information to keeping us entertained, social media and the Internet rule the world and have opened new avenues for people across the globe. The world is just a click away.

We must remember that teenagers and adolescents are extremely vulnerable and therefore, they are more susceptible to the negative impact of social media. They are more likely to become victims of cyber bullying and may fall prey to stalkers. Unrestricted and unmonitored access to the social media has severe effects on their well-being, affecting them physically as well as emotionally.

Spending long hours on social media sites can lead to sleep deprivation, low self-esteem, obesity, social isolation, poor concentration, impractical expectations to name a few. If your child becomes a victim of cyber bullying, it can leave emotional scars which might take a very long time to heal. It is imperative that parents monitor their child's social media presence and digital footprints very carefully.

Prevention is better than cure. It is important for children to know that real life and virtual life are different. The real world is true and visiting the social media sites is good only as long as it keeps you grounded in reality.

OR



### Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan-A Distant Dream

By Rohit Lowe, Chief Reporter, The Chronicle

The Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan was launched by the government to improve sanitation and hygiene conditions across the country. Despite all measures and steps, the situation still seems grave. A survey conducted by the Health Department to check the impact, covered 1500 towns and villages to check the impact and the results were far from satisfactory.

The government took a massive project of building public toilets in these villages and towns but the survey team noted that most of them were being used as storage facilities. One villager contended, "What is the point of building toilets if there is no water?" People still resort to open defecation as they think it is more convenient.

The movement that was seen as an innovative way to remember and honour the memory of the father of the nation now seems to be losing its sheen. People have fallen back to old habits and are no longer interested in keeping the movement alive. The Health Inspector of village Bandhok said, "I have tried my best to spread awareness about good hygiene practices but most of the people are not following the same."

For the Swatchh Bharat Abhiyaan to be a success, it is imperative that every citizen of the country pledges to follow the tenets of hygiene and sanitation all year round, so that we can make Bapu's dream a reality.

## SECTION - C LITERATURE

7. (A) (b) *To emphasize the frenetic activity and chaos that usually envelops human life.*  
(B) (b) 1 – (i); 2 – (iii); 3 – (ii); 4 – (iv)  
(C) (d) *strange blissful oneness*  
(D) (a) *no noise*  
(E) (c) *we should introspect and think*  
(F) (c) *Synecdoche*

OR

- (A) (b) *Her mother*  
(B) (d) *Her mother's frail condition*  
(C) (a) *Personification*  
(D) (c) *Helplessness about her mother's state*  
(E) (b) *Strength, vigour and happiness*  
(F) (b) *Rapidly passing years in human's life*
8. (A) (d) (i), (iii) and (iv)

**Explanation:** Dereliction means evasion, negligence and carelessness. Hence (d) is the correct answer.

- (B) (d) *relieved and guilt-free.*

**Explanation:** Sadao felt relieved and guilt free. Hence (d) is the correct answer.

- (C) (b) (i) *relishes*; (ii) *weary*; (iii) *self-absorbed* ; (iv) *selfish*  
(D) (c) (i)-(IV); (ii)-(I); (iii)-(II); (iv)-(III)

OR

- (A) (b) *Because it could not have been collected by his grandfather*

**Explanation:** The 'new' first-day cover that Charley discovered could not have been collected by his Grandfather since it was by someone who recently travelled to the past. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer. Options (a), (c), and (d) are factually incorrect. So, they are not the correct answers.





(B) (c) *Because it appeared recently.*

**Explanation:** Charley is an avid stamp collector, so he knows his collection well. Especially a collection passed on to him by his grandfather. Hence, (c) is the correct answer. Options (a), (b) and (d) are not to be found in the text. So, they are not the correct answers.

(C) (d) *definitely old.*

**Explanation:** The first-day cover old because it was from the time of his grandfather. This points to option (d) as the correct answer. Options (a), (b) and (c) cannot be inferred from the extract. Hence, they are not the correct answers.

(D) (a) *That someone from the present travelled to the past.*

**Explanation:** The only way this first-day cover could have made it to Charley's grandfather's stamp collection but evaded Charley's attention all these years is if someone had travelled recently from the present to the past. So, option (a) is the correct answer. Options (b), (c) and (d) do not appear in the text/extract so, they are not the correct answers.

9. (A) (c) *He feels sorry for M. Hamel's as it was his last French lesson*  
(B) (b) *'Too little too late'*  
(C) (c) *M. Hamel often sent students to water his flowers, and gave a holiday when he wanted to go fishing.*  
(D) (d) (i) *forgotten;* (ii) *transformed;* (iii) *hold on;* (iv) *identity*  
(E) (a) *M. Hamel*  
(F) (a) *Alphonse Daudet*

OR

- (A) (a) *unfaithful*  
(B) (b) *about the each drowning case in the river*  
(C) (a) *treacherous*  
(D) (b) *to reduce self-respect*  
(E) (c) *many people had drowned there*  
(F) (c) *Legs*
10. (A) Edla had shown great trust in the peddler by letting him stay at their manor on Christmas eve but the news about the robbery of thirty kroners at the crofter's cottage had left her dejected. So she was overjoyed when she reached home to find the package and the letter, left by the peddler.  
(B) William Douglas had a very shocking experience at the YMCA pool. A bully threw him into the deeper end of the pool. He hit the water surface in a sitting position and swallowed a lot of water, all at once. He nearly died in this misadventure.  
(C) Gandhiji pleaded guilty of disobedience. The peasants held a demonstration around the court. The government was confused and the officials were powerless. The peasants were mounting pressure on the government. So, the magistrate released Gandhiji without bail.  
(D) The poet looked at her mother's face and found that it had become pale and withered. She realized that her mother was at the last stage of her life and her end was near. The thought that her mother would be soon separated from her, caused unbearable pain and ache in the poet's heart.  
(E) Counting up to twelve would help us to put a brake on the rush and humdrum of life. It would help us to introspect and experience silence and peace. In that moment of silence, we could find a solution to all our problems and predicaments.  
(F) Saheb took up a job at a tea-stall. He was not happy because he lost his freedom and his 'carefree look' which he had, when he scrounged the garbage for eight hundred rupees.



- 11.** (A) Franz, like most students, has neglected his lessons and taken his books for granted. The prospect of losing his teacher and never being able to learn his own language jolts Franz out of his complacent attitude. He realises the importance of his books and the fact that they are like old friends from whom he does not wish to part.
- (B) Derry was a boy whose face was burnt because of acid and Mr. Lamb was an old man who had a tin leg because his leg was blown off by a bomb in the war. The common thing in both of them was that they both were physically impaired but their attitude towards life was very much opposite.
- (C) When a new stamp is issued, stamp collectors buy them and use them to mail envelopes to themselves on the very first day of the sale where the postmark proves the date. That envelope is called a first day cover.
- 12.** Mahatma Gandhi was a man of great thoughts and even greater actions- as is evident in his handling of the problems faced by the sharecroppers.

Gandhiji represented the sharecroppers in their fight against the British. The share croppers were seeking justice for themselves and release from the share cropping arrangement. He led from the front and secured justice for the poor and oppressed.

He accepted 25 percent as compensation because his aim was not just money, but to free the peasants of the fear that cowed them down. He was organised and methodical in his approach, which can be seen in the manner in which he went about gathering information and strengthening his case against the British. He united the Indians and was also able to make the lawyers of Champaran realise their responsibility towards the peasants.

Even after winning the case, he felt that more was needed to be done for the people. He went about establishing schools and educating the people. He refused the help of the Englishman Andrews, as he felt this would reflect poorly on the Indians and show them as weak people who needed the help of an Englishman to fight the British.

OR

In the short story 'The Last Lesson' by Alphonse Daudet, the atmosphere at the school on the day of the last lesson was quite different from usual. There was a lot of sadness and solemnity in the school due to the order from Berlin which stated that only German language would be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine.

The French teacher, M. Hamel, was very sad and emotional that he would have to leave the school after forty years of teaching his mother tongue over there. There was also a profound change in his behaviour and he was more polite than usual.

He displayed his zeal and enthusiasm towards the French language by calling it the most beautiful, clearest, and the logical language in the world. He asked his students to guard their mother tongue among them and never forget or lose it under any circumstances. He asked the students to take a sense of pride in their native language. He supported his views with the reason that when the people of a country are enslaved and forced to use a foreign language, their mother tongue holds the key to their prison.

He had also brought new copies for the students in which "France, Alsace, France, Alsace" was written in beautiful round handwriting.

The back benches of the classroom were occupied by the village elders who were attending the class as a mark of respect for their mother-tongue.

- 13.** Dr. Sadao and Hana were full of patriotism. They were proud of Japan and its culture. Like other countrymen, they too hated Americans and found them repulsive and full of prejudices against the Japanese. But both, Sadao and Hana considered humanity above patriotism. As a doctor, Sadao could not leave his patient in distress and stop himself from saving the life of the wounded American soldier. He risked his life and reputation by helping and sheltering the soldier. Hana was equally compassionate. She washed the soldier's wounds herself when Yumi refused to do so. She considered every soldier as a human being in distress. Neither did she hand over the wounded soldier to the police initially, when he was weak, nor did she want to keep the American soldier at her house when he was fully recovered. Dr. Sadao told the



General about the soldier. He had no objection if the soldier was killed by the assassins. When the assassins failed to turn up, they helped the soldier to escape, by giving him food, clothes and water and arranging boat. Sadao felt relieved when the soldier did not give any signal through his flash light confirming he was safe. They saved the soldier's life as true human beings and also wanted to get rid of him as true patriots.

**OR**

The third level at the Grand Central was old fashioned. The rooms were smaller; there were fewer ticket windows and train gates. The information booth in the center was made up of wood and was shabby. The man in the booth wore green eyeshades and long black sleeve protectors. There were flickering gas lights and brass spittoons on the floor. A man was having an old watch with a cover. Every man in the station had a beard, sideburn and a fancy moustache. Women were wearing dresses with leg-of-mutton sleeves, skirts and high-buttoned shoes. People were looking really old fashioned with all the retro styled clothing.



# SAMPLE PAPER

## SOLVED

# ENGLISH

## (CORE)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

**General Instructions:** Same instructions as given in Sample Paper 1.

### SECTION - A

#### READING

20 Marks

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

Wi-Fi: Threat to Health

- (1) It is popularly believed that wireless technology was created in the year 1880, when Alexander Graham Bell and Charles Sumner Tainter invented the telephone. In that moment they changed the very course of human civilisation. Today you would be hard-pressed to find an adult (or even a child) who does not have access to mobile technology.
- (2) Wireless communication is the transfer of information or power between two or more points that are not connected by an electrical conductor. The most common wireless technologies use radio waves. With radio waves, distances can be short, such as a few metres for Bluetooth, or as far as millions of kilometres for deep-space radio communications. It encompasses various types of fixed, mobile, and portable applications, including two-way radios, cellular telephones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), and wireless networking. In fact, all our Wi-Fi devices also emit radio waves.
- (3) Wireless networks are gaining popularity due to their convenience. This ease of connectivity comes at a price. On-going research has identified that signals from a wireless network are potentially dangerous to humans. The constant proximity to wireless signals can cause headaches, insomnia, cardiac arrest and other health issues. Researchers have established that Wi-Fi network signals predominantly affect the lower half of the human body and can trigger liver and pancreatic cancer.
- (4) In 2011, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer classified wireless radiations from cell phones, baby monitors, tablets, cell towers, radar, Wi-Fi etc. as Class 2B carcinogens. This Class 2B carcinogen classification applies to appliances with an operating frequency ranging from 30 kHz to 300 GHz. This means all this while, as we were scrolling through online entertainment, we have been sitting on a ticking time bomb.
- (5) With the rapid growth of mobile phone devices in the market, technology has developed in such a way that it has ended up creating a horrifying situation for the human body.



The normal biological systems of the human body have not developed in any way to adapt to or protect against harmful radio waves.

