



SECTION A- READING SKILLS

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I. Read the passage given below.

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1. Social media sites serve as a platform to connect with our friends and relatives. We share our happiness as well as sad moments on social media platforms to let those on our friend list know how we are feeling and what we are doing in life. People 'like' our status updates, and photographs and comments on them to tell us how they feel about it all. This is a great way to socialise in this busy world. It makes us feel that everyone we love and want to be in touch with, is just a click away. However, social media becomes a problem when we get addicted to it.
2. Many people living in different parts of the world are suffering from social media addiction and are bearing their consequences too. Social media sites such as Facebook and Twitter may help us connect with our distant relatives and long-lost friends, but social media addiction is distancing us from our immediate family and close friends. People addicted to social media are hooked to these platforms for hours. They do not care if their loved ones are sitting with them or trying to make a conversation. All they care about is who updated what on social media and how many people liked or commented on their posts.
3. Social media addicts frequently check updates and notifications on social media platforms. This can be as frequent as twenty-thirty times in an hour. Viewing a new notification, especially one involving their posts gives them a high. Lack of it, on the other hand, can make them feel sad and depressed.
4. All that the social media addicts care about is to maintain an attractive social media profile. They are mostly seen clicking pictures during social events, family gatherings and even during getaways with friends. They hardly enjoy the moment or talk to the people around them. They are either focused on collecting pictures that can be uploaded on their social media accounts or are found busy checking and commenting on the status updates of those on their friend lists.
5. They post updates stating they are enjoying with their family or having fun with their friends, while in reality, they do not even interact properly with anyone around. This is the grave reality of social media addicts. Social media addiction is becoming a big problem. It is ironic how a platform created to help people socialise is actually cutting them off from society.

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

- i. What is the negative effect of social media? (1)
  - a) connecting with friends
  - b) ignoring family
  - c) ignoring friends
  - d) making friends
- ii. Select the option that corresponds to the following relation below: (1)

Social media sites may help us connect with our distant relatives and long-lost friends but social media addiction is distancing us from our immediate family and close friends.

(a) They walked together to the corner, but then they separated and went.

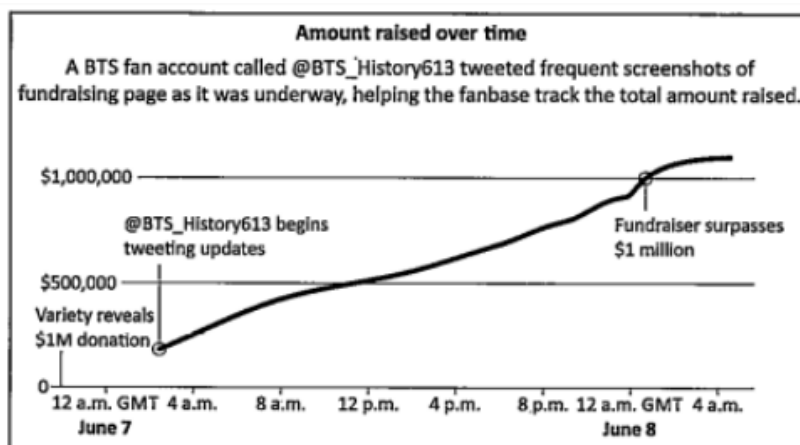
- (b) The study demonstrates the link between poverty and malnutrition.
- (c) Joint family connects each member of the family with one another, unlike a nuclear family which makes us apart.
- (d) The four men followed them for some distance and then lost them on the hillside.
- iii. Select the option that displays what the passage projects with reference to the following  
According to the context of the passage, what does a social media addict care about? (1)
- (a) family (b) children (c) parents (d) update about friends
- iv. Complete the following with a phrase from Paragraph 1. (1)

Opinion	Reason
	It's very easy to get on the computer, especially from the internet.

- v. Social media addiction is distancing us from our immediate family and close friends. State one point of difference between addiction and distancing. (2)
- vi Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that— (2)  
“All that the social media addicts care about is to maintain an attractive social media profile”.
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- vii What is the biggest issue with social media? (1)
- viii The writer says, “We share our happiness as well as sad moments on social media platforms.” (1)  
Select the reason why a social media user does so.
- (a) It makes them popular among their friend zone.
- (b) To let those on their friend list know how they are feeling and what they are doing in life.
- (c) It makes them happy.
- (d) It provides them with healthy sleep patterns.

**II.** Read the passage given below. 10

- The protests against police brutality and systemic racism have seen several American and international celebrities donate to U.S. non-profits and organizations dedicated to racial justice. On June 5, racial justice organization Black Lives Matter confirmed it had received a \$1 million donation from South Korean pop group BTS and its record label, Big Hit Entertainment.
- Shortly after the news became public, BTS fans organized an online campaign to match the donation under the hashtag #MatchAMillion and reached their goal in just 25 hours.



