

**General Instructions:**

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
2. The Question Paper contains THREE sections READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
3. Attempt question based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A- READING SKILLS**20****I. Read the passage given below.****(10)**

Mountains have always been held in great awe by mankind. They have been a challenge to Humans. Those brave among us have always wanted to conquer them. You see, the more Incredible the mountains, the greater the thrill – a challenge to the bravery of the human race. Climbing mountains is an experience that is hard to put into words. You are in a beautiful Environment and, when you reach the top, you feel incredible. But you also have to climb down, which is when most accidents happen – people are tired, it gets dark, it's harder. So, mountain Climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports along with being challenging and risky for the climber. Without any perceived risk, there can't be a feeling that any significant challenge has been Surmounted. Fair, but we have to bear in mind that mountaineering is not a sport that can be Embraced without preparation. The enthusiasts must develop in themselves the spirit of Adventure, willingness to undertake hardships and risks, extraordinary powers of perseverance, Endurance, and keenness of purpose before climbing a mountain. They should also know how to Handle the mountaineering equipment. Then comes the penance of the rigorous training. This Could very well be the lifeline up there. It helps inculcate and hone survival instincts that allow the Climber to negotiate perilous situations. There are numerous institutes in India and abroad that Offer such training.

Mountain climbers are unanimous in agreeing that the unpredictable weather is what they fear the most. There may be sunshine one moment and a snowstorm the other. At higher altitudes, Snow is a regular feature and being decisive about setting up camps or proceeding further is Crucial. The icy sheets after ice storms make walking treacherous, while the powdery snow makes A mountaineer sink deep into the snow. Up there, where the intention is to embrace Nature's Wonder, one realises that it cannot be done without facing its formidable glory. A true Mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always respectful to the powerful forces of Nature.

Summitting mountains carries its own health risks such as oxygen and altitude sickness problems, Frost bites, swelling of hands and feet, fluid collection in brain or lungs and exhaustion. Yet, the Gratification mountaineers feel from mastering something that is so frightening, urges them to Undertake these endeavors. We may think that the mountaineers are fearless, experts say, "Not at all. It's fear that keeps them so intrigued with such arduous

journeys.” Impulse and brazenness Can be deadly foes. In the words of the Indian mountaineer, Bachendri Pal, “The biggest risk ... is to not to take the risk at all. Remember that.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below:

1. Why does the writer say that mountains inspire ‘awe’ in humans?
A. They present us with opportunities for exciting sports.
B. They evoke the wish in us, to master them.
C. They inspire in us, deeds of valour. D. They represent peace and calm, to us.
2. Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below:
The more incredible the mountains—the greater the thrill
A. The higher the stamina—the lower the food intake
B. The more you laugh—the lesser your illness
C. The smaller the car—the bigger the advantage
D. The heavier the luggage—the higher the penalty
3. Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following: So, mountain climbing is undoubtedly one of the most popular adventure sports
A. Doubt B. Caution C. Conviction D. Denial
4. The writer compares training to penance in the line –Then comes the penance of the Rigorous training.
State 1 point of similarity between training and penance. (2)
5. Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that “mountaineering is not a sport that can be embraced without preparation”. (2)
6. What connect does the writer draw out between unpredictable weather and setting Up of camps?
7. The writer says, “A true mountaineer may challenge the mountain, yet is always Respectful to the powerful forces of nature.”
Select the reason the mountaineer is respectful to the forces of nature, up in the Mountains.
A. Survival B. Experience C. Tradition D. Directive
8. Evaluate the INAPPROPRIATE reason for the feeling of exhilaration on reaching a Summit, that the mountain-climbers experience.
A. Achievement of a seemingly impossible feat
B. Spectacular panoramic view
C. Application of the inculcated survival instincts
D. Opportunity to use sophisticated mountaineering equipment.

