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|  | **Section A** |  |
| 1 | **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**   1. Organic food is very popular these days. It can also be very expensive. Some organic food costs twice as much as non -  organic food. Parents of young children and even some pet owners, will pay high prices for organic food if they think it is healthier. But many others think organic food is just a waste of money. 2. There is one main difference between organic and non -  organic food. Organic farms do not use agricultural chemicals such as pesticides that stop insects from damaging crops. In many countries, foods that claim to be organic must have special labels that guarantee they’re grown organically. 3. Some people think organic also means ’locally grown’ and originally it was indeed true. But over a period of time organic farming has become a big business, with many organic foods now being grown by large agricultural companies that sell their products far from where they’re grown. Processed food made with organic ingredients has also become more popular. At first, only small companies produced these products. But as demand overtook supply, big food companies that had been selling non -  organic products for many years also began selling organic products. 4. Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate. Many farmers and consumers believe it is safer and more nutritious. They think agricultural chemicals can cause serious illnesses such as cancer, but there isn’t much evidence proving this is true. However, recent studies have shown that eating organically -  grown produce reduces your chances of developing heart diseases. Many doctors think it is more important to stop dangerous bacteria from contaminating foods. These bacteria can contaminate both organic and non -  organic fruits and vegetables, and doctors recommend washing produce carefully before eating it. Meat, fish and chicken can also become contaminated so washing your hands before handling these foods is also very important.   **Answer the following questions, based on the passage above.**   1. People are willing to pay high prices for organic food because **[1]**  * a) it does not contain agricultural chemicals. * b) it is produced by small companies. * c) it is not easily available. * d) it helps in weight loss.  1. Select the option that displays what the writer projects with reference to the following: Is organic food safer and more nutritious? This is an important part of the debate. **[1]**  * a) denial * b) caution * c) confirmation * d) acceptance  1. Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 3. **[1]**image 2. The writer contrasts organic food to non -  organic food.State one point of comparison between the two.  **[1]** 3. Based on your reading of the text, list one benefit of eating organic food.   **[1]**   1. What connect does the writer draw between contamination of food and washing hands? **[2]** 2. The writer says that people believe that it is safer and more nutritious to eat organic food. Select the reason for his sceptical view. **[1]**  * a) it is tastier * b) the price decides the popularity * c) it is marketed by big food companies * d) there is no confirmed evidence  1. Supply one point to justify the following:Some people think organic also means **locally grown** . **[2]** | **[10]** |
| 2 | **Read the text carefully and answer the questions:**  For millions of people in India, river Ganga is the most sacred river. It is considered as mother and goddess. It is also a lifeline to millions of Indians who live on the banks of its course and depend on it for their daily needs. River Ganga is the third largest river in the world by the amount of water that flows through it. It is the longest river in India. The river water of Ganga is used for irrigation, transportation and fishing.The Gangetic plain formed by river Ganga is one of the most fertile lands on earth. This is why almost 10% of the world’s population lives here and earns its livelihood. The Ganga, in India, is the most worshipped body of water. The irony here is that in spite of being the most worshipped river, it is also the dirtiest one. It carries metals thrown out by tanneries, waste produced by industries and urban waste from different cities. All this has made river Ganga the fifth most polluted river in the world. Another major reason that adds to the Ganga river pollution is the coal -  based power plants on its banks which burn tons of coal every year and produce a lot of fly ash. This ash mixed with domestic wastewater is released into the river. This bad situation calls for an urgent need to make efforts to reduce pollution and revive river Ganga. To achieve these objectives, the Government of India has started a programme named "Namami Ganga Programme". The main pillars of this programme are sewage treatment, river surface cleaning, afforestation, river front development and public awareness. The importance of the success of "Namami Ganga Programme" can be seen through the following lines: " If Ganga dies, India dies. If Ganga thrives, India thrives. No Ganga, No India”.  image   1. Complete the following analogy appropriately, based on your understanding of the passage. We can say that the situation of Ganga being polluted by those who worship it is comparable with the tainted politicians who claim to establish the rule of law even because \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. [1] 2. Fill the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of paragraph 2.The statement that, almost 10% of the world’s population lives here and earns its livelihood, is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (fact/ opinion) because it is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/objective detail). **[1]**      1. imageJustify the following, in about 40 words. If Ganga dies, India dies. If Ganga thrives, India thrives. No Ganga, No India.  **[2]** 2. Based on the statistics, what was the highest/maximum contribution made by any state to the cleaning programme? Was it the same for the successive year too?   **[1]**   1. In the given diagram, identify the years when river Ganga was cleaned the maximum and minimum.  **[1]** 2. Select the option that correctly displays the **pollutants** carried by river Ganga as mentioned in the passage. (Reference -  Paragraph 2) **[1]**    1. (i), (iii) and (v)    2. Only (ii)    3. Only (iii)    4. (ii) and (v) 3. Infer one positive and one negative feature of river Ganga as mentioned in the passage. (Answer in about 40 words)  **[2]** 4. Choose the ODD one about the Namami Ganga Programme.  **[1]**    1. Sewage treatment and river surface cleaning.    2. Afforestation and riverfront development.    3. Reduce pollution and revive the river.    4. Mass mobilisation and public awareness. | **[10]** |
|  | **SECTION B –GRAMMAR & WRITING SKILLS [20 MARKS]** |  |
| 3 | **GRAMMAR**  **Complete ANY TEN among twelve of the following tasks, as directed**   1. Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket, for the given portion of a letter:   I would like to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (propose) the idea of implementing ‘Wholesome Lunch Month’ for all school students. **[1]**   1. Identify the error in the given sentence, from a school magazine report and supply the correction.   While much needs to be done to transforming our education system to meet the needs of all types of students, it is equally important to teach our children the art of taking stress in their strides.  Use the given format for your response. **[1]** image   1. Bela shared some information about her visit to her grandmother with Malini. Report Malini’s question.   Is your grandmother feeling better now? **[1]**  "I lost my book yesterday", she said to her teacher. **Reported speech: \_\_\_ [1]**   * a) She said to her teacher that I have lost my book the previous day. * b) She admitted to her teacher that she had lost her book the previous day. * c) To her teacher, she was admitted that she has lost her book the previous day. * d) She admitted losing her book to her teacher yesterday.  1. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option. **[1]**   Although she thought she knew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (many / much / whole) of the subject, the teacher asked a few details she hardly remembered.   1. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:  **[1]**   Latex was a natural polymer found beneath the bark of a mature rubber tree. Use the given format for your response: image   1. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line, from a news report: **[1]**   This exams open doors to higher education, improve employment opportunities and increase options.  image  For a hundred years or so some critics \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ that poetry is dying, and all that time poets \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ poems that later generations recognize as great. **[1]**   * a) have maintained,have been writing b) had maintained,were writing * c) maintained,wrote d) maintain,are writing  1. Ritu met Anita and saw her crying.Report Ritu’s question.   Ritu: **Anita, what is the matter? [1]**  My father said, “Honesty is the best policy." **Reported speech: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [1]**  a) My father said that honesty is the best policy.   * b) My father said that honesty was the best policy. * c) My father said that honesty has been the best policy. * d) My father stated that honesty was the best policy.  1. **Complete the line from a self -  awareness song, by filling the blank with the correct option. [1]**  An angel writing in a book of gold: Exceeding peace \_\_\_\_ Ben Adhem bold, And to the presence in the room he said, "What writest thou" -   The vision \_\_\_\_\_ is head,    1. makes, raises    2. had made, raised    3. had made, raise    4. makes, raised 2. Identify the error and supply the correction, for the following: **[1]**image  * Use the given format for your response. image | **[10]** |
|  | **SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS [10]** |  |
| 4 | A. When you think about your city, you feel proud of its historical monuments, places of cultural interest, shopping centres and beautiful parks. Write a letter in 100 -  120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on **Your City** . Also suggest ways to increase footfall to these places like the government’s recent initiative of free entry to all historical monuments on the occasion 76 Independence Day. You are Sangeeta/Sanjay, 45 Vijay Nagar, Delhi. (Word limit 100 -  125 words)  **(OR)**  B. You have been reading incidents of foreign tourists being duped and cheated of their money and valuables, incidents of inhospitable behaviour and eve -  teasing. As a concerned citizen, write a letter to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on the issue and also give suggestions on how to make your city a safer tourist destination. | **[5]** |
| 5 | 1. The number of students opting for humanities is higher than commerce and science in last two years. Write an analytical paragraph based on the statistics of the given chart.   image  **(OR)**  B. The given chart shows the division of household tasks by gender in some city. Write an analytical paragraph describing the chart.  image | **[5]** |
|  | **SECTION C – LANGUAGE & LITERATURE [40]** |  |
