



## 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 questions based on specific instructions for each part.

## SECTION A – READING SKILLS (20 marks)

### I. Read the passage given below.

1. After water, tea is the most popular beverage in the world. Its popularity has survived thousands of years and has played an important role in many cultures. It is enjoyed both hot and cold, as a refreshing drink, as part of a ceremony, or as a tonic for improving health.
2. The drink of Asia for hundreds of years, tea is believed to have been brought to Europe by the Dutch. Today, from remote Ladakh in India to Buckingham Palace in London, tea means happiness. It is rightly said that there will be no agreement on a perfect cup of tea. Though for tea drinkers, the drink is addictive, the preferred method of preparation and taste differ from person to person and region to region. From traditional black teas, to the newer, and extraordinarily healthy white teas, and recognizable flavoured teas such as Earl Grey, to exotic blends such as Rooibos Love, there is a flavour and a blend for everyone. Today many varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. An innovation is the tea bag that is easy, quick and less messy than traditional ways of making tea. Green tea is popular in China.
3. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests and is a social occasion. Unlike the tea we are familiar with, green tea is not drunk with sugar or milk. It is an olive-coloured liquid served in porcelain cups. In Morocco, green tea is served with freshly plucked mint.
4. Some scientists believe that tea prevents tooth decay because it is a rich source of fluoride.
5. Tea is also a traditional remedy for stomach upsets, flu and diarrhoea. Tea is also said to have anti-oxidants that fight cancer and also have anti-ageing properties that fight the free radicals in our bodies. Research suggests that drinking tea reduces the risk of heart disease and cancer and lowers cholesterol levels in the blood.
6. A welcome thought for tea drinkers. Tea is the new apple a day to keep the doctor away.

(i) The author has stated that yes is the most popular beverage in the world. Comment. 1

(ii) Which word in the passage means the same as 'flavour'? 1

(A) varieties (B) method (C) blends (D) taste

(iii) Why is tea regarded as a traditional remedy? Answer in about 40 words. 2

(iv) Complete the sentence appropriately: 1

Scientists believe that tea prevents tooth decay because

(v) Complete the following with a phrase from paragraph 2: 1

Opinion	Reason
Innovations are made in the tea bags than the	

traditional ways of making tea.	
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- (vi) What connection does the author draw between the tea served in Japan and Morocco? 1
- (vii) Write about the drink of Asia and its beliefs. Answer is about 40 words. 2
- (viii) In paragraph 2, for tea drinkers the taste differs from person to person.  
Explain how this happens. 1

II. Read the passage given below.

Read the following table displaying how different cities in the world are adapting to heatwaves.

I. Cities	Ahmedabad, Gujarat	Miami-Dade County, Florida	Vienna, Austria	Paris, France	Stuttgart, Germany
II. Plans	Implemented its heat action plan after a deadly heatwave in 2010.	One of the first to have Chief Heat Officer.	Launched a ‘cool streets’ initiative as well as a state-of-the-art cooling park.	Has created a network of 100 ‘cooling islands’.	The city, which sees very little wind, has created special spaces throughout the city.
III. Facilities Provided to Public	They have set up water supplies for the public, a cool roof initiative, early warning systems for vulnerable	Initiatives planned include installing cool pavements and roofs, and creating tree canopies over pavements to increase shade cover.	The streets will be permanently redesigned to be cooler, using tree planting, and replacing asphalt with surfaces that reflect less heat. Plus, they have mobile shade	These cooling islands have spaces such as parks and pools which are linked by walkways. Residents can	In these special spaces, there are tree-laden roads that help clean
	populations and training for healthcare professionals	CHO Jane Gilbert told Bloomberg that officials moved to create a state-wide agreement with the local utility not to shut off power for a failure to pay bills when the temperature is above 35°C.	dispensers and stations offering drinking water and spray cooling.	locate them using a smartphone app.	the airflow throughout the city.