- (6) This has led to a rise in serious ailments such as diseases of brain like cancer, brain tumours, Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease and so on. Not to forget the short - term effects like hormone disruption, loss of concentration, impairment of cognitive function, behavioural problems, attention deficit; and long-term effects like DNA damage, male infertility.
- (7) For children, the wireless devices have even more grave consequences because they have thinner bony skulls, more aqueous bodies/brains, higher rate of cell turnover and, hence their neural systems are not completely developed. Beyond physical impairments, children are also vulnerable to stunted socio-emotional, cognitive and behavioural development.
- (8) Given the ubiquity of technology in today's society and the importance of this issue for policy and practice, it is essential to understand the impacts of technology use on the developing brains and bodies of children in the 21st century in order to guide policy delineating safe and effective use. Parents and guardians should be discerning when it comes to guidelines and research, while governments and groups with policy influence should be cautious of prescribing policy without exploring the evidence base in a holistic and thorough manner.
- (9) International exposure guidelines have been developed to provide protection against established effects from radio frequency fields by the International Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP, 1998) and the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE, 2005). It is up to national authorities to adopt these international standards to protect their citizens against adverse levels of radio wave exposure. They should restrict access to areas where exposure limits may be exceeded.
- (10) France has banned all wireless devices, including cell phones from all public schools starting September 2018, and California Public Health is actively educating their public regarding risk of harm from wireless radiation. Even in India, several eminent scientists have begun a crusade to caution the Government against the roll-out of 5G technology-based services in the country.
- (11) We can make smarter choices about the way we use technology by making changes in our everyday usage patterns. For instance, adults carrying cell phones (and other wireless devices) can either turn off the device or convert device to 'airplane mode' when servicing or interacting with children and pregnant mothers.
- (12) Precautionary measures for adults include increasing the distance, duration and frequency of wireless device use; reducing multiple device use; and reducing exposure to high wireless radiation areas. By making minor modifications to our daily routines and habits, we can try and minimise the harmful effects of wireless technology.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten questions from the eleven given below:**

1 × 10 = 10

- (A) When the author mentions that the invention of wireless technology changed the very course of human civilization, it means that the invention has
  - (a) changed the lifestyle of people
  - (b) changed the science on which technology is created
  - (c) created adverse health issues
  - (d) made humans more cautious and informed beings
- (B) "We can make smarter choices about the way we use technology ..... everyday usage of patterns." Pick the option in which the meaning of 'patterns' is NOT the same as it is in the passage.
  - (a) By the time the police caught up to Sanders, they knew even more about his patterns and practices.
  - (b) Silk scarfs in contrasting shades and embroidered patterns enhance this busy, but feminine look.
  - (c) Over time, female textile entrepreneurs developed certain patterns in their business plans which made them very rich.
  - (d) The nutrition researchers studied everyday breakfast patterns of the citizens of Washington.







(K) Pick the option that CORRECTLY lists the final feelings of the author with reference to the use of wireless technology.

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| (I) Mindful       | (II) Frustrated    |
| (III) Aware       | (IV) Cautious      |
| (V) Scared        | (VI) Annoyed       |
| (a) (I) and (V)   | (b) (IV) and (V)   |
| (c) (I) and (III) | (d) (III) and (VI) |

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

- (1) I have often thought, it would be a blessing if each human being was stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his adult life. Darkness would make him more appreciative of sight, silence would teach him the joy of sound.
- (2) Now and then, I have tested my seeing friends to discover what they see. Recently, I asked a friend, who had just returned from a long walk in the woods, what she has observed. "Nothing in particular," she replied. How was it possible, I asked myself, to walk for an hour through the woods and see nothing worthy of note?
- (3) I, who cannot see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate symmetry of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly about the smooth skin of a silver birch or the rough, shaggy bark of a pine. In spring, I touch the branches of trees hopefully in search of a bud, the first sign of awakening nature after her winter's sleep. Occasionally, if I am fortunate and place my hand gently on a small tree, I feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.
- (4) At times my heart cries out with longing to see all these things. If I can get so much pleasure from mere touch, how much more beauty must be revealed by sight. I have imagined what I would like to see, if I were given the use of my eyes, say, just for a few days. I would want to see the people, whose kindness, and gentleness, and companionship has made my life worth living.

## Helen Keller Timeline

- **June 27, 1880** Helen Keller is born in Tuscumbia, Alabama. Her father's name is Captain Arthur Henley Keller and her mother is Kate Adams Keller.
- **February 1882** After being struck by illness, Helen loses both her sight and hearing. No one is ever sure exactly what disease she had, but some people think it was scarlet fever.
- **March 3, 1887** Anne Sullivan comes to the Keller home and begins teaching Helen letters by signing into her hand ("manual sign language").
- **April 5, 1887** Anne makes the "miracle" breakthrough, teaching Helen that everything has a name by spelling W-A-T-E-R into Helen's hand as water flows over her palm.
- **Fall 1889** Helen goes to Perkins Institution for the Blind in Boston, her first formal education.
- **September 1900** Helen becomes a member of the freshmen class of 1904 at Radcliffe College.
- **1902** With the help of an editor, Helen writes *The Story of My Life*.
- **June 28, 1904** Helen becomes the first deaf-blind individual to earn a college degree, graduating with honors from Radcliffe.
- **Spring 1909** Helen joins the Suffragist movement, demanding the right to vote for women.
- **October 1924** Helen and Anne begin their work with the American Foundation for the Blind.
- **April 1930** Helen, Anne, and Polly Thompson travel abroad for the first time, visiting Scotland, Ireland, and England for over six months. This trip is only the beginning of Helen's travels overseas -- she would eventually visit 37 countries!
- **October 1936** Anne Sullivan Macy dies.
- **January 1943** Helen visits blind, deaf, and disabled soldiers of World War II in military hospitals around the country.
- **September 1964** President Lyndon Johnson gives Helen the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.
- **June 1, 1968** Helen Keller dies in her sleep.

On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten questions from the eleven given below:

$$1 \times 10 = 10$$

- (A) When the narrator said that, it would be a blessing if each human being was stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his adult life; the narrator intended
- (a) Human beings to experience the absence of sensory organs.







reply in not more than 50 words on behalf of your personal assistant and sign yourself as Sudhanshu.

**5. Attempt any one of the following:**

5

Analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

Your school organized a campaign to raise awareness about the harmful effects of fireworks on the environment, to reduce noise pollution and help the burn victims. This effort by the students received widespread appreciation. You decide to write a letter to the editor of a national daily to create awareness amongst people. You are Deepak/Deepika, a student of LPS Public School, Lucknow. (120-150 words)



OR

Diwakar Awasthi of 24/7 Hollyhock Apartments, Gurugram comes across an advertisement in the Indian Express and decides to apply for the post of sales executive. Write an application in 120-150 words to the Personnel Manager, Ayush Ayurveda, 34-B Shanti Nagar, Gurugram.

**Ayush Ayurveda**  
**Sales Executive Wanted**

Required a sales executive; should have an experience of minimum 2 years. Efficiency in work. Salary inclusive of PF. Apply with a bio-data addressed to the Personnel Manager, 34-B Shanti Nagar, Gurugram

**6. Attempt any one of the following:**

5

Evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

You are Martin/Maria, staff reporter for The News Express. Write a report in 120-150 words covering the alarming rise in pollution levels and declining air quality in the National Capital Territory in the month of October, keeping in the mind the given cues.

- (1) Capital choking under a cloud of smog.
- (2) Children complaining of burning sensation in the eyes and throat.
- (3) Government's initiative of a cracker free Diwali.
- (4) Number of vehicles shall reduce and green cover increase.

OR



With rapid digitalization students have started using digital devices for entertainment as well as schoolwork. This may lead to a change in every sphere of life especially in the field of education. As Rohit, write an article in 120-150 words with the help of the given cues, highlighting the reasons and ways in which this might happen and also cite the advantages and disadvantage of the same.

- (1) Current and accurate data can be found online.
- (2) Effect not limited to education only.
- (3) Children becoming victims of cyber bullying.
- (4) Overdependence on social media.
- (5) Perfect balance between the virtual world and reality.

## SECTION - C

### LITERATURE

**40 Marks**

**7. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

**6 × 1 = 6**

Driving from my parent's  
home to Cochin last Friday  
morning, I saw my mother,  
beside me,  
doze, open mouthed,  
her face ashen like that  
of a corpse and realised with pain  
that she was as old as she  
looked but soon

- (A) What hurt the narrator after looking at her mother?
- (a) That her mother was old and nearing her death
  - (b) That her mother would cry at the airport
  - (c) That she will have to leave her mother alone
  - (d) That she couldn't take her mother along
- (B) Choose the correct meaning of 'corpse'.
- |                 |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Old age     | (b) Dead body         |
| (c) Young trees | (d) Cheerful children |
- (C) The narrator's mother looked like a corpse because .....
- (a) She had wrinkles
  - (b) She was getting old
  - (c) Of the manner in which she was sleeping
  - (d) Of her looks
- (D) The tone of the poem towards the end is:
- |              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| (a) sad      | (b) hopeless  |
| (c) cheerful | (d) resigning |
- (E) What do you understand by 'Ashen face'?
- (a) Aging is painful
  - (b) Old is gold
  - (c) It shows the narrator's fears
  - (d) It is the pale and lifeless face of the mother



- (F) The literary device used in the line 'Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday' is:
- (a) Alliteration
  - (b) Irony
  - (c) Assonance
  - (d) Metaphor

**OR**

**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

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 at his hurt hands.

- (A) Why would that moment be strange?
- (a) Because it will be a morning hour
  - (b) Because everything will be stationary
  - (c) Because people will be sleeping
  - (d) Because people will be praying
- (B) Why does the Poet ask to put on clean clothes?
- (a) So that all humans appear submissive
  - (b) Because we should pray to god in clean clothes
  - (c) So that they can embrace others
  - (d) So that they could feel the meaning of peace
- (C) Put out the literary device put in 'hurt hands'?
- (a) Alliteration
  - (b) Simile
  - (c) Hyperbole
  - (d) Metaphor
- (D) What does the poet want from fisherman?
- (a) To harm the whales
  - (b) Not to harm the whales
  - (c) To abandon the sea
  - (d) To gather salt
- (E) Exotic moment referred here means?
- (a) Moment of destruction
  - (b) Moment where human activity is suspended
  - (c) Moment of anger
  - (d) Moment of war
- (F) Who is referred as 'we' here?
- (a) The fisherman and the poet
  - (b) The man gathering salt and the poet
  - (c) Whole Mankind
  - (d) Both (a) and (b)



**8. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

4 × 1 = 4

That night, among my oldest first-day covers, I found one that shouldn't have been there. But there it was. It was there because someone had mailed it to my grandfather at his home in Galesburg; that's what the address on the envelope said. And it had been there since July 18, 1894 the postmark showed that I didn't remember it at all. The stamp was a six-cent, dull brown, with a picture of President Garfield. Naturally, when the envelope came to Granddad in the mail, it went right into his collection and stayed there and opened it.

- (A) Why should this particular first-day cover not be there?
- (a) Because Charley did not notice its existence before.
  - (b) Because it could not have been collected by his grandfather.
  - (c) Because it was a modern first-day cover from the future.
  - (d) Because it was too old to be from his grandfather's time.
- (B) Why doesn't Charley remember the existence of this first-day cover?
- (a) Because Charley was forgetful.
  - (b) Because Louisa collected it.
  - (c) Because it appeared recently.
  - (d) Because it was in a bad state.
- (C) The Picture of President Garfield indicates that the first-day cover was:
- (a) not at all old
  - (b) slightly old
  - (c) somewhat old
  - (d) definitely old
- (D) What is First Day Cover?
- (a) A new stamp gets the Postmark and date
  - (b) A gift
  - (c) A gift wrapper
  - (d) A gift wrapped in a beautiful wrapper

**OR**

**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

They did not try to hide what they said from the ears of Hana as she stood arranging the day's flowers in the veranda near by, and she knew they spoke on purpose that she might hear. That they were right she knew too in most of her being. But there was another part of her which she herself could not understand.

- (A) Pick out the option that lists Hana's feelings in the extract:
- 1. Sorrow
  - 2. Hatred
  - 3. Confusion
  - 4. Fear
  - 5. Sympathy
  - 6. Anger
- (a) 1, 3, 4
  - (b) 2, 5, 6
  - (c) Only 3
  - (d) 4 and 5
- (B) Why were they not trying to hide anything from Hana?
- (a) To make her feel guilty.
  - (b) To punish her.





- (c) To express their dislike for her and her husband's actions.
- (d) To appreciate her husband.
- (C) What were they right about?
  - (a) their pride in their master.
  - (b) Their disgust for the prisoner.
  - (c) Their reaction to their master's act.
  - (d) Their concern for their children.
- (D) 'On purpose' in the extract means ..... .
  - (a) Casually
  - (b) Intermittently
  - (c) Accidentally
  - (d) Intentionally

**9. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

6 × 1 = 6

When I passed the town hall there was a crowd in front of the bulletin-board. For the last two years all our bad news had come from there — the lost battles, the draft, the orders of the commanding officer — and I thought to myself, without stopping, "What can be the matter now?"

Then, as I hurried by as fast as I could go, the blacksmith, Wachter, who was there, with his apprentice, reading the bulletin, called after me, "Don't go so fast, bub; you'll get to your school in plenty of time!"

I thought he was making fun of me, and reached M. Hamel's little garden all out of breath.

- (A) In the past two years, what has been Franz's experience of the town's bulletin board?
  - (I) exciting
  - (II) idyllic
  - (III) sad
  - (IV) educational
  - (V) disappointing
  - (VI) whimsical
  - (a) (I) & (VI)
  - (b) (II) & (IV)
  - (c) (III) & (V)
  - (d) (II) & (VI)
- (B) Why was the narrator hurrying by as fast as he could go?
  - (a) Because he wanted to watch the Prussians drill.
  - (b) Because he had to meet the blacksmith.
  - (c) Because he always naturally walked fast.
  - (d) Because he was late for school that day.
- (C) What does 'apprentice' mean?
  - (a) A person who earns a monthly wage by being employed by a company.
  - (b) A person who learns a trade from a master for low wages or free.
  - (c) A person who pays to give advice about how to improve one's life.
  - (d) A person who works for the social services or a private organisation.
- (D) Choose the word which is an antonym of 'out of breath'.
  - (a) energetic
  - (b) panting
  - (c) winded
  - (d) breathless
- (E) Which of the following words can replace the term 'crowd'?
  - (a) group
  - (b) team
  - (c) multitude
  - (d) people
- (F) Choose the statement that is true about Franz.
  - (a) Franz was in hurry to reach the garden of the town hall.
  - (b) Franz was not interested in reading the bulletin board.
  - (c) Franz felt attracted on seeing the crowd.
  - (d) Franz was dawdling as he has had no hurry to reach his destination.

