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ENGLISH

(Language & Literature)

Time allowed: 3 hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

(i) *This question paper comprises **11** questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*

(ii) *The question paper contains **THREE** sections –*

Section – A: Reading Skills

Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

Section – C: Literature Textbook

(iii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Part.*

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P.T.O.

Section-A
READING SKILLS

(20 Marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1. Read the following text. (10)

1. The main difference between men and animals is the difference in their power of concentration. All success in any line of work is the result of this. Everybody knows something about concentration. We see its results every day. High achievements in art, music, etc. are the results of concentration. Those who have trained animals find much difficulty in the fact that they are constantly forgetting what is told to them. They cannot concentrate their minds on anything long at a time. Here is the difference between men and animals – the man has the greater power of concentration and also constitutes the difference between one man to another. Compare the lowest to the highest man. The difference is in the degree of concentration. This is the only difference.
2. Everybody's mind becomes concentrated at times. We all concentrate upon things we love and we love those things upon which we concentrate our minds. What mother is there who does not love the face of her homeliest child? That face is to her the most beautiful in the world. She loves it because she concentrates her mind on it and if everyone could concentrate their minds on that face, everyone would love it. It would be to all the most beautiful face.
3. We all concentrate our minds on those things we love. When we hear beautiful music, our minds become fastened upon it and we cannot take them away. Those who concentrate their minds on classical music do not like common music, and vice

versa. Music in which the notes follow each other in rapid succession holds the mind readily. A child loves lively music because the rapidity of the notes gives the mind no chance to wander. A man who likes common music dislikes classical music because it is more complicated and requires a greater degree of concentration to follow it.

4. The great trouble with such concentration is that we do not control the mind. It controls us. Something outside of ourselves, as it were, draws the mind into it and holds it as long as it chooses. We hear melodious tunes or see a beautiful painting, and the mind is held fast: we cannot take it away.
5. If I speak to you well upon a subject you like, your mind becomes concentrated upon what I am saying. I draw your mind away from yourself and hold it upon the subject in spite of yourself. Thus our attention is held, our minds are concentrated upon various things, in spite of ourselves. We cannot help it.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (a) How does the author prove the difference in the concentration levels of men and animals? [Paragraph 1] (2)
- (b) Complete the following with the correct option from the two given.

The author says that our minds control us because

..... [Paragraph 4] (1)

- (i) a person's mind works and acts independently. It has a mind of its own.
- (ii) our concentration levels and the act of concentration both depend on our heart.

(c) What does a human being find easier to concentrate on?

[Paragraphs 3 and 4] (1)

(d) How can we train ourselves to love others? [Paragraph 2] (2)

(e) Say whether the given statement is True or False.

[Paragraph 3] (1)

A child loves lively music because the rapidity of the notes gives the mind no chance to wander.

(f) The phrase '*each other in rapid succession*' is mentioned in the passage. Which of the following options is similar to the contextual meaning of '*succession*'? [Paragraph 3] (1)

(i) related to an individual

(ii) like a chain or string

(iii) inheriting a throne

(iv) legacy

(g) Why do some people like classical music and others like popular or common music? Answer in two points.

[Paragraph 3] (1)

(h) Fill in the blank with the correct option from those given.

[Paragraph 5] (1)

In the phrase '*fastened upon it*,' the word '*fastened*' refers to ..

..... .

(i) secured

(ii) closed

(iii) hooked

(iv) connected

PANDEMIC EFFECT



FREQUENCY

- 30% of parents said their children were unwell with cold, cough or fever 4-6 times last year
- 03% said their kids fell ill 7-12 times
- 30% said the children were sick 2-3 times

MISSING CLASSES

- 47% parents said their children missed school "always" when unwell
- 13% said children missed school "most times"
- 6% said the kids "did not miss school"

WHAT HAS CHANGED

- Frequency of illness rising since early 2022 after third wave of Covid
- Symptoms are lasting longer compared to earlier times

1. One in three Indian parents has said that their children have fallen sick with flu or respiratory ailments four or more times in the last year, a trend which started after Covid-19, says the latest study which studied 31,000 parents across 317 districts, particularly after the third wave of Covid.
2. According to it, 30 per cent of parents indicated that their children were unwell with cold, cough or fever 4-6 times in the last 12 months. The fallout of children falling ill more frequently has academic repercussions. The survey found that 47 per cent of parents said their children 'always' missed school when unwell. One of the main concerns of the parents was the "reduced immunity" of their school-going children.
3. "It is rampant. We are getting reports of sudden spikes in flu cases among children from all over the country. Children are falling ill more often now," Dr. Abraham confirmed.

