

**SECTION A - READING SKILLS 20****Reading Comprehension Through Unseen Passages****1. Read the following text.****10**

1. A piano teacher described an interesting encounter she had with a young lady who came to inquire about music lessons. The young lady asked her, “How long will this course take? My father tells me that it is in fashion now to be able to play musical instruments and that I should learn one quickly. I want something that will be quick, fast and easy like, like”. When the amused teacher explained that it would take a lifetime of meticulous practice to learn music, her face fell and needless to say, she never came back.
2. The single most important factor that distinguishes those of us who succeed in any venture and those of us who don’t is this ‘instant coffee’ attitude. Most of us want results quickly. We want to reach the top immediately and get worked up when things go wrong. Perseverance and patience are forgotten words. We get upset, frustrated and angry when a skill or activity requires us to put in a lot of effort and time. We get dejected and want to give it up.
3. But such thinking serves no good. For, it doesn’t solve the problem.
4. Life is tough for those with an ‘instant coffee’ attitude. Success, real success and happiness come to those who have a ‘bread-making’ attitude. Those who are willing to knead the dough, wait for hours for it to rise, only to punch it down and knead some more, wait for another couple of hours for it to rise again, and then bake it before it is ready to be eaten. Nothing is instantaneous. For every endeavour-whether in the area of career, academics, music, sports, relationships, physical fitness or even in spirituality-it is a long arduous journey.
5. Only if we are willing to put in the time, painstaking effort and have faith, can we get results. If we don’t accept this difficult-but-true fact of life, our lives will be far from being happy and fulfilling. For we may not make that extra effort which can change the course of life dramatically, for the good.
6. The major problem with these ‘instant coffee’ solutions is that they are invariably short-lived. If we stubbornly refuse to give up this search for quick solutions, all we do is end up on the wrong track.

Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Why did the young lady wishing to learn piano not go back to her teacher? (1)
 - (a) Because the teacher told her that piano learning would take a lifetime of practice.
 - (b) Because the young lady wanted to learn guitar.
 - (c) Because the teacher was incompetent.
 - (d) Because she did not have enough money.
- ii. Explain the ‘bread-making’ attitude. Why does success and happiness come to those with this attitude? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- iii. Complete the sentence appropriately. (1)

The author supports _____.
- iv. The passage includes some words that are opposites of each other. From the sets (a)-(e) below, identify a set of antonyms. (1)
 - (a) Amused and upset
 - (b) Quickly and immediately

(c) Dejected and happiness

(d) Punch and knead

(e) Effort and instant

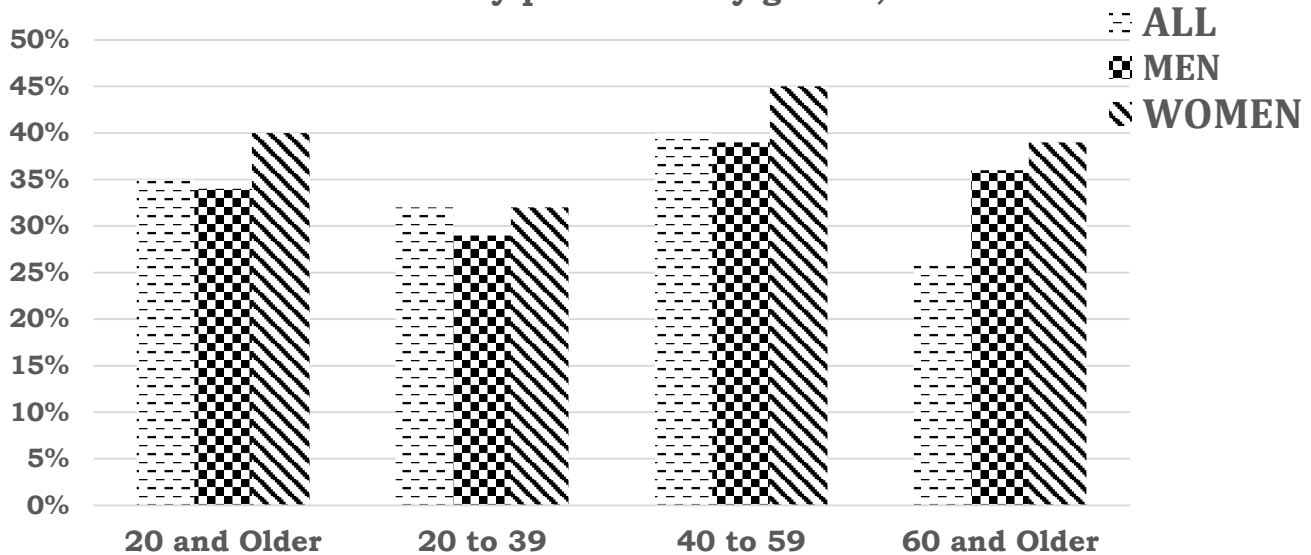
- v. Complete the sentence appropriately. According to the passage, the biggest problem with 'instant coffee' solutions is that _____. (1)
- vi. The writer uses the phrase instant coffee attitude. What does it consist of? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- vii. Select the inappropriate reason for negating the instant coffee attitude. (1)
(a) Presence of mistakes (b) Ineffective (c) Frustrating (d) Short-lived
- viii. Who according to the author are the people who succeed in life? How are they different from the rest? (1)