OR



**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

She still has bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes. "Ek waqt ser bhar khana bhi nahin khaya." she says, in a voice drained of joy. She has not enjoyed even one full meal in her entire lifetime-that's what she has reaped! Her husband, an old man with a flowing beard says, "I know nothing except bangles. All I have done is make a house for the family to live in."

Hearing him one wonders if he has achieved what many have failed in their lifetime. He has a roof over his head!

The cry of not having money to do anything except carry on the business of making bangles, not even enough to eat, rings in every home. The young men echo the lament of the elders. Little has moved with time, it seems in Firozabad, years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream.

- (A) 'She still has bangles on her wrist, but no light in her eyes.' This implies that:
- (a) she is married but has lost the charm in her eyes.
  - (b) she is a married woman who has lost her grace and beauty.
  - (c) though she is married, her eyes are devoid of happiness.
  - (d) she is a married woman who has lost her eyesight.
- (B) 'He has a roof over his head!' The tone of the author is:
- (a) pessimistic
  - (b) empathetic
  - (c) sympathetic
  - (d) optimistic
- (C) Choose the term which best matches the statement 'The young men echo the lament of their elders.':
- (a) acceptance
  - (b) reflection
  - (c) reiteration
  - (d) doubtfulness
- (D) 'Years of mind-numbing toil have killed all initiative and the ability to dream'. This shows that:
- (a) the bangle makers are exhausted yet they are enterprising and have dreams.
  - (b) the drudgery of work has destroyed their willingness to improve their lot.
  - (c) the daily grind has stolen the dreams of the bangle makers and made them dull.
  - (d) the bangle makers have been working so hard that there's no time to dream.
- (E) From this chapter, it is evident that the author has an attitude of
- (a) sympathy
  - (b) apathy
  - (c) empathy
  - (d) bewilderment
- (F) Which of the following quotes captures the theme of 'The Lost Spring'?
- (a) "Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime" –Aristotle
  - (b) "Poverty is the worst form of violence" –Mahatma Gandhi
  - (c) "Poverty is not just lack of money; it is not having the capability to realise one's full potential as a human being." --Amartya Sen
  - (d) "Poverty is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit." --Eli Khamarov

**10. Attempt any five out of the six questions given below, in 40-50 words each:**  $2 \times 5 = 10$

- (A) Explain the ways the things of beauty prove to be significant to human life.
- (B) Comment on the significance of the bulletin board for the people of Alsace.
- (C) Mukesh's dream appear like a mirage in the setting of Firozabad. State a reason why the writer says this.
- (D) Why did Douglas's mother warn him against swimming in the Yakima river?
- (E) In the poem 'Keeping Quiet', what lesson does the earth teach us?
- (F) 'I looked outside the window...' What does Kamala Das mean by this statement?



**11. Attempt any two out of the three questions given below, in 40-50 words each:**  $2 \times 2 = 4$

- (A) In the chapter 'On the Face of It', Derry was a victim of negative judgement. What kind of things did people say about Derry behind his back?
- (B) When the psychiatrist says that Charley's desire is an escape, Charley's wife gets upset with him. Why do you think so?
- (C) Sadao was confident that despite his actions of treating a prisoner, nothing would happen to him. Support this statement with a rationale.

**12. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:** 5

"Self-reliance, Indian independence and help to the sharecroppers were all bound together" Explain with reference to the chapter 'Indigo'.

OR

The rattrap peddler thinks of the world as a big rattrap. However, his expectations are subverted time and again, throughout the story. Discuss with examples from the text.

**13. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words.** 5

With reference to the story 'On The Face of It', what benefits did Derry reap from his association with Mr. Lamb? Comment.

OR

Despite bias, Sadao rises above his prejudices to save a person's life. Elucidate with reference to the chapter 'The Enemy'.



# SOLUTION

## SECTION - A READING

1. (A) (a) *changed the lifestyle of people*

**Explanation:** The author mentions the course of change of human civilisation in context of the invention of the telephone. The invention of the telephone didn't cause any health issues (c). Neither did it help in making human beings cautious (d). The same science that was used to invent the telephone, formed the basis of the further technological developments (b). So all these are opted out. We all know that the invention of the telephone led to a major change in the way people communicated and hence the lifestyles of the people. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

- (B) (b) *Silk scarfs in contrasting shades and embroidered patterns enhance this busy, but feminine look.*

**Explanation :** The word 'pattern' in the passage has been used to show habit or regular practices. (a), (c) & (d) all show some habits while (b) uses patterns to describe some designs, hence, (b) is the correct answer..

- (C) (d) (VI),(III),(V),(I),(II),(IV)

**Explanation :** The passage begins with a note about the invention of the technology. Therefore (VI) is the first information delivered to the user. Hence (a) & (b) are opted out. The writer signs off by suggesting changes in the usage patterns. Therefore, (IV) is the last information.. Hence (c) is also opted out. d) is therefore, the correct answer.

- (D) (c) *Everywhere*

- (E) (c) *With wireless technology being ubiquitous, health issues have increased but by making minor modifications to our daily routines and habits, we can try and minimise the harmful effects of it.*

**Explanation:** The passage opens with a note that the technology has changed the civilisation but what and how are the changes is not mentioned, hence (a) is opted out. The passage discusses the growth of mobile phones and also the ban some countries have imposed on the use of wireless technology (b & d). But the passage discusses most importantly the harmful effects and the measures an individual should take to lessen the effects. Hence, (c) is the most appropriate answer.

- (F) (b) *By making changes in our everyday usage patterns*

**Explanation :** Banning the technology will leave people with no choices (a), stringent guidelines (c) and government policies (d) are imposed and not choices. It is only our everyday habits that we can choose to change. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

- (G) (d) *accessible but hazardous*

**Explanation:** The author says that wireless technology is one of the most conveniently and universally accepted technology. This implies that it is easily accessible. The excessive use of this technology has proven dangerous to the human race in many ways. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

- (H) (d) *He made very discerning decision when the question of buying a new house arose.*

**Explanation:** Discerning means to be able to judge what is right and what is wrong. In (d) a decision is made by thinking. So, (d) is the correct answer.

- (I) (c) *Health benefits*

**Explanation:** The author has written in the passage the hazards of wireless technology. He says that the technology is easily accessible but the high radiations cause many medical issues.



Hence (a, b d) are not the answers. The correct answer here is, (c) as wireless technology has no health benefits.

- (J) (c) *Practical with little modifications in daily routine*

**Explanation:** The precautionary measures that the author suggests against the hazards of wireless technology have been found by much research. So these are not impractical or unreasonable. These are not easily adaptable as the author suggests changes in daily routine. Hence (a), (b) & (d) are not the answers. The correct answer therefore, is (c).

- (K) (c) (I) and (III)

**Explanation:** A person is mindful (I) if he focuses on the present situation. A person is frustrated (II) when he is unable to find a solution to a problem. A person is said to be aware (III) when he knows about a situation or condition. A person is cautious (IV) when he is careful about the risks or hazards of a situation. A person is scared (V) when he is afraid of a situation. A person is said to be annoyed (VI) if he is irritated with some events.

The author of the above passage focuses on the present scenario of increased use of wireless technology and he is fully aware of the risks involved. So, (c) is the correct answer.

2. (A) (c) *Human beings to be grateful of their experiences through sensory organs.*

**Explanation:** Above statement has a positive tone as the author uses the word 'blessing'. So, (d) is not the answer. Absence of sensory organs is a pain so (a) is not the answer. (b) could have been the answer but as the author writes this as a pretext of the event where she tells that her friends with eyes were unable to enjoy the nature's beauty while she can. Hence, the answer is (c).

- (B) (d) (II) and (IV)

**Explanation:** (I) is true as she tells that she feels and enjoys nature. (II) is not true as Anne Sullivan taught her manual sign language. (III) is also true. (IV) is not true as she received her formal education in the year 1889. So the answer here is (d).

- (C) (b) *Desire*

**Explanation:** Helen Keller in paragraph 4 of the passage expresses how she wants to see people and hear sounds. She expresses her desire in these lines. So, (a) is the answer.

- (D) (c) *Encouraged people with disabilities*

**Explanation:** According to the timeline, Helen Keller graduated in 1904, in 1924 she joined the blind school and in 1943 she visited the blind, deaf and dumb soldiers of the World War II. All these activities encouraged the people with disabilities. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

- (E) (d) *Qualities that helped her survive and overcome the difficulties that she faced due to her disabilities.*

**Explanation:** Due to her disabilities Helen Keller's life would have become hell, if she didn't have people who understand her and help her. She wouldn't have been able to survive as the sense of sight and hearing are very important to live in this world and she had lost both. Travelling overseas or education and achievements are not required for survival. Inability to see and hear make survival almost next to impossible. So, (a), (b) & (c) are not the answers. The answer here is (d).

- (F) (a) (II) and (IV)

**Explanation:** (I) is not true as Helen demanded the right to vote for women. (II) is true (III) is not true as she visited soldiers of World War II (IV) is true Hence, the answer here is (a).

- (G) (b) *1902*

- (H) (c) *Amazed Helen Keller*

**Explanation:** Helen Keller's friend's answer to her question was "nothing much". Helen Keller was not relieved as this experience made her pray to God to grant sightlessness to adults at least for some time. Rather Helen was amazed (c) as Helen herself could feel the immense beauty and joy of nature as she walked through the woods. So, (c) is the correct answer.

- (I) (b) *Often Helen Keller desired to see the world using her eyes.*

- (J) (c) *Option (III)*

**Explanation:** Helen couldn't at all see or hear but she had a wonderful sense of touch through which she could see and hear many things that even the normal human beings couldn't experience. Hence, the answer here is (c).

- (K) (b) (II), (I), (III), (IV)

**Explanation:** 1904—Helen became a member of the freshmen class at Radcliffe college. 1902—With the help of the writer, Helen writes, 'The story of my life'.



1924—Helen and Anne begin their work with the American foundation of Blind.  
1930—Helen travels overseas and visits 37 nations.  
So, the answer is (b).

## SECTION - B

### WRITING

3.

#### Air Force Public School, Mathura

##### Notice

4<sup>th</sup> October 20XX

##### Ooty Trip

A trip to Ooty is being organised during the autumn break for students of IX-XII. Interested students please give your names, alongwith your parent's consent letter, to your respective class teachers.

The cost of the trip, all inclusive, is 15000/ per head. Payment must be made by cheque in the name of 'Daksh Travels and Tours' by 20<sup>th</sup> September 20XX.

For further details contact the undersigned

Sumit

Secretary

OR

#### St John's School, Delhi

##### NOTICE

23<sup>rd</sup> April 20XX

##### Inter School Tennis Match

This is to bring to the notice of all the students that an Inter-school Tennis match is being organized by the school, as per the details given below :

**Date :** 4<sup>th</sup> April 20XX

**Time :** 11 AM onwards

**Venue :** School football ground

All the students are invited to attend the match and cheer for the teams.

Nivedita

Sports Captain

4.

#### The Students' Council of Harmony Public School, Kanpur

Cordially invites you to

##### Career Guidance Day

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 20XX

At 4:30 pm

Venue: School Auditorium

Renowned Career Counsellor Dr Amrita Tandon will be the keynote speaker for the event

\*\* Parents are requested to be seated by 4:00 pm

RSVP

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OR



56, Purvankara Apartments  
Marathalli  
Bangalore  
4<sup>th</sup> October 20XX

The Principal  
Bhavan International School  
Bangalore

**SUBJECT:** INABILITY TO ATTEND THE FUNCTION

Dear Ma'am

Mr. Sudhanshu expresses his gratitude for the kind invitation to be the Chief Guest inaugurating the cultural fiesta of your esteemed school on 15<sup>th</sup> October 20XX. However, due to a sudden illness he has been hospitalized and will not be able to attend the same.

He expresses his sincere apologies and wishes that the event is a great success.

Yours sincerely  
Sudhanshu  
Personal Assistant

**5.** LPS Public School

Sena Marg  
Lucknow

27<sup>th</sup> September 20XX

The Editor  
The Times of India  
Lucknow

**SUBJECT:** THE MENACE OF NOISE POLLUTION

Dear Sir

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the authorities and the public towards the increasing levels of noise pollution and the escalation in the same during the festive season.

Each year the air becomes unbreathable, given the amount of fireworks people burst in the name of celebration. The bursting of fireworks also leads to many accidents in which many people are seriously injured and in some cases, the injuries are fatal. Despite the efforts by the government, people ignore the rules and burst crackers late in the night without any consideration for the sick and the elderly. The number of people who are injured in fireworks related accidents has been increasing alarmingly.

The need of the hour is to create awareness among people. If your widely circulated daily could publish articles and also run a campaign to help people understand that this menace needs to be curbed, I am sure that this problem can be resolved.

