

Examination Paper 2016

Delhi–Set I, II, III

Time Allowed: 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A: Reading

20 marks

Section B: Writing and Grammar

25 marks

Section C: Literature/Textbooks and Long Reading Text

25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

Set I

Section A Reading

20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1×8=8

If you are addicted to coffee, and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it's not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet, and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.

Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer, but Vinson, a dietitian, said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the foods and beverages studied, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.

Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease, according to some recently published studies.

The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

- (a) What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee?
- (b) What are the two versions of coffee that are drunk in America?
- (c) State any two benefits of antioxidants.
- (d) What does Vinson say about the consumption of antioxidants?
- (e) Name any two popular sources of antioxidants.
- (f) How does coffee outrank dates in the level of antioxidants?
- (g) Mention any two benefits of coffee.
- (h) What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee?

- Ans.**
- (a) Doctors advise us to quit drinking coffee as it is bad for our health.
 - (b) The two versions of coffee that are drunk in America are caffeinated and decaf.
 - (c) Antioxidants in general have potential health benefits, including protection against heart disease and cancer.
 - (d) Vinson says that the consumption of antioxidants ultimately depends solely on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body.
 - (e) Among others, chocolates and cranberries are two popular sources of antioxidants.
 - (f) A study of all the foods and beverages shows that dates have the most antioxidants depending on its serving size but since the consumption of dates is nowhere near the level of coffee, the beverage ranks as the top source of antioxidants.
 - (g) As per some recently published studies, coffee protects against liver and colon cancer and Parkinson's disease.
 - (h) Researchers warn that however beneficial the coffee may be it should be consumed in moderation as it can make one jittery and cause stomach pains.

2. Read the following passage carefully:

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Gandhiji As a Fund-raiser

Gandhiji was an incurable and irresistible fund-raiser. He found special relish in getting jewellery from women. Ranibala of Burdwan was ten years old. One day she was playing with Gandhiji. He explained to her that her bangles were too heavy for her delicate little wrists. She removed the bangles and gave them away to Gandhiji.

He used to talk jokingly to small girls and created distaste for ornaments and created a desire in them to part with the jewellery for the sake of the poor. He motivated them to donate their jewellery for social usage.

Kasturbai didn't appreciate this habit of Gandhiji. Once she stated calmly, 'You don't wear jewels, it is easy for you to get around the boys. But what about our daughters-in-law? They would surely want them.

"Well!" Gandhiji put in mildly, "our children are young and when they grow up they will not surely choose wives who are fond of wearing jewellery." Kasturbai was very upset with the answer.

Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise community fund. He was of the opinion that a public worker should accept no costly gifts. He believed that he should not own anything costly, whether given or earned. Kasturbai was a female with a desire to adorn. But Gandhiji moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of South African Indians.

2.1 Answer the questions given below:

2×4=8

- (a) How did Gandhiji create a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala?
- (b) What was Kasturbai's apprehension about their daughters-in-law?
- (c) What solution did Gandhiji suggest for the problem posed by Kasturbai?
- (d) How did Gandhiji serve the community?

2.2 Find meanings of the words given below from the options that follow:

1×4=4

- (e) incurable (para 1)
 - (i) unreliable (ii) untreatable (iii) disagreeable (iv) unbeatable
- (f) motivated (para 2)
 - (i) encouraged (ii) emboldened (iii) incited (iv) softened

- (g) upset (para 4)
(i) puzzled (ii) furious (iii) confused (iv) distressed

- (h) renunciation (para 5)
(i) giving up (ii) disagreement (iii) opposition (iv) termination

- Ans. 2.1** (a) Gandhiji created a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala by telling her that the bangles she was wearing were too heavy for her wrists. This statement of Gandhiji made her remove her bangles which she promptly handed over to him.
- (b) Kasturbai's apprehension was that for Gandhiji, it was easy to get around boys as they didn't wear any jewellery but how would he convince their daughters-in-law who would surely like to wear jewellery.
- (c) Gandhiji suggested that their children were young and when they would grow up, he was sure that they would not choose wives who were fond of wearing jewellery.
- (d) Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise the community funds. He moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of South African Indians.

- 2.2** (e) (ii) untreatable (f) (i) encouraged (g) (iv) distressed (h) (i) giving up

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

- 3.** Nowadays, we see the rise in prices of edible things like pulses, onions, oils and some other products. The layman is facing hardship on account of it. Write a letter in 120–150 words to the Editor of a reputed daily requesting him to highlight the difficulties faced by common man due to rise in prices. Sign yourself as Pranjal/Praneeta living at 124, Vivek Vihar, Delhi. 5

Or

“A man's manners are a mirror in which he shows his portrait.” This quote highlights the importance of good manners in life. Write an article for your school magazine on “Good Manners.” You may use the following hints with your own ideas.

Hints: First step to success—need for good manners—make life easy with politeness—create goodwill—use words like thank you, please, sorry—important words—well mannered people liked by all.

Ans. 124, Vivek Vihar
Delhi 1100XX
14 February 20XX
The Editor
The Times of India
New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Steep rise in the prices of essential edibles

Through the esteemed column of your newspaper, I wish to highlight the difficulties faced by the common man due to a steep rise in the prices of essential edibles such as pulses, oils, potatoes and vegetables. For quite sometime now the middle-class people, particularly those living below the poverty line, are facing acute hardships on account of the price rise. Most of them live from hand to mouth,

and cannot afford to buy even bread and butter for their family. Due to skyrocketing prices of pulses and vegetables they find it difficult to sustain their families.

In view of the above, prevailing financial constraints, the hardships of the common man have to be addressed. The authorities concerned need to take immediate remedial steps to control the soaring prices of essential edibles.

I hope my concern will reach the ears of the authorities concerned through your newspaper and help mitigate the hardships of the common man.

Yours faithfully

Pranjal

Or

Good Manners

by ABC

Good manners begin at home. In a way they mirror us. Children learn their manners first from their parents, then in schools. Good manners are a reflection on a society and its culture.

Good manners create goodwill and good relationship. Through one's polite behaviour, one makes one's life easy and can establish a healthy relationship with the people in the society. How one addresses one's friends, relatives and seniors helps us understand a person. Certain key words like 'thank you', 'please', 'sorry' are important to show one's polite behaviour. In addition, to succeed in life, good manners have a great role. A soft spoken as well as a well mannered person is liked by all.

4. Write a story in 150–200 words from the outline given below: 10

Cold winter night—all sound asleep—a thudding sound- switched on lights—hurried footsteps—followed.....

Or

“The date of examination was declared I was horrified My parents helped me reached the examination centre examination commenced took a sigh of relief stood first in the class.

The hints of the story are given above. You can start the story by using hints with your own ideas but you cannot change the end. Write the story in 150–200 words.

Ans. It was a cold winter night. There was absolute silence all around. There was not a single person awake. Only a few stray dogs barked. Suddenly, a thudding sound occurred, rousing elderly men and women from sleep. They could not discover the source of the thudding sound when they switched on the lights. Suddenly, they found a gang of five persons dressed in black track suits running fast. Instantly, they informed the police. The police chased and caught the gangsters. After investigation, it was found that the five persons were burglars and indulged in criminal activities. All of them were under the age of twenty-five. They had connection even with underworld.

Or

I was anxiously awaiting the announcement of the date of my final examination. I left no stone unturned to get prepared for the exams. I worked very hard and was confident to get through with flying colours. Nonetheless I was horrified and nervous when the date of the exam approached, although I was well prepared. My parents helped me to take with me all the required material such as admit card bearing my roll number. I reached the examination centre in time. My parents had already advised me on how to write all the answers after reading the questions carefully. I also kept in mind their instruction that I must complete all answers and revise them. The question paper was rather easy. I finished all the answers within the given time frame. After a few weeks, my result came out. I stood first in the class. My parents were very happy at my performance.

- (b) How much are the meadows worth?
- (c) Find a word in the extract that means 'not based on what is just.'

Or

I even considered fleeing to my hometown, where I could have been a real lawyer right away, without going through this unpleasant training period.

- (a) Who is 'I'?
- (b) How did 'I' suffer during the training period?
- (c) What does the word 'fleeing' mean?

- Ans.**
- (a) Natalya speaks the above lines to Lomov.
 - (b) The meadows are worth 300 roubles.
 - (c) Unfairness.

Or

- (a) 'I' referred to here is the young lawyer.
- (b) During the training period, the young lawyer suffered due to serving summons on the victims. Some of the self-confident ones even beat him up.
- (c) 'Fleeing' means 'running away'.

9. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each:

2×4=8

- (a) How did Valli react when she saw the dead cow by the roadside?
- (b) What legends are associated with the origin of tea?
- (c) What does Noodle tell Think-Tank about the books?
- (d) Why did Matilda not want to see her rich friends?

- Ans.**
- (a) When Valli saw the dead cow by the roadside, she was overcome with sadness. The sight of the dead cow dampened her enthusiasm. She no longer wanted to look out of the window. She was so shocked that she could not enjoy the beauty of landscape outside any longer. She kept to her seat till she reached her village.
 - (b) Two legends are associated with the discovery of tea. First, there was a Chinese Emperor who used to boil water before drinking it. One day a few leaves of the twigs burning under the pot fell into the water giving it a delicious flavour. It is said that they were tea leaves. Second, Bodhidharma, an Indian Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations. Tea plants grew out of the eyelids. It is said that the leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep. Thus, the tea was discovered.
 - (c) Noodle tells Think-Tank that the earthlings do not eat the books as the Think-Tank guesses them as sandwiches. He tells him that they use them as some sort of communication device. He tells him that they do not listen to them but open and watch them. When Think-Tank orders the crew to heat the books, Noodle corrects him by saying that he recalls Earthlings to observe them with eyes. When Think-Tank is unable to understand the nursery rhymes of the book 'Mother Goose', Noodle interprets the rhymes correctly and politely to Think-Tank.
 - (d) Matilda was fond of jewels and fine dresses, but she had neither any suitable costume nor any jewels to adorn herself. She felt that it was disgraceful to see her rich friends without wearing a suitable dress and expensive jewellery.

10. Answer the following question in 80–100 words:

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“The life of mortals in this world is troubled and brief and combined with pain ...”. With this statement of the Buddha, find out the moral value that Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child.

Or

“Don’t you worry, Pitaji! In your old age I will serve you and mother”. Through this statement the narrator wants to highlight the moral values Bholi was imbued with. Based on the reading of the lesson, what made Bholi aware of her rights and how did she use them?

Ans. Kisa Gotami learns that those who have been born cannot avoid death. After attaining old age, there is death. All earthen vessels end in being broken. So is the life of mortals. Both young and adult, fools and the wise are subject to death. So, instead of lamenting one should understand the truth of life and death. It will give one peace of mind. One will be free from sorrows and sufferings, and slowly move on the path of immortality.

Or

Bholi makes a bold statement as she rebels against the social evils like dowry. At school, her teacher provided her the much needed sympathy, kindness, attention, love and encouragement to make her a confident, bold and self-respecting girl.

She refuses to let Bishamber blackmail her father Ramlal and refuses to marry him. She assures her father that she will look after her parents in their old age. Bholi is now Sulekha who understands the rights of women. She is no more a simpleton but has become an idol for all the village girls.

