

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 LITERATURE TEXTBOOK.
3. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

SECTION A: READING SKILLS (22 marks)

1. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

1. While climate change is overwhelming the globe, a micro-agricultural intervention in Maharashtra's impoverished Palghar district is helping villagers fight unseasonal rain and other crop-eroding surprises. More than 1,500 villagers, mostly women, across 113 villages in this Warli tribal belt now own bee boxes, providing a window of relief from chronic family alcoholism and erratic daily wage living. Further north, in Gujarat, another 3,000 villagers have become enthusiastic bee caretakers.
2. "Our children consume honey, we sell honey, and are growing a variety of vegetables on our land," says Gangu Ravte, 36, of Zari village, while slipping on her netted hat and protective gloves as she gingerly lifts the lid of her beehive. "I feared bees when I first started, but I slowly learned how to handle them and I now train other women to do this."
The uneducated Ravte earns ₹ 4,500 a month as an apiculture master-trainer.
3. The small revolution in this part of western India started some five years ago when Vijaya Pastala, a Mumbai-based entrepreneur who has specialised in rural livelihoods, started a non-government organisation 'Under the Mango Tree Society' to resist both climate change and monoculture, a silent scourge which is impacting agricultural patterns across the country. "What if we put a bee box in every small farm in India?" says Pastala. "Imagine having an entire army working for you - one box has anywhere from 40,000 to 60,000 bees and they circulate upto 2 km from the hive, pollinating flora."
4. Her focus was not so much on honey production as on increasing local agricultural yields for marginal farmers.
5. The role of the bee in our food production is nothing short of extraordinary, say agricultural experts. About 10% of fruits, vegetables, nuts and oilseeds depend on pollinators, and these are under great threat. The impact on food security, especially for small farm owners, is immense. "Earlier, these villagers would subsist on rice and daal, mostly; now they have added vegetables to their diet, which in a malnourished district like Palghar, means a lot," says Sujana Krishnamoorthy, who heads the Under the Mango Tree Society and has observed the gradual change in the lives and confidence levels of the village women.

i. Complete the following sentence:

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For people engaged in agriculture activities, a clear sign of climate change is

ii. Briefly describe the micro - agriculture intervention that helps the people of Palghar district.

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- iii. Why were women inclined to have bee boxes? 1
- iv. For people engaged in agricultural activities, a clear sign of climate change is
-----'. 1
- (a) Bee boxes provide them a stable source of income.
- (b) 'Under The Mango Tree Society' offered a reward to the women to do so.
- (c) Both The women to participate in the 'small revolution' and
'Under The Mango Tree Society' offered a reward to the women to do so.
- (d) The women wanted to participate in the 'small revolution.
- v. Gangu Ravte says, **I feared bees when I first started**. The most likely reason for her
fear was: 1
- a) misconceptions about bees.
- b) her timid nature.
- c) lack of equipment required for her job.
- d) lack of knowledge and training to handle the bees.
- vi. Complete the following analogy in context of the problems faced by rural women. 1
Climate change : natural factor : : : human factor
- vii. **An apiculture master-trainer** here refers to 1
- viii. In the initial stage, what was the primary aim of Vijaya Pastala to put bee boxes in
farms? 1
- a) To start a campaign against the government
- b) To start a campaign for women empowerment
- c) To increase agricultural yields for small farmers
- d) To increase honey production
- ix. Is it justified to say that the apiculture has changed the life and attitude of women
in Palghar district? How so? 2
- x. Which word in paragraphs 2–4 means the same as **something that causes a lot of
trouble or suffering**? 1

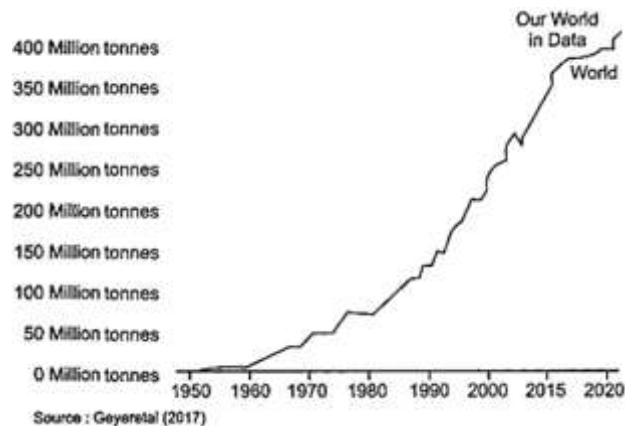
2. Read the text carefully and answer the questions:

Our history makes it evident that the Indian Plastics Industry made a vigorous beginning in 1957 but it took more than 30 years for it to pervade Indian lifestyles. In 1979, 'the market for plastics' was just being seeded by the state-owned Indian Petro-Chemicals and it was only in 1994 that plastic soft drink bottles became a visible source of annoyance.

In the same year, people in other cities were concerned about the state of public sanitation and also urged regulatory bodies to ban the production, distribution and use of plastic bags. However, the challenge was greater than it appeared at first.

The massive generation of plastic waste in India is due to rapid urbanization, spread of retail chains, plastic packaging from grocery to food and vegetable products, to consumer items and cosmetics. The projected high growth rates of GDP and continuing rapid urbanization suggest that India's trajectory of plastic consumption and plastic waste is likely to increase.

Global plastics production 1950 to 2020 Annual global polymer resin and fiber production (plastic production), measured in metric tonnes per year.



According to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report of 2018, India stands among few other countries like France, Mongolia and several African countries that have initiated total or partial national-level bans on plastics in their jurisdictions. A world of greater possibilities has now opened up to initiate appropriate and concrete actions to build up the necessary institutions and systems before oceans turn, irreversibly into a thin soup of plastic. However, there is no one single masterstroke to counter the challenges witnessed by the staggering plastic waste management in the country. The time is now to formulate robust and inclusive National Action Plans and while doing so, the country will establish greater transparency to combat the plastic jeopardy in a more sustainable and holistic way.

- i. What created a demand for plastics in India? 1
- ii. How can plastics be reused? 1
 - a) Energy production
 - b) Polymer bitumen road construction
 - c) Oil production
 - d) All of these
- iii. What steps are taken to combat the challenges of plastic waste management in India? What will be its impact? 2
- iv. Which of the following countries had not initiated partial national level bans on plastics? 1
 - a) Mongolia
 - b) France
 - c) Italy
 - d) India
- v. Select the option that displays how the challenge had increased. 1
 - a) Increased plastic production
 - b) Increase in burning of plastic
 - c) Increased environmental concerns
 - d) Increase in plastic waste

- vi. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
The market for plastic was introduced by
- vii. What does the upward trend of the graph indicate? 2
- viii. Complete the sentence appropriately. 1
The last paragraph of the passage
- a) states the need for effective plastic waste management
b) states the need for urgent government action
c) states the need for an effective implementation of strategies
d) states the need for effective garbage disposal

SECTION B: WRITING SKILLS (22 marks)

3. Write an e-mail to the Manager of D.A.V. Public School, Sarita Vihar requesting him to repair the C.C.T.V. as some of them are not working. You are the principal of the same school. 3
4. Write a factual description, in about 100 words, on an inspiring Sanskrit teacher. 4
Use the information given below:

lecture in Sanskrit Literature – had high knowledge of Sanskrit linguistics – speciality in calligraphy – was appointed to be as a guest lecturer in University of Delhi – wears simple outfit – no boasting – kind hearted – persistence – lets students feel and try words – admired by students – positive attitude.

5. You come across the photograph given below and are upset to see the cattle blocking the road. In case you try to drive them away, their owners will come running from across the road and punish you with harsh words and even a punch or two. Write a letter to the Editor of Hindustan Times, Kasturba Gandhi Marg, advocating the need of law for the punishment of such owners. 7



OR

You are Somya/Shekhar of 3B, Sector II, Rajendra Nagar, New Delhi. You have observed that the subways in New Delhi are seldom used by pedestrians. You have decided to write a letter to the Editor of 'The India Daily Times' highlighting the need of creating awareness about the importance of such ways and their proper maintenance. Based on the points given below write the letter: 7

- Unutilized infrastructure.
- Many footpaths occupied by the vendors.
- Pedestrians are prone to accidents.
- Pedestrians prefer to jump the roads causing deaths.
- Causes of apathy – water and accumulation of filth.
- Faulty to be penalized