2. Read the following text.

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1. Obesity has been defined as a Body Mass Index (BMI) greater than 30 kg/m², with extreme obesity defined as a BMI greater than 40 kg/m². Obesity is rapidly becoming the leading cause of preventable death in the United States, with obesity-related deaths projected to soon surpass deaths related to tobacco abuse. The incidence of obesity has doubled in the United States since 1960, with one-third of the adult population currently obese. Perhaps more alarming is the increase in overweight children; over the past 25 years, this rate has risen from 6% to 19%.
2. Obesity is the next major epidemiologic challenge facing today's doctors, with the annual allocation of healthcare resources for the disease and related comorbidities projected to exceed \$150 billion in the United States. The incidence of obesity has risen in the United States over the past 30 years; 60% of adults are currently either obese or overweight. Obesity is associated with a higher incidence of a number of diseases, including diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer. Consumption of fast food, Trans Fatty Acids (TFAs), and fructose-combined with increasing portion sizes and decreased physical activity-has been implicated as a potential contributing factor in the obesity crisis.
3. The use of Body Mass Index (BMI) alone is of limited utility for predicting adverse cardiovascular outcomes, but the utility of this measure may be strengthened when combined with waist circumference and other anthropomorphic measurements. Certain public health initiatives have helped to identify and reduce some of the factors contributing to obesity.
4. In New York City and Denmark, for example, such initiatives have succeeded in passing legislation to reduce or remove TFAs from residents' diets. The obesity epidemic will likely change practice for gastroenterologists, as shifts will be seen in the incidence of obesity-related gastrointestinal disorders, disease severity and the nature of comorbidities. The experience gained with previous epidemiologic problems such as smoking should help involved parties to expand needed health initiatives and increase the likelihood of preventing future generations from suffering the consequences of obesity.

Adult obesity prevalence by gender, 2011 - 2014



Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.

- i. Complete the following sentence with appropriate words. (1)
60% of the adult population in the USA is either _____ or _____ .
- ii. Fill in the blanks with appropriate option from those given in brackets. (1)
The annual allocation of budget in the US for obesity and related diseases is _____
(projected to decrease by \$150 million/projected to exceed \$150 Billion)
- iii. What problems are caused by obesity in the United States? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- iv. Based on your understanding of the passage, infer one medical problem caused by obesity. (1)
- v. Which initiative has been taken in New York City and Denmark? (1)
- vi. Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists medical problems caused by obesity. (1)

1. Heart diseases	2. Diabetes	3. Lung diseases
4. Cancer	5. Thyroid	6. Hormonal disorders

(a) 1 and 2 (b) 3 and 4 (c) 5 and 6 (d) All of these
- vii. How will the obesity epidemic change practice for gastroenterologists? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- viii. Which of the following is not true as per passage? (1)
 (a) Obesity is the most common amongst late teenagers in America.
 (b) Obesity is defined in terms of the Waist Hip ratio.
 (c) Obesity has been termed as an epidemic.
 (d) Obesity is related to smoking.