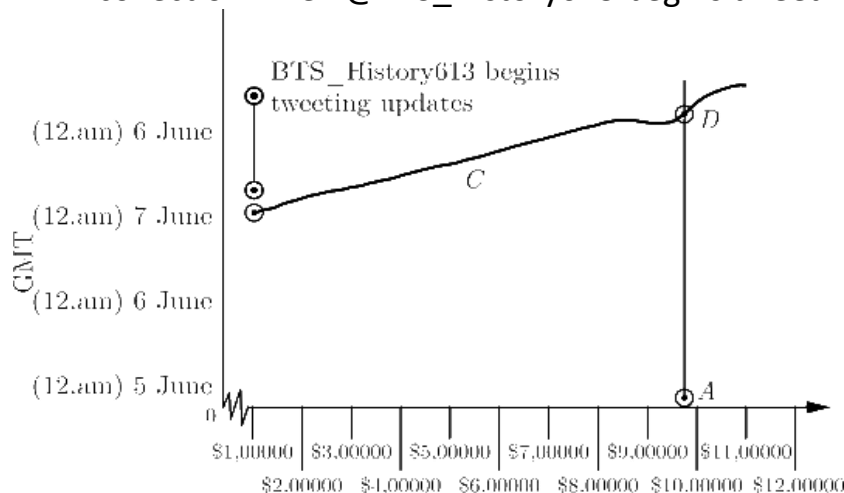
- K-pop fans are known for their prolific social media activity and have used their influence to support social justice issues. On Instagram and Twitter, they have taken over white supremacist hashtags with fancams – short videos of their favourite pop

idols performing. When the Dallas Police Department asked the public to submit videos of “illegal activity” during protests to its iWatch Dallas app, fans encouraged each other to submit fancams instead, and the app went temporarily offline. More recently, fans were credited alongside TikTok-using teenagers for registering en masse for tickets for President Trump’s rally in Tulsa, Oklahoma, but not attending.

4. These fanbases are sometimes generalized as young and obsessive individuals who occasionally take collective action. But they have a history of raising money for charity and breaking social media records, and BTS fans in particular are enabled by the semi-structured organization of the fanbase and the diversity within their ranks.
5. BTS is a seven-member K-pop group whose music draws from several genres, including hip-hop, pop and R&B. Since their 2013 debut, they’ve become known for their meticulous choreography, elaborate music videos with connected storylines and youth-focused lyrics that touch on themes such as self-confidence, mental health and societal norms.

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

- i. Infer one reason for the following, based on information in Paragraph 1. (1)  
Several American and international celebrities donate to U.S. nonprofits and organizations dedicated to racial justice.
- ii. Why have American celebrities donated to U.S. non-profits and organisations dedicated to racial justice? (1)
  - a) due to systemic racism
  - b) for George Floyd’s death
  - c) for the injustices in general
  - d) for coronavirus pandemic
- iii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from Paragraph 3: (1)  
savory: delicious :: productive : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue: Just Like savory is a synonym for delicious, similarly productive is a synonym for...)
- iv. Select the option which contains two inherent qualities of fan bases. (1)
  1. people with prolific social media
  2. young and obsessive individuals
  3. use their influence to support media
  4. organise online campaign to support donation
  5. raise money for charity
  6. ask police to submit videos of illegal activities
  - a) 1 and 3
  - b) 2 and 4
  - c) 5 and 6
  - d) 2 and 5
- v. Select the option that appropriately represents the difference in time taken for first 500,000 and 1 million collection when @BTS\_History613 begins tweeting updates. (1)



- a) 6 hours approx
- b) 7 hours approx
- c) 5 hours approx
- d) 4 hours approx

- vi. Substitute the word 'sometimes' with ONE WORD similar in meaning, in the following sentence from Paragraph 4:.

(1)

These fanbases are sometimes generalized as young and obsessive individuals who occasionally take collective action.

- vii. List any 2 records of young and obsessive individuals often generalised as fanbases. (2)  
viii. List one reason why K-pop fans are known for their prolific social media activity. (2)

### III. SECTION B- GRAMMAR

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*Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. 10*

- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

If only he \_\_\_\_ us truth in the first place, things would not have gone wrong.

a) has told                      b) would have told                      c) had told                      d) should have told

- ii. Read the conversation between Prateek and Raghav and complete the narration that follows.

Prateek: I don't feel well today. Raghav: What can I help you, Sir?

Prateek: Can you take me to the doctor?

Raghav: Yes, Sir.

