



SECTION A – READING SKILLS

10 Marks

1. Read the passage given below:

1. Although pollution of land, sea and air has been well documented, the latest and the least recognized version is the swelling tide of noise which is engulfing urban as well as rural areas. This has long-term implications on the ecology, health, and productivity of a fast developing country like India.
2. Unlike other pollutants, noise lacks visibility, seldom registering on the consciousness, except as a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will, therefore, less likely to be perceived as a threat. Available data indicates that noise does pose a threat and is known to have caused a number of complications Declining productivity among workers in certain industries has been directly correlated with noise levels, particularly those under constant exposure to the menace.
3. The first ever survey of the impact of noise on health, conducted by All India Institute of Medical Sciences, has established that noise not only impairs the physical and psychological functioning of the human organism, but also causes nausea, vomiting, pain, hypertension and a lot of other complications, including cardio-vascular complaints.
4. A study by Post Graduate School of Basic Medical Sciences, in Chennai, confirms such conclusions. In 50 per cent of industries, it was found that workmen exposed to higher intensities of noise in occupational capacities were often irritated, short-tempered, and impatient and more likely to resort to agitation and disrupt production. This was true of units in heavy industrial pockets in and around the four metropolitan centres.
5. Recreational noise, another ugly facet, is becoming more widespread in cities and towns. Loudspeakers are turned at full volume during marriages, festivals, jagrans, musical programmes, particularly at night, without the least consideration for others. Even at 50 db sound can awaken a person from a deep slumber. As experiments have shown, loudspeakers with output from 60 to 80 db cause the pupils of a slumbering person to dilate, with increasing intake of oxygen, resulting in palpitation. The effect is more pronounced in narrow lanes. TV sets are played at full volume at prime time, invariably disturbing neighbours. Noise-making seems to have become the latest status symbol, be it an election campaign or slogan shouting or advertising ownership of a TV set.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Why does the writer say that noise has implications on our nation's ecology, health and productivity?

Eliminate the incorrect option. (1)

- (a) Became it has overwhelmed both urban and rural areas
- (b) Because it is conveniently dismissed

(c) Because its effects are well-documented

(d) Because its effects are not well-documented

ii. What is the tone of the writer in the given line- 'Even at 50 db, sound can awaken a person from a deep slumber' from paragraph 5? Rationalise your response in about 40 words (2)

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

The author cites examples of noise pollution in heavy industrial pockets to conclusively prove to the reader that _____.

iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify two sets of antonyms. (1)

(a) physical and psychological

(b) in and around

(c) sea and air

(d) urban and rural

(e) cities and towns

v. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

The survey conducted by AHMS has established that noise not only impacts _____ but also impairs _____ by causing nausea, vomiting, pain, hypertension and cardio-vascular complaints.

vi. Based on the reading of the passage, answer in about 40 words. How does the author define the consequences of recreational noise? (2)

vii. The author emphasises that 'The swelling tide of noise has long-term implications on the environment, human health, and productivity.' Which of the following options corroborates this? (1)

(a) It has a lot of health complications.

(b) Human apathy to noise makes it an omniscient threat.

(c) It is considered a trifling irritant to be dismissed at will.

(d) It can make a person violent and disruptive.

viii. What is the message conveyed by the author in the article? (1)

SESSION- B

GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 Marks)

2. Complete the following tasks , as directed.

1. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence. (1)

The boys _____ to my lecture since 8O' clock this morning.

- (a) Were listening (b) have been listening
(c) had been listening (d) listens

2. Read the conversation between a mother and her daughter. Complete the sentence by reporting daughter's reply correctly. (1)

Mother: Why are you looking so worried?

Daughter : My exams are approaching.

Mother asked her daughter why she was looking very worried. The daughter replied that _____

3. Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the word in the bracket. (1)

Chris, in addition to his brother Zack, _____ (play) hockey on Saturday.

4. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. (1)

My class teacher told me that I can work hard.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

5. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line: (1)
A little political thinkers think that liberty and equality can't go together.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	can't	couldn't
(b)	think	thinks
(c)	A little	Some
(d)	go	goes

3. Complete the story in about 150-200 words, taking ideas from the given lines. (5 Marks)

(A) One day, a farmer after a long day's labour in his field was returning home, he was completely drained and tired out and as he trudged along the familiar dirt path ,he stumble upon something

OR

5 Marks

(B) You paid a visit to an 'Old Home' with other N.S.S. Volunteers. Using the hints given below together with your own ideas, make a diary entry of what you saw and experienced there.

Hints: • Old home • Mostly senior citizens above 60 • Peaceful surroundings • Spacious • Clean rooms and baths • Regular Medical check-ups • a good library • Means of recreation • A home away from home.

SECTION -C Literature (20 marks)

4. (A) Read the extract given below and attempt ANY ONE from (A) and (B). 5x 1= 5

To the little girl he was a figure to be feared and avoided. Every morning before going to work he came into her room and gave her a casual kiss, to which she responded with 'Good Bye Father'. And oh, there was a glad sense of relief when she heard the noise of the carriage growing fainter and fainter down the long road!

- (i) Who does 'he' refer to in this extract? (1)
 (ii) Who is the 'little girl' mentioned in this extract? (1)
 (iii) What were the feelings of the little girl towards him? (2)
 (iv) What did 'he' do before going to work every morning? (1)

OR

(B)

Now in memory comes my mother,
 As she used long years ago,
 To regard the darling dreamers,
 Ere she left them till the dawn:
 O! I see her bending o'er me,
 As I list to this refrain
 Which is played upon the shingles
 By the patter of the rain..

- (i) Which sound is the poet listening to? (1)
 (ii) The sound reminds the poet of _____. (1)
 (iii) Which word in the extract means "the ability to remember things"? (1)
 (a) nostalgia (b) memory (c) wisdom (d) knowledge
 (iv) Who are the 'darling dreamers' referred here? And what is the poetic device used in the line. (2)

5. Answer ANY THREE of the following in about 40-50 words each: $3 \times 3 = 9$

- (a). Who is Toto, and how did Toto come to be at the grandfather's private zoo??
 (b) Who were the people in Kezia's family? Whom was she afraid of, and why?
 (c) What does the poet like to do when it rains? To what does the phrase 'humid shadows' refer?
 (d) Who was Iswaran? How was he an asset to his master, and what was his talent?
 (e) In what ways did Kezia's grandmother encourage her to get to know her father better?

6. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 40-50 words each: $1 \times 6 = 6$

- (a) "Toto was not the sort of pet one could keep for long." Explain, giving examples from the text.
 What should be kept in mind while keeping pets at home?

OR

- (b) What kind of person was Kezia's father? What were the circumstances that forced Kezia to change her opinion of her father?
