

Paper: A Course in Reading and Writing Skills

Time: 3 hours

Marks: 70

SECTION – A

Answer any 5 questions. Each question carries 4 marks:

(4 X5 = 20M)

1. Rewrite the following sentences while filling the blanks in the second sentence of each pair with an appropriate form of the word given in Italics in the first sentence:

1. You are a *responsible* officer.
As an officer, you know your.....
2. Some people *smuggle* Swiss watches into India
He is a of watches.
3. He is a *sincere* person.
He is known for his.....
4. Suresh is very *brilliant* in Mathematics.
He is praised for his...in Mathematics.

2. State whether the following statement is True or False:

1. Skimming and Scanning are two different writing strategies used for different purposes. ()
2. Skimming is very useful to get a preview of the text. ()
3. Scanning is used to locate specific facts for information. ()
4. Scanning is a speaking technique. ()

3. Read the following passage carefully and answer the following questions that follow:

Infants who spend long periods in front of the television may be at greater risk of developing medical problems later in life. It includes premature puberty, sleep disturbances, and metabolic disorders, according to a recent report. The famous psychologist Aric Sigmen said many studies were beginning to emerge that suggest spending long periods in front of a TV screen, whether a television or a computer, may have damaging physiological effects.

One study, by a team from Florence university, found that watching television and playing computer games lowered the amount of the sleep hormone, melatonin, children produced, an effect that could bring an earlier puberty. There may be attention deficit disorder, obesity, short sightedness and Alzheimer's disease. Children aged between 11 and 15 now spend 55 per cent of their waking lives in front of the screen amounting to 53 hours a week. More than half of three-year-olds now have a television set in their bedroom.

1. Mention three later ailments to be developed in infants which are due to spending long periods in front of the television?
2. What is the general pastime of children between 11 and 15 now?
3. What are the findings of a team from Florence University?
4. Children spend hours a week before the T.V. screen. Fill in the blank with the right answer.
a) 54 b) 53 c) 52 d) 50

4. Expand the following into a paragraph:

A book cannot be judged by its cover.

5. Write a letter to your friend, describing your pleasure trip to a place of your choice that you have visited recently.

6. Match the following :

- | A | B |
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| • One who is fluent in several languages () | a. Eavesdropper |
| • A study of derivation of words . () | b. Pessimist |
| • One who secretly listens to the talk of others. () | c. Ethnology |
| • An optimist is one who looks the bright side of everything () | d. Polyglot |

7. Fill in the blanks with suitable words from the given below to make acceptable collocations:

equal, lie, story, fundamental, comfort, noble, danger, highly

- i. You have to come out of your zone if you really want to grow in your career
- ii. Don't tell a to win the game.
- iii. We demand rights.
- iv. The restaurant is... recommended for buffet lunch.

8. Given below are a few sentences. State whether each of them is formal or informal.

- 1. We are pleased to inform you that you have been shortlisted for the next stage of interview.
- 2. Hi, how are you?
- 3. Could you please let me know the time of your arrival ?
- 4. Give me an appointment to meet the Manager.

SECTION – B

Answer all the questions. Each question carries 10 marks

(5X10=50M)

9. A. Analyse how Tennyson's poem depicts Ulysses' heroism and what it implies for us now.

OR

B. Sketch the character of Telemachus.

10. A. Examine the significance of Johnny Lavery's influence on Dr. Manson's personal and professional development in "The Best Investment I Have Ever Made."

OR

B. Explore how Florence Nightingale's services during the Crimean War revolutionized the field of nursing and impact healthcare practices?

11. A. Examine the theme of unfulfilled love in Ruskin Bond's "The Night Train at Deoli"

OR

B. Discuss how the speaker's contemplation of the woods reflected his internal conflict between duty and desire?

12. A. How does the mother's reaction to the scorpion's sting represent the themes of endurance, love gratitude, selflessness, and human capacity to find meaning in adversity?

OR

B. Outline the important rules for drafting meeting minutes, such as what material should be included and what format is preferred.

13. A. Discuss the role played by irony and coincidence in R.K.Narayan's "An Astrologer's Day" with regard to the themes of fate and free will?

OR

- B. Prepare a Curriculum Vitae for the following advertisement:

Wanted a female faculty in English for a residential college for women. The candidate should be a post-graduate aged above thirty-five. Part time lecturers are also acceptable. The candidate should possess a pleasing personality with excellent communication skills. Previous experience is preferable -Apply to Post Box 116, c/o "The Hindu", Vijayawada.