II. Read the passage given below.

(10)

The North-East of India is a melting pot of variegated cultural mosaic of people and races, an Ethnic tapestry of many hues and shades. Yet, these states are lesser explored as compared to the rest of the country. The new generations of travellers who are ‘money rich and time poor’ are Increasingly looking for unique experiences –a phenomenon being called the emergence of the ‘experience economy’. For this new and growing breed of tourists, the North-East with its variety and uniqueness holds immense attraction. A study conducted in 2020 by Dr. Sherap Bhutia, revealed that the foreign tourist arrival in the North-East increased from 37,380 persons in 2005 to 118,552 in 2014. The overall growth rate of Tourist (both domestic and foreign) in the North-East was as high as 26.44% during 2005-06. A high and positive growth of 12.53% was registered in foreign tourist visits to North-East States of India during 2012 from 2011, which further rose to register a growth of 27.93% during 2013 from 2012. Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of 39.77% during 2014 from 2013, according to data provided from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India. The study recommendations for tourism planners included the need to concentrate on some key areas like enhancement of tourist facilities, tourism financing, focus on community involvement and others for the formulation of a sustainable tourism strategy in the North-East States of India.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below: A. Select the appropriate option to fill in the blanks.

1. From paragraph 1, we can infer that the ----- and ----- of the North-Eastern states aid attracting the ‘money rich and time poor’ tourists.

1. Distinctiveness
2. Conventionality
3. Diversity
4. Uniformity
5. Modernity

- A. 1 & 3
- B. 2 & 4
- C. 2 & 5
- D. 1 & 4.

(2)

2. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/ phrase from paragraph 1:

Aroma: cooking:: ----- : painting

3. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:

Travellers advocating the 'experience economy' seek a holiday package with -----

- A. Grand facilities, expensive hotels and excellent services to pamper them.
- B. A wholesome experience within the budget they have planned for.
- C. Places and cities to buy things from and opportunities spend money.
- D. Cost-effective services, affordable accommodation and many days of touring.

4. Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option.

The study of tourist travel statistics in the North-East, from 2005 to 2014 showed ----

----- Results.

- A. Expected
- B. Encouraging
- C. Inconsistent
- D. Questionable

5. Substitute the word 'witnessed' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following, Sentence from paragraph 2

Foreign tourist arrivals in the North-East witnessed a growth of...

6. List any 2 examples of 'tourist facilities' as referred to, in Paragraph 3. (2)

7. List one reason why the researchers recommend that the formulation of a tourism Strategy in the North-

Eastern States of India be sustainable.

8. Select the option that titles paragraphs 1-3 appropriately, with reference to Information in the text.

1 a. Full speed ahead

b. Ups and downs.

c. Cause for concern

3 a. Inspecting trends

b. Statistically speaking

c. Let's investigate

2 a. Winds of change

b. Number don't lie

c. Time for action

4 a. Cause and effect

b. Dynamic Data

c. Dependable facts

Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions:

(1) Reena always _____ the truth.

- A. Speak B. Speaks C. will speak D. speaking

(2) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line :

Bread and butter _____ my favourite breakfast.

- A. Is B. Am C. are D. has been

(3) Read the conversation between two friends Ravi and Reena.

Complete The sentence by reporting Reena's reply correctly.

Ravi : "Reena, lend me hundred rupees".

Reena : "I don't have it right now, but I will arrange it for you".

Ravi asked Reena to lend him hundred rupees, to which Reena

Replied that _____.

(4) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line :

I can run fast when I was young.

Error. Correction

A. was. is

B. run. ran

C. can. could

D. when whence

(5) Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct Option:

Heena _____ from fever since last Sunday.

- A. Suffered B. will suffer C. suffer D. has been suffering

(6) Fill in the blank by using the correct word in the bracket.

Anyas _____ (eat) all the chocolates kept in the tray.

- A. Ate B. Eating C. have eaten D. eaten

(7) Report the dialogue between a mother and a daughter by completing the sentence :

Mother : Why are you looking so worried ?

Daughter : My exams are approaching.

In response to the question of the mother, the daughter replied that _____.

(8) Identify the error in the given sentence :

The ship Titanic and her fate continues to fascinate the imagination of the people.

Error: _____

Correction: _____

(9) Ritu and Randeep are talking.

Report Ritu's question.

Ritu – Where are you going ?

Ritu asked _____.