- i. Identify the city which is likely to face the risk of receiving late payment of electricity bills, and support your choice with one reason. 2
- ii. In which of the following cities, the administration is confident about the digital proficiency of its citizens? 1
- a) Paris                      b) Ahmedabad                      c) Miami–Dade                      d) Stuttgart
- iii. Give two significant arguments to prove that Ahmedabad, Gujarat is more concerned about the health of its people. 2
- iv. Select the correct option to fill the blank and complete the analogy: 1  
Ahmedabad : Cool roof initiative : : Vienna : \_\_\_\_\_
- a) Chief Heat Officer  
b) Cooling islands  
c) Cool pavements  
d) Mobile shade dispenser
- v. Based on the information given, why is Stuttgart the most likely to have an initiative named **VentilationCorridors**? 1
- vi. Complete the given sentence with the appropriate reason, with reference to the information given in the table. 1  
We can infer that the network of cooling islands and pools have been linked by walkways because\_\_\_\_\_.
- vii. Explain briefly why option (i) from the three options given below, showcases the real meaning of **cool roofinitiative**. 1
- a. Cool roof initiative refers to applying solar–reflective white paint to the exterior of homes, focusing on the roofs to mitigate the effects of temperature.  
b. Cool roof initiative refers to installing air–conditioners on roofs to create a cool environment on the roofs.  
c. Cool roof initiative refers to having a house near the parks and pools to make life a little more comfortable during summer.
- viii. Select the option that correctly matches the place with the facilities/plans they offer to the public: 1

(A) Florida	(1) Stations offering spray cooling
(B) Austria	(2) Network of cooling islands
(C) Gujarat	(3) Installing cool pavements
	(4) Setting up water supplies for the public

- a) A – 2; B – 3; C – 4  
b) A – 1; B – 2; C – 3  
c) A – 3; B – 1; C – 4  
d) A – 4; B – 2; C – 1

## SECTION B – GRAMMAR (10 marks)

### III. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions.

(i) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence.

At the end of the summer comes the hard tests.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(ii) Fill in the blank using an appropriate word to complete the sentence:

I thought we \_\_\_\_\_ be late and miss the train.

(iii) Read the dialogue between Lencho and his wife:

Wife: There is no one who can help us. We'll all go hungry this year.

Lencho: Don't be so upset, even though this seems like a total loss.

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

Lencho's wife told him sorrowfully that there was nobody who could help them. She added that \_\_\_\_\_. Then Lencho consoled her telling not to be upset, even though that seemed like a total loss.

(A) we will all go hungry that year.

(B) they would all go hungry this year.

(C) they would all go hungry that year.

(D) we would all go hungry this year.

(iv) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, to complete the given sentence:

There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) many things to do before the holidays.

(v) Subodh had a conversation with this class regarding attendance:

Report Subodh's question.

Do you know how many students had come yesterday?

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter:

It is rather disturbing to hear about adulteration in basic food products that are consumed daily. The consequences can be .....(witness) by many as the cases of unknown and deadly diseases are on the rise.

(vii) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option in the brackets, to complete the sentence.

I am so elated to experience \_\_\_\_\_ (that/this/these) beautiful phase in my life.

(viii) Read the dialogue between Peggy and Wanda regarding the latter's clothes:

Peggy: Wanda, how many dresses did you say you have hanging up in your closet?

Wanda: A hundred.

Little Girls: A hundred!

Wanda: Yeah, a hundred, all lined up.

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

Peggy asked Wanda \_\_\_\_\_. Wanda said she had a hundred dresses hanging in her closet. All the little girls were incredulous that she had a hundred dresses. Wanda affirmatively replied that she indeed had a hundred dresses all lined up in her closet.

(A) how many dresses she had said she had in her closet.

(B) how many dresses she had said in her closet.

(C) how many dresses she said she had in her closet.

(D) how many dresses she had in her closet

(ix) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for a line from a legal document:

The terms of the contract states that all disputes will be resolved in arbitration.

Error	Correction
(A) that all	that any
(B) in arbitration	by arbitration
(C) will be	shall be
(D) states	State

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

I can learn the Japanese language, however difficult it is.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(xi) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The price of fuel..... this year by a lot.

(A) was rising

(B) had been rising

(C) will have been rising

(D) is rising

(xii) Read the given sentence. Identify the error and supply the correction in the sentence:

Mary and John usually plays together.

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

## SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (10 marks)

IV.