4. He said symptoms in children are lasting longer as compared to earlier times. "Earlier, we would give antibiotics for five or ten days. Now, we are giving it for a longer duration because the infection rate is higher. The children are now transmitting the infection to their parents and others. Also, more children are testing positive for influenza," he added. The rise in infection among children is also because they started going to school last year after a prolonged period of isolation. During lockdown, their infection rate was less due to lack of exposure. When they start going to real classrooms instead of online learning, they get exposed to more infectious agents. (264 Words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (a) Which of the following conclusions is incorrect and does not match with the information given in the passage? (1)
- (i) 3% of children fell ill almost every month on average.
 - (ii) 6% of parents admitted that their children attend school despite sickness.
 - (iii) The survey was conducted in 317 districts across India.
 - (iv) Most of the children and adults suffer from reduced immunity.
- (b) Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. (1)

Assertion: 47% of parents said their children missed school "always" when unwell and 13% said children missed school "most times."

Reason: Parents are squarely responsible for high absenteeism among children.

- (i) Both the assertion and reason are true, and the reason is the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (ii) Both the assertion and reason are true, but the reason is not the correct explanation of the assertion.
- (iii) The assertion is true, but the reason is false.
- (iv) The assertion is false, but the reason is true.

(c) Identify the word from the paragraph 3, the writer has used to indicate '*to increase sharply*'. (1)

(d) Study the following statement given below.

The children are now transmitting the infection to their parents and others.

State any one inference that can be drawn from this. (2)

(e) Read the given prompt and select the correct option to fill in the blank with the synonym of '*wave*'. (1)

The last decade has seen a in the popularity of extreme sports from rock climbing to snowboarding to mountain biking.

- (i) surf
- (ii) swell
- (iii) surge
- (iv) spate

(f) Which two concerns regarding frequent illness in children have been flagged off by prominent doctors? (1)

(g) Complete the following sentence suitably. (1)

Not only are the children now transmitting the infection to their parents and others but also,

- (h) Complete the following sentence with a suitable reason. (1)

One in three Indian parents has said that their children have fallen sick with flu or respiratory ailments four or more times in the last year, a trend which started after Covid-19, because

- (i) What is a positive effect on the immunity of children when they regularly go to school as compared to when they were at home during the lockdowns? (1)

Section-B

WRITING SKILLS & GRAMMAR

(20 Marks)

GRAMMAR

(10)

- 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. (1×10=10)**

- (a) Read the given sentence from an article on agriculture. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

Agriculture policies should be put into place to limit the export of water-intensive crops.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (b) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter.

Dear Sir

Kindly ensure that the order will be replaced latest by 20 October 20XX, failing which payment will be stopped or the order (to be) cancelled from our end.

Yours faithfully

XYZ (General Manager)

- (c) Read the response of a doctor given below and supply the question asked by his patient Shelley.

DOCTOR: *Just take one pill a day about 30 minutes before you go to bed.*

- (d) Read the dialogue between a doctor and a patient and report their conversation by filling up the blank with suitable options.

DOCTOR: Hello, what is your problem?

PATIENT: Doctor, I have a problem with not getting proper sleep at night.

When a doctor greeted a patient and asked him, the patient answered that he had a problem with not getting proper sleep at night.

- (i) what is his problem (ii) what was his problem
(iii) what his problem was (iv) if he had a problem

- (e) Select an appropriate word given in the bracket and fill in the following introductory line of an article on how to navigate personal relationships.

The experiences that contribute to our well-being are often amplified (within/through) our relationships with our families.

- (f) Identify the error and supply correction for the given sentence from the Indian government's current marketing strategy to boost tourism.

The Indian government and the WTTC have chalked off measures to benefit the traveller by endowing him with less risk and more confidence.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (j) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the live feed on television.

Because old-growth forests in the United States, citizens must act now!

- (i) were fast disappearing (ii) will be fast disappearing
(iii) are fast disappearing (iv) must be fast disappearing

- (k) Complete the following sentence from an article by filling the blank with the correct word from the bracket.

Ecosystems and people in the United States and around the world are (*effected/affected*) by the ongoing process of climate change today.

- (l) Identify the error and supply correction in the following advertisement of a consumer product.

DENTOWHITE MAKES YOUR TEETH WHITER AND GUMS STRONGER

FOR THE SUPER WHITE AND SUPER BRIGHT SMILE,
BUY TODAY!