11. Answer the following in 150–200 words:

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Anne Frank’s statement, “What one Christian does is his own responsibility, what one Jew does reflects on all Jews” presents not only hatred for the Jews but also their pitiable condition in the world. Comment.

Or

‘Anne’s mother never showed her interest in Anne Frank and remained indifferent to her.’ Describe the character of Anne’s mother, Edith Frank in the light of this remark.

Or

How did a story book, ‘Little Lord Fauntleroy’ open a window of knowledge to Helen and help to shape her career?

Or

Helen’s statement, “We worked hard and faithfully, yet we did not quite reach our goal” tells us about her failure to achieve the goal at the Wright-Humason School in New York City. What was the goal that she failed to achieve there?

Ans. Anne Frank is deeply moved by the persecution of the Jews. She feels a tremendous solidarity with her aggrieved and pitiable people in the concentration camps as well as in the Secret Annexe.

According to Anne Frank, Christians are good, kind and helping people. She says, ‘What one Christian does is his own responsibility’. This statement implies that Christians took responsibility to help the persecuted Jews in all circumstances. She appreciates the fact that they have never uttered a single word about the burden of the suffering people in the Secret Annexe or ever complained they were the cause of so much trouble. They used to bring flowers and gifts for birthdays and holidays, and were ready to do what they could.

Again Anne says, “What one Jew does, reflects on all Jews”. It indicates the fact that ‘we’re Jews in chains, chained to one spot, without any rights, but with a thousand obligations’.

Anne is sad and feels guilty when she thinks of her Jewish friends who were being taken away in trucks or were suffering in concentration camps. The war was the cause of the loss of freedom and pitiable condition of the Jews.

In fact, the Germans made the lives of Jews miserable and hellish. It was Hitler who imposed anti-Jewish decrees. As a result, life of the Jews became too harsh and full of difficulties. After 1940, the Jews were not allowed to visit Christian homes. Even the children had no access to common schools. They had to attend only Jewish schools. They were confined to their houses and were not safe. They were forced to live a hellish life by the Germans.

To sum up, Anne Frank believes that Christians are basically good people. Anne does not question the fact that she is Jewish and accepts it is something that simply is. In the context, war is the only cause of the pitiable condition of the Jews.

Or

Anne's mother Edith Frank hardly took any interest in her daughter, Anne. Anne reports that her mother was of the opinion that her sister Margot was better than hers. She feels that her mother treats her like a baby. She feels her mother is cold, critical and uncaring. She cannot give emotional support to her daughter.

Anne says, "Mother's nerves are very much on edge, that doesn't bode well for me." Her mother always takes Margot's side. She lacked sensitivity and did not try to understand Anne.

Anne often felt hurt and miserable due to her mother's behaviour. She could never confide in her mother and often felt strong hatred towards her. Anne became boisterous, rude, hid her feelings and threw her weight around when spoken against by her mother.

Mrs. Frank did not approve of Anne's closeness with Peter. She was suspicious of their relationship. She was unable to provide emotional support to her daughter. Perhaps it was all due to the stress and pain of the persecution and forced confinement.

Or

'Little Lord Fauntleroy' is a fascinating child's storybook. When Miss Sullivan returned from Boston, she gave this book to Helen. She began to read the story with the help of her teacher Anne Sullivan. However, before beginning the story, Miss Sullivan explained to Helen the things that she knew. She explained unfamiliar words to Helen. Initially, there were many words that Helen did not know, and the reading was constantly interrupted. But gradually Helen understood words, absorbed in the story to notice more words. She listened impatiently to the explanations that Miss Sullivan gave. Though her fingers were tired to spell another word, yet she took the book in her hands and tried to feel the letters with an intensity of longing that she could never forget.

Afterwards at Helen's request, Mr. Anagnos had that story embossed, and she read it again and again. All through her childhood, Little Lord Fauntleroy was her sweet and gentle companion.

Reading Little Lord Fauntleroy sparked her interest to read many books at home. She could not remember what they all were or in what order she read them. But she knew that among them were Tales from Shakespeare, The Arabian Nights, Heidi, etc. Thus, Little Lord Fauntleroy opened a window of knowledge to Helen and helped to shape her career.

Or

Helen joined the Wright-Humason School for the Deaf in New York city in 1894. The school was chosen to provide Helen with training in vocal culture and lip-reading. Helen also studied arithmetic, physical geography, French and German.

Helen's progress in lip-reading and speech was unexpectedly slow. Helen's aim was to speak like other people and her teachers thought she could do so. They worked hard and faithfully. But unfortunately she failed to achieve the goal. As a result, she was very disappointed.

Then, there was another disappointment. Helen was not good at arithmetic. She relied more on 'guess' than on reason, and jumped at conclusions. This again caused her difficulties.

Set II Uncommon Questions to Set I

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

3. Owing to the MCD employees' strike, the roads in your area are littered with garbage. Not only the place is stinking but also is a health hazard. As Miki/Manish of 112, Laxmi Nagar, write a letter in 100–120 words to the Editor of a local newspaper informing the authorities concerned of the unhygienic conditions and requesting them to take appropriate and necessary action in the matter.

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Or

A civilised and well groomed personality has a positive impact on others. Write an article in 100–120 words for your school magazine on the importance of education in personality development. You are Miki/Manish.

Ans. House No. 112

Laxmi Nagar

Delhi 1100XX

4 July 20XX

The Editor

The Tribune

Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg

Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Unhygienic conditions due to MCD employees' strike

Through the columns of your widely read daily, I wish to raise the deplorable unhygienic conditions of our locality owing to the MCD employees' indefinite strike. The roads are cluttered with garbage which is not only stinking but has also become a breeding ground for all kinds of diseases. It is difficult to pass through the roads filled with heaps of garbage and the rains have further added to our woes as the filth has spread everywhere choking the drains and pipes posing a grave threat to health and environment.

I hope the authorities concerned will wake up to the situation and take appropriate action to redress our grievances.

Yours faithfully

Manish

Or

Importance of Education in Personality Development

By Miki

Human personality has three dimensions, viz. physical, intellectual and spiritual. All the three dimensions of the human personality can be developed through education which is believed to be the second most

important influence in shaping the personality of a child, the first being the home. Education is more than the transmission of a storehouse of information. With this comes the role of schools, colleges and the teachers who contribute immensely to shaping the personality of a child by focussing on his/her all round development. School education plays a crucial role as a means of socialising the child and fostering the mental health and personality adjustment necessary to enable him/her to take his/her place as a responsible, well-groomed and civilized citizen in the society.

4. Complete the following story in 150–200 words. The beginning of the story is given below: 10

On my way to school I usually see a beggar on the roadside. Yesterday on my way back, I did not see him there. Walking further I saw him limping slowly. Out of idle curiosity I followed him. Soon I found

Or

It was a Sunday afternoon. We had gone for a picnic to a park. Suddenly I found that my seven year old sister was missing from the group. We went in search of her in the woods and

Ans. On my way to school, I usually see a beggar on the roadside. Yesterday on my way back, I didn't see him there. Walking further I saw him limping slowly. Out of idle curiosity, I followed him. Soon I found that he had a large family comprising his wife, four children and aged parents who were dependent on the beggar's meagre income except the elder son who was a mechanic.

I was more curious and I went further to meet his neighbours who showed a different side of the beggar. It made me realise that there was no dearth of kind souls on this earth. A poor beggar for whom each day is a struggle, turned out to be a wonderful human being. The revelation that all his children were adopted: two of them he had found abandoned near a garbage dump and the other two somebody had left at his doorstep made him a God sent angel in my eyes. He and his wife had adopted the children without cribbing and were raising them selflessly. I was amazed and the beggar is still an inspiration for me.

Or

It was a Sunday afternoon. We had gone for a picnic to a park. Suddenly I found that my seven-year-old sister was missing from the group. We went in search of her in the woods but couldn't find her there too. My father panicked and mother started crying. I consoled them and made them sit at one place. Thereafter, all of us, our cousins and myself, looked for her but she was nowhere to be seen. She had always been a naughty child and we were wondering if this was also one of her pranks. But we couldn't have taken any chance—what if she had been kidnapped or strayed into the nearby jungle! We decided to search for her in the forest. Calling out her name, we decided to search the forest and there we found her! She was asleep on the green grass near a stream oblivious of her surroundings. On waking her up, she told us that following a peacock the forest she lost her way. She didn't remember when she had fallen asleep. We thanked God that she was not harmed in any way and also cautioned her to be more careful in future!

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: 1×3=3

The Vichitra Veena as (a) name suggests (b) a rare instrument and there are not (c) artistes who can play this instrument.

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|-----|----------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| (a) | (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) some |
| (b) | (i) is | (ii) am | (iii) are | (iv) have been |
| (c) | (i) much | (ii) many | (iii) more | (iv) most |
- Ans. (a) (iii) (b) (i) (c) (ii)

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences.

One example is given below:

1×3=3

in / the highest / India has / population / livestock / the world.

India has the highest livestock population in the world.

(a) is / of milk / the country / also / producer / the highest

(b) is staring / but / at a / major / it / crisis / fodder

(c) due to / pressure / of / it / is / growing / population on land

- Ans.** (a) The country is also the highest producer of milk.
(b) But it is staring at a major fodder crisis.
(c) It is due to growing pressure of population on land.

Set III Uncommon Questions to Set I & II

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

- 3. The authorities have been claiming that the roads in your town have been relaid and repaired. But there is no visibility of such a work. Write a letter in 100–120 words to the Editor of a local newspaper expressing your disappointment at the present situation and giving suggestions to resolve the problem. You are Shweta/Sham of 24, Pushp Nagar. 5**

Or

Write an article in 100–120 words on the topic, ‘Importance of clean surroundings in your locality’. You are Ram/Rama.

Ans. House No. 24

Pushp Nagar

Delhi 1100XX

5 July 20XX

The Editor

The Tribune

Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg

Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Problem of bad roads

Let me express my concern about the total indifference of the municipal authorities towards the roads in our area through the column of your esteemed newspaper. Their claim that they have relaid and repaired the roads is untrue. One can hardly see any work going on and the roads lie in a state of total neglect. Accidents take place, people suffer injuries, animals get hurt as there are potholes, cracks and uneven roads. Pedestrians find it difficult to walk on these roads.

The municipal authorities need to take urgent steps to solve the problem. The repair work must be taken on a war footing to avoid further damage to lives and property. Convenience of the common people should be given the topmost priority.

I hope this letter will help draw the attention of the authorities concerned and motivate them to solve this long-standing problem.

Yours faithfully

Shweta

Or

Importance of Clean Surroundings in your Locality

By Rama

We are all for a neat and clean society, pollution free environment but how many of us make a sincere effort to actually make it happen. Living in neat and clean surroundings helps us lead a healthy and better life and in turn helps in the betterment of the society. It is true that it is the government's responsibility to give us a clean environment but it is equally important to realise our responsibility to the society and environment.

There are many ways to keep our surroundings clean. We should throw garbage at fixed places, not in the open drains or on the roads. People should get together to clean the litter in the surrounding areas as it is our health which is at stake.

4. Complete the story based on the outline given below in 150–200 words. 10

a pond a crocodile a monkey on a tree were friends. Crocodile's wife wanted monkey's heart monkey bewildered planned heart, home went back to get it. saved himself.

Or

A thirsty crow looked for water found a pitcher very less water in it picked up pebbles and put them in the pitcher water level raised.