Yours sincerely  
Deepak/Deepika

**OR**

24/7 Hollyhock Apartments  
Gurugram

6<sup>th</sup> April 20XX

The Personnel Manager  
Ayush Ayurveda  
34-B, Shanti Nagar  
Gurugram





SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SALES EXECUTIVE

Sir

This is with reference to the advertisement published in The Times of India, dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 20XX, for the post of sales executive. I wish to apply for the same.

My qualifications are as per your requirement. I have done my MBA in Sales and Marketing from a reputed college and am presently working with Dabur, Faridabad. I am willing to relocate as I am aware that your company is known to provide opportunities for employee growth.

If I am given the opportunity to serve your reputed company, I assure you that I would prove to be an asset. My bio data, along with testimonials and a passport size photograph, is attached for your kind perusal.

Yours sincerely

Diwakar Awasthi

**Enclosure : Bio-data**

**Name** : Diwakar Awasthi  
**Father's name** : Rajendra Awasthi  
**Date of birth** : 02-12-19XX  
**Contact address** : 1204-AWHO,Noida  
**Email:** xyz@gmail.com

**Educational qualifications :**

| S. No. | Class/ Degree | Board/University | Board/University                        | Year | Percentage |
|--------|---------------|------------------|---|------|------------|
| 1.     | Class X       | CBSE             | SDA School                              | 19XX | 84%        |
| 2.     | Class XII     | CBSE             | SDA School                              | 20XX | 94%        |
| 3.     | BBA           | Delhi University | Mt Carmel College                       | 20XX | 88%        |
| 4.     | MBA           | Delhi University | Lala Lajpat Rai Institute of Management | 20XX | 80%        |

**Work Experience** : Sales Manager, Dabur, from March 2015 to April 2020

**Languages known** : English, Hindi, French, Punjabi

**Expected Salary** : ₹ 50000 per month

**References** : (i) Mr Rohit Lowe, Addtl Director, Dabur, 9925XXXXXX  
(ii) Ms Asha Khana, HR Manager, Sapna Solutions, 7654XXXXXX

6.

### The National Capital Chokes

By Martin, Staff Reporter, News Express

The national capital, New Delhi, seems to be choking under a cloud of smog. The air quality has declined and the pollution levels have risen alarmingly.

The deterioration in air quality has been attributed to the burning crop residue fields in the neighbouring states. The residents woke up to thick cover of smog. Nitish, a resident of Gobindpuri said, "This has by far been the worst day. I could not drive and my eyes were burning. I couldn't breathe also and decided to work from home." The worst hit were school going children, most of whom complained of burning sensation in the eyes and throat.



The Delhi Government has announced a week long holiday for all pre-primary schools. School hours have also been reduced to three hours for the senior students.

Speaking to the media, Delhi Health Minister said, "We have taken up the matter with the authorities of the neighbouring states and we hope the burning of residue crop fields will stop." Emergency measures have been put into force and the number of vehicle on the roads has reduced considerably. The residents have pledged to support the government's initiative by having a cracker free Diwali. However, a decrease in pollution levels would only be possible if the number of vehicles are reduced and green cover is increased.

**OR**

### **Digital World- A Necessary Evil**

By – Rohit

We are living in a world where everything is digitalized. From the moment we wake up, to the time our heads hit the pillow, our lives are being taken over by technology and the younger generation is leading the pack in this.

With smart phones integrating and replacing a plethora of gadgets like calculators and cameras, the day seems to be well upon us when everything we use will be digital. The effect is not limited to education only- it has also taken over their social life. Youngsters prefer chatting to meeting with people and interacting with them in person.

The world of the internet exposes the young, impressionable minds to predators who entice them and can harm them irreparably. Children become victims of cyber bullying and overdependence on social media makes them more prone to depression.

The digital world does present opportunities which did not seem possible a few years back but we need to be wary of the multitude of negatives that are presented by overdependence on the same. The need of the hour is to strike a perfect balance between the virtual world and reality.

## **SECTION - C**

### **LITERATURE**

7. (A) (a) *That her mother was old and nearing her death*  
(B) (b) *Dead body*  
(C) (b) *She was getting old*  
(D) (a) *sad*  
(E) (d) *It is the pale and lifeless face of the mother*  
(F) (c) *Assonance*

**OR**

- (A) (b) *Because everything will be stationary*  
(B) (b) *Because we should pray to god in clean clothes*  
(C) (a) *Alliteration*  
(D) (b) *Not to harm the whales*  
(E) (b) *Moment where human activity is suspended*  
(F) (c) *Whole Mankind*
8. (A) (b) *Because it could not have been collected by his grandfather*

**Explanation:** The 'new' first-day cover that Charley discovered could not have been collected by his Grandfather since it was by someone who recently travelled to the past. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer. Options (a), (c), and (d) are factually incorrect. So, they are not the correct answer.



(B) (c) *Because it appeared recently.*

**Explanation:** Charlie is an avid stamp collector, so he knows his collection well. Especially a collection passed on to him by his grandfather. Hence, (c) is the correct answer. Options (a), (b) and (d) are not to be found in the text. So, they are not the correct answers.

(C) (d) *definitely old.*

**Explanation:** The first-day cover old because it was from the time of his grandfather. This points to option (d) as the correct answer. Options (a), (b) and (c) cannot be inferred from the extract. Hence, they are not the correct answer.

(D) (a) *A new stamp gets the Postmark and date*

**Explanation :** First day cover has a new stamp gets the Postmark and date. So, (a) is the correct answer.

**OR**

(A) (c) *Only 3*

**Explanation:** Hana was confused. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(B) (c) *To express their dislike for her and her husband's actions.*

**Explanation:** They weren't trying to hide anything from hana to express their dislike for her and her husband's actions. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(C) (c) *Their reaction to their master's act.*

**Explanation:** they were right about their reaction to their master's act. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(D) (d) *Intentionally*

**Explanation:** On purpose means intentionally in the extract. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

**9.** (A) (c) (III) & (V)

**Explanation:** The bulletin board has been the source of bad news in the past two years. Hence, Franz's experience has been option (c) (3) sad and (5) disappointing. His experience has not been options (1) exciting, (2) idyllic, (4) educational or (6) whimsical. So, options (a), (b) and (d) or any combination of them are not the correct answer. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

(B) (d) *Because he was late for school that day*

**Explanation:** Franz dreaded the idea of facing M. Hamel on a day he did not study for the participle quiz. He was hurrying because he was late for school as a result. Hence, the correct answer is (d). Options (a), (b) and (c) are all incorrect because there is no evidence for them in the story.

(C) (b) *A person who learns a trade from a master for low wages or free*

**Explanation:** An apprentice is someone who learns a trade from a master or expert for either low wages or free. So, option (b) is the correct answer. The other options mean:

(a) A person earns a monthly wage by being employed by a company. – employee

(c) A person who pays to give advice about how to improve one's life. – life coach

(d) A person who works for the social services or a private organisation. – social worker

(D) (a) *energetic*

**Explanation:** 'Out of breath' means 'gasping for air, typically after exercise'. Franz was 'out of breath' because he ran all the way to school. Hence, the antonym is option (a) energetic. So, it is the correct answer. It is not (b) panting, (c) winding and (d) breathless because they are all synonyms.

(E) (c) *multitude*

(F) (c) *Franz felt attracted on seeing the crowd.*

**OR**



(A) *(c) though she is married, her eyes are devoid of happiness.*

**Explanation:** The above mentioned line implies that though she is married, her eyes are devoid of happiness. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(B) *(d) optimistic*

**Explanation:** The tone of the author is optimistic. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

(C) *(c) reiteration*

**Explanation:** The term that best matches the statement is reiteration. Hence, (c) is the correct answer

(D) *(b) the drudgery of work has destroyed their willingness to improve their lot.*

**Explanation:** This shows that the drudgery of work has destroyed their willingness to improve their lot. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

(E) *(a) sympathy*

**Explanation:** From this chapter, it is evident that the author has an attitude of sympathy. Hence, (a) is the correct answer

(F) *(c) "Poverty is not just lack of money; it is not having the capability to realise one's full potential as a human being." --Amartya Sen*

- 10.** (A) Things of beauty give hope to human beings and make them want to live in spite of all the suffering and sorrow, ill-health and unhappiness.
- (B) The bulletin board was the carrier of all the bad news for the district of Alsace and Lorraine. It was used for posting all the important news and since it was war-time, it seemed to be a harbinger of bad news, lost battles, the draft, etc. The people were also brought abreast with the latest political situation through the board.
- (C) In the backward region of Firozabad, where the people are caught in a web of the caste system, poverty and exploitation, they aren't dream or aspire for a better life. Mukesh's courage to even think about a different future seems an impossible dream and hence, more of an illusion than a practical decision.
- (D) Douglas' mother warned him against Yakima river because Yakima river was treacherous and its depth was undetermined. Many people were also reported to have drowned into the river due to high currents. She knew that he wasn't a proficient swimmer and was afraid of water. She was concerned about his safety and hence, she warned him against swimming in the river.
- (E) The earth teaches us that even when everything appears to be still, there is always some activity that is happening underneath. Just like the seeds that lie dormant for a long time but when the time is right they blossom and grow into plants. The earth tells us that we must never stay inactive and keep introspecting in order to resolve conflicts.
- (F) The poet is pained at the sight of her ageing mother, she wants to divert her mind from the fear of losing her mother. She looks outside the window in the hope that she will be able to take her mind off the childhood fear of losing her mother.
- 11.** (A) Derry had overheard people say that he should not have survived the accident. Some well-wishers even suggested that his parents should have left him in the hospital or maybe in a place where he was surrounded by people like him so that he would feel accepted.
- (B) When the psychiatrist suggests that Charley's desire to find the third level is an escape mechanism to get away from the stress and worries of the modern world, Charley's wife considers it an insult and a comment on their family life. Sam tries to tell her that contrary to the psychiatrist's prognosis, Charley is trying to get away from the insecurity, wars, fears and worries of the modern world.
- (C) Dr. Sadao informed the General about the prisoner in his house and the General promised that he would take care of him. Being a careless and self-centred person, the General forgets to send assassins to kill the prisoner. Since it is the General's fault, combined with the fact that the General needs him for the surgery, this knowledge gives Dr. Sadao the power and also the confidence that he is safe and no action would be taken against him.



- 12.** Gandhi stayed in Champaran for a long time. The Champaran episode was a turning point in his life. It was during this struggle in 1917 that he decided to urge the departure of the British. Champaran episode did not begin as an act of defiance. It grew out of an attempt to make the sufferings of large numbers of poor peasants less severe. Gandhi concentrated on their practical day to day problems. He analysed the root cause of the problem—fear, and tried to eradicate it. The voluntary demonstration of the poor peasants against the government for putting Gandhi in trouble was the beginning of the end of their fear of the British.

In everything Gandhi did, he tried to mould a new free Indian who could stand on his own feet and thus make India free. He taught his lawyer friends a lesson in self-reliance by opposing the involvement of C.F. Andrews, an Englishman, in their unequal fight. His help would be a prop. This would reflect their weakness. Their cause was just and they must rely on themselves to win the battle. Thus self-reliance, Indian independence and help to sharecroppers were all bound together.

**OR**

The rattrap peddler thinks of the world as a big rattrap and uses the metaphor to base his philosophy on. It was natural for him to consider something he was constantly associates with.

He always felt that he was impervious to such attractions and hence would never fall prey to the same. His expectations, however, are subverted time and again,

Firstly, when he meets the crofter and is taken in by his kindness. But the lure of the thirty kroners proves too much and he ends up stealing the same. In order to escape being caught, he takes to the woods and gets lost there.

He finds refuge in the ironmaster's mill. Again the temptation of some more money is hard to resist and he accepts the ironmaster's invite under false pretence, which just goes to show that his philosophy of the world being a rattrap turns out to be true and he is not immune to falling victim of the lure of money and other attractions.

- 13.** Derry had no association with the outer world till he met Mr. Lamb. His meeting with Mr. Lamb was a turning point in his life. He learned to live a respectful life and also appreciated Mr. Lamb's attitude and outlook towards people and life. He realised his true worth. Mr. Lamb inspired him to face the world in spite of his disability. Derry's thinking towards people and life completely changed and he became selfconfident.

Mr. Lamb successfully infused in him courage and self-determination. He advised him to ignore the comments made by people on his physical impairment and enjoy the beauty of life and nature.

That was why Derry went back to Mr. Lamb's garden in spite of his mother's refusal. Now, Derry had understood the importance and true meaning of life and understanding himself better than before.

**OR**

The Enemy by Pearl S Buck is a story of nationalism Prejudice and triumph of humanity .

Dr. Sadao initially holds on to his prejudice at the sight of the injured American soldier. Momentarily his dislike of the Americans holds him back but soon the doctor in him takes over and he decides to save the American soldier.

He tries his best to stay professional and informs the General of the POW's presence in his house but his empathy for another human being prompts him to not only save the American soldier but also help him escape.

He braves the scorn and protest of his servants and helps the American. The doctor and the human being wins the battle between national pride, prejudice and humanity.