Prateek told Raghav that he did not feel well that day. Raghav asked respectfully what he could help him. Prateek asked Raghav \_\_\_\_\_. Prateek replied in the affirmative.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

If I dyed my hair green, everybody \_\_\_\_ laugh at me.

a) would                      b) should                      c) may                      d) can

- iv. Select the option identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

As far as climate change is concerned, South Asia is one of a world's most sensitive areas.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	change	changes
(b)	is	was
(c)	most	many
(d)	a	the

- v. Complete the given sentence, by filling in the blank with the correct option :

As he was crossing the road, a car \_\_\_\_\_ him down.

a) was knocking      b) had knocked                      c) knocked      d) would have knocked

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

The woman in the pool \_\_\_\_\_ (swim) well.

- vii. Report the dialogue between Mannu and Annu, by completing the narration:

Mannu: Where are you going to?

Annu: I am going to the market. Do you want anything?

Mannu asked Annu where she was going. Annu replied that she was going to the market and she further asked \_\_\_\_\_.

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

I met her by chance then I gone to get some Medicine which Sister Amy used to give. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

ix. Transform the following direct speech into reported speech:

The beggar said to the old man, "Can you tell me the way to the nearest temple?"

x. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option, to complete the sentence.

I remember my promise. I \_\_\_\_\_ help you in the hour of your need.

a) can                      b) would                      c) will                      d) might

xi. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue

between a teacher and a student. Biology Teacher: I instructed you to draw the diagram of bacteria. Why did you submit a blank sheet? Sameer: Sir, I had drawn the diagram of bacteria, but you can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.

The biology teacher had instructed Sameer to draw the diagram of a bacterial cell and asked him why he had submitted a blank sheet. Sameer respectfully answered that he had drawn the diagram but \_\_\_\_

- (a) he can't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.  
(b) he couldn't see it because it is not visible to the naked eye.  
(c) he could see it because it is visible to the naked eye.  
(d) he could not be seen it because it is not visible to the naked eye.

xii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction.

There are a little countries in the world where the population is not growing fast. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## SECTION B- CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

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

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A. You are Abhimanyu Sikri, resident of 119, Nilgiri Apartments, Kirti Nagar, Delhi. You purchased a wardrobe made of recycled wood shaving; from M/s Pawan Sales, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter of complaint to the Sales Manager asking for replacement of the product which you purchased 15 days ago. You have found that doors do not shut and the paint is uneven.

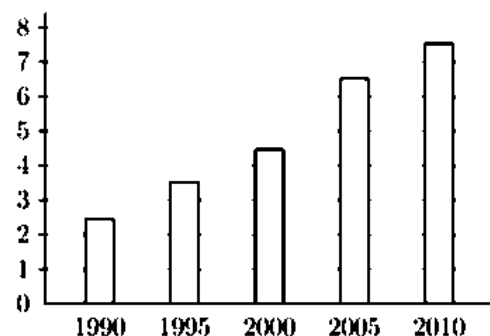
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B. You are Rajesh/Rajni Roy of 105 C, Chatterjee Lane, Kolkata. You have received a letter from your brother who is staying in the hostel of Shakti Mandir Public School, Darjeeling, stating that he is being bullied by some senior students who threatened him with dire consequences, if he complains. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Hostel Warden requesting him to take urgent action.

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

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A. The following data in the form of histogram shows that death rate (in 1000s) due to violence has increased considerably during recent years. Write its interpretation in 100-120 words on how educated youth can play a major role in establishing peace in society.



OR

**B.** The table below shows risk of death posed by five different causes in two income groups of people along with the world average of these deaths. Study the data carefully and then summarise it in the form of an analytical paragraph in 100-120 words.

Causes	World	Low and Middle Income	High Income
	Risk Percentage of Death		
Indoor smoke from solid fuels	3.3	3.9	0.0
Unsafe drinking water, sanitation, lack of hygiene	3.2	3.8	0.1
Urban outdoor air pollution	2.0	1.9	2.5
Global climate change	0.2	0.3	0.0
Lead exposure	0.2	0.3	0.0

## SECTION C- LITERATURE 40

Reference to the Context

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VI. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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A. Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing, and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest. 'Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding: Yes, paper does have more patience, and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary, unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference. (From the Diary of Anne Frank)

i. Why was writing in a diary a strange experience for Anne?

1. She had never written anything before.
2. She didn't know how to write.
3. Neither she nor anyone else would be interested in it.
4. She had to get it off her chest.

(a) option 1 only      (b) option 2 only      (c) option 3 and 4 only      (d) option 4 only

ii. Why no one would be allowed to read her diary?

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iii. Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only.

Anne decided to write the diary when she felt a bit \_\_\_\_\_.

iv. What according to the extract was the reason for Anne believing in her diary the most?

- (a) Diary was locked in the vault.
- (b) Diary had a password.
- (c) Diary would patiently listen to whatever she said.
- (d) She will not allow anyone to read it.

