
General Instructions:

1. 15-minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.
 2. The Question Paper contains FOUR sections-READING SKILLS, WRITING SKILLS, GRAMMAR and LITERATURETEXTBOOK.
 3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.
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SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22 marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

1. With vast and growing numbers of Indians in the workforce emigrating to foreign lands, typically to North America, Western Europe, Australia or parts of Southeast Asia, many Indian families are now experimenting by either taking their elderly parents along with them, or, when that model fails owing to the loneliness of the elderly in a new country and their dependence on their children, they are sent back to India to face their uncertain twilight years more or less alone.
2. This trend has also accompanied the breakdown of the traditional Indian joint family system, with the result that a growing cohort of elderly Indians have to fend for themselves in old age homes far from any family connections.
3. Yet in some cases, the elderly refuse to cut their ties with India to accompany their children abroad in the first place. While senior communities in India were originally associated with charitable institutions and even with the rescue and rehabilitation of destitute among the elderly, those connotations appear to be transforming into the more luxury-focused retirement communities, at least for middle-class Indians.
4. Many opt for such homes offering specialist services for the care of the elderly because the costs of hiring private, full time workers can be prohibitive and also it can be an insurmountable task to effectively coordinate doctor visits and such. In the new class of senior citizen colonies, many of these facilities are taken care of under a single package. According to Mathew Cherian, CEO of HelpAge India, a large non-profit organisation working for senior citizens in the country, there are over 4,000 old age homes, of which at least 130 were designed as retirement communities geared towards the expectations and demands of the rising middle class and affluent NRIs.
5. Few years ago, Bayada Home Health Care, a U.S.-based home health care company acquired a stake in India Home Health Care, an Indian company. Bayada now offers a package specifically designed for Non-Resident Indians who have parents living in India. The packages aim at ensuring that the senior citizen's health condition is monitored and health issues are detected as early as possible and acted upon accordingly.
6. Yet the problem with all of these arrangements, helpful though they are to the elderly, is that depression brought on by loneliness can be a serious concern among residents at such communities. There is not enough love and care in these places. Phone calls, Skype conversations, and rushing to India when a parent falls sick are just not enough.
7. Thus, despite this growing sophistication of elderly care packages available on the market, old-fashioned social relationships with friends and neighbours may ultimately offer as much or more succour for the elderly whose children no longer reside in India.

- i. Which two challenges faced by the elderly are mainly discussed in the passage? 1
- Lack of financial resources and loneliness
 - Coping with old age and selection of right medical package
 - Lack of financial resources and deteriorating health conditions
 - Loneliness and health issues
- ii. Which quote summarises the writer's feelings about old age? 1
- No one should be alone in their old age, he thought. But it is unavoidable. – Ernest Hemingway
 - Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional. – Walt Disney
 - One day you will look back and see that all along you were blooming. – Morgan Harper Nichols
 - We are always the same age inside. – Gertrude Stein
- iii. How do people working abroad try to fulfil their responsibilities towards their parents? 2
- iv. Complete the following with reference to the information provided in the passage. 1
- In some cases, the elderly are not ready to leave India to accompany their children because_____.
- v. Complete the following sentence appropriately: 1
- Phone calls, Skype conversations, and rushing to India when a parent falls sick are just not enough as the parents still yearn for_____.
- vi. What are the facilities offered by the modernised senior citizen colonies? 2
- vii. Complete the following sentence appropriately: 1
- Luxury-focused retirement communities are preferred over hiring private, full time nurses by many NRIs for their parents because_____.
- viii. Which of the following suggestions would be more likely to improve the conditions of the elderly parents whose children work in a foreign land? 1
- They should demand more money from their children.
 - They should ask their children to come back.
 - They should build up a network of social contacts.
 - They should frequently express their resentment.
- ix. Find a word that means the same as **a problem/situation that cannot be dealt successfully.** (Para 3–4) 1
- x. Specifically designed housing options can help the elderly to cope with their old age in a better way. 1
- True
 - False

2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

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.

- Identify the city which is likely to face the risk of receiving late payment of electricity bills, and support your choice with one reason.
- In which of the following cities, the administration is confident about the digital proficiency of its citizens?

a) Paris b) Ahmedabad c) Miami-Dade d) Stuttgart

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- 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 : WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3. Write an e-mail to the Principal of your school requesting her to introduce classes for some foreign languages. 3
4. Write a factual description on our beloved Prime Minister, in about 100 words. 4

Narendra Damodardas Modi - honest -humble - no desire for name and fame - selfless service to nation - positive thinker - supports the dignity of women - wants to take the country to greater heights - awarded - with several honours

5. Here is an extract from an article on the Importance of Personality Development.

Personality development is important because **it helps you to live your life in a better way**. It builds confidence in you, helps you to look at your life in a positive way, creates positive energy within you, improves your health, improves your skills, decreases your stress, and makes you a more pleasing personality.

You are Kailash / Kusum of 148, Model Town, Delhi, you wish to do a short term–course on personality development. Write a letter to the Director, Personal care, Hyderabad enquiring about the course details.