# SAMPLE PAPER

## SOLVED

# ENGLISH

## (CORE)

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

**General Instructions:** Same instructions as given in Sample Paper 1.

### SECTION - A

#### READING

20 Marks

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

#### The Future of Tourism

- (1) Deep in the heart of summer and a dystopian present, if there's one desire that people share with each other now, it is to escape. If you are lucky enough to be able to take a vacation sometimes - and haven't yet this year - it's best to get to it while you still can, because tomorrow's vacation, predictably, is going to be complicated.
- (2) As we head into the future, artificial intelligence will grow even better at predicting exactly what sort of holidays we'd like, based on our taste, and packaging the whole experience for us. So, expect those decisions to take far less time. Within a couple of decades, we'll just be telling our digital assistants our travel dates and companions, letting them handle the rest. It won't all be perfectly predictable though.
- (3) Climate change will mean that many summer destinations will become less idyllic, leading to tourism switching to new places. The deepening climate crisis will also lead to various regions becoming more dangerous in terms of hurricanes and tsunami risks. Heading further into the future, we are also going to see a few travel experiences disappear because of the damage we are doing to the environment. Visit coral reef and go on a safari as soon as possible - if those are on your bucket list - those plants and animals might not be there for much longer. New experiences will arrive, on the other hand - giant malls in the Middle East are already providing experiences from skiing to diving indoors.
- (4) Another inevitable prospect is regulation. Most major tourist hubs are already groaning under the influx of thousands of holidaymakers, so expect higher tourist taxes, or even limits on the number of tourists allowed. After all, we live in a time where even Mount Everest is over-crowded with tourists! There's also likely to be political instability worldwide, of course, but you will have to look beyond travel. AI will keep track of that. Plane travel might not get significantly faster, but airlines will deploy lower-carbon-footprint



technology, airport check-ins will turn biometric to more invasive, but more efficient, they'll claim – and luggage will get smarter and more difficult to lose despite airlines' best efforts. You will have more stay options- post Airbnb home-renting experiences, social travel companies and new tools for interfacing between tourists and locals.

**On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten questions from the eleven given below:**

1 × 10 = 10

- (A) Author's suggestion to take a vacation while one still can, is intended to
- Create awareness about the environmental changes
  - Criticize the readers
  - Elope the readers
  - Complicit the readers
- (B) "...leading to tourism switching to new places." Pick the option in which the meaning of 'switching' is NOT the same as it is in the passage.
- The organization is switching the supply of goods to new customers to increase its sales.
  - A couple of farmers are switching from inorganic farming to organic farming in order to reduce soil erosion.
  - Switching off the unnecessary electronic items would save the electricity and lower the expenses.
  - Many UN Women conventions are switching their campaigns from gender equality to gender equity.
- (C) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence of the information delivered in the passage about the future of tourism.
- Climate change will affect a lot of summer destinations due to environmental risks.
  - The increase in the number of tourists will expect an increase in the tourist's taxes and tourism regulations.
  - People desire to escape from their everyday lives and go for a vacation.
  - In future, artificial intelligence will take over the task of predicting, packaging and handling the vacations for people.
  - However, there would be new experiences with coming up of man-made tourist spots.
- (IV), (III), (V), (I), (II)
  - (III), (IV), (I), (V), (II)
  - (IV), (III), (I), (V), (II)
  - (III), (IV), (V), (I), (II)
- (D) The author mentions that climate change will mean that many summer destinations will become less idyllic. 'Less idyllic' means, being
- Unattractive
  - Inexpensive
  - Inaccessible
  - Imperfect
- (E) Choose the option that best captures the central idea of the passage from the following:
- The future of tourism is very dark due to increase in climate change and influx of thousands of tourists at holiday hubs.
  - There is a shift in the future of tourism with the tourists visiting the man-made tourist spots more than the natural tourist spots.
  - The association of tourism with artificial intelligence has taken the tourism sector to greater heights by making it accessible to all and contributing in climate change.
  - In future, tourism will grow better in association with artificial intelligence, however, one might not be able to enjoy natural tourist spots due to the climatic crisis.
- (F) Author suggests the readers to visit coral reef and go on a safari as soon as possible - if those are on our bucket list - those plants and animals might not be there for much longer. Why is it so?
- because of the association of artificial intelligence with tourism.





- (b) due to growth in man – made tourist spots.
  - (c) because of the regulation on tourism.
  - (d) due to environmental degradation by humans.
- (G) According to the author, in future we would see a few travel experiences disappear because of the damage we are doing to the environment; shows that humans are:
- (a) Anti-Libertarian
  - (b) Anti-Conservationist
  - (c) Anti-Rationalist
  - (d) Anti-Materialistic
- (H) Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word 'inevitable':
- (a) Mistakes are inevitable.
  - (b) It is important to inevitable the burdens of life.
  - (c) He met inevitable to his demise.
  - (d) Shift in the work does not inevitable the success.
- (I) Pick the option which correctly states what DOES NOT contribute in the future of tourism:
- (a) Climate Changes
  - (b) Tourism Regulation
  - (c) Environment Conservation
  - (d) Artificial Intelligence
- (J) The author mentions that regulation is an inevitable prospect in tourism because:
- (a) of association with artificial intelligence
  - (b) of change in climate
  - (c) of man-made tourist spots
  - (d) of over-crowded tourist spots
- (K) Pick the option that CORRECTLY lists the final feelings of the author in association with the future of tourism:
- (I) Disappoint
  - (II) Acceptance
  - (III) Sad
  - (IV) Desire
  - (V) Hopeful
- (a) (I) and (IV)
  - (b) (II) and (III)
  - (c) (I) and (III)
  - (d) (II) and (V)

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

- (1) Quitting smoking is extremely important — the biggest reason is that smoking affects nearly every organ of your body. But now, you have an even more immediate reason to kick the habit – COVID-19. While the novel Coronavirus can infect anyone, smokers, in particular, are more prone to fall victim to it. It causes extensive damage to various vital organs and systems of the human body. However, the lungs continue to remain one of the most affected organs. In smokers, the lung function is already impaired, which makes it more difficult for the body to fight off the coronaviruses. Also, as per the newspaper reports “the act of smoking involves contact of fingers and lips and sharing of smoking products, which facilitates the transmission of the virus. So, even those who smoke sparingly are at risk of contracting COVID-19”.
- (2) While it's crucial that everyone is saved from contracting Covid-19 in the first place, it's equally important that we do all we can to keep our lungs healthy in order to avoid the worst effects of the pandemic. For smokers, quitting smoking is an important part of this effort. Once you quit smoking, your body begins to repair the damage, and over time, the risk of life-threatening health problems attacking you reduces dramatically.
- (3) However, for best results, this should be done in a safe and effective manner. For this, the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United States Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) have recommended using proven interventions such as Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT). To help smokers quit using the Nicotine Replacement Therapy, over-the-counter NRTs are easily available. And in India, Nicotex is one of the biggest brands in this category.



- (4) Cigarette smoking and Covid-19 may be a deadly combination. In smokers, the above-mentioned health problems, coupled with COVID-19, may result in more serious health outcomes. The lung function in smokers is already impaired, and so, as a lung infection, Covid-19 aggressively attacks their lungs, making the situation worse or even resulting in a fatality.
- (5) As per WHO, “compared to non-smokers, patients who are smokers tend to need more intensive care and ventilation”. Also, fatality rates due to COVID-19 are higher amongst people with chronic respiratory disease. (Source: The Economic Times)
- (6) A cross-sectional study was conducted to evaluate whether the rate of daily smokers in patients with COVID-19 was different to that in the French population. The participants were COVID-19-infected in- and outpatients in a large French university hospital between February 28, 2020 and March 30, 2020 for outpatients and from March 23, till April 9, 2020 for inpatients. The participants were interviewed on their smoking status, use of cigarette and nicotinic substitutes.
- (7) The findings of the study revealed that the inpatient group was composed of 340 patients, median age 66 years: 203 men (59.7%, median age 66 years) and 137 women (40.3%, median age 66 years), with a rate of daily smokers of 4.1% CI95% [2.3 – 6.9] (5.4% of men and 2.2% of women). The outpatient group was composed of 139 patients, median age 44 years: 62 men (44.6%, median age 43 years, and 77 women (55.4 %, median age 44 years). The daily smokers’ rate was 6.1 % CI95% [2.7 - 11.6] (5.1% of men and 6.8 % of women). In the French population, the daily smokers’ rate was 25.4% (28.2% of men and 22.9% of women).

**Table 1–Clinical Characteristics and Smoking Habits of COVID-19 Patients**

|                          | Outpatients<br>(N = 139) |                    |            | Inpatients<br>(N = 343) |                     |             | Outpatient/inpatient<br>comparison p value |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
|                          | Male<br>(N = 62)         | Female<br>(N = 77) | All        | Male<br>(N = 203)       | Female<br>(N = 137) | All         |  |
| Median (IQR)<br>age (yr) | 43 [32-55]               | 44 [32-54]         | 44 [32-55] | 66 [55-76]              | 66 [56-79]          | 66 [55-77]  | <0.0001                                    |
| Coexisting disorder      |                          |                    |            |                         |                     |             |  |
| High blood pressure      | 9 (15.3%)                | 7 (9.6%)           | 16 (12.1%) | 84 (41.4%)              | 58 (42.3%)          | 142 (41.8%) | 0.004                                      |
| Diabetes                 | 4 (6.8%)                 | 3 (4.1%)           | 7 (5.3%)   | 54 (26.6%)              | 41 (29.9%)          | 95 (27.9%)  | <0.001                                     |
| Obesity                  | 4 (6.78%)                | 6 (8.2%)           | 10 (7.6%)  | 28 (14.1%)              | 19 (14.1%)          | 47 (14.2%)  | 0.002                                      |
| Immune deficiency        | 4 (6.8%)                 | 1 (1.4%)           | 4 (3%)     | 34 (16.7%)              | 26 (19%)            | 60 (17.6%)  | <0.001                                     |
| COPD                     | 2 (3.4%)                 | 0 (0%)             | 2 (1.5%)   | 17 (8.4%)               | 10 (7.3%)           | 27 (7.9%)   | 0.381                                      |
| Smoking status           |                          |                    |            |                         |                     |             |  |
| Current active           | 3 (5.1%)                 | 5 (6.8%)           | 8 (6.1%)   | 11 (5.4%)               | 3 (2.2%)            | 14 (4.1%)   | 0.96                                       |
| Current occasional       | 3 (5.1%)                 | 3 (4.1%)           | 6 (4.5%)   | 4 (2%)                  | 0 (0%)              | 4 (1.2%)    | 0.14                                       |
| Former                   | 21 (35.6%)               | 20 (27.4%)         | 41 (31.1%) | 76 (37.6%)              | 35 (25.7%)          | 111 (32.8%) | 0.08                                       |
| Never smoker             | 32 (54.2%)               | 45 (61.6%)         | 77 (58.3%) | 111 (55%)               | 98 (72.1%)          | 209 (61.8%) | 0.03                                       |
| Missing data             | 4 (6.5%)                 | 3 (3.9%)           | 7 (5.0%)   | 1 (0.5%)                | 1 (0.07%)           | 2 (0.6%)    |  |

\*Except for age, p value correspond to logistic regression models adjusted on age and sex

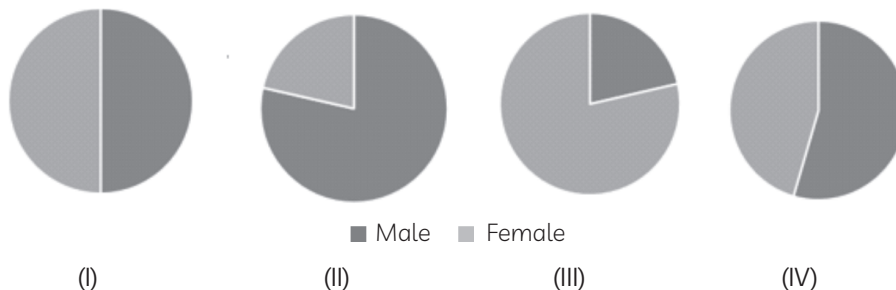
- (8) The rate of daily smokers was significantly lower in COVID-19 patients, as compared to that in the French general population after standardization by age and sex. The cross-sectional study in both COVID-19 out- and inpatients shows that daily smokers rate in patients with symptomatic COVID-19 is lower as compared to the general population.