Ans. Once upon a time, there was a crocodile who lived with his wife in a big pond. The pond was surrounded by trees all around and a monkey had made one of the trees his home. He and the crocodile became good friends and wouldn't leave each other's company. The crocodile's wife became jealous of the monkey. She pretended to be ill and told her husband that the doctor had advised her to eat monkey's heart to get cured. She asked for his friend's heart. The crocodile was in a dilemma. How could he cheat his friend? But he loved his wife too much to let her die! So he tricked the monkey to take a ride with him in the pond and while the monkey was riding on the crocodile's back, the crocodile began to sink. The frightened monkey asked him the reason and the crocodile told him the truth. Bewildered, the monkey quickly thought of a plan and told the crocodile why he hadn't informed him earlier as he (the monkey) had left his heart on the tree. They went back to get the heart and the clever monkey jumped back onto the tree calling the crocodile 'stupid and brainless'. Thus he was able to save himself.

Or

There was a crow named Kalua who was praised by other animals for his intelligence. Once he decided to visit his extended family members in the other village and flew away on his mission. Unfortunately, he was flying over long stretches of fields; the hot weather and the continuous flying made him feel thirsty but there was no pond or water in sight. He had a good eyesight and could spot things from a distance.

After flying for some more time, he spotted a pitcher lying in a field. He was overjoyed as by this time, he was feeling dehydrated. As he perched himself on the pitcher's edge, he was disappointed to see the water very low and try as he might, he couldn't reach it. He tried to put his beak inside but to no avail! Kalua was not the one to give up. He looked around and saw some pebbles lying about, picked

up a few and dropped them one by one in the pitcher. The water level started rising. He kept dropping more and more pebbles till the water rose so high that he could drink it easily. Thus, the clever Kalua quenched his thirst and flew away happily.

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: 1×3=3

Kanishka, the ruler of the Kushanas, embraced Buddhism. He (a) invited to a Buddhist meeting (b) Kashmir during his reign. It was during his time that Buddhism (c) to Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Java.

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|-----|------------|--------------|-----------------|----------------|
| (a) | (i) is | (ii) was | (iii) had | (iv) has |
| (b) | (i) at | (ii) of | (iii) in | (iv) on |
| (c) | (i) spread | (ii) spreads | (iii) spreading | (iv) is spread |

Ans. (a) (ii) (b) (iii) (c) (i)

7. Rearrange the following jumbled words and phrases into meaningful sentences. 1×3=3

One example is given below.

refused / beyond / Alexander's army / to go / the river Beas

Alexander's army refused to go beyond the river Beas.

- (a) to be a / kind / this was / of protest / considered / unique
(b) could not / the soldiers / Alexander / to move / persuade / ahead
(c) finally / them / he / asked / to retreat

Ans. (a) This was considered to be a unique kind of protest.
(b) Alexander could not persuade the soldiers to move ahead.
(c) Finally, he asked them to retreat.

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Section C: Literature/Textbooks and Long Reading Text

25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

Set I

Section A Reading

20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1 × 8 = 8

If you are addicted to coffee, and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it's not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet, and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.

Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer, but Vinson, a dietitian, said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the foods and beverages studied, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.

Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease, according to some recently published studies.

The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

- (a) What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee?
- (b) What are the two versions of coffee that are drunk in America?
- (c) State any two benefits of antioxidants.
- (d) What does Vinson say about the consumption of antioxidants?
- (e) Name any two popular sources of antioxidants.
- (f) How does coffee outrank dates in the level of antioxidants?
- (g) Mention any two benefits of coffee.
- (h) What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee?

- Ans.**
- (a) Doctors advise us to quit drinking coffee as it is bad for our health.
 - (b) The two versions of coffee that are drunk in America are caffeinated and decaf.
 - (c) Antioxidants in general have potential health benefits, including protection against heart disease and cancer.
 - (d) Vinson says that the consumption of antioxidants ultimately depends solely on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body.
 - (e) Among others, chocolates and cranberries are two popular sources of antioxidants.
 - (f) A study of all the foods and beverages shows that dates have the most antioxidants depending on its serving size but since the consumption of dates is nowhere near the level of coffee, the beverage ranks as the top source of antioxidants.
 - (g) As per some recently published studies, coffee protects against liver and colon cancer and Parkinson's disease.
 - (h) Researchers warn that however beneficial the coffee may be it should be consumed in moderation as it can make one jittery and cause stomach pains.

2. Read the following passage carefully:

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Gandhiji As a Fund-raiser

Gandhiji was an incurable and irresistible fund-raiser. He found special relish in getting jewellery from women. Ranibala of Burdwan was ten years old. One day she was playing with Gandhiji. He explained to her that her bangles were too heavy for her delicate little wrists. She removed the bangles and gave them away to Gandhiji.

He used to talk jokingly to small girls and created distaste for ornaments and created a desire in them to part with the jewellery for the sake of the poor. He motivated them to donate their jewellery for social usage.

Kasturbai didn't appreciate this habit of Gandhiji. Once she stated calmly, 'You don't wear jewels, it is easy for you to get around the boys. But what about our daughters-in-law? They would surely want them. "Well!" Gandhiji put in mildly, "our children are young and when they grow up they will not surely choose wives who are fond of wearing jewellery." Kasturbai was very upset with the answer.

Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise community fund. He was of the opinion that a public worker should accept no costly gifts. He believed that he should not own anything costly, whether given or earned. Kasturbai was a female with a desire to adorn. But Gandhiji moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of South African Indians.

2.1 Answer the questions given below:

2 × 4 = 8

- (a) How did Gandhiji create a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala?
- (b) What was Kasturbai's apprehension about their daughters-in-law?
- (c) What solution did Gandhiji suggest for the problem posed by Kasturbai?
- (d) How did Gandhiji serve the community?

2.2 Find meanings of the words given below from the options that follow:

1 × 4 = 4

- (e) incurable (para 1)
 - (i) unreliable
 - (ii) untreatable
 - (iii) disagreeable
 - (iv) unbeatable
- (f) motivated (para 2)
 - (i) encouraged
 - (ii) emboldened
 - (iii) incited
 - (iv) softened

- (g) upset (para 4)
(i) puzzled (ii) furious (iii) confused (iv) distressed

- (h) renunciation (para 5)
(i) giving up (ii) disagreement (iii) opposition (iv) termination

- Ans. 2.1** (a) Gandhiji created a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala by telling her that the bangles she was wearing were too heavy for her wrists. This statement of Gandhiji made her remove her bangles which she promptly handed over to him.
- (b) Kasturbai's apprehension was that for Gandhiji, it was easy to get around boys as they didn't wear any jewellery but how would he convince their daughters-in-law who would surely like to wear jewellery.
- (c) Gandhiji suggested that their children were young and when they would grow up, he was sure that they would not choose wives who were fond of wearing jewellery.
- (d) Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise the community funds. He moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of South African Indians.

- 2.2** (e) (ii) untreatable (f) (i) encouraged (g) (iv) distressed (h) (i) giving up

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

- 3. Your locality has witnessed a number of cases of theft in recent weeks. The local law and order authorities were approached but you find no change in the situation. Write a letter in 100–120 words to the editor of a local newspaper drawing attention of the higher authorities to the problem. You are Ram/Rama 4, Gobind Road, Meerut.**

Or

Write an article in 100–120 words on 'Use of Technology in Education' for your school magazine. You are Ram/Rama.

Ans. House No 4
Gobind Road
Meerut XXXXXX

6 July 20XX

The Editor
Meerut City Times
Meerut XXXXXX

Dear Sir

Subject: Increasing incidents of thefts

Through the esteemed column of your newspaper. I wish to draw your attention to the recent spate of thefts in the Gobind Road area of Meerut. This has created a lot of fear and insecurity among the people in and around the locality. Why people are worried a lot is because yesterday there was yet another case despite the night vigil having been intensified by the residents with the help of security agencies. Complaints to the local law and order authorities have proved futile and there is no change in the situation.

I request you to please draw the attention of the higher authorities to this issue by publishing my letter so that they look into the matter and solve it at the earliest.

Yours faithfully

Ram

Or

Use of Technology in Education

by Rama

Today technology is prevalent in all walks of life. Research and development is part of education. So modern educational technology cannot stand without proper technological knowledge. To educate learners graphically and communicating effectively, the latest technology is used. Digital learning tools and audio-visual aids are used in the classroom in order to help the students learn their lessons pictorially. This educational methodology makes teaching interesting even to the truants. For understanding machine designing, hardware and networking, electronic devices, aeronautics, cyberspace, etc. the knowledge of technology in these fields is essential. So, without the use of technology in education research and development cannot advance. Our aim 'to educate all globally' can be fulfilled through the proper use of technology in education.

4. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the clues given below: 10

A boy was playing in the park. He saw a small sparrow sitting on a stone. He went near it, still it didn't fly. He...

Or

You were playing cricket in a park. Suddenly you saw an old man, just collapsing on the pavement. You all rushed to him...

Ans.

Poor, Little Sparrow

There was a park near Ronny's house. He used to play in the park every day. On a Sunday evening Ronny was about to come out of the park after playing hide and seek. Suddenly, he saw a little sparrow, sitting on a stone quietly. He asked the birdie, 'Can you fly, can you hop.' Still it could not hop, it could not fly. Ronny was shocked and thought something must be wrong with the little sparrow. He caught it. It was shivering. He brought it home and showed it to his mother. His mom saw it and found that it was bitter by some poisonous insect. She treated the bird affectionately, and gave it foodgrains to eat. After sometime the little sparrow came round and began to hop cheerfully. Ronny's joy knew no bounds.

Or

Our summer holidays had begun. Along with my friends, I decided to play cricket in the nearby play ground. Excited, we would shout and make those victory gestures when a sixer was hit and considered ourselves no less than Sachin Tendulkar! During fielding, I saw an old man walking on a pavement and was about to shout to him to move away as he might get hit, when he collapsed on the pavement. Stopping the game, we all rushed to him. He looked emaciated and could not speak. There was a card in his pocket which had his address and phone number. We called up his home and also dialled for

an ambulance which promptly came. Thankfully, he was not majorly injured and was discharged after first aid. The hospital authorities informed that he was dumb and on reaching his home, we found to our shock that his wife was blind. They had no children. That day, my friends and I decided to adopt them as our grandparents. We now visit them turn-wise, look after their needs and are happy when they smile on our arrival and look forward to our visiting them. I am glad that we have brought cheer in someone's life!

- 5. Read the paragraph given below. Fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate options from the ones that follow. Write the answers in your answer sheet against the correct blank numbers. Do not copy the whole passage.** **1×3=3**

Kingfisher is (a) beautiful bird with attractive colours. It (b) found near lakes, river, canals (c) ponds.

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| (a) (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) such a |
| (b) (i) are | (ii) am | (iii) is | (iv) has |
| (c) (i) and | (ii) but | (iii) so | (iv) or |

Ans. (a) (i) a (b) (iii) is (c) (i) and

- 6. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along the word before and the word after against the correct blank number.** **1×4=4**

	<u>Before</u>	<u>Missing word</u>	<u>After</u>
A large part India's population is	(a) _____	_____	_____
illiterate. Illiteracy is biggest evil	(b) _____	_____	_____
of the Indian society. Removal illiteracy	(c) _____	_____	_____
is necessary an all-round development of	(d) _____	_____	_____
the country.			

