

Part A: Reading (Marks: 13)

Did you know that some people don't do their reading assignments? It's shocking, but it's true. Some students don't even read short texts that they are assigned in class. There are many reasons for this. They may be distracted or bored. They may be unwilling to focus. They may be unconfident readers. Whatever the reason, it has to stop today. Here's why.

Reading stimulates your mind. It is like a workout for your brain. When people get old, their muscles begin to deteriorate. They get weaker and their strength leaves them. Exercise can prevent this loss. The same thing happens to people's brains when they get older. Brain power and speed decline with age. Reading strengthens your brain and prevents these declines.

You can benefit from reading in the near-term too. Reading provides knowledge. Knowledge is power. Therefore, reading can make you a more powerful person. You can learn to do new things by reading. Do you want to make video games? Do you want to design clothing? Reading can teach you all this and more. But you have to get good at reading, and the only way to get good at something is to practice.

Read everything that you can at school, regardless of whether you find it interesting. Reading expands your vocabulary. Even a "boring" text can teach you new words. Having a larger vocabulary will help you better express yourself. You will be able to speak, write, and think more intelligently. What's boring about that?

Do not just discount a text because it is unfamiliar to you. Each time you read, you are exposed to new ideas and perspectives. Reading can change the way that you understand the world. It can give you a broader perspective on things. It can make you worldlier. You can learn how people live in far away places. You can learn about cultures different from your own.

Reading is good for your state of mind. It has a calming effect. It can lower your stress levels and help you relax. You can escape from your troubles for a moment when you read, and it's a positive escape. The benefits of reading far outweigh those of acting like a stupid. So do yourself a favor: the next time you get a reading assignment, take as much as you can from it. Squeeze it for every drop of knowledge that it contains. Then move on to the next one.

1. Choose the correct answer.

(1X4=4)

i. Why does the author think that you should read books that are boring?

- a. You will eventually grow to love them if you read them enough.
- b. You will get better grades in reading class.
- c. You will make your teacher very happy.
- d. You will learn new words.

ii. Which best expresses the main idea of the third paragraph?

- a. Reading can benefit you.

- b. You can learn to program video games or design clothing by reading.
- c. You can learn amazing things and become a better person by reading.
- d. Knowledge is power.

iii. Which is not a reason given by the author why students fail to complete reading assignments?

- a. Students may be bored.
- b. Students may be distracted.
- c. Students may be unwilling to focus.
- d. Students may be tired.

iv. Which best expresses the author's main purpose in writing this text?

- a. He is trying to persuade students to do their reading work.
- b. He is teaching people how to become better readers.
- c. He is explaining why people don't do their reading work.
- d. He is entertaining readers with facts about the mind and body.

v. Which title best expresses the main idea of this text?

- a. Reading: Good for the Mind in Many Ways
- b. Reading: The Key to a Successful Academic Future
- c. Reading: Improve Your Vocabulary While Being Entertained
- d. Reading: The Best Way to Improve Your Writing Skills

2. Write brief answers for the following questions.

(2X2=4)

- a. How does reading benefit us? Explain with reference to the text in your response.

b. Why does the author describe reading as a "positive escape"? In what ways is reading positive? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

3. Summarize the passage in your own words. (Avoid direct borrowing from the passage and the length should be no more than 100 words.) (5)

Part B: Writing (Marks: 37)

4. Identify the following mistakes in the given paragraph and correct them in the given space. (8x1= 8)

SVA= Subject Verb Agreement	SP= Singular-Plural	P=Parallelism	Prep=Preposition
MA= Missing Apostrophe	S= Spelling	F= Fragment	R= Run-on
	T= Tense		

Mental and physical ^a health professionals may considers referring clients and patients to a ^b music therapist for a number of reason. It seems a particularly good choice for the social worker who is ^c coordinating a clients case. Music therapists use music to establish a relationship with the patient and to improve the patient's health, using highly structured musical interactions. Patients and therapists ^d may sing, play instruments, dance, composing, or simply listen to music. The course of training for music therapists is comprehensive. In addition to formal musical and therapy training, music ^e therapists are taught by discern what kinds of ^f interventions was the most beneficial for each individual patient. Because each patient is different and has different goals, the music therapist must be able to understand the patient's situation and choose the music and activities that will ^g do the most toward. Helping the patient achieve his or her goal. A social worker can help ^h this process by clearly communicating each client's history.

- a. _____.
- b. _____.
- c. _____.
- d. _____.
- e. _____.
- f. _____.
- g. _____.
- h. _____.

Vocabulary

5. Fill in the gaps with the words given in the box. There are more words than necessary.

(3)

Differentiate	Reverse	Predominantly	Compensate
Explicit	Albeit	Extracted	Persistent

- a. Environmental groups in Honduras are fighting to _____ the damage done to forests, plants and animals in that country.
- b. A dog's keen sense of smell compensates for his inability to see colors, and enables him to _____ between things.
- c. Tom gave _____ instructions on how to clean it.
- d. Our data is based on _____ evidence collected in numerous studies.
- e. Emily is working on a research project studying the genes of DNA _____ from fruit flies.
- f. The women employed in the mines were _____ young and unmarried.

6. Make sentences with any three of the given words below:

(3)

Vision Unbiased Submission
Withdraw Competitive

- a. _____

- b. _____

- c. _____

Writing Process

7. Complete the following thesis statements by adding a third supporting point that will parallel the two already provided. (0.5x2=1)

- a. I have decided a few things about upcoming new year which include-getting rid of toxic people, pursue my dream career and _____ .

b. To get good grades I need to attend each class daily ,never miss any exam or assignments and _____

8. In each of the pairs of statements, there is one correct thesis statement and the other one is incorrect. Write OK beside the correct thesis statement and identify any of the following kinds of thesis statements in each pair.

i . 2 ideas /OK (1)

a. _____ I enjoyed my summer holidays, but I was upset about my mother's sickness.

b. _____ This winter I have enjoyed my time with my extended family in Tenguar Haor as it is full of natural bliss, well organized and a unique wetland ecosystem of national importance .

ii . Announcement=A/ OK (1)

a. _____ The main discussion of this essay would be on how to do a research with minimal funds.

b. _____ We can save money even in limited income source if we plan properly.

iii. Too Narrow=TN/OK (1)

a. _____ . The company has earned limited profit this week.

b. _____ . For a successful travel experience you need to carry your casual wears, emergency medicines and sufficient amount of money.

iv. Too broad=TB/OK (1)

a. His progress became stunning since last year as he started living a disciplined life.

Ans:_____

b. He has dreamt big all his life which didn't have any implications in reality.

Ans:_____

9. Prepare an outline of an essay based on any of the topics and write the complete essay based on the structure that you have prepared. (3+15=18)

a. Homemade Food Vs. Food in the University Canteen. (Comparison and Contrast Essay)

Or,

b. Why some university students are unable to get higher grade (Cause/Effect Essay)

Or,

c. Do you think use of social media shall be age restricted whereby only the adults should use social media? Write an argumentative essay to support your opinion (Argumentative Essay)

Title: _____

Introductory paragraph

Thesis Statement:

Supporting paragraph 1

Topic sentence:

Supporting paragraph 2

Topic sentence:

Supporting paragraph 3

Topic sentence:

Concluding paragraph

Concluding sentence:

Now write the complete essay by applying the structure that you have prepared:

Best of Luck!