| 6 | **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**   1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:   Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily. "I’m going to raise the devil with the management this time, and you can bet on it," he said grimly. This is the second time in a month that somebody has got into my room through that nuisance of a balcony!   * 1. Who is Ausable?   2. Ausable’s annoyance at the balcony when he says, “…nuisance of a balcony…” could be called fake. Why is it so? (2)   3. Which word replaces ‘sat down heavily’ in the sentence -   ’Ausable moved to an armchair and sat down heavily’?      1. dumped      2. flumped      3. pumped      4. jumped   4. Delnaaz is a new tenant in her locality and Mrs. Mehta is the landlady. Choose the option that lists an action that would require Mrs. Mehta to ‘raise the devil’ with Delnaaz.      1. She uses the elevator five times a day.      2. She feeds the stray dogs in the street.      3. She works late at night and stays home in the afternoon only.      4. She plays music louder than is necessary late into the night.  1. **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:**   So, in order not to shake the writer’s faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter. But when he opened it, was evident that to answer it, he needed something more than goodwill, ink, and paper. But he stuck to his resolution: he asked for money from his employees, he himself gave part of his salary and several friends of his were obliged to give something for an act of charity’. It was impossible for him to gather together the hundred pesos, so he was able to send the farmer only a little more than half. He put the money in an envelope addressed to Lencho and with it a letter containing only a single word as a signature: God. The following Sunday Lencho came a bit earlier than usual to ask if there was a letter for him. It was the postman himself who handed the letter to him while the postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who has performed a good deed, looked on from his office.   * 1. What is the significance of the situation where the postmaster decided to help Lencho? Answer in about 40 words. (2)   2. How did the postmaster collect money to be sent to Lencho? Complete the sentence with the appropriate option. He collected money from his employees and gave \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.      1. a part of his salary to send to Lencho.      2. the collected money to Lencho.      3. the contribution to Lencho.      4. his monthly salary to Lencho.   3. Identify the word from the passage, which is opposite to the phrase ’very few’.   4. What were the things the postmaster kept in the envelope? State any one inference about the postmaster from the given context: "So, in order not to shake the writer’s faith in God, the postmaster came up with an idea to answer the letter." | **[5]** |
| 7 | **Read the given extracts and answer the questions for ANY ONE of the two, given.**   1. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow:   The trees inside are moving out into the forest,  the forest that was empty all these days  where no bird could sit  no insect hide  no sun bury its feet in shadow  the forest that was empty all these nights  will be full of trees by morning   * 1. Complete the sentence appropriately with explanation.   It is clear that personification is the poetic device used for ’No sun bury its feet....   * 1. State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE. Also, provide an explanation. The extract uses trees as a symbol for conservative people.   2. Which of the following best describes the idea of a forest that has been ‘empty all these days’ is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.      1. Unnatural      2. scary      3. magical      4. legendary   3. Which three things cannot happen in a treeless forest? (2)  1. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow:   Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,  And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.  Meowch! cried Ink, and ooh! cried Belinda,  For there was a pirate, climbing in the window.   * 1. What can you infer from the repetition ‘suddenly, suddenly’ in the above extract?      1. There was an immediate change in the scene.      2. It focuses on the hasty attack and the loud noise.      3. It emphasises that an unexpected noise was heard.      4. It draws our attention to the loud cry that occurred.   2. What did Mustard do when he heard a nasty sound?   3. The rhyming scheme of the lines \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.   4. The poet could have included a burglar or an intruder in the poem, but chose to include a pirate. Explain this choice. (2) | **[5]** |
| 8 | **Answer ANY FOUR of the following five questions, in about 40 -  50 words**   1. What special information did Rajvir give to Pranjol about tea? 2. What did Custard look like? 3. How did Chubukov react initially when Lomov visited their house? 4. How did the attitude of the Military Generals change towards Mr. Mandela and why? 5. Why does the poet of Fire and Ice hold with those who favour fire? | **[12]** |
| 9 | **Answer ANY TWO of the following three questions, in about 40 -  50 words.**   1. Why was Mr. Herriot shocked at Tricki’s appearance? 2. Why did Matilda not like to visit her rich friend? 3. What do you think about the story ’Footprints without Feet’? Is it interesting? | **[6]** |
| 10 | **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 -  120 words**   1. Look at the given image of different parenting styles and what they signify.  * image   Which of the given parenting styles would you attribute to the young seagull’s parents? Do you think there was a difference between the mother’s and father’s attitude? Support your answer with reference to the text.  ii. Arguments and disputes seldom solve a problem. Describe the dispute between Natlalya and Lomov over the dogs and their superiority? | **[6]** |
| 11 | **Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions, in about 100 - 120 words.**   1. Richard Ebright displayed a well- rounded personality, Do you agree? Elucidate in the contexts of the given text? 2. Why did the thief make friends with Anil? Why did he steal Anil’s money? Why did he come back and put Anil’s money back? | **[6]** |