Ans.

	<u>Before</u>	<u>Missing word</u>	<u>After</u>
(a)	part	of	India's
(b)	is	the	biggest
(c)	removal	of	illiteracy
(d)	necessary	for	an

- 7. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as given in the example.** **1×3=3**

Example: curse / a / illiteracy / is / .

Illiteracy is a curse.

- (a) illiterate / remain / the / and / backward / poor / people / .
 (b) easily / by / they / cheated / are / others / .
 (c) our / it is / to help / moral duty / to become / literate / everyone / .

Ans. (a) The illiterate people remain poor and backward.
 (b) They are easily cheated by others.
 (c) It is our moral duty to help everyone to become literate.

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1×3=3

I had to go to dirty and shadowy corners of the city to seek out my victims. Some of the larger and more self-confident ones even beat me up.

- (a) Who is 'I'?
- (b) Why was 'I' beaten up?
- (c) What does the word, 'victim' mean?

Or

At about the age of twenty-five, the Prince, heretofore shielded from sufferings of the world, while out hunting chanced upon a sick man, then an aged man, then a funeral procession and finally a monk begging for alms.

- (a) Name the Prince.
- (b) What are the sights of sufferings that the Prince saw? (Any 2)
- (c) Give the meaning of the word, 'shielded'.

- Ans. (a) 'I' is the young lawyer.
 (b) His duty was to serve summons on criminals who had no respect for the law. So sometimes he was beaten up by these anti-social elements.
 (c) 'Victim' here means criminal.

Or

- (a) Siddhartha Gautama was the name of the prince.
- (b) The prince first saw a sick man and then an aged man.
- (c) 'Shielded' means protected.

9. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each: 2×4=8

- (a) What game did Mij invent?
- (b) Why does Chubukov suspect Lomov when he comes to his house?
- (c) Why was Mme Loisel always unhappy?
- (d) Why was Sulekha nicknamed Bholi?

- Ans. (a) Mij had invented a game of his own with a ping-pong ball. He placed it on the high end on a damaged and slightly inclined sloppy suitcase lid and dashed to its lower end to grab it but only after playing a sort of hide-and-seek with it.
 (b) When Lomov comes to Chubukov's house, Lomov was utterly nervous and confused. He was suffering from breakdowns and was unable to properly convey to Chubukov the purpose of his visit. His polite manner makes Chubukov to suspect that Lomov had come to borrow money.
 (c) Mme Loisel was an ambitious lady who wanted to enjoy the company of elites. She was not satisfied with her financial status. Her husband was a poor clerk with a meagre salary. So she was always unhappy.
 (d) Bholi was a physically disfigured, mentally weak and stammering simpleton in her childhood. She remained a backward child. Other children often made fun of her and mimicked her. So, she talked very little. This is why Sulekha was nicknamed 'Bholi'.

10. Answer the following question in 80–100 words:

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Neighbours must have a cordial relationship which Lomov and Natalya do not have. Describe the first fight between them.

Or

It is morally incorrect to invade another country/planet for one's own benefit. The Martians did not understand the value of peaceful coexistence. How did the book of nursery rhymes save the Earth from the Martian invasion?

Ans. It is imperative that neighbours must have a cordial relationship. But unfortunately Lomov and Natalya lack this. The first fight between them was on the issue of the ownership of the Oxen Meadows. It had been a disputed property between the two families for generations.

Lomov told Natalya that Oxen Meadows belonged to the Lomovs but Natalya argued that her grandfather and greatgrandfather had their land extended to Burnt Marsh—which means that the Oxen Meadows were their property. Lomov told Natalya that he had evidence and documents to support his claims.

Or

If a country or a planet attacks another country for personal benefit, it is construed as morally incorrect. It violates the principle of peaceful co-existence. The essence of peaceful co-existence is to live together in harmony, rather than interfering in each other's external affairs. The Martians in the context did not understand the value of peaceful co-existence. So they, under the leadership of Think-Tank, invaded the Earth.

The Martians were surprised to see thousands of peculiar items, such as books. They could not understand the nursery rhymes of the book 'Mother Goose'. Think-Tank finds Humpty Dumpty like himself. He interpreted the rhymes as earthlings threats to attack their planet. He evacuated even Mars to seek shelter at Alpha Centauri. Thus the book of nursery rhymes, i.e. 'Mother Goose' in a way saved the Earth from the Martian invasion.

11. Answer the following in 150–200 words:

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What are Helen's views about the works of Shakespeare?

Or

Draw a pen portrait of Martha Washington.

Or

What caused the quarrel between Anne and her mother on 2nd April, 1943?

Or

Write a character sketch of Mrs van daan.

Ans.

Helen's Views About the Works of Shakespeare

Helen says she has been in love with Shakespeare ever since she started loving reading books. She says she read Lamb's Tales first with a child's understanding.

Macbeth seems to have impressed her the most. One reading was sufficient to stamp every detail of the story on her mind for ever. She remembers the dagger and Lady Macbeth's little white hand as real. In 'King Lear', she never forgets the horror when she comes to the scene Gloucester is blinded. She equates Shylock with Satan in her mind. She feels sorry for them, for they cannot be good even if they wished to. At times she feels that the Shylocks, the Judases and even the Devil, are broken spokes in the great wheel of good which shall in due time be made whole. The first reading of Shakespeare fills her mind with unpleasant memories. Later on she read Shakespeare's plays many times and knew

part of them by heart. She also liked to read songs and sonnets of Shakespeare. But, with all her love for Shakespeare, it was often weary work to read all the meanings into Shakespeare lines. In fact, the interpretations of Shakespearean plays and sonnets virtually ‘discouraged and vexed’ her.

Or

Martha Washington, the daughter of the African-American cook, was Helen’s best friend. The black girl, with fuzzy hair, was two/three years older than Helen. Martha could understand Helen’s signs and had hardly any difficulty in making her do as she wished. It pleased Helen to dominate her and generally Martha submitted to her tyranny rather than risk a hand-to-hand encounter. They would spend a great deal of time together in the kitchen. At times they would feed the hens and turkeys or go hunting for guinea-fowl’s eggs.

The shed for storing corn, the stable for horses and the yard for milking the cows were their favourite haunts. Martha had a great love for mischief. Once she seized the scissors and cut off one of Helen’s curls, and would have cut them all but for the timely interference of Helen’s mother. Although Martha was mischievous, she was kind and gave much-needed companionship to Helen.

Or

Quarrel between Anne and her mother on 2nd April 1943.

On April 2, 1943, Anne hurt her mother terribly by refusing to say her prayers with her at night. When her mother came into her room, sat on her bed and asked very gently, ‘Anne, Daddy isn’t ready. How about if I listen to your prayers tonight?’ She did not show any sign of love for her and rejected her in retaliation.

She says that it is hard to tell the truth and yet the truth is that her mother was the one who first rejected her. She was the one whose tactless comments and cruel jokes about her matters much. Just as her heart sank every time she heard her harsh words and criticism. Besides, her mother was quite indifferent to her coldness. Thus her mother’s fault for having been harsh, partial and mean to Margot causes the quarrel between them.

Or

Mrs. van Daan is an important character in the Annexe. Anne describes her as a lady who not only set bad examples before others but also tried to take advantage of others weaknesses. She was well known for being very pushing, selfish, cunning and calculating and was never satisfied with anybody.

Initially, Anne had a good opinion about her. She tells that Mrs. van Daan was a friendly woman. On occasions she found her instigating others and she called her an instigator. Anne found her a fatalist who was petty, flirtatious, stingy and disagreeable. She was friendly to strangers and especially men. She always criticized the members and events in the Annexe.

Set II Uncommon Questions to Set I

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

- 3. Your school has decided to take part in half marathon organised by an N.G.O. in New Delhi. Write a letter in 100–120 words to the Area Manager of the N.G.O. requesting permission to participate in the half marathon on 28 April 2016 starting from National Stadium. Request the NGO to provide your school with 200 T-shirts for boys and girls aged 15–17 years. You are School Captain, Manish Mehta, Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Saket.**

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Or

Write an article in 100–120 words on the “Importance of Good Health” for your school magazine. You are Ram/Rani

Ans. Sarvodaya Vidyalaya

Saket

20 April 20XX

The Area Manager

Udaan (NGO)

New Delhi 1100XXXX

Dear Sir

Subject: Permission to participate in the Half Marathon

Our school has learnt that your NGO ‘Udaan’ is organising a half marathon on 28th April starting from National Stadium. Our sports department is actively involved in various athletics, out-door games and marathons. Our students have participated at regional, state and national levels and brought laurels to the school.

On behalf of my school, I would request you to kindly allow our energetic two hundred students to participate in the half marathon. Therefore we would request you to kindly send 200 T-shirts for boys and girls aged 15–17 years. They are all very excited and looking forward to this great event. We would more than welcome any other instruction in this regard.

Yours faithfully

Manish Mehta

(School Captain)

Or

“Importance of Good Health”

By Rani

Health is a combination of physical, mental/emotional and social well-being. Good health is a boon and it is entirely in our hands to keep our bodies healthy and fit. Lord Buddha said, ‘To keep the body in good health is a duty.....otherwise, we shall not be able to keep our minds strong and clear.’

Being healthy makes you feel good and allows you to perform your best in any field. Even a poor peasant enjoying good health is happier than a rich person with poor health. If good physical health makes you more productive, so does good mental health. Suffering stress, depression, anxiety or any other emotional ailment can be counter-productive. It is wisely said, “A sound mind lives in a sound body”.

4. Complete the story in 150–200 words where beginning is given below: 10

Ram had lost one leg to polio. He had a brilliant mind. He wanted to attend a school. Luckily one day

Or

It was her friend’s birthday. Vaibhavi was very happy. She was going to attend such a party for the first time in her life. The problem was

Ans. Ram’s family was our next door neighbour. He was gifted with a brilliant mind but unfortunately he had lost one leg to polio. His father with his meagre income was barely able to support a large family such as his. Ram had never attended a school and badly wanted to attend one. Being sharp and intelligent, he had learnt immensely from his surroundings and environment.

Luckily one day, a team arrived in our town from “India’s Got Talent” reality show. They were coming up with a show for physically challenged children and held a few rounds of talent testing. Ram was the first one to be selected. He was on cloud nine! There were other children too but Ram was able to make it to the finals. His family members and people of the locality felt proud of the wonder boy and were sure Ram would win the show hands down and he did prove them right! On being asked what would he do with the prize money, he replied that he would join a good school and give the rest of the money to his parents! Ram is now a celebrated student of a good school and to this day, he remains an inspiration to one and all!

Or

Vaibhavi was my childhood friend. Though we were studying in different schools, all our time after school was spent together. One day, Vaibhavi looked sad. I asked her the reason and she disclosed that one of her school friends was throwing a lavish birthday party in a hotel and she too was invited but the problem was that her parents wouldn’t allow her. They were from a conservative background and sending their daughter to parties was unthinkable for them. I offered to talk to them and both of us went to convince uncle and aunty.

During the course of conversation, it transpired that they were not opposed to her attending the bash but were more concerned about her safety which both of us felt was a valid concern. I assured them that she would be in safe hands. I tried to make them understand that going out, interacting with people gives exposure, helps build confidence in a person which Vaibhavi lacked as she had always remained confined within the four walls of the house. They pondered over what I had said, agreed that it made sense and relented. Vaibhavi was over the moon! But Uncle cautioned her and advised her on what is right and what is wrong and she promised that she would never let them down!

