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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:

- This question paper comprises **11** questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*
- The question paper contains **THREE** sections –*
 - Section – A: Reading Skills**
 - Section – B: Grammar and Creative Writing Skills**
 - Section – C: Literature Textbook**
- Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each Part.*

Section-A
READING SKILLS

(20 Marks)

Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages

1. Read the following text. **(10)**

1. The choices we make on a daily basis—wearing a seat belt, lifting heavy objects correctly or purposely staying out of any dangerous situation—can either ensure our safety or bring about potentially harmful circumstances.
2. You and I need to make a decision that we are going to get our lives in order. Exercising self-control, self-discipline and establishing boundaries and borders in our lives are some of the most important things we can do. A life without discipline is one that's filled with carelessness.
3. We can think it's kind of exciting to live life on the edge. We like the image of "Yeah! That's me! Living on the edge! Woo-hoo!" It's become a popular way to look at life. But if you see, even highways have lines, which provide margins for our safety while we're driving. If we go over one side, we'll go into the ditch. If we cross over the line in the middle, we could get killed. And we like those lines because they help to keep us safe. Sometimes we don't even realize how lines help to keep us safe.
4. I'm not proud of this, but for the first 20 years of my life at work, I ignored my limits. I felt horrible, physically, most of the time. I used to tell myself "I know I have limits and that I've reached them, but I'm going to ignore them and see if or how long I can get by with it." I ran to doctors, trying to make myself feel better through pills, vitamins, natural stuff

and anything I could get my hands on. Some of the doctors would tell me, "It's just stress." That just made me mad. I thought stress meant you don't like what you do or can't handle life, and I love what I do. But I kept pushing myself, travelling, doing speaking engagements and so on—simply exhausting myself.

5. Finally, I understood I was living an unsustainable life and needed to make some changes in my outlook and lifestyle.
6. You and I don't have to be like everyone else or keep up with anyone else. Each of us needs to be exactly the way we are, and we don't have to apologize for it. We're not all alike and we need to find a comfort zone in which we can enjoy our lives instead of making ourselves sick with an overload of stress and pressure. (409 Words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (a) The essence of the author's article seems to be that one should believe in the motto '*Be yourself*'. Justify with evidence from the text. [Paragraph 6] (2)
- (b) Complete the following with the correct option from the two given.
- The author reiterates that living life on the edge has become popular because*
- (i) most people think that this perpetual stress and pressure are exciting.
- (ii) it is an image we do not like to keep up for public. [Paragraph 3] (1)
- (c) What was the writer's attitude towards the diagnosis of the doctors about him being stressed? [Paragraph 4] (2)

- (d) What kind of life was the writer leading before the realisation dawned upon him that it was an unhealthy way of living?
[Paragraph 4] (2)

- (e) Say whether the given statement is True or False.
[Paragraph 5] (2)

The author's outlook was more at fault than his lifestyle.

- (f) The phrase '*unsustainable practice*' is mentioned in the passage. Which of the following is an '*unsustainable practice*' in the following options?
[Paragraph 5] (2)

- (i) Afforestation and reforestation
- (ii) Large number of tourists in the hills
- (iii) Popularizing degradable plastics
- (iv) Using cutlery made from bamboo

- (g) What does the writer advise us to do to avoid being careless in life? Answer in two points.
[Paragraph 2] (2)

- (h) Select the option that best reflects the meaning of a '*trap*' in the following sentence.

Spiders use this silk to make webs to trap their prey.

[Paragraph 1] (2)