SECTION B - GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS

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GRAMMAR 10

- 3. Complete ANY TEN of twelve of the following tasks, as directed. 1 x 10 = 10**
- i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete. (1)
Social media played a huge part in adding fuel to the communal fire that _____ in Leicester city igniting communal riots between two religious communities.
(a) kept flaring (b) flared up (c) had flared up (d) would flare up
- ii. Read the conversation between a doctor and his patient. Complete the sentence by reporting the dialogue. (1)
Inspector: What are the arrangements made by the school for feeding these children?
Principal: Each one of the students is given a nutritious mid-day meal every day.

To the query of the inspector about the arrangements made by the school to feed the children, the Principal replied that _____.

- iii. Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line, from an article from a health magazine. She _____ put her mind on her work for she had a very sick feeling in the bottom of her stomach. (1)

(a) could not (b) might not (c) need not (d) dare not

- iv. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: (1)

According to a health survey, carbonated drinks are harmful to health and children are so addicted to fizzy drinks as adults to nicotine.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	a	the
(b)	to	for
(c)	so	as
(d)	addicted	addictive

- v. Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option: (1)

Priest: Trust and compassion can reform a person more than punishment.

Ira: Don't you think the reverse of this approach is more effective?

When a priest told Ira that trust and compassion can reform a person more than punishment, she asked him if _____.

- (a) didn't he think that the reverse of that approach was more effective.
(b) did he not think that the reverse of that approach could be more effective.
(c) he didn't think that the reverse of that approach is more effective.
(d) he didn't think that the reverse of that approach was more effective.

- vi. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter. Subject: Complaint regarding defective TV (1)

I regret to inform you that the TV has started giving me trouble only after three days and _____ (develop) some technical snags.

- vii. A primary student reported the poor behaviour of some of his classmates to his teacher.

Change the statement into indirect: (1)

"They were laughing at the new student".

- viii. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction. (1)

The heavy dose of chemicals that we ingest with every bite of fast food and carbonated drinks are a lethal combination for our health.

Use the given format for your response

Error	Correction

- ix. An author and his friend were talking. The writer said to his friend, "My first novel will be out in a day. Report the given sentence into indirect. (1)

- x. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction. (1)

I need not talk to her when she is in bad mood.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

- xi. Select the correct options to complete the blanks in the dialogue between two people. (1)

A: _____ of these arguments is valid.

B: Why don't you tell me _____ correct perspective, then?

(a) either, the (b) neither, the (c) neither, a (d) either, a

- xii. Identify the error on a shop's hoarding and supply the correction, for the following sales offer: (1)

Illegally parked vehicles will be fine.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

4. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

A. You are Suman/Suraj of 496, Mayur Vihar-I, Delhi. You purchased a colour TV from M/S Rahul Electronics, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar, Delhi. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Sales Manager complaining about TV which is not functioning properly.