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

(5)

A. You are Shubham/Surabhi, a resident of "R" Block, Shivaji Nagar, Mumbai. For the past few days, you have been noticing that garbage is not being removed from your area. People cannot bear the stinking smell and unhygienic condition caused by this garbage. Write a letter in 100–120 words to the Editor of a newspaper to draw the attention of the concerned authorities to take necessary action.

**Suggested Value Points given:**

- Garbage piled up
- Open areas used as dumping ground
- Mosquitoes breed
- Foul smell
- Spreading disease
- Cleaning the entire area
- Clearing garbage
- Seeking help from sanitation workers and authorities

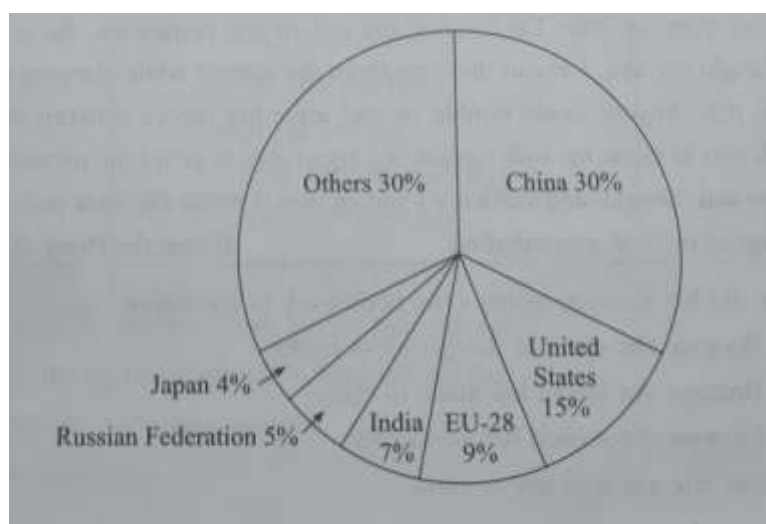
OR

B. You are Poornima/Prakash residing at 7/B, Ramabai Sadan, Mulund 400 050. You are worried about the rising destruction of forests. Write a letter to the Forest Officer, the Forest Department of your district stating the importance of forests and requesting them to take concrete steps to conserve forests.

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

(5)

A. Fossil fuel use is the primary source of CO<sub>2</sub>. It can be emitted from direct human induced impacts on forestry and other land use. Given below is a pie chart representing the data of Global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions generated by different countries in the year 2014. Use the given pie-chart to write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words considering the percentage of CO<sub>2</sub> emitted by different countries globally.



OR

- B.** Population means the total number of people living in a particular area. Population explosion is the biggest challenge of the world. The socio, economic and living standard of people is estimated by the population of a particular place. Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words giving all necessary details where it's relevant.

Rank	Country	Population (2017)	% of global total
1	China	1,388,232,693	18.5%
2	India	1,342,512,706	17.9%
3	United States	326,474,013	4.3%
4	Indonesia	263,510,146	3.5%
5	Brazil	211,243,220	2.8%
6	Pakistan	196,744,376	2.6%
7	Nigeria	191,835,936	2.6%
8	Bangladesh	164,827,718	2.2%
9	Russia	143,375,006	1.9%
10	Mexico	130,222,815	1.7%
	Top 10 Total	4,358,978,629	58.0%

### **SECTION C – LITERATURE (40 marks)**

**V. Reference to the Context.** (10)

**1. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given.** (5)

**1.A.** The following Sunday, at daybreak, he began to write a letter which he himself would carry to town and place in the mail. It was nothing less than a letter to God. "God," he wrote, if you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year. I need a hundred pesos in order to sow my field again and to live until the crop comes, because the hailstorm...."

(i) What does Lencho's action of writing a letter to God indicate? 1

(A) He is desperate and has immense faith in God.

(B) He is seeking advice from a friend.

(C) He is planning to move to another town.

(D) He is writing a complaint to the government.

(ii) State whether the following statement is true or false: 1

Lencho wrote the letter to God because he needed money to buy a new house

(iii) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'nothing less than' in the given sentence from the extract? 1

"It was nothing less than a letter to God."