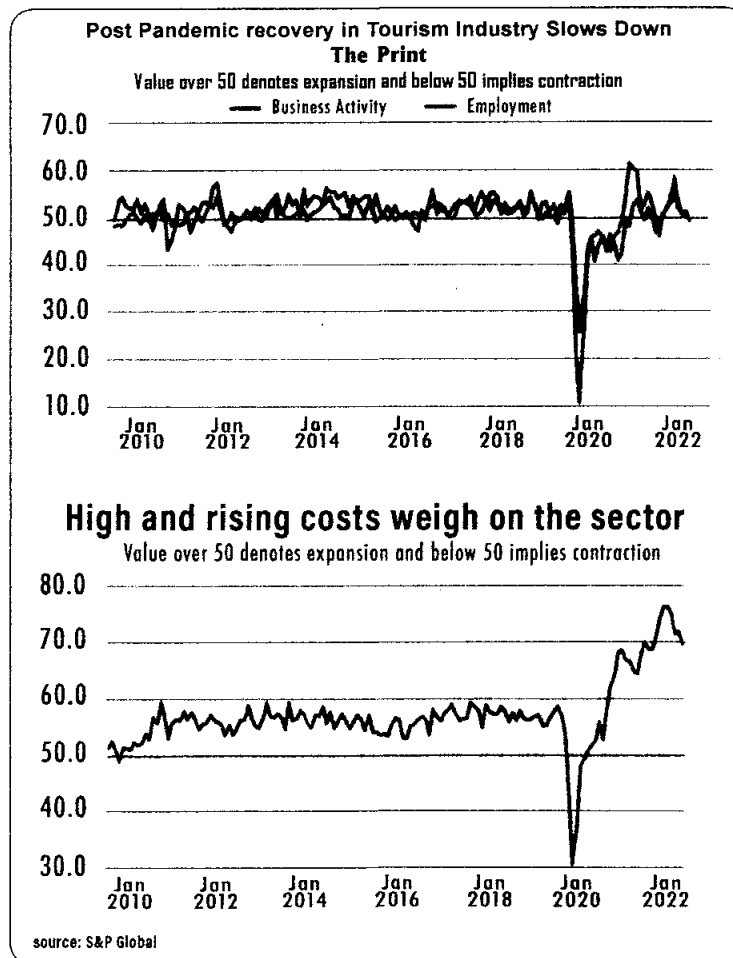
- (i) emancipate
- (ii) extricate
- (iii) disengage
- (iv) confine

2. Read the following text. (10)

1. Domestic tourism in India reached a peak in 2019, with more than 232 crores of domestic tourist visits and 3.14 crore international tourist visits, the highest since 2001 according to the tourism ministry. India moved to the 34th position on the World Economic Forum's Travel & Tourism Competitiveness Index in 2019 from the 65th rank in 2013. Covid, however, halted the robust performance in its tracks, with domestic tourist visits falling to just 61 crore and international tourist

visits to 71.7 lakh in 2020. However, tourism ministry data shows that while international visits to India dropped even further in 2021, to just 10.5 lakh, domestic visits increased by 11 per cent.

2. While rising costs are having an impact, all flights and hotels are fully booked, and prices for both are higher than they have been for some time. People who would otherwise have travelled abroad, are travelling within India instead. While branded and luxury hotels were among the earliest ones to recover their loyal clientele, small-scale and medium enterprises, which constitute more than 80 per cent of the tourism industry, have not been able to recover fully yet. However, the domestic industry is gaining footfall.



3. Rajasthan, which has been heavily dependent on foreign visitors, saw much distress. Most of its luxury heritage Havelis and palaces that earlier saw occupancy throughout the winter months with foreign tourists, now remain available and within reach for domestic tourists. The prices went almost down 30 per cent from their 2019 peak numbers. Likewise, prices in some Goa and Kerala hotels, too, dropped to almost one-third. These are now starting to recover due to the increasing number of domestic as well as inbound tourists.
4. Prices of hotels at weekend destinations increased after the tourist rush, thanks to the techie crowd of Bengaluru and Hyderabad. In northern India, tourists flooded holiday destinations like Srinagar, Gulmarg, and Rishikesh. The young consumer is moving towards private and experiential stays and wellness experiences. The booking windows have become shorter and the length of stays is longer. Inbound tourism will recover by 2023 despite the hiccups.

(346 Words)

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- (a) Based on the report released by the Ministry of Tourism, which is the main tourism trend that differentiates the young consumers' choice of spending their holidays across the country?

(1)

- (i) The young consumer is moving towards private and experiential stays.
- (ii) The booking windows have become shorter and the length of stays is longer.
- (iii) Weekend holidays have become popular among the techies.
- (iv) Tourists prefer to combine vacations with wellness experiences.

- (b) Select the option that is true for the assertion and reason given below. (1)

Assertion: International tourism trends in India from 2020 to 2021 show that the actual impact of Covid on tourism was felt more in 2021 and not in 2020.

