

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

(Unseen and Prescribed Textbooks)

(Maximum Marks : 50)

(Time allowed : 90 minutes)

(Candidates are allowed additional 10 minutes for only reading the paper.

They must NOT start writing during this time.)

SECTION A - READING SKILLS

[10]

1. Read the passage given and then answer the questions that follow:-

1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for health.

Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we really feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease.

We then feel like running, leaping, singing and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.

2. Hiking takes us in the midst of nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing. A connect is established between us and nature.

Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.

3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a

slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain - All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.

4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.
5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and is able to do twice as much work as before.
6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature.

i. (i) Based on the reading and understanding of the above passage, list 2 reasons why hiking is considered beneficial. (1)

(a) _____

(b) _____

ii. Select the option that corresponds to the meaning of the following sentence from paragraph 1: (1)

"The open air has a bracing effect on the mind."

(a) Fresh air causes discomfort and unease.

(b) The fresh air refreshes and strengthens the mind.

(c) Open air leads to congestion in the mind.

(d) The open air reduces physical strength.

iii. Based on your reading of the passage, examine in about 40 words how hiking connects us with nature. (2)

iv. What is the tone of the writer in the given line from paragraph 3? Rationalize your response in about 40 words: (2)

"It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains."

v. The phrase 'yawning chasm' in paragraph 4 refers to: (1)

(a) a wide and deep gap

(b) a narrow and shallow gap

(c) a bridge connecting two areas

(d) a small and safe path

vi. In sets a-e below, identify two sets of synonyms: (1)

- a. hectic and calm
- b. solitude and peace
- c. bracing and refreshing
- d. adventure and monotony
- e. charm and allure

Options:

- a. c and e
- b. a and d
- c. b and c
- d. b and e

vii. Complete the sentence appropriately: (1)

Hiking is thrilling because it involves _____.

viii. Complete the following sentence: (1)

The fresh air and beautiful scenery during a hike _____.

SECTION B - GRAMMAR AND WRITING SKILLS

[15]

2.

Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed [10]

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

Since you have been found guilty of _____ (deliver) poor results for six months at a stretch, we are issuing this warning letter to warn you.

- (ii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in an environmental study: [1]

The study examines the relation of carbon emissions and global warming.
Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- (iii) Report the dialogue between two friends by completing the sentence. [1]

Rahul: Saheb, what did you like most about your visit to the village?

Saheb: The sense of joy in the simple things of life.

In response to the question about what he liked about his visit to the village, Saheb says _____.

- (iv) Read the dialogue between Manish and his father, regarding Manish's cricket coaching. [1]

Father: Did you get a new coach in the academy to train you?

Manish: Yes, the new coach is very motivating and pushes us to perform better.

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

Manish's father asked him _____.

Manish answered in the affirmative and added that the new coach was very motivating and pushed them to perform better.

- a) if he is getting a new coach in the academy to train him. b) whether he got a new coach to train him.
- c) whether he gets a new coach in the academy to train him. d) if he got a new coach in the academy to train him.

- (v) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. [1]

Both players in the tennis match have been warned by the referee but _____ (either / neither / every) of them seems to take it seriously.

- (vi) Identify the error in the given sentence, from a report from the News for Kids site and supply the correction. [1]

Bee bus stops are a small step toward supporting important pollinate insects. Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

- (vii) Identify the error and supply the correction. [1]

Both the boys had got a scolding but either of them paid heed. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (viii) It seems that somebody _____ to my father before the meeting, complaining that I _____ late for school four times last week. [1]

- a) writes / was b) wrote / would be
- c) had written / was d) has written / have been

- (ix) Ritu met Anita and saw her crying. [1]

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu: **Anita, what is the matter?**

- (x) He said to the interviewer, "Could you please repeat the question?" [1]

Reported speech: _____

- a) He requested the interviewer if he could please repeat the b) He requested the interviewer if he could repeat the

question.

question.

c) He requested the interviewer to repeat the question.

d) He requested the interviewer to please repeat the question.

- (xi) Complete the line from a self-awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option. [1]

Long, Long afterward in an oak
I _____ the arrow still unbroke,

- A. found
B. find
C. finds
D. am finding

- (xii) Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: [1]

Delhi Haat, INA, New Delhi

ENCHANTING LADAKH 2021

The exhibition-cum-sale showcasing the arts, crafts and looms of Ladakh by the artisans and craftspeople of Kargil and Leh.

Use the given format for your response.

error	correction

3.

Many out-of-school children are employed in various odd jobs in India. Child labour deprives children of their right to go to school and reinforces intergenerational cycles of poverty. Based on the data given below in the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph, in about 120 words, analyzing the situation and probable reasons that lead children to become a part of the child labour force. [5]

CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA



SECTION C - LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

[25]

4. " But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great"
- a. What does the poet refer to by "perish twice"? (2)
b. Briefly comment on the symbolism used in the poem? (2)
c. What can you say about the tone of the poet in the poem? (1)
5. How does the poet evoke a sense of black and white in the poem *Dust of Snow*? (3)
6. Compare and contrast the portrayal of the tiger in the poem *A Tiger in the Zoo* with *How to Tell Wild Animals*. (3)
7. Lencho had faith in God but not in humanity. How does the story *A Letter to God* bring out the truth in this statement? (3)
8. What are the "Twin Obligations" that Nelson Mandela talks of? (2)
OR
Comment on the role of the mother seagull in teaching her young one to fly. (2)
9. Dr Herriot knew his patients as well as their owners. Discuss. (3)
10. How is the portrayal of Ausable as a spy rather unconventional? What may be the possible reason for such a portrayal by the author? (6)
OR
In *The Thief's Story* both the characters of Hari and Anil are grey and round. Justify. (6)