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: 1×3=3

Recently heavy rains lashed Chennai city throwing normal life out of gear. The city (a) severe waterlogging and people wading through knee-deep water. Many volunteers in their respective areas (b) out the relief activities. In Annai Satya Nagar food packets (c) distributed to the victims.

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|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| (a) (i) seen | (ii) saw | (iii) see | (iv) sees |
| (b) (i) carry | (ii) carrying | (iii) carried | (iv) had carried |
| (c) (i) were | (ii) was | (iii) did | (iv) have |

Ans. (a) (ii) saw (b) (iii) carried (c) (i) were

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases to form meaningful sentences: 1×3=3

One example is given below:

is / soul of / a / culture / of the / expression / nation.

Culture is expression of the soul of a nation.

- (a) nation / is the / of any / culture / key element.
- (b) nation / cultural / every / has its own / identity.
- (c) of a / spirituality / soul / nation / is / the.

Ans. (a) Culture is the key element of any nation.
 (b) Every nation has its own cultural identity.
 (c) Spirituality is the soul of a nation.

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

3. Increase in the number of private vehicles coupled with lack of civic sense has led to several road accidents in your city. Write a letter in 100–120 words to the Editor of a local daily urging people to use public transport and to have patience while driving. You are Ram/Rama, 4 Raja Road, Karnal. **5**

Or

According to a recent survey, school students are the worst victims of malnutrition. This leads to poor performance in their studies. Write an article in 100–120 words for your school magazine appealing to students to avoid junk food as far as possible and adhere to a healthy diet of fruits and green vegetables. You are Vaibhavi / Vaibhav of New Delhi.

Ans. 4, Raja Road
Karnal XXXXXX
25 July 20XX
The Editor
Karnal City Times
Karnal XXXXXX

Dear Sir

Subject: Road Accidents

Through the esteemed columns of your newspaper, I want to draw attention to the increasing road accidents every day resulting in tragic loss of life and property. Poor innocent people are exposed to the mercy of rash and careless drivers. The number of vehicles has increased and people exhibit scant respect for traffic rules and take pride in flouting them.

This is to request people to use public transport, do car-pooling, follow rules and have patience while driving as nothing is more precious than a human life. There has been a disturbing increase in road accident figures which we all should be ashamed of.

Yours faithfully

Rama

Or

Be Healthy—Avoid Junk Food

By Vaibhav

A recent survey has shown that school students are the worst victims of malnutrition which makes them sluggish, lazy, weak and unenthusiastic. They fair badly in studies too. “You are what you eat” is a common saying. Today’s children have taken to eating junk food, which owing to its low nutritive value, makes them obese, prone to allergies and infections. They feel satisfied as it suits their taste buds and is filling but its an unhealthy option as it contains high refined sugars, saturated fats, artificial sweeteners resulting in various types of diseases. On the other hand, healthy foods like green vegetables, fruits, nuts, pulses, cereals, etc. have a plethora of nutrients which make your body and mind healthy, strengthen your immune system and make you disease free.

4. Write a story in 150–200 word based on the outline given below:

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A sixty–two year old woman travelling in daytime by a public transport bus a man in his 20's comes and sits offers sweets to her woman faints man takes away her gold bangles and chain and disappears police searches

Or

7 year old Sunil alone at home rich locality three men suspicious looking boy, afraid rang up 100 15 minutes police came robbers arrested notorious Sunil rewarded famous at school.

Ans. It was one of those usual busy daylight hours and the traffic was crawling on the road. There was this overcrowded bus which had women, men and children, some chatting, some quiet and some busy reading. A sixty-two year old woman was sitting quietly when the passenger next to her vacated his seat that was promptly taken up by a young man in his twenties. He got friendly with the lady and a little while later, offered her sweets. She thanked and ate one piece but soon after started feeling giddy and fainted. The young man pretending as if trying to help took away her chain and bangles unnoticed by other people who were still trying to figure out what had happened. Taking advantage of the gathering crowd, the young man quickly slipped away. The bus had halted and the lady on regaining her consciousness had realised that she had been robbed of her jewellery. Police was called and description of the young man was given. The police was swift and acted quickly and in no time, the culprit was caught. The lady and the other passengers were asked to identify and he was taken away by the police and after due verification, jewellery of the lady was returned to her.

Or

It was a rich locality where seven-year old Sunil was living with his parents. Theirs was a very happy and a loving family. Both parents being working, they had to stay up late in the office one day, they were worried about Sunil and suggested that he should spend the evening with the neighbours till they returned. He refused saying that he wanted to stay at home and would take all safety measures. At first reluctant, the parents finally agreed thinking that it might help the child develop confidence and courage.

Sunil was happy and watched TV for a little while and then moved towards the window to have an outside view of the park. Suddenly, his eyes fell upon three men and there was something suspicious about them as they were surveying the area. Sunil also noticed a revolver peeping out from one of the pockets of one man. Afraid and nervous but still not out of his wits, he dialled the police number and informed them. Within fifteen minutes, the police arrived and cordoned off the area and in no time the three men were apprehended. It later transpired that they were notorious robbers who the police had been looking for a long time. Sunil was happy and his parents felt proud of him. He was appreciated and rewarded by the police for his presence of mind and courage in a ceremony held at his school which also made him a famous boy.

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow:

1×3=3

Most Indian schools fail to ensure their students adequate playtime and fitness regime. Two out of every five school going children (a) have a healthy body mass index (BMI) and 50% of children (b) adequate lower body strength. Some schools (c) found to offer three or more physical education periods per week.

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| (a) (i) does | (ii) does not | (iii) don't | (iv) do |
| (b) (i) lack | (ii) lacked | (iii) have lacked | (iv) had lacked |
| (c) (i) was | (ii) are | (iii) is | (iv) have |

Ans. (a) (iii) don't (b) (i) lack (c) (ii) are

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences:

1×3=3

One has been done for you as an example.

provides / to the homeless / the government / night shelters

The government provides night shelters to the homeless.

(a) are / more than / there / in your / two thousand / homeless / living / town

(b) only / five / night / but / shelters / four to / are / available

(c) great / have / hope / the homeless / from / government / the

Ans. (a) There are more than two thousand homeless living in your town.

(b) But only four to five night shelters are available.

(c) The homeless have great hope from the government.

Examination Paper 2016

Foreign–Set I, II, III

Time Allowed: 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions:

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A: Reading

20 marks

Section B: Writing and Grammar

25 marks

Section C: Literature/Textbooks and Long Reading Text

25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory.

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question.

Set I

Section A Reading

20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow:

1×8=8

If you are addicted to coffee, and doctors warn you to quit the habit, don't worry and just keep relishing the beverage, because it's not that bad after all! In fact, according to a new study, the steaming cup of Java can beat fruits and vegetables as the primary source of antioxidants. Some studies state that coffee is the number one source of antioxidants in American diet, and both caffeinated and decaf versions appear to provide similar antioxidant levels.

Antioxidants in general have been linked to a number of potential health benefits, including protection against heart diseases and cancer, but Vinson, a dietitian, said that their benefits ultimately depend on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body. The research says that coffee outranks popular antioxidant sources like tea, milk, chocolate and cranberries. Of all the foods and beverages studied, dates actually have the most antioxidants based solely on serving size, but since dates are not consumed anywhere near the level of coffee, the drink comes as the top source of antioxidants, Vinson said.

Besides keeping you alert and awake, coffee has been linked to an increasing number of potential health benefits, including protection against liver and colon cancer, type 2 diabetes, and Parkinson's disease, according to some recently published studies.

The researchers, however, advise that one should consume coffee in moderation, because it can make you jittery and cause stomach pains.

- (a) What do doctors advise us about the habit of drinking coffee?
- (b) What are the two versions of coffee that are drunk in America?
- (c) State any two benefits of antioxidants.
- (d) What does Vinson say about the consumption of antioxidants?
- (e) Name any two popular sources of antioxidants.
- (f) How does coffee outrank dates in the level of antioxidants?
- (g) Mention any two benefits of coffee.
- (h) What do researchers warn us about the excessive use of coffee?

- Ans.**
- (a) Doctors advise us to quit drinking coffee as it is bad for our health.
 - (b) The two versions of coffee that are drunk in America are caffeinated and decaf.
 - (c) Antioxidants in general have potential health benefits, including protection against heart disease and cancer.
 - (d) Vinson says that the consumption of antioxidants ultimately depends solely on how they are absorbed and utilized in the body.
 - (e) Among others, chocolates and cranberries are two popular sources of antioxidants.
 - (f) A study of all the foods and beverages shows that dates have the most antioxidants depending on its serving size but since the consumption of dates is nowhere near the level of coffee, the beverage ranks as the top source of antioxidants.
 - (g) As per some recently published studies, coffee protects against liver and colon cancer and Parkinson's disease.
 - (h) Researchers warn that however beneficial the coffee may be it should be consumed in moderation as it can make one jittery and cause stomach pains.

2. Read the following passage carefully:

12

Gandhiji As a Fund-raiser

Gandhiji was an incurable and irresistible fund-raiser. He found special relish in getting jewellery from women. Ranibala of Burdwan was ten years old. One day she was playing with Gandhiji. He explained to her that her bangles were too heavy for her delicate little wrists. She removed the bangles and gave them away to Gandhiji.

He used to talk jokingly to small girls and created distaste for ornaments and created a desire in them to part with the jewellery for the sake of the poor. He motivated them to donate their jewellery for social usage.

Kasturbai didn't appreciate this habit of Gandhiji. Once she stated calmly, 'You don't wear jewels, it is easy for you to get around the boys. But what about our daughters-in-law? They would surely want them.

"Well!" Gandhiji put in mildly, "our children are young and when they grow up they will not surely choose wives who are fond of wearing jewellery." Kasturbai was very upset with the answer.

Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise community fund. He was of the opinion that a public worker should accept no costly gifts. He believed that he should not own anything costly, whether given or earned. Kasturbai was a female with a desire to adorn. But Gandhiji moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of South African Indians.

2.1 Answer the questions given below:

2×4=8

- (a) How did Gandhiji create a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala?
- (b) What was Kasturbai's apprehension about their daughters-in-law?
- (c) What solution did Gandhiji suggest for the problem posed by Kasturbai?
- (d) How did Gandhiji serve the community?

2.2 Find meanings of the words given below from the options that follow:

1×4=4

- (e) incurable (para 1)
 - (i) unreliable
 - (ii) untreatable
 - (iii) disagreeable
 - (iv) unbeatable
- (f) motivated (para 2)
 - (i) encouraged
 - (ii) emboldened
 - (iii) incited
 - (iv) softened

- (g) upset (para 4)
 (i) puzzled (ii) furious (iii) confused (iv) distressed
- (h) renunciation (para 5)
 (i) giving up (ii) disagreement (iii) opposition (iv) termination

- Ans. 2.1** (a) Gandhiji created a distaste for jewellery in Ranibala by telling her that the bangles she was wearing were too heavy for her wrists. This statement of Gandhiji made her remove her bangles which she promptly handed over to him.
- (b) Kasturbai's apprehension was that for Gandhiji, it was easy to get around boys as they didn't wear any jewellery but how would he convince their daughters-in-law who would surely like to wear jewellery.
- (c) Gandhiji suggested that their children were young and when they would grow up, he was sure that they would not choose wives who were fond of wearing jewellery.
- (d) Gandhiji was determined to keep the jewels to raise the community funds. He moved towards renunciation and donated every penny earned in South Africa to the trustees for the service of South African Indians.