Reason: International visits to India dropped even further in 2021, to just 10.5 lakhs from 71.7 lakhs.

- (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 that means the same as what '*clientele*' signifies in the passage. (1)
- The ancient rulers were great patrons of arts and supported the craftsmen by being their biggest buyers.*
- (d) The author says that domestic tourism is showing positive trends despite being weighed down by inflation. Substantiate this statement with evidence from the text. (1)
- (e) How do the years 2010 and 2012 compare and contrast with the year 2020 when we analyse recovery and the impact of the rising costs on the tourism sector? (1)

- (i) The years 2010 and 2012 saw an expansion in tourism as compared to 2020.
- (ii) Both 2010 and 2012 witnessed a contraction in tourism as compared to 2020.
- (iii) 2010 saw the least inflation and 2012 witnessed the maximum business.
- (iv) The years 2010 and 2012 were both the worst years in tourism and inflation.

- (f) What makes the year 2021 a peak year when it comes to domestic tourism? (1)
- (g) Complete the following sentence suitably: (1)
Rajasthan's old monuments seem to be on the bucket list of international travellers especially in winter which is evident from the fact that
- (h) Complete the following sentence with a suitable reason: (1)
The tourism ministry claims that the prognosis for domestic tourism looks bright and optimistic because
- (i) Study the following statement: (1)
Hotels in the suburbs of Bengaluru and Hyderabad were able to recover from dipping tourist footfalls sooner than expected.
 State any one inference that can be drawn from this statement.

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

Respected Sir/Ma'am

We are a group of 40 senior students and 5 teachers who are planning a five-day excursion to Shimla during our summer vacations. We (will) like your travel company

to organise this trip for us. I would appreciate a fast response from your end giving us the details and an itinerary for our trip.

- (b) Read the sentence and identify the error and supply the correction.

National Farmer's Day or *Kisan Diwas* is celebrating on 23rd December every year to mark the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- (c) Report the dialogue between Sam and his Boss.

SAM: With due respect, Sir, I don't think you've thought this.

- (d) Read the dialogue between Shailesh and Ram.

SHAILESH: Why have you been getting into a fight with your friend Ashok?

RAM: He said some stupid things.

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

Shailesh asked his friend Ram Ram replied that he had said some stupid things.

- (i) why he had been getting into a fight with his friend Ashok.
- (ii) why he had been getting into a fight with his friend Ashok?
- (iii) why had he been getting into a fight with his friend Ashok.
- (iv) why he have been getting into a fight with his friend Ashok.

- Oats are whole grains (*that/then/this*) are high in fiber and contain important nutrients like vitamins, minerals and antioxidants.

- Bring in your own stylish side to look best.*

Error	Correction

- Such was the impact of the collision that the scooter rider was throw off the pilot seat of his two-wheeler and landed on the vehicle's roof, while the pillion rider died on the spot.*

Option no.	Error	Correction
(i)	throw off	thrown off
(ii)	collision	colliding
(iii)	rider	ride
(iv)	died	dies

- The mother said to Rohini that she seemed so hungry and advised her to have some snacks. Rohini replied that she could not even think of snacks, she had lots of homework to do.

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- (i) Report the dialogue by completing the sentence.

FATHER: Where are you going?

SAURABH: I am going to the market to buy some tomatoes.

Father asked Saurabh where he was going. Saurabh replied

.....

- (j) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a sentence from a magazine.

Upma can be a weight loss friendly breakfast choice. It is typically with vegetables and spices, making it a nutritious and filling option.

(i) cooked

(ii) had been cooked

(iii) was cooked

(iv) is cooked

- (k) Complete the line by filling the correct option.

Protein your hair stays stronger and healthy.
To consume enough protein a day, Greek yoghurt and protein rich foods like cashews and bananas can be added to your protein rich diet.

(i) taking

(ii) has been ensuring

(iii) ensures

(iv) ensured

- (l) Identify the error and supply the correction for the following sentence:

Man have depended on nature for a long time.

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 Sonia Sampat, the Vice Captain of DPS, Delhi. You have recently noticed several posters around your school premises conveying the following message.