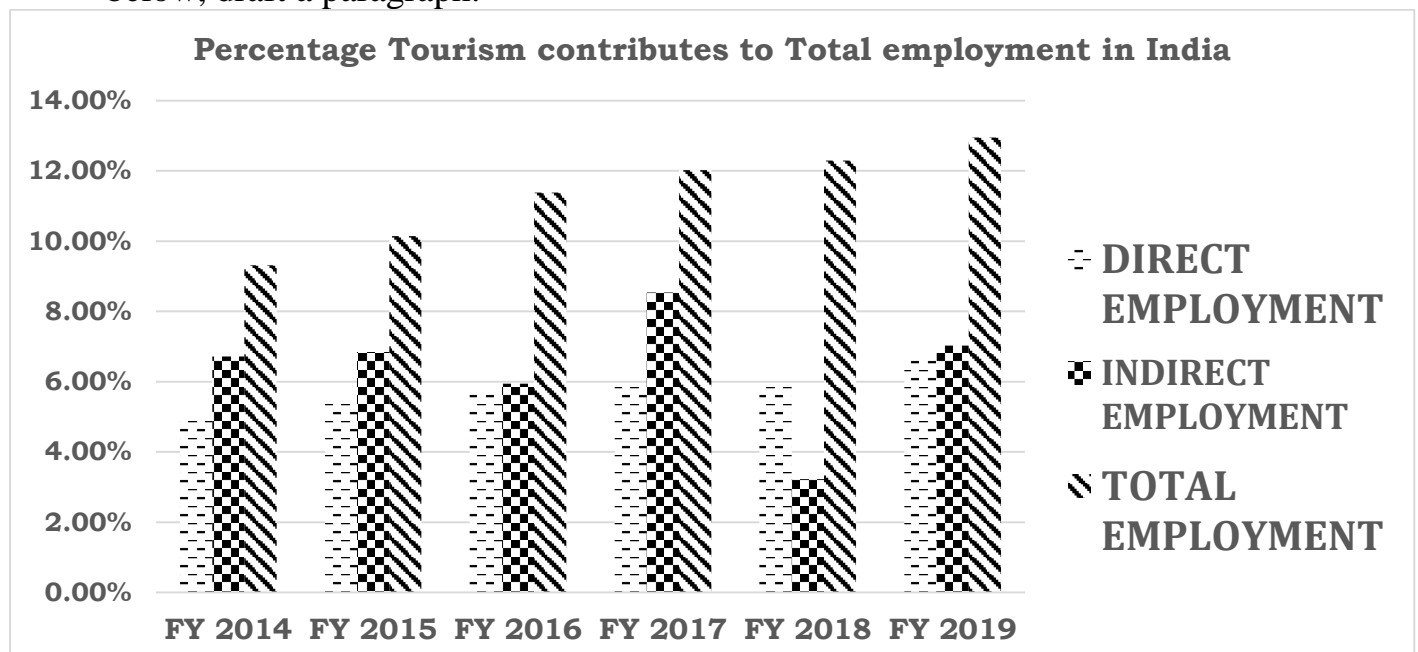
Or

B. Whenever a child is restless, they are given to play a video on mobile phone. Children also use it as bait and they refuse to eat. In no time, your child becomes obsessed with screens. Mobile phones have become a common fad these days.

Write a letter to the editor requesting to publish an article voicing your opinion and concern that the children are being physically inactive while sitting over time with a mobile phone. Assign yourself as Nidhi Kamat, Vasant Kunj Lane, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh.

5. Attempt ANY ONE from A and B given below. (5)

A. The government of India has started a drive "Tourism for All." Its objectives are to generate more and more employment opportunities from tourism and thus boost its contribution to the national economy. Enlisting some of the latest facilities being offered to the tourists coming to India and using the figures in the bar graph given below, draft a paragraph.



OR

B. Homelessness is not a condition unknown to children in India. Situations like natural disasters and conflicts render many homeless or force them to live in unsafe housing conditions. Living on the streets or in urban slum dwellings, lack of basic facilities and unhygienic living conditions become a way of life.

In view of the above remarks, write a paragraph analysing the mentioned points given below.

- Children in Especially Difficult Circumstances
- Orphaned and Abandoned Child
- Migrant Children
- Child Labour
- Child Trafficking
- Child Suffering from Abuse

SECTION C - LITERATURE 40

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

A. “He knows that I am lost”, I thought ‘He’s trying to help me.” He turned his aeroplane slowly to the north, in front of my Dakota, so that it would be easier for me to follow him. I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child. After half an hour the strange black aeroplane was still there in front of me in the clouds. Now, there was only enough fuel in the old Dakota’s last tank to fly for five or ten minutes more. I was starting to feel frightened again. But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.

(Two Stories about Flying-Black Aeroplane)

- State TRUE or FALSE, (1)
None of the following options (a)-(d) perfectly justifies this statement. “He knows that I am lost”, I thought ‘He’s trying to help me.”
(a) It’s true because the stranger-pilot knew how to negotiate the storm quite well.
(b) It’s false because the stranger-pilot was out to trick the author.
(c) Definitely true because the stranger pilot had been sent by God to help the author.
(d) It was probably the author’s subconscious that was trying to find a way out.
- The author says, “But then he started to go down and I followed through the storm.” What happened after this? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- Which figure of speech has been used in the given statement: “I was very happy to go behind the strange aeroplane like an obedient child”? (1)
- If this extract were to be filmed, what would be required to bring out the dramatic effect of this moment? (1)