- 2.2** (e) (ii) untreatable (f) (i) encouraged (g) (iv) distressed (h) (i) giving up

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

- 3. Write an article on the benefits of exercising and walking to school. You are Ram/Rama. (100–120 words)** 5

Or

Write a letter to the editor of a local daily, giving your views about rising cases of obesity among young children. You are Lavanya/Lavesh living at 20, Shanti Enclave, Delhi. (100–120 words)

Ans.

Benefits of Exercising and Walking

by Ram

The benefits of exercising and walking are hard to ignore. Physical exercise in any form is good for health and fights against diseases. Hippocrates stated, 'Walking is man's best medicine.' The benefits of walking are manifold. It's a great way to maintain your overall health and nothing is more beneficial for students to walk to school if they are staying within a radius of three to four kilometers from school. Regular exercising and walking give increased relaxation, strong immune system, better sleep, mood and blood circulation. It reduces stress and also strengthens bones. In today's highly competitive world when every one is running against time, it is imperative that one takes time out for regular exercising and walking to stay physically and mentally fit and healthy.

Or

20, Shanti Enclave

Delhi 1100XX

26 July 20XX

The Editor

Delhi City Times

Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Rising Cases of Obesity Among Young Children

Through the esteemed column of your newspaper I would like to express my concern about how cases of obesity are on the rise among our young generation today. The problem is alarming and needs to be addressed on a war footing. Apart from the hereditary factors, the unhealthy food habits, lack of physical exercise, higher stress levels and modern technology are some of the major contributory factors to this disease. We all know that obesity leads to multiple health risk factors like type 2 diabetes and heart diseases.

The youth are the future hope of any nation and the health service sector needs to look into this seriously. More and more awareness should be spread in schools and colleges to make the youth more disciplined and make lifestyle changes for a healthier, fitter and longer life.

Yours faithfully

Lavesh

4. Write a story in 150–200 words based on the given clues. 10

A little girl was walking down the street. She saw a poor old man shivering on the pavement. She

Or

An injured horse was lying on the road in a pool of blood. People surrounded it and one out of the crowd...

Ans. It was a cold wintry evening. Maria, a little eight-year old girl, was walking down the street after having to stay back in her school for a drama competition. As she was merrily walking on the pavement, suddenly her eyes fell upon an old shivering man. He was pale, holding his stomach. He was in great pain and uttering something inaudible. Maria's immediate reaction was to run away from the site but something stopped her. She remembered her grandfather's advice, 'Always reach out to the poor, old and the helpless.'

Though small, but she was a very smart and a sensible girl. It was getting dark. Without wasting any time, she rushed to the nearby shop and informed the owner about the old man. The shop owner called for an ambulance before reaching the spot. When he, along with others, reached there, he was horrified to see that the old man was none other than his father! It had so happened that his father had gone for his usual evening walk and had suffered a severe attack of gastroenteritis. It was a case of food poisoning! Soon the ambulance arrived and timely hospitalization saved the old man's life. Later, everyone, including the old man, thanked Maria profusely and praised her for her quick thinking and help.

Or

It was a much-awaited holiday and people were enjoying themselves outside the Central Park. Rajan along with his friends had also gone for an outing there. On his return, he saw a crowd gathered near the road and joined in to see what had happened. To his horror, he saw an injured horse lying on the road in a pool of blood. People surrounded it but nothing was being done to save him. It was a case of animal abuse as the horse had injury marks and his one leg seemed broken. Rajan remembered the plight of 'Shaktiman Horse' who had met with a similar fate. Shaktiman could not be saved despite the medical support from the United States. Rajan, an animal lover to the core, decided not to let this brown-coloured, handsome horse meet the similar fate. He came out of the crowd and appealed to people for help. Many came forward and the horse was taken to an animal hospital where his wounds were treated. Fortunately, his leg was saved as it had only minor wounds. Rajan and other animal lovers. A lot of financial support poured in from animal lovers followed the treatment. The horse became popular as Brownie. His wounds healed up in three months. Rajan also became an inspiration for the youth.

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: 1×3=3

(a) _____ agricultural scientists have begun to realise that chemical pesticides are not necessary. The tragedy is (b) _____ this recognition has come much late. Pesticides have already (c) _____ our lands.

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|------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| (a) (i) Few | (ii) Any | (iii) Many | (iv) The few |
| (b) (i) that | (ii) this | (iii) these | (iv) those |
| (c) (i) poisoned | (ii) poisoning | (iii) poisons | (iv) poison |

Ans. (a) (iii) Many (b) (i) that (c) (i) poisoned

6. In the following paragraph one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word before and the word after against the correct blank number. 1×4=4

	Word before	Missing word	Word after
After facing pressure cooker atmosphere the	(a) _____	_____	_____
previous three years in school score	(b) _____	_____	_____
high marks, many students seem unwind	(c) _____	_____	_____
and relax once they get a professional	(d) _____	_____	_____

college.

Ans. (a) atmosphere in the
 (b) school to score
 (c) seem to unwind
 (d) get into a

7. Look at the words and phrases given below. Rearrange them to form meaningful sentences as given in the example. 1×3=3

Example: in / sports / requirements / dedication / interest / are / and / two
 Dedication and interest are two requirements in sports.

- (a) as / some / sports / people / easy / very / consider
 (b) is / the / require / hard work / truth / rigorous / that they
 (c) also / is / an / training / sports / essential / part of

Ans. (a) People consider some sports as very easy.
 (b) The truth is that they require rigorous hard work.
 (c) Training is also an essential part of sports.

Section C Literature: Textbooks and Long Reading Text

25 Marks

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: 1×3=3

“I returned another to you exactly like it. And it has taken us ten years to pay for it. You can understand that it was not easy for us who have nothing.”

- (a) Who is ‘I’?
 (b) Why did it take them ten years to pay for ‘it’?
 (c) Write the antonym of ‘nothing’.

Or

There's nothing to argue about. You see my aunt's grandmother gave the free use of these Meadows in perpetuity to the peasants of your father's grandfather, in return for which they were to make bricks for her.

- (a) Who is speaking to whom?
- (b) Who gave the meadows and why?
- (c) Give the meaning of the word, 'perpetuity'.

- Ans.**
- (a) 'I' here is Mme Matilda Loisel.
 - (b) Both Mr. Loisels and Mrs. Matilda Loisels borrowed money from moneylenders in order to buy the new necklace, which they returned to Mme Forestier. They had to work day and night for ten years to pay back the loan.
 - (c) The antonym of 'nothing' is 'something'.

Or

- (a) Lomov was speaking to Natalya Stepanovna.
- (b) Lomov's aunt's grandfather gave the free use of Oxen Meadows in perpetuity to the peasants of Natalya's father's grandfather in order to make bricks for his aunt's grandmother.
- (c) 'Perpetuity' means 'for all time in the future'.

9. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each:

2×4=8

- (a) How can a baker be recognized?
- (b) How did Valli save money for her first bus journey?
- (c) What lesson did Ebright learn when he could not win a prize at the science fair?
- (d) Why was the lawyer not happy with his job?

- Ans.**
- (a) A baker can be recognised by the way he dresses. The baker or bread-seller of those days had a peculiar dress known as the 'Kabai'. It was a single-piece long frock reaching down to the knees. He has plump physique. The jingling thud of his bamboo woke up everybody.
 - (b) Valli saved money for her first bus journey in many ways. She saved all the stray coins that would come her way by resisting her natural temptation to buy peppermints, toys, balloons, and the like. She did not go to the village fair and resolutely stifled the desire to ride the merry-go-round.
 - (c) When Ebright was in the seventh grade, he entered a country science fair competition, but could not win a prize. A sad Ebright found that the winners had tried to do real experiments unlike him. He had simply displayed slides of frog tissues.
 - (d) The lawyer was not happy with his job because as a junior assistant clerk in a law firm, his job was not to prepare legal briefs, he had to serve summons on to criminals, like a detective. He had to go to dirty and shadowy corners of the city to seek out victims. He was even beaten up by some of them.

10. Answer the following question in 80–100 words:

4

Bholi was believed to be a ‘dumb cow’. What turned her into a fearless, bold and confident girl?

Or

Arguments and disputes seldom solve a problem. Describe the dispute between Natalya and Lomov over the dogs and their superiority.

Ans. Initially Bholi was a typical timid and simple girl. Due to a brain injury; she stammered. She got disfigured due to smallpox. She remained a backward child, and was treated as a ‘dumb cow’.

It was her school teacher who provided Bholi with the much needed support and encouragement which she could not get from her parents. She expressed her faith in Bholi, thus, making her a confident, bold, fearless, self-respecting and independent girl who dared to rebel against the social evils like dowry. With her teacher’s timely help and encouragement, Bholi transformed from a dumb girl into a fearless, bold and confident girl.

Or

It is true that arguments and disputes seldom solve any problem. Both Natalya and Lomov indulge in arguments over petty issues but never find solution.

The ‘dog episode’ in the one-act play ‘The Proposal’ proves it. It is an important debatable issue regarding the superiority of Natalya’s dog ‘Squeezer’ over Lomov’s dog ‘Guess’. Both Natalya and Lomov quarrelled about their dogs as to who was better of the two.

Natalya says squeezer is young and is better than Guess, the old dog. Lomov retaliates, and says that Guess may be old, but she would not take five squeezers for him. He further says that Guess is more costly than Squeezer. It is too funny to argue with Natalya. Both of them were extremely excited. Their arguments were non-stop. None could establish the superiority of their dogs. They kept on battling over the superiority of their dogs. Even Chubukov, Natalya’s father could not settle the dispute and said everybody is jealous of everybody else’s dogs. It proves that arguments and disputes seldom solve a problem.

11. Answer the following question in 150–200 words:

10

(a) Describe the Wright-Humason School.

Or

(b) Who was Mr. Anagnos? Why did his relations with Helen get disturbed?

Or

(c) What could be the reasons for intimacy between Anne and Peter?

Or

(d) How does Anne’s diary inspire the readers?

Ans. (a) Wright-Humason School is a renowned school for the Deaf and dumb in the New York city. In the summer of 1894, Helen attended the meeting at Chautauqua of the American Association to promote the teaching of speech to the deaf. So it was decided that Helen Keller would study in that school. Helen went with her teacher Miss Sullivan. The school had the special facility to give training both in vocal culture and lip-reading. In the school, Helen studied vocal culture, lip-reading, arithmetic, physical geography, French and German.

Helen's progress in lip-reading and speech was not as good as expected and disappointed her. Although this disappointment caused her great depression, she pursued other studies in the school with unflagging interest. The dedicated teachers at the Wright-Humason School made the two-year stay in the school enjoyable for Helen.

Or

- (b) Mr. Anagnos was the director of the Perkins Institution. He sent Anne Sullivan to Keller's home. Sullivan came to teach her on March 3, 1887. Helen was then about seven years old. Anagnos and Helen became friends and he had her sit on his knee when she visited the Institution when Helen wrote 'The Frost King'. She sent it to him for his birthday. Anagnos was delighted with the story.