On the basis of your understanding of the above passage, answer any ten questions from the eleven given below:

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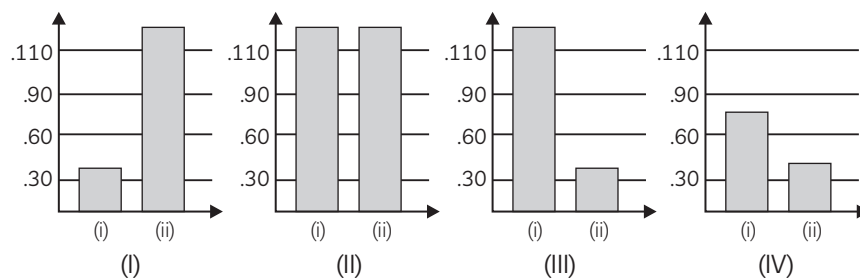
- (A) According to the passage, one should quit smoking during the times of Coronavirus, because
- Smoking damages all vital body organs.
  - Smoking makes it difficult for body to fight coronavirus.
  - Smoking involves contact of body parts and sharing of products.
  - Smoking is injurious to health.
- (B) Pick the options that lists statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.
- Quitting smoking is suggested to keep our lungs healthy in order to avoid the worst effects of the pandemic.
  - Once you quit smoking, body begins to repair life-threatening health problems.
  - Fatality rates due to COVID-19 are lower among people with chronic respiratory disease.
  - Cigarette smoking and Covid-19 may be a deadly combination.
- (I) and (II)
  - (II) and (III)
  - (III) and (IV)
  - (IV) and (I)
- (C) The word 'intervention' as used in paragraph 3, means the same as,
- Medication
  - Rejuvenation
  - Meditation
  - Mediation
- (D) Based on the data given in Table 1 of the passage, choose the pie representation that correctly states the depiction of smoking status of currently active male inpatients with currently active female inpatients.



- Option (I)
  - Option (II)
  - Option (III)
  - Option (IV)
- (E) The act of smoking requires the contact of body parts and sharing of smoking products, which facilitates the transmission of virus, because Coronavirus
- is transmitted through smoking
  - is communicable
  - is life-threatening
  - damages the lungs
- (F) Based on the information in paragraph 6, choose the option that lists the statements that are true with respect to the cross-sectional research conducted to evaluate the rate of daily smokers in patients with COVID-19 and regular French population.
- The study was conducted with the COVID-19 in-patients in the month of February and out-patients in the month of March.
  - In the findings, the rate of daily smokers was significantly higher in COVID-19 patients, as compared to that in the French general population after standardization by age and sex.
  - The participants were interviewed on their smoking status, use of cigarette and nicotinic substitutes.



- (IV) After the research the participants decided to quit smoking.
- (a) (I) and (III) (b) (II) and (IV)  
(c) (I) and (III) (d) (I) and (IV)
- (G) Based on data representation in Table 1, among inpatients, who are the maximum number of COVID- 19 patients? The ones
- (a) who actively smoke cigarette (b) who occasionally smoke cigarette  
(c) who never smoked cigarette (d) who were former cigarette smokers
- (H) The response of participants in the cross-sectional study shows that the
- (a) The rate of daily smokers was significantly high in COVID-19 patients in the month of February.  
(b) The rate of daily smokers was significantly higher in COVID-19.  
(c) The two constant variables in the research were age and experience.  
(d) The rate of daily smokers was significantly lower in COVID-19 patients.
- (I) Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 7?
- (a) Fatality rates due to COVID-19 are higher amongst people with chronic respiratory disease.  
(b) Inpatient group was composed of 340 patients, however, outpatient group composed of 139 patients.  
(c) Male inpatients are more in number than male outpatients.  
(d) The rate of daily smokers is more in out-patients than in in-patients.
- (J) According to the cross-sectional study conducted, which graph represents the correct number of former smokers.
- (i) Outpatients  
(ii) In-patients



- (a) Option (I) (b) Option (II)  
(c) Option (III) (d) Option (IV)
- (K) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence of the information delivered to the reader.
- (I) So, even those who smoke sparingly are at risk of contracting COVID-19.  
(II) To help smokers quit using Nicotine Replacement Therapy, over-the-counter NRTs are easily available.  
(III) Once you quit smoking, your body begins to repair the damage, and over time, the risk of life-threatening health problems attacking you reduces dramatically.  
(IV) While the novel Coronavirus can infect anyone, smokers, in particular, are more prone to fall victim to it.  
(V) Fatality rates due to COVID-19 are higher amongst people with chronic respiratory disease
- (a) (IV), (I), (II), (III), (V) (b) (I), (IV), (II), (III), (V)  
(c) (I), (IV), (III), (V), (II) (d) (IV), (I), (III), (II), (V)



## SECTION - B WRITING

20 Marks

**3. Attempt any one of the following:**

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Analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

The Science Club of your school is planning to organise an exhibition on the occasion of International Science Day. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words, to be displayed on the school notice board, inviting students to register for it. Give all the necessary details. You are Ira/Irwin, Science Captain, SS Public School, Delhi

OR

Analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

You are Sudhir/Sudha, Secretary of the Cultural Society of Bishop Cotton School, Pune. You are planning to organise a charity cultural program. Write a notice inviting names of students who are willing to participate for the same. Draft the notice, with all details in not more than 50 words.

**4. Attempt any one of the following:**

5

Analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

Your father, Mr. Ashwin Gupta, residing at Sarita Vihar, Gwalior, wants to celebrate the success of your sister Raveena's IIT Examination. He wants you to draft a formal invitation for him on his behalf. Draft the invitation for him.

OR

You are Sudha Murthy. You have received an invitation from the K12 Publishers' Association to inaugurate the India Book Fair. Write a reply in not more than 50 words declining the invitation and expressing your inability to attend the same.

**5. Attempt any one of the following:**

5

Analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

You are Arti Sharma, H.No. 23, New Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in The National Times for the post of Accounts Manager. Apply with complete bio-data for the same to the General Manager, G.P. Pvt. Limited, Mumbai.

**G.P. PVT. LTD., MUMBAI  
ACCOUNTS MANAGER WANTED**

C.A. /M. Com(Accounts) required; accounts manager preferred. Specialization in handling ledgers. Salary inclusive of PF. Apply with a bio- data addressed to General Manager, G.P. Pvt. Ltd, Mumbai

OR

You are Harsh/Harshita of A-1, Arya Nagar, Patna. Recently many people of your locality were bitten by monkeys and one boy even met his death. Write a letter to the local Municipal Commissioner expressing your concern over this monkey menace and give suggestions for getting rid of this problem.





**6. Attempt any one of the following:**

5

Evaluation , using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone.

On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, you have been invited to attend the event at KJ Arya College. To your utter dismay, you found that the students were caught up in a physical fight over there which calls for a need to focus on the relevance of Gandhian philosophy in present times among the youth. Write an article for the same in 120- 150 words using the given cues. You are Reema/Raj.

- (1) Remind ourselves the way Gandhi fought battles
- (2) Leadership has lost its essence; needs to be tracked
- (3) Accepting the Gandhian ways and ahimsa in life

**OR**

With the world reeling under the Corona virus, the Indian Prime Minister requested the nation to observe Janta Curfew in order to stop the spread of the virus. He also appealed to everyone to express their gratitude towards the brave doctors and emergency service providers by applauding their heroic efforts. As the chief reporter, Prastut Gowda, of the Deccan Herald, you were asked to write a report in 120-150 words on the Janta curfew with the help of the given cues

- (1) The Prime Minister stated social distancing to be mandatory
- (2) gratitude towards the helpers
- (3) Protocol to be strictly followed

## **SECTION - C**

### **LITERATURE**

**40 Marks**

**7. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

6 × 1 = 6

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.....

- (A) Which fear does the poet refer to?
- (a) Her mother's growing age
  - (b) Her mother's future
  - (c) Her mother's well-being
  - (d) Options (a), (b) and (c)



- (B) Which word in the extract does not mean the same as 'strange'?
- |              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| (a) Fear     | (b) Ache  |
| (c) Familiar | (d) Smile |
- (C) Identify the literary device in 'smile and smile and smile' ...
- |            |                |
|------------|----------------|
| (a) Simile | (b) Repetition |
| (c) Pun    | (d) Metaphor   |
- (D) Why does the poet smile and smile?
- |                              |
|------------------------------|
| (a) To make her mother happy |
| (b) To hide her old age      |
| (c) To hide her happiness    |
| (d) To hide her fear         |
- (E) The expression 'childhood fear' refers to fear of?
- |                                |
|--------------------------------|
| (a) Falling                    |
| (b) Separation from her mother |
| (c) Going to the doctor        |
| (d) Being laughed at           |
- (F) Name the poet of the extract given.
- |                  |
|------------------|
| (a) Kamala Das   |
| (b) Pablo Neruda |
| (c) John Keats   |
| (d) Robert Frost |

OR

**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

Perhaps the Earth can teach us  
 as when everything seems dead  
 and later proves to be alive  
 Now I'll count up to twelve  
 and you keep quiet and I will go

- (A) We can learn a lesson from:
- |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| (a) the trees | (b) nature    |
| (c) animals   | (d) the earth |
- (B) He advises the people not to speak:
- |                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| (a) French       | (b) Spanish |
| (c) any language | (d) English |
- (C) What can be a cure or an antidote to violent actions?
- |                         |
|-------------------------|
| (a) Speaking practice   |
| (b) Wise words          |
| (c) Polished language   |
| (d) Practice of silence |
- (D) Why is silence treated as a big issue?
- |  |
|--|
| (a) It helps to search our soul                      |
| (b) Helps us to analyze our actions                  |
| (c) Helps us to be thoughtful and find our true self |
| (d) Options (a), (b) and (c)                         |





- (E) How is keeping quiet related to life and can change attitude?
- It helps to think and search soul
  - Helps to scratch one's soul
  - Helps to develop new thinking process
  - Options (a), (b) and (c)
- (F) What does poet want readers to do by keeping quiet?
- He want readers to be idle.
  - He want the readers to avoid nature-hurting activities.
  - He want readers to read his writings while keeping quiet.
  - Poet want readers to do meditation.

**8. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

4 × 1 = 4

He was very light, like a fowl that had been half-starved for a long time until it is only fret side door of the house. This door topeped into a passare, and down the passage feathers and skeleton. So, his arms hanging, they carried him up the steps and into father, and since his death it had not been used. They laid the man on the deeply matted floor. Everything here had been Japanese to please the old man, who would never in his own home sit on a chair or sleep in a foreign bed. Hana went to the wall cupboards and slid back a door and took out a soft quilt. She hesitated. The quilt was covered with flowered silk and the lining was pure white silk.

- (A) Choose the option that demonstrates the person who is being talked about in the extract:
- Sadao's father
  - Sadao
  - the enemy soldier
  - Hana
- (B) 'She hesitated' means that Hana:
- didn't want to carry the soldier as he had a limp in his leg
  - didn't want to use her silk as he was their guest
  - didn't want to use her white silk as the soldier was bleeding
  - didn't like to share her stuff
- (C) "his arms hanging" indicated the state of the soldier. Pick the option that correctly tells his state:
- |                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| (I) unconscious | (IV) rebellious |
| (II) weak       | (V) calm        |
| (III) strong    | (VI) conscious  |
- (I) and (II)
  - (I) and (III)
  - (V) and (VI)
  - (IV) and (V)
- (D) They avoided bringing the person home as he was:
- foreigner, white, enemy
  - enemy, soldier, Japanese
  - Japanese, soldier, friend
  - foreigner, friend, bleeding

OR

**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

The clerk figured the fare — he glanced at my fancy hatband, but he figured the fare and I had enough for two coach tickets, one way. But when I Counted out the money and looked up, the clerk was staring at me. He nodded at the bills. "That ain't money, big as the money we use nowadays, and different-looking. I turned away and got out at the cash drawer beside



him. Of course, the money was old-style bills, half again as fast. There's nothing nice about jail, even in 1894.

- (A) What does the word 'ain't' stand for in the sentence, "That ain't money, mister"?
- (a) Has not (b) Does not  
(c) Is not (d) Are not
- (B) Identify the figure of speech in the sentence, "if you're trying to skin me, you won get very far."
- (a) Simile (b) Idioms  
(c) Hyperbole (d) Personification
- (C) Identify the intention of the speaker in the sentence, "There's nothing nice ab jail, even in 1894."
- (a) Panic (b) Sarcasm  
(c) Arrogance (d) Empathy
- (D) The author said that he had enough for two coach tickets, one way, but still he turned away and got out fast. In reference to the sentence, the phrase 'one way means that he had money which:
- (a) looked different  
(b) was bigger in size  
(c) was used in past  
(d) was enough for a one way journey

**9. Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

6 × 1 = 6

My acquaintance with the barefoot ragpickers leads me to Seemapuri, a place on the periphery of Delhi yet miles away from it, metaphorically. Those who live here are squatters who came from Bangladesh back in 1971. Saheb's family is among them. Seemapuri was then a wilderness. It still is, but it is no longer empty. In structures of mud, with roofs of tin and tarpaulin, devoid of sewage, drainage or running water, live 10,000 ragpickers. 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 an 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 ask them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child it is even more.

- (A) The phrase 'transit homes' refer to the dwellings that are:
- (a) Unhygienic (b) Inadequate  
(c) Fragile (d) Temporary
- (B) Identity the figure of speech used in the sentence "garbage to them is gold".
- (a) Hyperbole (b) Simile  
(c) Synecdoche (d) Personification
- (C) Choose the term which best matches the statement "Food is more important for survival than an identity."
- (a) Immortality (b) Necessity  
(c) Obligation (d) Ambition
- (D) What does 'acquired the proportions of a fine art' mean?
- (a) Rag-picking has regained its lost status  
(b) A segment of ragpickers are skilled in fine arts  
(c) Rag-picking has attained the position of a skill  
(d) Only a few people are experts in rag-picking.