OR

B. She learned the odious work of a kitchen. She washed the dishes. She washed the soiled linen, their clothes and dishcloths, which she hung on the line to dry; she took down the refuse to the street each morning and brought up the water, stopping at each landing to catch her breath. And, clothed like a woman of the people, she went to the grocer's, the butcher's and the fruiterer's, with her basket on her arm, shopping, haggling to the last soul of her miserable money. (The Necklace)

i. Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'odious' from first line of the extract.

- (a) The judge described the crime as odious.
- (b) His attention turned to the odious favour.
- (c) He had to repay the odious debt to the Council.
- (d) He is an extremely odious man.

ii. Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text.

Dried : Leaves :: Soiled \_\_\_\_\_.

iii. According to the extract Matilda haggled for everything she bought mention the reason.

- 1. She was a miserly lady.
- 2. She did not want to waste her hard earned money.
- 3. Matilda had to struggle as she was short on money.
- 4. Matilda worked for the grocer.
- 5. Her master scolded her for spending more money.

Select the correct Option.

- (a) 1 and 3
- (b) 2 and 4
- (c) Only 3
- (d) 2, 3 and 4

iv. The narrator uses certain words and phrases in the given extract to reflect the condition of Matilda mention any two.

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- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_

VII. Attempt ANY ONE of two extracts given.

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A. Belinda lived in a little white house,  
With a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,  
And a little yellow dog and a little red wagon, And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon.  
(The tale of Custard the Dragon)

i. Complete the sentence appropriately.

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It is clear that 'Repetition' is the poetic device used for the word 'little...' Because \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue: explain how Repetition applies here)

ii. The poet has used a poetic device in the given lines. What effect does he wish to create by its use? Poetic License in 'realio, trulio,' is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) Disregard for rules of languages
- (b) comparison
- (c) sarcasm
- (d) rhythm

iii. Select the appropriate option to complete the sentence, according to the extract.

The idea that has been reflected 'little pet dragon', is \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) humorous
- (b) philosophical
- (c) apprehensive
- (d) imaginary

iv. What is the poet's point view about Belinda?

- (a) She is soft hearted person.
- (b) Belinda has many little pets with her.
- (c) Belinda is a princess.
- (d) Belinda loves playing with her pets.

OR

B. What is the boy now,  
who has lost his ball,  
What, what is he to do? I saw it go  
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then  
Merrily over - there it is in the water!  
No use to say 'O there are other balls.

(The Ball Poem)

i. What is the poet's tone in the extract?

- 1. Authoritative
- 2. Alarming
- 3. Reflexive
- 4. Didactic
- 5. Commanding

Select the appropriate option.

- (a) 2 and 3
- (b) 3 and 4
- (c) 2 and 5
- (d) 1 and 5

ii. What message does the poet convey in the given extract?

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iii. Pick out the words/phrases reflecting the state of the boy in the extract.

(a) Merrily bouncing. (b) In the water. (c) No use to say. (d) I saw it go.

iv. Complete the analogy about the trait of the animal from the extract.

Sadly : Staring :: Merrily \_\_\_\_\_.

VIII. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each.  $4 \times 3 = 12$

i. What was Lomov's opinion about Squeezer? (The Proposal)

ii. How did the seagull express his excitement when he saw his mother bringing food for him? (Two Stories About Flying)

iii. What does courage mean to Mandela? (Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom)

iv. How does the poet suggest that you identify the lion and the tiger? When can you do so according to him? (How to Tell Wild Animals)

v. He senses first responsibility'—What responsibility is referred to here? (The Ball Poem)

IX. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each.  $2 \times 3 = 6$

i. Why could Tricki not be cured at home? (*A Triumph of Surgery*)

ii. What are Hari Singh's reactions to the prospect of receiving an education? Do they change over time? (*The Thief's Story*)

iii. What happened to the people who tried to help the constable in catching the invisible man? (*Footprints without Feet*)

X. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (6)

i. Coorg and Assam both are known for plantation of Coffee and Tea respectively. Though India is known for its tea plantation yet coffee is considered to be the drink of the elite.

Prepare a set of dialogues between a Coorgi and an Assamese based on the parts of the chapter 'Glimpses of India'. You may begin like this:

Coorgi: Hello, good morning! Are you from Assam, I am from Coorg.

Assamese: Good morning! Yes I am from Assam.

OR

ii. "The message conveyed in the chapter 'Mijbil The Otter', We should be good, and polite to our pets so that they will feel good and comfortable to live, was not followed by Belinda in the case of her pet Custard, The Dragon. If you had to use the message with reference to both the chapters how will you elaborate it? Also, how it is relevant to both.

XI. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words. (6)

i. "Education can change a person's perspective towards life and takes care of all the deficiencies? Comment with reference to the chapter 'Bholi'.

OR

ii. 'Misunderstanding of Cultural differences between various races can cause confusion and conflict.' Comment, based on the chapter 'The Book that Saved the Earth'.

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