(10) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the slogan :

_____ smile and pass it to others.

A. Happy B. Short C. Always D. Humble

(11) Select the correct option complete the narration of the dialogue Between Anil and Sanjeev :

Anil : Where are you going ?

Sanjeev : To the airport.

Anil : May I drop you there as I'm going in that direction ?

Anil asked Sanjeev where he was going and offered to drop him as _____.

- A. he could be going in that direction
- B. he would be going in the direction
- C. he is going in the direction
- D. he was going in that direction

(12) Identify the error in the newspaper headline.

Attractive packages for different Tourist destination – Mizoram, Kashmir, Kerala, Goa.

Error: _____

Correction: _____

IV SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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1. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

(5)

1.A. You are Sunidhi Prakash, the Vice Captain of Brilliant Vidyalaya, Barra, Kanpur.

You have recently noticed several posters around your school premises conveying a

Hazardous message:

Lose weight in just a month!

“A WONDER DIET comes to your rescue ...

A privilege available for only a few!”

Write a letter to the Editor of The DWA, in not more than 120 words, drawing attention

Towards harm caused by such advertising. 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 routines and develop positive body image

Among youngsters.

OR

1.B. You are Alok / Akriti, living at 15, Mansarovar Garden in Delhi. Write a letter to the

Police Commissioner, complaining about the rising incidents of chain snatching and pick-pocketing in your area.

2. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below.

(5)

2.A. Kids who appreciate how much effort, time and care goes into growing food will understand how important farmers are, and why it's important to take care of our Earth. In the world of today, gardening needs to be given more importance than sports, music and dance in all schools because it creates environmental stewards and outdoor learning laboratories that help the child and community for years to come.

Write a paragraph in 100-120 words to analyse the given argument.

You could think about what alternative explanations might weaken the given conclusion and include rationale / evidence that would strengthen / counter the given argument.

OR

2.B. Write an analytical paragraph on the number of Corona Virus (COVID-19) cases across Indian states (as on May 1), 2020. Compare and contrast where relevant.

States	Confirmed	Recovered	Deaths
Maharashtra	10,498	1,773	459
Gujarat	4,395	613	214
Delhi	3,515	1,094	59
Madhya Pradesh	2,660	482	137
Rajasthan	2,584	836	58
Tamil Nadu	2,323	1,258	27
Andhra Pradesh	1,403	321	31
Uttar Pradesh	2,203	1,258	27
Telangana	1,038	397	26
West Bengal	795	139	33

SECTION C – LITERATURE (40)

V. Reference to the Context.

10

1 Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given:

(5)

1 A. Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international

leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies would take place in the lovely sandstone amphitheatre formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now, it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government. On that lovely autumn day, I was accompanied by my daughter Zenani. On the podium, Mr. De Klerk was first sworn in as the second deputy president. Then Thabo Mbeki was sworn in as the first deputy president. When it was my turn, I pledged to obey and uphold the Constitution and to devote myself to the well-being of the Republic and its people.

1. Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the given extract:

- (1) The ceremony took place in the grand Amphitheatre.
- (2) The inauguration was experienced as the largest gathering.
- (3) It was the time for the formation of a non-racial government.
- (4) The incident was noticed on the Tenth of June.
- (5) The white men ruled Africa for decades.
- (6) It was the installation ceremony.
- (7) It was South Africa's republican day.

- A. (4) and (7)
- B. (1) and (2)
- C. (5) and (6)
- D. (3) and (4)

2. What is apartheid?

(2)

3. Why is there a specific mention of Tenth May in the passage?

- A. it was a bright and clear day.
- B. it was the inauguration ceremony of South Africa.
- C. it was Mandela's birthday.
- D. it is mentioned as a casual day.

4. Why was the narrator besieged by the dignitaries and World leaders?

- A. They had come to arrest him.
- B. they wanted to pay their respect and wishes for the inauguration ceremony.
- C. they wanted to kill the narrator.
- D. they wanted to take selfies with him.