- (E) Choose the option that best states the relationship between Delhi and Seemapuri:
- Creator and consumer
  - Centre and margin
  - Language and culture
  - Parent and child
- (F) What advantages have the people gained by moving to an urban slum from the rural countryside?
- They gained an identity.
  - They gained dignity and pride.
  - They gained a roof over their heads.
  - They gained access to food.

OR

**Read the given extract to attempt the questions that follow:**

After the grammar, we had a lesson in writing. That day M. Hamel had new copies for us, written in a beautiful round hand — France, Alsace, France, Alsace. They looked like little flags floating everywhere in the school-room, hung from the rod at the top of our desks. You ought to have seen how every one set to work, and how quiet it was! The only sound was the scratching of the pens over the paper. Once some beetles flew in; but nobody paid any attention to them, not even the littlest ones, who worked right on tracing their fish-hooks, as if that was French, too. On the roof the pigeons cooed very low, and I thought to myself, “Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?”

- (A) Why does the author compare the copies of writing to flags?
- Because they were colourful and large.
  - Because they were in the colours of the French flag.
  - Because they were hung on the rod above the desks.
  - Because the flag is an aspect of a nation's identity.
- (1) and (3)
  - (2) and (3)
  - (2) and (4)
  - (3) and (4)
- (B) Why did M. Hamel give the writing exercise 'France, Alsace, France, Alsace'?
- to instill feelings of patriotism towards France.
  - to create a sense of unity and harmony.
  - to make sure students know where they are from.
  - to make them proud of belonging to Prussia.
- (1) and (4)
  - (2) and (3)
  - (1) and (3)
  - (2) and (4)
- (C) Which of the following French letters show what 'a fish hook' is?
- |     |     |     |     |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| ç   | â   | é   | ü   |
| (a) | (b) | (c) | (d) |
- (D) “Will they make them sing in German, even the pigeons?” Who is referred to as 'they' here?
- the French government
  - the Prussian government
  - the village elders
  - the school students
- (E) Choose the correct option for the statements given below:
- In the last lesson, there was no noise apart from the scratching of pens on papers.
  - No one can ever change the language of nature
- (1) is true and (2) is false
  - (1) is a fact and (2) is an opinion
  - both (1) and (2) are false
  - (1) is cause and (2) is effect



- (F) Why everyone in the classroom were quiet and focused on their work?
- (a) It was the last day of the French lesson.
  - (b) It was due to M. Hamel's strict discipline.
  - (c) The students got their favourite assignment to do.
  - (d) They want to leave early after finishing their work.

**10. Attempt any five out of six questions given below, in 40-50 words each:** 2 × 5 = 10

- (A) Did the peddler expect the kind of hospitality that he received from the crofter?
- (B) Explain how the experience at the YMCA swimming pool affected Douglas.
- (C) "Garbage to them is gold..."What 'gold' does Saheb look for in the garbage dumps?
- (D) Comment on the way M. Hamel treated Franz for reaching the school late that day.
- (E) The poet described her mother as 'old, pale, cold and senile'. State a reason why she does so.
- (F) 'The man would benefit if he did nothing and kept quiet'. State a reason why the poet says so.

**11. Attempt any two out of the three questions given below in 40-50 words each:** 2 × 2 = 4

- (A) Charley says that "I h've been on the third level of the Grand Central". How did Charley make sure that he was in the past time at the third level?
- (B) Hana showed her human side to the wounded man after the operation. Support this statement with a rationale.
- (C) What causes Derry to shout, 'I haven't got a tin leg'? Explain with reference to the chapter 'On The Face of It'.

**12. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:** 5

The inhabitants of Firozabad are incapable of dreaming or taking initiative. Their story is an example of a vicious web of poverty that surrounds the poor . Elaborate with reference to the text.

OR

Explain the significance of Douglas experiencing freedom to walk the trails and climb the peaks with the help of textual reference.

**13. Attempt any one of the following questions in 120-150 words:** 5

Dr. Sadao is a brilliant surgeon and a man of ethics and principles. Justify the statement with a rationale.

OR

With respect to the story 'The Third Level', do you think that the third level is a medium of escape for Charley? Why/why not? Justify your choice.



# SOLUTION

## PART - A READING

1. (A) (a) *Create awareness about the environmental changes*

**Explanation:** The author asks the readers to take a break and go for a holiday soon. He doesn't want them to escape from their daily routines. Neither does he criticize those who don't go for a break. He doesn't want to complicit them either. So (b), (c) & (d) are not the answers. Here, the answer is (a) as the author tells the readers, how getting late in planning a holiday will deprive them from many natural wonders, which will be extinct soon.

- (B) (c) *Switching off the unnecessary electronic items would save the electricity and lower the expenses.*

**Explanation:** In the passage switching is used in the sense of shifting or moving to something different. In (a) the organisation has shifted its sales to new customers. In (b) farmers have changed the traditional methods of farming. In (d) conventions have changed their agendas. Hence, in all these 'switch' means the same as that in passage. Here the answer is (c) as in this sentence switch off means to turn off the appliances.

- (C) (b) (III), (IV), (I), (V), (II)

**Explanation:** In the opening sentence of the passage the author writes about the desire of the people to escape the summer heat. Hence point (III) comes first. So (a), (c) are not the answers. Then he tells the readers that in future AI will take over the task of planning etc. so point (IV) comes next. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

- (D) (d) *Imperfect*

**Explanation:** Idyllic means an ideal situation or place. A place can be unattractive but still ideal. It is not necessary that an expensive place may be an ideal tourist destination. An inaccessible place can never be ideal. A place or situation that is perfect will be ideal and less idyllic will make it imperfect. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

- (E) (d) *In future, tourism will grow better in association with artificial intelligence, however, one might not be able to enjoy natural tourist spots due to the climatic crisis.*

**Explanation:** The passage tries to emphasise the climatic changes and how they are affecting the tourism at certain places. But he is very optimistic that tourism will certainly find new destinations. Hence, (a) is not the answer. He realises that there is a shift in tourism to man made places rather than natural spots, but still people prefer natural spots. So (b) is also not the answer. AI has not contributed to climate changes, so (c) is also not the answer. The answer here is (d) as the author tells us that AI will make travel experiences better and tourism may shift to man made spots.

- (F) (d) *due to environmental degradation by humans.*

**Explanation:** The author tells us that much of the flora and fauna of the famous tourist spots is on the verge of extinction. The reason for this is not (a) as artificial intelligence has nothing to do with the environment. (b) is also not the reason as the destruction of natural spots has led to the development of manmade spots. The regulations on tourism are due



to increased tourist activities, which in turn lead to environmental degradation. (d) is the reason for this as humans are responsible for the environmental degradation which has led to the extinction of many species.

(G) (b) *Anti-Conservationist*

**Explanation:** Libertarian is a person who advocates civil liberty. This doesn't affect our environment. So, (a) is not the answer.

Conservationist is a person who advocates or acts for the protection and preservation of the environment and wildlife. Humans use the environment and wildlife for their own greed. Hence, they are certainly anti conservationist. Hence, (b) is the answer.

Rationalist is a person who bases their opinions and actions on reason and knowledge rather than on religious belief or emotional response. Whether a person is rationalist or not, doesn't affect our environment. So, this is also not the answer.

Materialistic is one who is excessively concerned with material possessions; money-oriented. Being materialistic or not, has no concern with the environment. So, this is also not the answer.

(H) (a) *Mistakes are inevitable.*

**Explanation:** Inevitable means something that can't be avoided. So the answer here is (a).

(I) (c) *Environment Conservation*

**Explanation:** The author tells us that the future of tourism is changing due to climatic changes and tourism regulations. AI also contributes to the new look and trends of tourism. Hence, (a), (b) & (d) are not the answers. The correct answer here is (c) as if the environment is conserved there will be no need to shift to new tourist destinations and new trends in tourism.

(J) (d) *of over-crowded tourist spots*

**Explanation:** The author tells us that climate change has led to shift in tourism from traditional spots to new spots. AI has led to new tourism trends and climate change has led to man made tourist spots. But in places where there is still overcrowding, governments have to impose regulations to preserve the environment. Hence, (a), (b) & (c) are not the answers. The answer here is (d).

(K) (d) (II) and (V)

**Explanation:** The author is not at all disappointed anywhere in the passage when it comes to the future of tourism. So (I) is not the answer. He is ready to accept the changes with an open heart. So (II) is correct. He is not sad at all, neither he is desirous of anything special in the future. Rather, he is hopeful that with new trends and spots, the tourism industry will grow stronger.

2. (A) (c) *Smoking involves contact of body parts and sharing of products.*

**Explanation:** Smoking has always been injurious to health and damages vital body organs. As our vital organs are damaged we can not fight against any kind of disease. But in case of COVID-19, it is extremely dangerous to continue smoking because the virus spreads through contact with an infected person and smokers share their smoking products and there is a contact between the fingers and lips. Due to this the virus can easily enter our body through our lips and we can get infected. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(B) (b) (II) and (III)

**Explanation:** (I) is true as smoking and corona virus both affect our lungs. (II) is incorrect as after quitting, your body starts to heal and the chances of attack of fatal disease is reduced and not that the already prevalent diseases are cured. (III) is also incorrect as the data shows that fatality rate in chronic respiratory patients is high. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.



(C) (a) Medication

**Explanation:** In the above paragraph intervention has been used to mean action taken to improve a medical disorder. It doesn't imply rejuvenating (refreshing), Meditation (going inwards in search of peace and tranquility) or mediation (to interrupt or resolve a situation for the benefits of others.) Here it means medication which is used to improve some medical conditions. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

(D) (b) Option (II)

**Explanation:** There are 11 active male inpatients and 3 female inpatients according to the table. This accounts to 78.5% males and nearly 21.5% women. Hence, the answer here will be (b)

(E) (b) is communicable

**Explanation:** Any disease that is transmitted on contact with the infected person is called communicable. Hence (b) is the correct answer.

(F) (c) (I) and (III)

**Explanation:** The study was conducted for the outpatients in the month of February and March. Hence (I) is correct. The rate of daily smokers was less in COVID-19 patients. Hence, (II) is incorrect. (III) is also correct. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(G) (c) who never smoked cigarette

(H) (d) The rate of daily smokers was significantly lower in COVID-19 patients.

(I) (a) Fatality rates due to COVID-19 are higher amongst people with chronic respiratory disease.

(J) (a) Option (I)

**Explanation:** Former smokers in outpatients were 41 and 111 in in-patients. Hence, the answer here will be (a).

(K) (d) (IV), (I), (III), (II), (V)

**Explanation:** The writer starts the passage with the information regarding the risk of coronavirus in smokers (IV). Then he tells that as smoking involves sharing of smoking products so occasional smokers are also at risk (I). Then he tells the benefits of quitting smoking (III) and also how to quit (II). In paragraph 7 he discusses the fatality rate of chronic respiratory patients (V). Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

## SECTION - B

### WRITING

3.

S.S. Public School, Delhi  
NOTICE

2<sup>nd</sup> September 20XX

**EXHIBITION**

On the occasion of International Science Day, the science club is organizing an exhibition for the students of classes IX to XII.

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 20XX  
Timings: 9 am to 3 pm  
Venue: School Ground

Interested students must give their names and their experiments or items to the undersigned by 10<sup>th</sup> September 20XX.

Ira/Irwin  
Science Captain

OR





**Bishop Cotton School, Pune**

**Notice**

21<sup>st</sup> November, 20XX

**Charity Cultural Program**

This is to inform all the students that the school is going to organize a charity cultural program for the weaker section of the society in the times of pandemic. Those who are interested to participate in the same may give their names to their respective class teachers. For further details, contact the undersigned.

Sudhir/Sudha,  
Secretary of the Cultural

4.

Mrs. and Mr. Ashwin Gupta  
request your presence at

**GRYN BANQUET HALL**

Sahib street, abc road, Gwalior

at 8.00 p.m. on 12<sup>th</sup> September, 20XX

to celebrate their daughter's success in the

**IIT EXAMINATION**

RSVP

Mrs. & Mr. Ashwin Gupta

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OR

Narayan Enclave  
Hyderabad  
24<sup>th</sup> March 20XX  
The Director  
K12 Publishers' Association  
New Delhi

**Subject: Inability to Accept Invitation**

Sir

Thank you for your kind invitation to inaugurate the India Book Fair on 15<sup>th</sup> April 20XX, at 6:00 pm, at Pragati Maidan. I am grateful for the same and appreciate the gesture.

However, due to a prior pressing engagement on the same day, I will have to regretfully decline your invitation. Please accept my best wishes for the success of the book fair.

Thank you once again for the kind invitation.

Yours sincerely

Sudha Murthy



5. H.NO. 23, Saket  
New Delhi  
10<sup>th</sup> November, 20XX  
The General Manager  
G.P. Pvt. Ltd. ,  
Abc road,  
Mumbai

**Subject:** Application for the Post of Accounts Manager.

Dear Sir,

In response to your advertisement in the 'The National Times' dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 20XX, I wish to be considered for the post of Accounts Manager. I am confident that my qualifications and experience are suitable for the post mentioned above.