Hey you! Be attractive and slim in just 15 days! "Lose belly fat with our organic diet plan."

Write a letter to the Editor of 'The Deccan Herald' in about 120 words, drawing attention towards harm caused by such advertisings. Propose the implementation of "Wholesome Lunch Month" in schools as an idea to address such practices, mention the advantages and share suggestions to foster healthy eating habits.

(5)

OR

- (B) Suppose you are Ketan/Keshwika, the Head Librarian of Mount Park Public School, Guwahati. You want to purchase some books at the earliest for the library, as the new session is knocking at the door. Write a letter in about 120 words to the Sales Manager of M/S Scholar Books Pvt. Ltd., 291 Daryaganj, New Delhi, placing the order for the books.

5. (A) You are the Cultural Club Representative of class XI. You have been given the charge of organising the annual farewell party for the outgoing students of class XII. In consultation with the core members of your club, you have made an estimate of the total expenditure to be incurred and have presented the details to the activity incharge.

(5)

Analyse in about 120 words the expenses shown and either accept or reject the proposal.

S. No.	Item	Price	Total nos.	Vendor	Grand total
1.	Decorative items	₹ 80 each	50	Geeta Gift Store	4000.00
2.	Welcome banners	₹ 300 each	2	Boards and Banners	600.00
3.	Food (snacks, soft drinks, and buffet)	₹ 250 per plate	325	Jyoti Restaurant and Caterers	81,250.00
4.	Gifts	₹ 150 per person		1. Geeta Gift Store 2. J.J. Emporium	22,500
5.	DJ			The Music Shop	10000.00
6.	Miscellaneous				2000
Grand Total – INR 1,20,350					

OR

(B) Diya, daughter of doctor parents aspires to make a career in theatre. She is very creative and has won many prizes in co-curricular activities. Academically also, she is excellent and has never missed an A1 in any exam despite her interests in other fields. Her exposure to the world of performing arts is limited to school and city. She has always shied away from staying away from home and travelling. As a student of class X, she has to decide a stream for herself. Most of her friends have decided in favour of medical or non-medical. So she is in a dilemma.

Write a paragraph on the above description in about 100–120 words analysing her weaknesses and strengths to support your stand on what would be the right decision for her.

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) NATALYA: *No you're simply joking, or making fun of me. What a surprise! We've had the land for nearly three hundred years, and then we're suddenly told that it isn't ours! Ivan Vassilevitch, I can hardly believe my own ears. These Meadows aren't worth much to me. They only come to five dessiatins, and are worth perhaps 300 roubles, but I can't stand unfairness. Say what you will, I can't stand unfairness.*

LOMOV: *Hear me out, I implore you! The peasants of your father's grandfather, as I have already had the honour of explaining to you, used to make bricks for my aunt's grandmother, wishing to make them a pleasant ...*

(The Proposal)

(a) Which of the facts given below is the most accurate explanation to complete the statement? Choose the correct option.

Natalya told Lomov that he was simply joking or making fun of her because

- (i) Chubukovs' land extended to Burnt Marsh which included Oxen Meadows.
- (ii) he claimed that Oxen Meadows was his ancestral property.

- (iii) he declared that his land extended to Burnt Marsh.
 - (iv) Oxen Meadows had belonged to Natalya's mother for generations.
- (b) Why were the Meadows not worth fighting or arguing over between the neighbours?
- (c) Read the following descriptions (i)-(iv) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract given to you for analysis.
- (i) The extract is a debate usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
 - (ii) The extract is a soliloquy or a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
 - (iii) The extract is an aside or a brief comment made by a character directly to the audience, which is not intended to be heard by other characters on stage.
 - (iv) The extract is an argument or an exchange of diverging or opposite views, typically a heated or angry one.
- (d) On the basis of your understanding of the extract, which common character traits are exhibited by both Natalya and Lomov?

OR

- (B) *The question he tried to answer was simple: What is the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa?*

"Everyone assumed the spots were just ornamental," Ebright said. "But Dr Urquhart didn't believe it." To find the answer, Ebright and another excellent science student first had to build a device that showed that the spots were producing a hormone necessary for the butterfly's full development. This project won Ebright first place in the county fair and entry into the International Science and Engineering Fair. There he won third

place for zoology. He also got a chance to work during the summer at the entomology laboratory of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research. *(The Making of a Scientist)*

(a) State any one inference about Dr. Urquhart from the given context. *"Everyone assumed the spots were just ornamental," Ebright said. "But Dr Urquhart didn't believe it."*

(b) Which of the terms (i)-(iv) below, can be applied to the following question?