OR

1 B. Brilliant scientist though he was, Griffin was rather a lawless person. His landlord disliked him and tried to eject him. In revenge Griffin set fire to the house. To get away without being seen he had to remove his clothes. Thus it was that he became a homeless wanderer, without clothes, without money, and quite invisible — until he happened to step in some mud, and left footprints as he walked! He escaped easily enough from the boys who followed his footprints in London. But his adventures were by no means over. He had chosen a bad time of the year to wander about London without clothes. It was mid-winter. The air was bitterly cold and he could not do without clothes. Instead of walking about the streets he decided to slip into a big London store for warmth.

1. Why did Griffin set the landlord's house on fire? State the reason. (2)

2. When did Griffin become quite invisible?

- A. when he had his clothes on
- B. when he left behind footprints in mud
- C. after he removed his clothes
- D. when he became a homeless wanderer

3. How do we know that Griffin was a lawless person?

- A. the landlord did not like him
- B. he had no money
- C. he had set fire to the landlord's house
- D. he had to escape to London

4. Why does the narrator say that it was 'a bad time of the year'?

- A. It was very cold
- B. Griffin had to wander in the streets
- C. It was the end of the winter season.
- D. All of the above

2. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

(5)

2. A. "Some say the world will end in fire

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire

I hold with those who favour fire."

1. What do the people think about the world?
 - A. They think that the world is a beautiful place to live in.
 - B. They think that the world would never perish.
 - C. They think the world will be destroyed by floods.
 - D. They think that the world will be destroyed by fire and ice.
2. What is the poet's opinion about the world?
 - A. The poet feels that a man should fulfil all his desires.
 - B. He thinks that we should control our growing desires.
 - C. He feels that we should live life to the full.
 - D. He says that one should live the life of an ascetic.
3. What does fire and ice symbolises? (2)
4. What is the rhyme scheme of the stanza?
 - A. aaba
 - B. abab
 - C. abaa
 - D. abed

OR

2. B "But he's locked in a concrete cell,
His strength behind bars,
Stalking the length of his cage,
Ignoring visitors.
He hears the last voice at night,
The patrolling cars,
And stares with his brilliant eyes
At the brilliant stars"

1. The fact that the tiger is 'stalking the length of his cage' tells us that he is
 - A. restless.
 - B. reckless.
 - C. resilient.
 - D. reverent.
2. What is the caged tiger NOT likely to say to the visitors?
 - A. "Stop staring".
 - B. "Set me free".
 - C. "Join me"
 - D. "Go away".
3. These stanzas bring out the contrast between
 - A. zoos and cities.
 - B. strength and weakness.
 - C. freedom and captivity.
 - D. visitors and patrolling cars.
4. What does the tiger's 'brilliant eyes' reveal that he really thrives for? (2)

VI Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4×3=12)

- i. Validate the given statement with reference to baby seagull's fear. 'Fear doesn't exist anywhere else other than one's mind.' (HIS FIRST FLIGHT)
- ii. Explain why the poet personally holds the conviction that the world will primarily end in fire? (FIRE AND ICE)
- iii. Why was Lencho angry when he received the letter? (LETTER TO GOD)
- iv. Why is 10th May 1994 important for South Africa? (LONG WALK TIO FREEDOM)
- v. What does Anne Frank tell about her family in her diary? (FROM THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK)

VII Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each: (2×3=6)

- i. Dr. Herriot knew his patients as well as their owners really well. Discuss. (THE TRIUMPH OF SURGERY)
- ii. State two likely reason the writer of The Midnight Visitor chose to characterize Ausable as short and fat. (THE MIDNIGHT VISITOR)
- iii. Describe Hari Singh, the young and successful thief. (THE THIEF'S STORY)

VIII Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 word. (1×6=6)

- i. How did the hailstones affect Lencho's field? What was Lencho's only hope? (LETTER TO GOD)

OR

- ii. "Money is external" What does the poet mean by this expression? Why it is important for everyone to experience loss and to stand up after it? (THE BALL POEM)

IX Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (1×6=6)

- i. Fiction writers prefer creating grey characters rather than black and white. Analyse this in detail, with reference to both the characters of The Thief's Story. (THE THIEF'S STORY)

OR

- ii. Griffin was not a true scientist as he misused his scientific discovery. Illustrate this point by giving two incidents from the story. (FOOT PRINTS WITHOUT FEET)