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OR

Promila/Praveen Chopra reads the following news report in a newspaper and feels deeply troubled. She/He writes a letter to the Editor, **The Times of Delhi**, New Delhi voicing her/his concern for ill effect of synthetic milk on the health of the unsuspecting consumers and suggesting ways to deal with the offenders. Imagine yourself as Promila/Praveen Chopra, 12/15, Kunj Vihar, Alapur and write the letter for her/him.

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Alanpur: August 24: The sale of synthetic milk continues unabated in the district despite ongoing efforts by the authorities concerned. Out of 20 samples of milk taken recently, reports of 19 which were received from Lake Nagar Test Laboratory indicated adulteration with urea and other chemicals.

6. The return of the cheetahs will help in the restoration of open forests and grassland ecosystems in India. Write an article in expressing your views on how this will help conserve biodiversity, wildlife and soil conservation. You Bela/Bhanu. Use the following cues along with your own ideas to compose your article.

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- Ecological balance of nature
- Helps keep the food chain in place
- Maintains ecological stability
- Diversity ensures healthier ecosystems
- Cultural significance
- Good for mental health

OR

With the growing dependency on technology and change in lifestyle, children are less active as compared to the earlier generation. In many ways, this poses risks to their health that may or may not be immediately visible. Write an article on the topic: **Sedentary Lifestyle and an Unhealthy Generation**, in about 150 words. You can take hints from the MCB unit **Health and Medicine**.

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SECTION C: GRAMMAR (10 marks)

7. Complete the tasks A–C, as directed.

(A) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those in the brackets.

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Gauri was only eight years old, but (a) _____ (a/the/an) mountain of family responsibilities had already (b) _____ (descend/descending/descended) (c) _____ (over/on/above) her head as both her parents were dead.

(B) The following passage has not been edited. There is one error in each line. Write the incorrect word and the correction in the space provided against the correct blank number:

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		Error	Correction
One morning, I finished some business at the bank	e.g.	one	some
and was returning in pick up my motorbike which had left	(a)	_____	_____
in the parking lot outside. Suddenly, he realised that I had	(b)	_____	_____
lost the bike key. Upset, I searched about it in the bank. A bank	(c)	_____	_____
employee tried to help me find it and in vain.	(d)	_____	_____

(C) Do as directed:

i. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence.

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It was a dark, stormy and scary night. The visibility on the road was too poor to drive. A fallen tree was obstructing the way. The driver needed to be very careful.

succeed/only/driver/an/would/experienced

ii. Read the conversation given below. Based on your reading, fill in the blanks appropriately.

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Doctor: I hope you can read.

Patient: You may think it is funny but I can't.

Doctor: Then why should I treat your eyes?

Patient: I believe illiterates too need eyes to see.

The doctor told the patient that he hoped he could read. The patient said that (a)_____. The doctor asked then why he should treat his eyes. The patient replied (b)_____.

SECTION D: LITERATURE TEXTBOOK (26 marks)

8. Read the given excerpts and answer the questions briefly, for ANY TWO excerpts, of the three, given.

4+4=8

(A) Be quiet! It's ours now. Come Henry, lift your end. Victoria, don't breathe a word to your aunt about the clock and the bureau.

- The idiom **not breathe a word** used here means_____.
- What is the item being referred to in the above extract when the speaker says **it's ours now**?
- What is the intention of the speaker in asking the listener to **be quiet**?
- Why does the speaker tell Henry to **lift your end**?

(B) Other creatures loathed his voice,
But, alas, they had no choice.
And the crass cacophony
Blared out from the sumac tree.

- Whose voice was loathed?
- Why did **they** have no choice?

iii. The phrase **crass cacophony** means_____.

iv. What does the word **alas** signify here?

(C) Mrs. Packletide indulges in no more big-game shooting. "The incidental expenses are so heavy", she confides to inquiring friends.

i. The word in the extract means **secondary**.

ii. What lesson does Mrs. Packletide learn during the big game hunting?

iii. How did the incidental expenses become heavy?

iv. How would you assess the heavy expenses of Mrs. Packletide?

9. Answer ANY FIVE of the following six questions in about 30– 40 words each.

5x2=10

a. How did the mariners reach the land of ice and snow? Answer in the context of the poem **The Rime of the Ancient Mariner**.

b. The nurse suggested to the narrator to go inside Lucia's room in the hospital. Why did he reject her suggestion?

c. What uncanny knowledge did Jenkins have about Hallock? How did he make use of this knowledge for his benefit?

d. What was the greatest reward that Patol Babu received for his role in the film?

e. When did the first video game come to an end and with what? Answer in the context of the chapter **Virtually True**.

f. Explain **What have you got your coat off for, father?**

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following two questions in about 150 words.

1x8=8

a. Loyalty is inherent in friendship. A friend is expected to avenge the hurt caused to his friend. Describe how Antony proves his loyalty to Julius Caesar by bringing the conspirators to justice.

b. Letters and envelopes are not merely dead pieces of paper. They are living documents of human love and concern. Write a letter to your father expressing the values you have learnt from Ali.