What is the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa?

(i) A hypothesis - a proposed explanation for a phenomenon

(ii) An assumption - something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof

(iii) A premise - a proposition that forms the basis of an argument

(iv) A theory - a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon

(c) Ebright's approach to finding the purpose of the gold spots on a monarch pupa was highly effective. Elaborate the given statement.

(d) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'a chance', in the given sentence from the extract.

He also got a chance to work during the summer at the entomology laboratory of the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research.

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

(5)

(A) *The way a crow*

Shook down on me

The dust of snow

From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart

A change of mood

And saved some part

Of a day I had rued.

(Dust of Snow)

- (a) When the speaker mentions the 'dust of snow', which figure of speech is he referring to?
- (b) What does the poet want to convey through the poem?
- (c) Which of the following options (i)-(v), best describes the use of synecdoche by the poet?
 - (i) A gun is only use
 - (ii) Has given my heart, A change of mood
 - (iii) And saved some part, Of a day I had rued
 - (iv) A crow, Shook down on me
 - (v) The dust of snow
- (d) Comment on the poet's use of symbolism in these lines.

OR

(B) *"He stalks in his vivid*

stripes The few steps

of his cage. On pads

of velvet quiet,

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in

shadow, Sliding through

long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass.

(A Tiger in the Zoo)

- (a) In what way does the description of the tiger in this poem challenges traditional ideas of what a tiger should be?
- (b) What is the significance of the use of the word “*shadow*” in the poem and how does this word choice contribute to the overall mood and tone of the given extract?
- (c) Select the option that describes the tiger in the following lines.

‘On pads of velvet quiet, In his quiet rage.’

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| 1. nervous | 2. scared |
| 3. distraught | 4. light-footed |
| 5. majestic | 6. indignant |
| (i) 1 and 2 | (ii) 2, 3 and 4 |
| (iii) 3, 4 and 6 | (iv) 1, 5 and 6 |

- (d) Identify the type of imagery used in the lines of the poem.

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

- (a) What does Valli mean when she says, “*I was just agreeing with what you said about things happening without our knowledge?*”
(*Madam Rides the Bus*)
- (b) From the beginning to the end of the story ‘*The Black Aeroplane*’ is a mystery. How can we say that?
- (c) What colour is the young woman’s hair? What does she say she can change it to? Why would she want to do so?
(*For Anne Gregory*)
- (d) Why does the poet think it will be useless to offer the boy another ball?
(*The Ball Poem*)
- (e) What is your opinion on the point of controversy about the dogs?
(*The Proposal*)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40-50 words.

(2×3=6)

(a) Why did Mrs. Hall try to be friendly with her strange guest?

(Footprints Without Feet)

(b) According to the thief, how did men react when they discovered that they were robbed?

(The Thief's Story)

(c) What story did the lady tell Horace to get the jewels?

(A Question of Trust)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100-120 words.

(1×6=6)

(A) Whenever we want to achieve something, difficulties always come in our way. Valli also had to face some obstacles but she used her ingenuity and courage to overcome them. What did Valli have to do to go and ride in a bus? Can you find any other example of a person from your textbook who trudged a difficult path in life and came out victorious?

OR

(B) 'The Sermon at Benares' could just as well be considered another glimpse of India. If it was part of the story 'Glimpses of India', what ideas, values, and experiences would it highlight? How would you present this as a historical part of India? Make a comparative study of Benaras, Coorg, and Goa.

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

(A) A character arc is the transformation or development of a character throughout a story and refers to the changes a character undergoes as a result of their experiences, challenges, and interactions with other characters. In light of the above information, trace the character arc of Matilda in the story '*The Necklace*'.

OR

(B) 'The mind is its own place, it can make heaven out of hell or hell out of heaven,' (Paradise Lost). Justify the statement by citing examples from the story '*Footprints Without Feet*'.