Later Mr. Anagnos was made to believe that Helen had intentionally plagiarized the story and it was similar to what was in Miss Canby's 'The Frost Fairies'. He thought that he had been deceived. After her book the "The Story of My Life" was published, Mr. Anagnos made a statement that he believed in her innocence.

Mr. Anagnos's relations with Helen got disturbed when he felt that Miss Sullivan and Helen had conspired to copy the story of Miss Margaret T. Canby, deliberately to impress him. Helen's "The Frost King" and Canby's 'Birdie and His Friend' were quite similar in thought and language, this made Helen's story plagiarized and raised suspicions in Anagnos' mind.

Or

- (c) **Reasons for intimacy between Anne and Peter**

Anne says that she feels happy when she sees Peter. She writes that Peter is a very handsome boy, a teenager like her who also feels alienated from his parents. Anne admits that her feelings for Peter are pretty near to being in love. She also does not like being criticised. She feels the lack of companions of her age. Peter is drawing close to Anne. He is lonely and confident. Like Peter, Anne also needs affection. He greatly admires Anne's father which wins Anne's heart. One Saturday, Anne, her father and Peter sat together and studied English. Anne enjoyed it greatly. However, the love Anne felt for Peter liberated her from the horrors and deprivation of war. Although Anne and Peter were emotionally intimate than ever, she admitted that she could never marry him as he did not have enough character.

Or

- (d) Anne's diary is a remarkable classic that has inspired the readers in the world. It is one of the most heart-felt, real accounts of a person who went through atrocities under the Nazi regime. It is amazing how a girl, who died before she was not even sixteen, could write such a wonderful account of horrors of war. Her diary speaks volumes for her courage and indomitable spirit which was not crushed and retained its purity. Anne comes out as a deep thinker, a keen observer, with a sharp sense of humour. Above all, her literary skill won her worldwide praise.

Anne's diary is a monument to her fighting spirit. Her love of life is what makes the diary interesting. It inspires people to work for peace, makes them aware of war, its greatest evil—the degradation of human spirit.

Set II Uncommon Questions to Set I

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

3. There has been a spate of chain and mobile snatching incidents in your locality. Masked youths come on motorbikes, commit the crime and run away without being caught or traced causing a lot of insecurity and fear among the residents. Write a letter in 100–120 words to the Editor of a local newspaper drawing attention of the authorities concerned to the problem. You are Shweta Kapoor, Secretary RWA Anand Niketan, Agra. 5

Or

Write an article in 100–120 words on ‘Damages caused by Deforestation’. You are Ram/Rani.

Ans. Anand Niketan
Agra 20XXXX

27 July 20XX

The Editor
Agra Times
Agra 20XXXX

Dear Sir

Subject: Criminal activities by bikers

Through the esteemed column of your daily, I wish to draw the attention of the police department to the increase in the mobile and chain snatching incidents in our locality which has created a lot of fear and insecurity among the people. Masked young bikers strike at noon or in the night. They indulge in chain snatching and robbing the lone walkers. Most of their targets are women and old men. Serious concerns are being raised by people as the culprits are neither being caught nor traced and fresh cases of thefts are coming up every day.

The police should take urgent steps to nab the culprits. Patrolling needs to be intensified and the suspects should be interrogated thoroughly. Only then will the people be able to sleep peacefully in their homes.

Yours faithfully

Shweta Kapoor
(Secretary, RWA)

Or

Damage by Deforestation

by Rani

Deforestation is the permanent damage to forests to make land available for other uses but it leads to several imbalances, ecologically and environmentally. Over the last century, the forest cover around the globe has been greatly compromised. Forests currently cover about 30 per cent of the world’s land mass. If deforestation continues at the current pace, it is bound to have alarming effects. Some predictions state that the rainforests of the world will be completely destroyed if deforestation continues at the current pace.

Prince Charles has said, “Forests are the world’s air-conditioning system—the lungs of the planet—and we are on the verge of switching it off.”

The solution to deforestation is by imposing strict rules and laws to stop felling of trees, tree cutting to be banned and planting more trees in place of the cut trees.

4. Complete the following story in 150–200 words:

10

It was a cold night and Ajay went out with his 10-year-old son for a stroll. He looked at a shivering old lady sitting under a bus shelter. He

Or

A poor lady at a traffic red light had a doctor's prescription. She wanted

Ans. It was a cold night and Ajay's ten-year-old son had been insisting on going out for a stroll. Ajay looked out of the window at the bleak weather and then decided to get his son adequately covered up and go ahead. Strong chill in the air did not discourage them from continuing their walk but it got interrupted for a different reason.

Ajay saw a shivering old lady sitting under a bus shelter. She seemed to be on the verge of collapsing. He rushed to help her and called his son to hold her from one side. She looked frail and emaciated. Ajay was about to call the ambulance when he heard the word 'Cut'. Looking up in the direction of the sound, he was pleasantly surprised to see a whole bunch of cinema crew with cameras, lights and other equipment coming towards them and the old lady laughing. She removed her wig and the make-up quickly and shook hands with Ajay and his son with a naughty smile saying, "My acting must have been very convincing and realistic to have fooled you into helping me!" Ajay couldn't believe his eyes as he was standing face to face with the famous Bollywood actress of his dreams! Everybody thanked Ajay smilingly who then took leave of them and on his way back told his son winking that they should go for such strolls more often! Pat came the son's reply, "Dad, every day is not Sunday!"

Or

It was a warm winter afternoon and I decided to go for a ride with my family to nearby expressway. We stopped at a red light after a good one-hour drive.

My mother pointed towards a poor lady with some paper in her hand which she was trying to show to all passers-by. Our conscience did not allow us to move any further, so I pulled over and called the lady. She came running towards us and pleaded for help. She narrated how she along with her husband had met with an accident while coming to the city hospital for her husband's treatment. She escaped unhurt but her husband was battling with his life and she had no money to buy costly medicines as she had lost her valuables too in the accident. She also requested us not to give her any money but help her buy medicines given in the prescription. We decided to help and take her to the hospital as well, as everything about her seemed very genuine. We made frequent trips to the hospital till her husband was out of danger. They were grateful to us for the timely help and we were grateful to God for having given us an opportunity to save a life!

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow:

1×3 = 3

You play to win but a good sportsperson knows that defeat may also come along once in a while. There are times when others (a) do better than you do. What you look to do is to maximize your chances of success. And (b) only way you (c) do that is by being yourself.

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| (a) (i) are | (ii) is | (iii) will | (iv) have |
| (b) (i) a | (ii) an | (iii) the | (iv) some |
| (c) (i) are | (ii) were | (iii) have | (iv) can |

Ans. (a) (iii) will (b) (iii) the (c) (iv) can

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences.

1×3 = 3

One example is given below:

population / ruling / young / in India / the / will be / corporations / soon

Soon young population will be ruling the corporations in India.

(a) has / largest / population / India / the / of the young

(b) over / countries / in this way / an edge / other / India has / developing

(c) can / creativity / only / source of / the youth / be a

Ans. (a) India has the largest population of the young.

(b) In this way, India has an edge over other developing countries.

Or

India has an edge over other developing countries in this way.

(c) Only the youth can be a source of creativity.

Set III Uncommon Questions to Set I & II

Section B Writing and Grammar

25 Marks

3. Your school won an award for maintaining cleanliness in and around your school. The whole school worked towards it with dedication. Write a letter in 100–120 words to the Editor of a newspaper mentioning the steps that your school took to create awareness of cleanliness. You are School Captain, Shan Sharma, Government Senior Secondary School, New Delhi. 5

Or

When people see a road victim, they just walk away without helping him. This is unbecoming of a responsible citizen. Write an article in 100–120 words on 'Helping Road Victims'. You are Ram/Rama.

Ans. Government Senior Secondary School

New Delhi 1100XX

28 July 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi 1100XX

Dear Sir

Subject: Creating Awareness about Cleanliness

Through the esteemed column of your newspaper, I wish to share my views on how our school won an award recently for maintaining cleanliness in and around our school. We are the proud recipient of the award only because the whole school has pledged to always keep the surroundings clean and has dedicated itself to it.

I would also like to share how we could achieve this. All the display boards have the dos and don'ts instructions in bold letters. Offenders, if any, are fined and these very penalties act as deterrents. Dustbins are at every nook and corner. Two periods are allocated every week for the weekly cleanliness by

the class and personal hygiene is monitored every day. The cleanest class is rewarded every week. I would like to end by emphasizing that cleanliness should become a way of life for all.

Yours faithfully
Shan Sharma
(School Captain)

Or

Helping Road Victims

By Rama

Lakhs of people have died on the roads and each year the ugly statistics keep increasing. While there are many reasons for the accidents and deaths, a large number of deaths can be attributed to the fact that the road victims do not receive timely help or first-aid and were left lying on the road in critical condition.

The reasons for people not coming forward to help is that they are scared of police and legal proceedings. But now the new guidelines by the Supreme Court are all for the protection of the good samaritans. So the road accident victims can be rendered timely help because the crucial time between the accident and getting the victim medical attention can often be the difference between life and death. Let us all become responsible citizens and save lives as today if it was someone else, tomorrow it could be one of us!

4. Complete the story given below by using the clues provided. 10

The cash van guard got down for two minutes to attend to the call of nature. The driver

Or

Late for examination—very tense—taxi driver drove fast—reached 35 minutes late—the invigilator

Ans. It was one of those busy working days in the bank. The branch manager called the strong room guard and gave him instructions to transfer the cash to the main headquarters. It was nothing new and this practice was followed at the end of every day by the cash van guard who would carry the huge amount of cash and deposit that in the treasury of the RBI bank.

The van left on time and was navigating its way through the crowd when the guard felt the need to answer the call of nature. He asked the driver to pull over to a side and wait for him till he returned. To the guard's utter shock, upon his return, he found both the driver and the van missing! Not the one to lose time, he immediately informed the branch manager, called the police and gave the details of the van number, description of the driver and also informed the RBI authorities. Police acted swiftly flashing the details at all crossings and within no time the driver was caught as he hadn't gone too far. The money was intact and the van guard was praised for his quick action and presence of mind.

Or

I was a late riser, a habit my parents always disliked in me and often tried to discipline me to value time. But I learned it the hard way and had to pay a heavy price for not paying heed to my parents' advice. I was preparing for my XII boards and my English paper was on the very first day of March. I set the alarm accordingly after the last revision late at night, and went and assured my parents of my early rise. The following morning the alarm went off, I turned over and stopped the snooze. I woke up to the rapping on the door and jumped out of the bed to see my visibly upset parents standing. Time left for my first board paper to start was only half an hour: the time I should have been inside the examination room!

All disheveled, tense and nervous, I took a taxi and my father accompanied me to the examination centre. I was late by thirty-five minutes and the invigilator refused to let me in as board rule allows only thirty-minutes late coming. I was devastated: pleaded with the invigilator. My father requested the principal of the school and finally I was allowed after a waste of about forty-five minutes. The result of the paper is anybody's guess. Today, I respect my parents more, value time and am better disciplined.

5. Complete the paragraph given below with the help of options that follow: 1×3=3

Every employee needs to consider himself/herself as part of a team for a business to function smoothly. If one (a)—to become a team player one needs to give the credit (b)—their team the highest priority. Learn to give credit instead of taking (c)—.