(iv) "God, if you don't help me, my family and I will go hungry this year." Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the context. 2

**OR**

**1.B. I hurried back to the room feeling very nervous, for it is much easier to steal something than to return it undetected. I opened the door quietly, then stood in the doorway, in clouded moonlight. Anil was still asleep. I crept to the head of the bed, and my hand came up with the notes. I felt his breath on my hand. I remained still for a minute. Then my hand found the edge of the mattress, and slipped under it with the notes. I awoke late next morning to find that Anil had already made the tea. He stretched out his hand towards me. There was a fifty-rupee note between his fingers. My heart sank. I thought I had been discovered. I made some money yesterday," he explained. "Now you'll be paid regularly."**

(i) Why did Hari Singh feel nervous when he returned to the room? 1

(A) He was afraid of being caught by Anil.

(B) He was worried about the money.

(C) He was unsure if Anil was awake.

(D) He was planning to leave the house.

(ii) State whether the following statement is true or false: 1

Anil was awake when Hari Singh returned the money.

(iii) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'crept' in the given sentence from the extract:

'I crept to the head of the bed.'

1

(A) ran

(B) walked

(C) tiptoed

(D) jumped

(iv) "I thought I had been discovered". Elaborate in about 40 words on this statement with reference to the context. 2

**2. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given. (5)**

**2.A. Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink.**

**And the little gray mouse, she called him Blink.**

**And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard.**

**But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.**

(i) What does 'sharp as Mustard' imply about the dog? 1

(ii) Fill in the blank with ONE word. 1

Belinda lived in a little \_\_\_\_\_ house.

(iii) Which of the following best describes the theme of the poem? 1

(A) Bravery

(B) Cowardice

(C) Companionship

(D) Adventure

(iv) Why does the poet say "the dragon was a coward"? Answer in about 40 words. 2

**OR**

**2.B. If strolling forth, a beast you view,**

**Whose hide with spots is peppered,**

**As soon as he has leapt on you**

**You'll know it is the Leopard.**

**"Twill do no good to roar with pain.**

**He'll only leap and leap again.**



(i) Select the correct option. 1

Which animal would you find in the jungles of the east?

- (A) Lion (B) Leopard (C) Hyena (D) Bear

(ii) Complete the following suitably: 1

The leopard can be identified by its \_\_\_\_\_.

(iii) What does the speaker imply by 'He'll only lep and lep again'? Answer in about 40 words. 2

(iv) What does the poet mean when he says, "Whose hide with spots is peppered"? 1

**VI. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40–50 words each. (4x3=12)**

- (i) Elaborate on the central theme of the poem 'For Anne Gregory' by W.B. Yeats. How does the poet convey this theme through his verses?
- (ii) What was the role of Nelson Mandela's imprisonment in shaping his leadership and vision for South Africa?
- (iii) Why does the tiger express his rage quietly?
- (iv) What sights moved Siddhartha Gautama to seek the path of enlightenment?
- (v) Do you think Valli's mother would have approved of her bus ride if she knew about it? Give reasons for your answer.

**VII. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40–50 words each. (2x3=6)**

- (i) The story, A Question of Trust, is a powerful example of the importance of being cautious. Explain.
- (ii) Madame Loisel was intoxicated with pleasure at the ball. Give three reasons to support your answer.
- (iii) What filled Bholi, a dumb cow, with a new hope in her?

**VIII. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100–120 words. (1x6=6)**

- (A) Reflect on the ethical considerations of keeping wild animals in captivity as depicted in "A Tiger in the Zoo." How does the poem challenge the reader to think about the morality of zoos?

**OR**

- (B) You have been chosen to address a student gathering on Hope and Enlightenment Lessons from 'Lencho' and 'Buddha'. Prepare a speech draft in not more than 120 words. You may begin this way:

Good morning everyone. Today, I'd like to discuss two characters who embody hope and enlightenment in their unique ways.

**IX. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100–120 words. (1x6=6)**

- (A) Imagine Anil writes a diary entry reflecting on his decision to trust Hari Singh despite knowing his past. Write a diary entry as Anil in about 120 words.

**OR**

- (B) Horace stated that he robbed only those who had a lot of money. Was he really a threat to society? Did he lack the qualities of a good citizen? Discuss the values he needs to imbibe to lead a path of righteousness in 100–120 words.