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

(10)

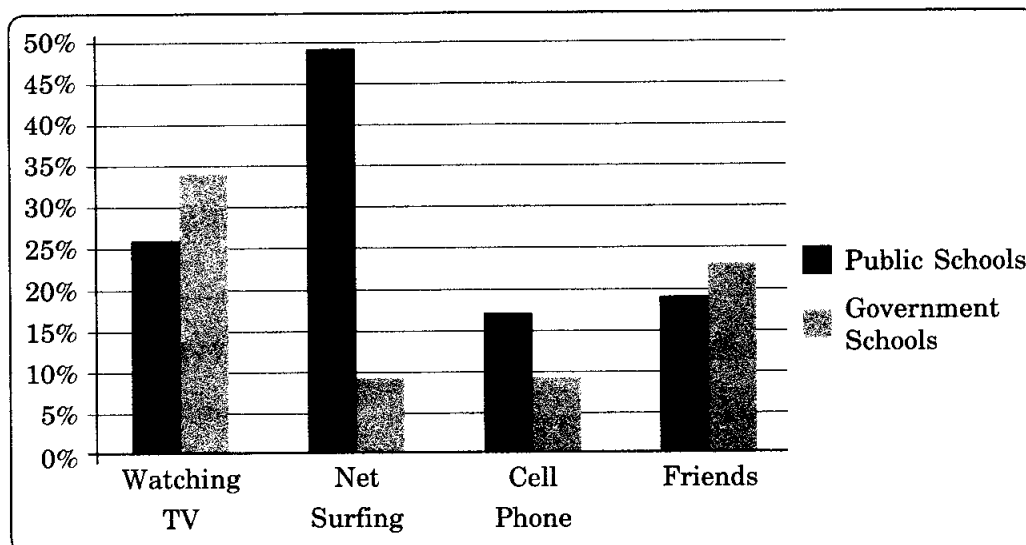
Note: All details presented in the questions in writing section are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. (A) You are a student of class X. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Principal of your school requesting her/him to exempt you from participating in games in the PT periods for a month. Give a specific reason for it. Sign off as Deepak Mehra. Invent other necessary details as required. (5)

OR

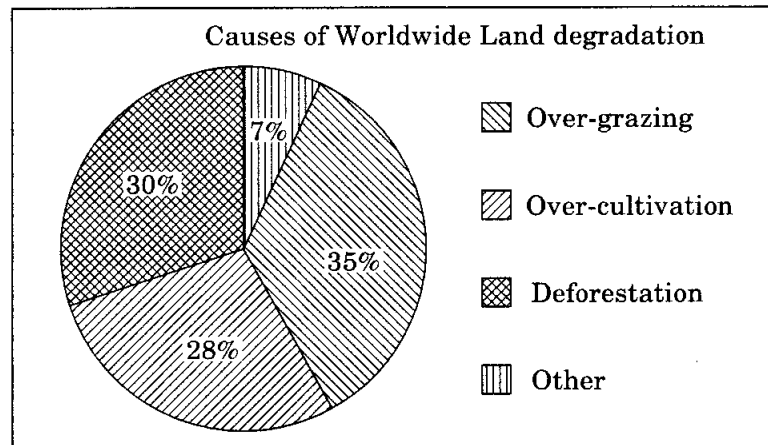
(B) In Indian society, women have customarily been kept subservient to men. The traditional mindset gives preference to sons over daughters. Women of India need to be empowered for a strong and healthy society. You feel strongly about this issue and decide to draft a letter in about 120 words to the editor of a national daily as Sudha Murlidharan/Sudhakaran Muralidharan. Invent other necessary details as required.

5. (A) Study the chart given below, which is the result of the survey conducted in the public schools and government schools of Delhi. This depicts the types of activities the teenagers (Age 13-19 years) are involved during their leisure time. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words. (5)



OR

(B) The pie chart below shows the main reasons why agricultural land becomes less productive. The table shows how these causes affected three regions of the world during the 1990's. On the basis of the pie chart, write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words on 'Causes of Worldwide Land Degradation'.



Section-C
LITERATURE TEXTBOOK AND
SUPPLEMENTARY READING TEXT **(40 Marks)**

6. Read the given extracts and answer ANY ONE of the two questions given below. (5)

(A) *IOTA: Well, Oop? (Oop coughs. Omega and Iota pound him on the back.)*

THINK-TANK: Was it not delicious, Sergeant Oop?

OOP: (saluting) That is correct, sir. It was not delicious. I don't know how the Earthlings can get those sandwiches down without water. They're dry as Martian dust.

NOODLE: Sir, sir. Great and Mighty Think-Tank. I beg your pardon, but an insignificant bit of data floated into my mind about those sandwiches. (The Book That Saved the Earth)

(a) State any one inference about NOODLE from the given context.

NOODLE:I beg your pardon, but an insignificant bit of data floated into my mind about those sandwiches.

(b) Choose the option that lists the most appropriate meaning of think-tank from those given below.

- (i) A tank that helps you think deeper than an average person if you use its contents regularly.
- (ii) Non-stop flow of ideas from a fixed source about one particular issue.
- (iii) A pool of ideas and solutions to various problems via an individual, group or organisation.
- (iv) A method by way of which people think collectively to identify stray thoughts among them.

(c) What are the two interesting facts that readers discover about Martians from the given extract?