I am enclosing my biodata, all testimonials and attested copies of my certificates along with this letter.

I hope to receive a positive response from your company.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Arti Sharma

**Enclosure:** biodata, testimonials, attested copies of certificates.

**Name** : Arti Sharma  
**Father's name** : Mr. Harsh Sharma  
**Date of birth** : 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1993  
**Age** : 25 years  
**Sex** : Female  
**Marital Status** : Single  
**Nationality** : Indian

**Educational qualifications :**

| S. No. |   |
|--------|---|
| 1.     | MBA (Accounts), College of Business Management, Lucknow |
| 2.     | B.Sc from Janki College, New Delhi                      |

**Experience** : One year at Wipro Limited as an Accounts Manager  
**Languages known** : English & Hindi  
**Hobbies** : Reading, Travelling & Playing  
**Permanent Address** : H.No.23, Saket, New Delhi  
**Contact No.** : 9825678xxx  
**References** : (1) Prof. Anita Kartik  
Adarsh College, New Delhi  
(2) Dr. B.M. Gupta  
Janki College, New Delhi

OR



A-1, Arya Nagar,  
Patna  
23<sup>rd</sup> June, 20xx  
The Municipal Commissioner  
Lajpat Nagar  
Patna

**Subject:** Monkey Menace that Needs Immediate Action

Sir,

This letter is to bring to your notice, the problem of monkeys being faced by the residents of Arya Nagar. The monkeys have created a havoc in the locality. They are very aggressive and had bitten a number of people in the colony.

Last week, in an unfortunate incident, the monkeys attacked a small boy who was walking with his mother and bit both the mother and the boy. The mother sustained the injuries but the boy had to be hospitalized and two days later, he passed away.

The local veterinary department should be requested to take action or a professional monkey-catcher should be hired to get rid of these monkeys.

We request you to look into this matter immediately and get us free from this menace.

Yours faithfully

Harsh/Harshita

## 6. **Gandhian Philosophy in Present Times**

By : Reema/Raj

The world today is battling wars, conflicts and struggle for power, money & many things. It's high time we need Mahatama Gandhi's ideology and philosophy more than ever before.

In the times when leadership has lost its essence, it is imperative that we remind ourselves of the greatest personalities of the millennium. Bapu was a man ahead of his times: where others fought battles with weapons, inflicting misery and death upon innocent people, he was a warrior of a different kind. He led the biggest battle and yet did not lift any weapon. His world was one of honesty and he believed in the moral universe. That is the kind of philosophy that the world needs today, a philosophy where truth is the only force, and only weapon, 'Satyagraha' the only weapon..

We live in times where strife and struggle for power dominate with an absolute disregard for humanity and humane qualities. We as the torchbearers of the future, must embrace the Gandhian way of life, where honesty, equality and ahimsa become an integral part of your life.

OR

## **Social Isolation - India Unites**

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With the world reeling under the effect of OVID 19, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi addressed the nation and appealed to the citizens to join hands to combat the deadly virus. He also expressed his gratitude towards the doctors, law enforcers and all emergency service providers for their selfless service. As the virus is contagious and spreads by touch, he requested the entire country to observe one day of Janta Curfew or social-isolation on 22nd March.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the effect of the Prime Minister's appeal was visible as people stayed indoors. The usually busy and packed roads of Bangalore were deserted, doctors were manning their stations and all emergency services were functional. Inspector Nafiz Haque said, " People have



taken the PM's call very seriously and everyone has stayed in, which shows that the resolve to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is very strong."

At 5 p.m. people came out in their balconies to clap and express their gratitude towards the doctors and emergency service providers for their dedication and selfless service. Sophia, a municipal cleaner said, "I was so touched when the people in my neighborhood clapped for me and thanked me." The air resonated with the sound of bells, conch shells and claps. One hopes that the citizens continue to follow protocol and take all necessary steps to halt the spread of the virus.

## SECTION - C

### LITERATURE

7. (A) (d) Options (a), (b) and (c)  
(B) (c) Familiar  
(C) (b) Repetition  
(D) (d) To hide her fear  
(E) (b) Separation from her mother  
(F) (a) Kamala Das

OR

- (A) (d) the earth  
(B) (c) any language  
(C) (d) Practice of silence  
(D) (d) Options (a), (b) and (c)  
(E) (d) Options (a), (b) and (c)  
(F) (b) He want the readers to avoid nature-hurting activities.

8. (A) (c) the enemy soldier

**Explanation:** Here the person who is being talked about is the American soldier who was their enemy. So (c) is the correct answer

- (B) (c) *didn't want to use her white silk as the soldier was bleeding*

**Explanation:** She hesitated means that she didn't want to use her white silk as the soldier was bleeding. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

- (C) (a) (I) and (II)

**Explanation:** When Hana was trying to move the soldier his arms were hanging as if lifeless. This happened as he was unconscious and weak from the injuries. Hence a is the correct answer

- (D) (a) *foreigner, white, enemy*

**Explanation:** They didn't want to bring the person home only because he was a foreigner, a white and their enemy. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

OR

- (A) (c) *Is not*

**Explanation:** The meaning to ain't is 'is not' so, (c) is the correct answer.

- (B) (b) *Idioms*

**Explanation:** Here, 'skin me' and 'get very far' both are idioms. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

- (C) (a) *Panic*

**Explanation:** In this sentence, the author when realises that his note bills are no longer in circulation he immediately flies away from the ticket counter because he knew that he



could be handed over to the cops for this. He is in no way arrogant or empathetic (c) & (d). There is no sarcasm as the jails are never considered a nice place. Since the narrator turns away from there quickly, it shows that he was panic (a). Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

(D) (d) *was enough for a one way journey*

**Explanation:** When the author tells us this given line till then he had no realization that the money he had looked different and was bigger in size as it was used in the past. So, (a), (b) & (c) are not the answers. The answer here is (d) because as soon as he gets to know that he is on the third level of the grand central station he calculated the fare to get to Galesburg, Illinois, which was his dream destination, and he found that the money he had was enough for the one way journey for two.

9. (A) (d) *Temporary*

**Explanation:** Transit means to carry things from one place to another. Hence, (d) is the correct answer.

(B) (a) *Hyperbole*

**Explanation:** a simile is used to compare a thing with another thing of a different kinds to make it's description more vivid. A synecdoche is a figure of speech in which a part represents whole. Personification is when a non-living thing is compared to a person's nature or given a human characteristics. A hyperbole is an exaggerated statement. Hence, (a) is the correct answer.

(C) (a) *Immortality*

**Explanation:** Means wickedness which is not connected to survival or food. Obligation is to which a person is morally bound. Food requirement is not an obligation, ambition is a strong desire to achieve something. Food is not an ambition for survival. Food is a necessity for survival. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

(D) (c) *Rag-picking has attained the position of a skill*

**Explanation:** Fine art is something that requires some sort of skills. Here rag picking has been compared to fine art, that is, it is a skill. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(E) (b) *Centre and margin*

**Explanation:** Delhi is the centre and seemapuri is the margin/periphery. Hence, (b) is the correct answer.

(F) (d) *They gained access to food.*

OR

(A) (d) (3) and (4)

**Explanation:** A country's flag is its identity and the students' writing exercises were also hung from a rod much like a flag. Hence, option (d) (3) & (4) is the correct answer. Options (a), (b) or (d) are not completely correct.

(B) (c) (1) and (3)

**Explanation:** On the last day of M. Hamel's class, he wanted to emphasise the patriotism that he felt towards his motherland, France and made sure that students know where they are from. Hence, he gave the exercise of writing 'France, Alsace, France, Alsace'. This makes option (c) (1) & (3) the correct answer. Options (a) & (b) are partially correct while option (d) is completely incorrect.

(C) (a) ç

**Explanation:** There is no need to know French to figure the answer out. Options (b), (c) and (d) have an accent that is on top of the letter. Only option (a) has a hook hanging like a 'fish hook' from the letter. So, it is the correct answer.



(D) (b) the Prussian government

**Explanation:** 'They' refers to a foreign force and that is the Prussian government which wanted to foist German in French classrooms. The students, the village elders and the French government are French so options (a), (c) and (d) are not the correct answers. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

(E) (b) (1) is a fact and (2) is an opinion

(F) (a) It was the last day of the French lesson.

- 10.** (A) No, the peddler did not expect the kind of hospitality that he had received from the crofter. This was because he was generally greeted by harsh, sour and unfriendly faces whenever he had knocked on doors and requested for shelter.
- (B) The experience created a terrible fear in the heart of Douglas for a long time. This made Douglas all the more afraid of water. The very sight of water made him ill. Douglas decided against playing any water sports.
- (C) For Saheb, the garbage dump was like a mysterious package, full of wonders and magic. He looked for different kinds of treasures in the garbage, like a silver coin or other tit bits.
- (D) M. Hamel did not scold Franz. He only said that it is not good to put off learning. He blamed Franz parents for not caring towards his studies. He blamed himself also and spoke very kindly to him to sit in his place quickly.
- (E) The poet described her mother as old, pale, cold and senile because when she dozed off beside her, she looked almost like a corpse, for her face was colourless and seemed to have lost the colour and vitality of life.
- (F) If man kept quiet and did not involve himself in doing anything, then he would introspect. Only then will he realise the harm he had caused to mankind and the need of strengthening his relationships.
- 11.** (A) When Charley saw that all the men, women and things belonged to eighteen-ninety something, he walked over to a newsboy to make sure and looked at the pile of papers at his feet. It was 'The world' which showed the news was printed on June 11, 1894.
- (B) Hana nursed the man herself and told him that he should not be afraid of anything. She took care of him and fed him gently from the porcelain spoon and told him that he would be strong soon.
- (C) Derry was a pessimist. He stayed away from people because they were scared of him due to the fact that one side of Derry's face was burnt due to acid falling on it. When Lamb showed his tin leg to Derry to share his misfortune, he shouted that he haven't got a tin leg as a tin leg could be hidden by a trouser but a face could not be hidden.
- 12.** The bangle makers of Firozabad live in abject poverty. The author describes the squalor and unhygienic conditions, stating that the creators of colourful and vibrant bangles live in dark and dirty places. They get so accustomed to the dark that most of them lose their sight before reaching adulthood. They work hard and yet are unable to earn enough to take care of their basic needs and requirements.

Like Mukesh's father, who has been working hard for 25 years, yet, he has failed to get the house repaired and all that he has managed is to teach his sons the family trade. The families of Firozabad do not have much to show for the back breaking hard work put in by them, except the loss of sight.

The inhabitants of Firozabad have been caught in than unending cycle of hard work that has been passed down from generations. They face exploitation at the hands of the middlemen, sahumars and policemen which renders them bereft of the courage to change their lives or to fight for their rights. Moreover, illiteracy and lack of education also leave them ignorant of their rights and the possibility of improving their lives. Since they are caught in this vicious web and are struggling for survival, they lack the courage to dream or take initiative.

OR



His traumatic experiences during childhood developed in Douglas a fear of water. This fear controlled his life for many years.

The first time was with his father on the beach of California when a giant wave swept over him. He was unable to breathe and was terror stricken. This fear kept him away from water. When he was ten or eleven, he made a valiant attempt to overcome his fear once again. The near death experience brought back unpleasant memories of fear, but did not deter him from trying to master his adversary - water.

He hires an instructor to help him master the technique of swimming and after tireless training he is successful in overcoming his fear of water. Having conquered his fear, he experiences a liberating sense of freedom. He is ready to tackle every challenge and surmount every difficulty without being hampered by fear or hesitation. Had he not been proactively striven to overcome his fear, he would have gone on living with this fear and would not have experienced the triumph of victory over fear and the freedom to enjoy life to the utmost.

- 13.** Dr. Sadao has been depicted as a man of principles even though he does live in to prejudice initially when he sees the American prisoner. He is reminded of the prejudice he had to face in America, but the doctor and human in him wins and he decides to help the prisoner.

He is also a proud Japanese, who feels the need to do the right thing and therefore, informs the General of the presence of the prisoner in his house. The General is ailing and needs Dr. Sadao to treat him, assuring him of help. On the home front, Dr. Sadao faces revolt from his servants but does not back down from his responsibility of saving a life.

Despite the General's assurance, Dr. Sadao is still apprehensive and wants to protect the prisoner. He decides to help him escape. His humane and thoughtful side comes to the fore when he provides the soldier with everything he might need and also keeps looking out for him.

He ensures that he fulfils his duty as a doctor and as a patriot, without living in to the evils of prejudice and discrimination, making him a man of ethics and principles.

**OR**

The modern world presents all the insecurities that a human being can tackle. These insecurities could be related to our work, war, stress of the day to day life and the pressure from the society. Charley is also dealing with the same.

Charley always looks for ways to get away from all the stress and the past presents that refuge. His love for the past is evident in his attachment to the stamp album which belongs to his grandfather. In his mind, true happiness lies in the past and he romanticizes of those days. According to his psychiatrist, Charley is unhappy and wants to escape the travails of the modern world and that is why he keeps imagining and discovering the third level.

The third level provides Charley an escape from the modern lifestyle and worries, a place between reality and fantasy. He is the only one who keeps discovering new corridors and doorways which shows his strong desire to escape from the real world.