6. Human activities have resulted in air pollution, habitat destruction, soil erosion, desertification, and many other changes that are causing significant stress to ecosystems. Write an article on the topic: **Environmental Degradation** in about 150 words. You can take hints from the unit **Environment** of the MCB. You are Naresh/ Preeti. 8

OR

Recent floods in many metropolitan cities of the country during the monsoon season laid bare the hollowness of the claims of the civic authorities of their preparedness. The poor had to bear the brunt of the problem while no one was ever held accountable. Write an article on the common man's woes during the monsoons and the need for accountability of the officials concerned. You are Sumit/Smita Verma. 8

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: 3

There (a) (has been/have been/had been) a survey (b) (for/about/on) the popular forms of music and how the taste (c) (in/on/at) music differs on age.

- (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: 4

		Error	Correction
Birsa Munda was born at 18 th July,	e.g.	at	<u>on</u>
1872 in Bamba village in Ranchi district	(a)	_____	_____
of Jharkhand. He lead an armed struggle	(b)	_____	_____
against the British. Besides, he launched the	(c)	_____	_____
spirited campaign about priesthood, alcoholism, etc.	(d)	_____	_____

(C) Do as directed:

- i. Rearrange the following jumbled words/phrases in the given dialogue to create a meaningful sentence. 1

There is not a single religion which does not preach the ideal of service to mankind. The idea that God loves those who love their fellowmen is rightly brought out by the famous poet Leigh Hunt in his poem *Abou Ben Adhem*. Science has given us powers fit for Gods, yet we use them like small children.

manage/machines/we/how to/don't know/our

- ii. Read the conversation given below. Based on your reading, fill in the blanks appropriately. 2

Mr. Yadav: Have you booked the rooms in the Hotel for our holiday?

Mrs. Yadav: Yes, I have. I have asked them to book a double room on the tenth floor.

Mr. Yadav: Why did you ask for a room on the tenth floor?

Mrs. Yadav: The view from there is really great.

Mr. Yadav: Have you forgotten I am afraid of lifts?

Mr. Yadav asked his wife (a) _____. She replied that she had and added that she had asked them to book a double room on the tenth floor. Mr. Yadav then wanted to know (b) _____ to which Mrs. Yadav replied that the view from there was really great.

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) Now the frog puffed up with rage.

"Brainless bird – you're on the stage –
Use your wits and follow fashion.
Puff your lungs out with your passion."

- Why was the frog puffed up with rage?
- Give the antonym of **brainless**.
- What happened when the nightingale puffed up her lungs?
- Why did the frog call the nightingale **brainless bird**?

(B) With an accurately sighted rifle and a thumbnail pack of patience cards the sportswoman awaited the coming of the quarry.

- Who is the sportswoman referred to here?
- What is **the quarry**?
- Why did she carry the **thumbnail pack of patience**?
- Why were all these arrangements made?

(C) Your wisdom is consumed in self-confidence

Do not go forth today: call it my fear
That keeps you in the house, not your own.

- Who is speaking to whom?
- What is the speaker's fear?
- Explain: **Your wisdom is consumed in self-confidence**.
- Why does the speaker feel that the listener's wisdom is consumed in confidence?

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

5x2=10

- Why has the wedding-guest been called a **three-year** child? Answer to the context of the chapter **The Rime of the Ancient Mariner**.
- Why was Nicola not willing to share his plans with the narrator?
- Why is John's wife angry? What does she decide to do?
- What does the expression **Counting your chickens before they're hatched** mean? In what context was it spoken in the chapter **Patol Babu**?
- What did Michael and his father buy at the computer fair?
- Why were Aunt Elizabeth and her husband Uncle Ben coming to Mrs. Slater's house?

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

1×8=8

- a. Now let it work. Mischief thou art afoot,
Take thou what course thou wilt!

Antony seeks justice by getting the crowd to kill the conspirators. But to correct a wrong, one cannot commit another wrong. Write a speech for the school assembly on **The ends do not justify the means**.

- b. The postmaster is ridden by a sense of remorse at what he had done to Ali and he decides to write a letter to his friend. Imagine yourself as the postmaster and write a letter on his behalf.