(d) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'down' in the given sentence from the extract?

I don't know how the Earthlings can get those sandwiches down without water.

OR

(B) *He just felt a bit dizzy. Then he flapped his wings once and he soared upwards. "Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga, Gaw-col-ah," his mother swooped past him, her wings making a loud noise. He answered her with another scream. Then his father flew over him screaming. He saw his two brothers and his sister flying around him curveting and banking and soaring and diving. Then he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly, and commended himself to dive and soar and curve, shrieking shrilly. (Two Stories about Flying-I: His First Flight)*

(a) Complete the following sentence suitably.

The line '*he completely forgot that he had not always been able to fly*' implies

- (b) The author describes the seagull's mother making noise by using the words 'Ga, ga, ga, Ga, ga, ga, Gaw-col-ah'. How would you interpret the mother's response and analyse the author's description?
- (c) The extract refers to the many movements of the young seagull's brothers and sister.

Choose the option that correctly sequences these movements.

- (i) The young seagull's brothers and sister flew by tilting their wings, rose high, made darting movements, and plunged headfirst.
- (ii) The young seagull's brothers and sister flew by plunging headfirst, making darting movements, tilted their wings, and rose high.
- (iii) The young seagull's brothers and sister flew with darting movements, titled their wings, rose high and plunged headfirst.
- (iv) The young seagull's brothers and sister flew by rising high, plunging headfirst, making darting movements and tilting their wings.
- (d) Which literary device(s) has/have been used in '*shrieking shrilly*'?

7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (5)

(A) *(I am Rapunzel, I have not a care;
life in a tower is tranquil and rare;
I'll certainly never let down my bright hair!)* (Amanda!)

(a) The speaker says that she wants to be Rapunzel. Which figure of speech the poet refers to?

(b) Why does Amanda wish to be Rapunzel but she wants to invert the fairy tale and not follow in Rapunzel's footsteps?

(c) Which of the following best describes the speaker's tone attitude?

1. indifferent

2. fearful

3. dismissive

4. respectful

5. rebellious

6. condescending

7. shy

(i) 1 and 5

(ii) 3 and 6

(iii) 2 and 7

(iv) 4 and 6

(d) Substitute underlined word without changing the meaning of the given sentence.

Life in a tower is tranquil and rare for Amanda

OR

(B) *But I can get a hair-dye*

And set such colour there,

Brown, or black, or carrot,

That young men in despair

May love me for myself alone

And not my yellow hair.

(For Anne Gregory)

- (a) What is the objective of the poet in using conjunction 'but' in the given extract?
- (b) What is the significance of the argument "*But I can get a hair-dye/And set such colour there, Brown, or black, or carrot*"? What effect will it have on the young men?
- (c) Anne Gregory despite her young age seems to have clarity of thought because she wants
 - (i) to dye her hair brown, black, or carrot.
 - (ii) young men to love her for her yellow hair.
 - (iii) to be loved for her internal beauty.
 - (iv) young men to love her desperately.
- (d) Identify the use of consonance in the given lines of the poem.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words. (4×3=12)

- (a) What is the irony in the mention of 'water hole' and 'plump deer' by Leslie Norris? (A Tiger in the Zoo)
- (b) Explain the use of the symbol of 'The Trees' by Adrienne Rich in her poem.
- (c) How does Natalya react when she comes to know that Lomov had come to propose for her hand? (The Proposal)
- (d) What was the peculiar dress of the bakers during the time of Portuguese rule? (Glimpses of India-I: A Baker from Goa)
- (e) How does the tiger feel locked in the concrete cell of the zoo? Why does he ignore the visitors? (A Tiger in the Zoo)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words. (2×3=6)

(a) What was Noodle's version to describe the so-called 'sandwich'?

(The Book That Saved the Earth)

(b) How did Ebright's mother help her son discover the world of science?

(The Making of a Scientist)

(c) How did Monsieur Loisel manage to buy another necklace?

(The Necklace)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1×6=6)

(A) Comment on the difference in nature of the help the two characters received.

Lomov: The fact is I've come to ask the hand of your daughter, Natalya Stephanova.

Lencho: If you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again.

OR

(B) Freedom is not only important for us but also for the animals as emphasised in the poem '*Tiger in the Zoo*'. Describe the value of freedom for human beings and how it is important for the growth of civilisation and humanism as described in the lesson '*Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*'.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words. (1×6=6)

(A) "*Horace Danby was good and respectable – but not completely honest*" – explain the statement based on your understanding of his character. (A Question of Trust)

OR

(B) Hari Singh says- "*He knew it but neither his lips nor his eyes showed anything.*" Anil successfully addressed the situation by not addressing it at all. Elaborate based on your reading of *The Thief's Story*. (The Thief's Story)