Or

B. 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...

- Which of the facts given below is the most accurate explanation to complete the statement: (1)
Natalya told Lomov that he was simply joking or making fun of her because
(a) Chabukovs’ land extended to Burnt Marsh which included Oxen Meadows.
(b) he claimed that Oxen Meadows was his ancestral property.
(c) he declared that his land extended to Burnt Marsh.
(d) Oxen Meadows had belonged to Natalya’s mother for generations.
- Why were the Meadows not worth fighting or arguing over between the neighbours? Answer in about 40 words. (2)

- iii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract given to you for analysis. (1)
- (a) The extract is a debate usually with two or more people presenting different view points and arguments.
- (b) 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.
- (c) The extract is an argument or an exchange of diverging or opposite views, typically a heated or angry one.
- iv. On the basis of your understanding of the extract, which common character traits are exhibited by both Natalya and Lomov? (1)
- 7. Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given. (5)**

- A. My head is full of whispers
which tomorrow will be silent.
Listen. The glass is breaking.
The trees are stumbling forward
into the night. Winds rush to meet them.
The moon is broken like a mirror,
its pieces flash now in the crown
of the tallest oak.
- i. Why are tree stumbling forward? (1)
- ii. Which word from the poem is similar in meaning to 'slip' or 'loose one's balance'? (1)
- (a) Muddle (b) Rush (c) Stumble (d) Flash
- iii. Fill the blank with one word. (1)
- The poetic device used in the line 'The moon is broken like a mirror' is _____.
- iv. What sounds have been referred to in the given lines? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- 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.
- i. What is the objective of the poet in using conjunction 'but' in the given extract? (1)
- ii. 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? Answer in about 40 words. (2)
- iii. Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. (1)
- Anne Gregory despite her young age seems to have clarity of thought because she wants
- (a) to dye her hair brown, black, or carrot.
- (b) young men to love her for her yellow hair.
- (c) to be loved for her internal beauty. (d) young men to love her desperately.
- iv. Identify the use of consonance in the given lines of the poem. (1)

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40-50 words.

4 x 3 = 12

- i. 'Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run.' How do you think this statement would work for the young seagull? (3)
- ii. Discuss what Frost wants to convey through the poem 'Fire and Ice'. (3)

- iii. Valli's venture to the town brings an alarm to the parents. Elucidate. (3)
(Madam Rides the Bus)
- iv. Give the character sketch of the dragon. (3)
(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)
- v. Chubukov's attempt to appease Lomov is no strange in context with today's scenario where marriage of Indian daughters is concerned. Comment. (3)

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

2 x 3 = 6

- i. Do you think Mrs Pumphrey's overindulgence would not let Tricky lead a healthy lifestyle? Give reason for your answer. (3)
- ii. Fowler was disappointed to see Ausable. Validate the statement. (3)
- iii. All might have been well, had Griffin woken up on time in the store. Elucidate the statement. (3)

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

1 x 6 = 6

- A. Valli and Amanda, two young girls who are brought up in different environment. Assume they both meet each other while Valli is riding the bus and Amanda is one of the passengers and they have a conversation about their lifestyle and feelings. Write this conversation as per your understanding of 'Madam Rides the Bus' and Amanda'. You may begin like this:

Amanda: You are so fortunate that you can do whatever you want to.

Valli: Oh? I think, I love to be adventurous and love to take risks.

(Madam Rides the Bus)

Or

- B. Look at the image of Maslow's hierarchy of needs. Abraham Maslow devised a theory of motivation that shows the basic needs at the bottom, and more advanced needs as you move up. It includes the theory that fundamental needs must be met before an individual can be motivated to achieve higher-order needs. Where in this hierarchy of needs, would you locate the young seagull's first flight? Justify your response.



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

1 x 6 = 6

- A. "Scientists work to discover answers often times for years and with numerous failures." Analyze this quote with reference to 'The Making of a Scientist'.

Or

- B. Hari Singh (The Thief's Story) and the lady (A Question of Trust) in red were alike. Validate the statement by giving valid reasons.

*** ALL THE BEST ***