(a) (i) had wanted (ii) want (iii) wanted (iv) wants

(b) (i) for (ii) on (iii) of (iv) to

(c) (i) this (ii) it (iii) that (iv) these

Ans. (a) (iv) wants (b) (iv) to (c) (ii) it

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences: 1×3=3

One has been done as an example for you.

Assam / great / flows / the / through / Brahmaputra

The great Brahmaputra flows through Assam.

(a) this state / very rich / flora and / in / is / fauna

(b) thick / and / it has / forests / big rivers / blue hills

(c) is / home to / wild / it / many / animals

Ans. (a) This state is very rich in flora and fauna.

(b) It has big rivers, blue hills and thick forests.

(c) It is home to many wild animals.

Latest Examination Paper, 2015

[Delhi Set I, II, III]

Time Allowed: 3 hours]

[Maximum Marks: 70

General Instructions —

(i) The question paper is divided into three sections:

Section A : Reading

20 marks

Section B : Writing and Grammar

25 marks

Section C : Literature/Text books and Long Reading Texts

25 marks

(ii) All questions are compulsory

(iii) Marks are indicated against each question

Set I

SECTION – A [READING]

20 Marks

1. Read the passage given below.

(8 Marks)

Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the central Himalayas. It is an unusually attractive little town. It covers just about 5.2 sq. km. It lies to the north of Almora in Uttarakhand's picturesque Kumaon region.

Kausani provides a 300-km wide breathtaking view of the Himalayas. It is the most striking aspect of this place. Snow-capped peaks are spread in a stately row. They stare at you in silvery white majesty. The most famous peak on view is Nanda Devi, the second highest mountain in India. It is situated at a height of 25,645 feet and 36 miles away as the crow flies. The other famous peaks on view are Choukhamba (23,420 feet) and Trishul (23,360 feet). Then there are also Nilkanth, Nandaghunti, Nandaghat and Nandakot. On a clear day, the blue of the sky makes a splendid background to these peaks. At sunrise and at sunset, when the colour of the sky changes to a golden orange, the scene gets etched in your memory.

When Gandhiji visited this place in 1929, its scenic beauty held him spellbound. He named it the 'Switzerland of India'. He prolonged his two-day stay to fourteen days, making time to write a book, 'Anashakti Yoga'. The place where he was staying was originally a guest house of a tea estate. It was renamed 'Anashakti Ashram' after he book.

Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant, India's poet laureate. Its natural surroundings inspired many of his poems. Its tea gardens mingle with dense pine forests and fruit orchards. The area is also host to many fairs and religious ceremonies. If Uttarakhand is the abode of gods, Kausani is God's own backyard. There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. If serenity could be put on a canvas, the picture would resemble Kausani.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions.

- (a) Where is Kausani situated? (1)
- (b) What is the most striking aspect of Kausani? (1)
- (c) Which is the most famous peak on view from Kausani? (1)
- (d) How did Kausani influence Sumitranandan Pant? (1)
- (e) When does the view of peaks become so memorable? (1)
- (f) How can we say that Gandhiji was greatly charmed by the natural beauty of Kausani? (1)
- (g) What makes Kausani a calm and quiet place? (1)
- (h) Why is Kausani's guest house of the tea estate known as 'Anashakti Ashram'? (1)

- Ans.** (a) Kausani is situated at a height of 6,075 feet in the central Himalayas, It lies to the north of Almora in Kumaon region.
- (b) The most striking aspect of Kausani is its snow-capped peaks.
- (c) The most famous peak on view from Kausani is Nanda Devi.
- (d) Kausani is the birthplace of Sumitranandan Pant. Its natural surroundings inspired many of his poems.
- (e) At sunrise and sunset, the colour of the sky changes to a golden orange. It is the time when the view of peaks get etched in our memory.
- (f) Gandhiji was so greatly charmed by the natural beauty of Kausani that he He prolonged his two-day stay in the town to fourteen days. He called it the Switzerland of India. He wrote a book during his stay here.
- (g) There is no traffic, no one is in a hurry. It makes it a calm and quiet place.
- (h) During his stay in Kausani's guest house, Gandhiji wrote a book 'Anashakti yoga'. This guest house, a tea estate, was renamed, Anashakti Ashram after the book.

2. Read the passage given below.

(12 Marks)

- I rested for a moment at the door of Anand Bhawan, on Market Road, where coffee-drinkers and tiffin-eaters sat still at their tables, uttering low moans on seeing me. I wanted to assure them, "Don't mind me, you hugging the cash box — you are a coward, afraid even to breathe. Go on, count the cash, if that is your pleasure. I just want to watch, that's all. If my tail trails down to the street, if I am blocking your threshold, it is because, I'm told, I'm eleven feet tip to tail. I can't help it. I'm not out to kill — I'm too full. I found a green pasture full of food on my way. I won't attack until I feel, hungry again. Tigers attack only when they feel hungry, unlike human beings who slaughter one another without purpose or hunger."
- To the great delight of children, schools were being hurriedly closed. Children of all ages and sizes were running helter-skelter, screaming joyously, "No school, no school. Tiger, tiger!" They were shouting and laughing and even enjoying being scared. They seemed to welcome me. I felt like joining them. So I bounded away from the restaurant door. I walked along with them, at which they cried, 'The tiger is coming to eat us; let us get back to school!'
- I followed them through their school gate while they ran up and shut themselves in the school hall securely. I climbed up the steps of the school, saw an open door at the far end of a veranda, and walked in. It happened to be the headmaster's room. I noticed a very dignified man jumping on the table and heaving himself up into an attic. I walked in and flung; myself on the cool floor, having a special liking for cool stone floors.
- As I drowsed, I was aware of cautious steps and hushed voices all around. I was in no mood to bother about anything. All I wanted was a little moment of sleep; the daylight was very bright.

On the basis of your reading of the above passage, answer the following questions:

- How did the diners at Anand Bhawan react on seeing the tiger? (2)
- When do tigers attack? In this context, how are human beings different from tigers? (2)
- Why were children happy and even enjoying being scared? (2)
- What was the tiger's opinion about the man at the cash counter? What did the tiger assure him? (2)
- Identify the word which means the same as 'hugging'. (para 1) (1)

(i) counting	(ii) hiding	(iii) rubbing	(iv) holding tightly in the arms
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- Identify the word which means the same as 'delight'. (para 2) (1)

(i) pleasure	(ii) fear	(iii) sorrow	(iv) nervousness
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- Identify the word which means the same as 'dignified'. (para 3) (1)

(i) tall	(ii) honourable	(iii) terrified	(iv) tired
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- Identify the word which means the same as 'heaving up'. (para 3) (1)

(i) hiding	(ii) running away	(iii) climbing	(iv) raising
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- Ans.** (a) On seeing the tiger, the diners were scared and uttered low moans.
(b) Tigers attack only when they are hungry. Human beings attack and slaughter each other without any purpose or hunger.
(c) Children were happy and even enjoying being scared because schools were being closed.
(d) The tiger found the man at the cash counter to be a coward, afraid even to breathe. He was more worried about his cash box. The tiger assured him that he would not kill him as he was already full of food.
(e) (iv) holding tightly in the arms (f) (i) pleasure (g) (ii) honourable (h) (i) hiding

SECTION – B [WRITING AND GRAMMAR]

15 + 10 = 25 Marks

3. The recent increase in crimes against people of the Northeast, especially in the cities, has highlighted the growing problem faced by the community. Fear of violence continues to worry them. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the Editor of *The Times of India* expressing your concern over the recent death of a young student resulting from a racial comment against people from Northeast. Suggest what steps the government should take to solve this problem. You are Aanchal/Aryan, resident of A-12, East of Kailash, New Delhi.

(5 Marks)

Hints : racial comments, attacks — rude behaviour, hurt feelings of our own fellow citizens — disharmony — dents the image of our country — steps to solve this problem.

Or

One of the key messages of the Prime Minister's Independence Day speech was 'Clean India'. The Government has taken an initiative for cleaning the rivers especially 'The Ganges'. The Government has also urged the people of India to realise the dream of 'Clean India'. Write an article in 100–120 words mentioning the measures people can take for a cleaner and greener India.

Ans. A-12 East of Kailash

New Delhi 1100XX

10 August 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

KG Marg

New Delhi 1100XX

Sir

Subject: Increase in crimes against people of the North-East

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to express my concern about the above mentioned problem.

The recent increase in crimes against the people of the north-east, especially in the cities, has highlighted the growing problems faced by the community. Fear of violence continues to haunt them. They face racial comments and rude behaviour at many places. They are not treated as fellow brethren. Recently a student from the North-East lost his life in a racial attack in a private university. These incidents bring a bad name to the country and dents its image. This is the right time to sensitise people to this problem. We should respect and treat with equality all our fellow citizens. People from the North-East who come here for studies or tourism, are an integral part of our country. We should not hurt their feelings. It is also the responsibility of schools and colleges to create such an atmosphere as they mix up with the locals and earn respect.

I hope my views will be given an appropriate space in your newspaper and set the community at large, thinking. The government should take necessary and remedial steps to solve the above said problem.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Anchal

Or

One of the key messages of the Prime Minister's Independence Day speech was 'Clean India'. The government has taken an initiative for cleaning the rivers, especially the Ganges. The government has also urged the people to realise the dream of clean India.

It has been rightly said that cleanliness is next to godliness. India is far behind on the world map of cleanliness. There is an urgent need to improve its image of being a polluted and dirty country. Its rivers are specially under the scanner for being dirty and polluted. The government has taken up the issue on priority basis. The Prime Minister has personally started a movement to clean India.

Now it is the responsibility of each one of us to cooperate with the authorities to realise the dream of clean rivers. We have the biggest responsibility. Rivers are polluted due to our actions. We throw garbage, religious offerings, etc. into these rivers which pollute them. Industries set up on the river bank are also responsible for pollution. We need to take steps to shift them or else use some technique to control pollution. We all together can make a difference. Let us join hands for a cleaner and greener India.

4. Complete the story in 150-200 words which starts like this:

"It was a quiet, cold and dark night like it usually is in winter when all retire to bed early. Suddenly at the dead of night, a shriek jerked the people in the building out of their beds. It was distinctly the voice of..."

(10 Marks)

Or

You have been preparing for the National Talent Search Examination for the last one year and have got a very good rank. Write your story in 150–200 words using the following cues.

humble family background — ambition to be something — scholarship, a means to that — preparation — help from the teachers — use of library — examination — result.

Ans. It was a quiet, cold and dark night like it usually is in winter when all retire to bed early. Suddenly at the dead of night, a shriek jerked the people in the building out of their beds. It was distinctly the voice of the guard. The guard was on his usual patrolling duty. He noticed some unusual movement in one of the corners where some junk was being dumped. It was pitch dark as there was no light in this corner. He took his torch and moved towards the corner. He noticed only two shining eyes. Thinking it to be a cat he came back. But again there was some unusual movement. He came back and pointed his torch in that direction. He got a shock of his life. It was not a small cat but a big leopard. It had entered the premises from the nearby forest to save himself from the chilling cold. It was not in a mood to attack the guard. But the guard was so scared that he gave a shriek. All of us ran towards the spot. Hearing the noise, the leopard also got scared and hid itself in a corner. The guard detailed everything. The wildlife department was informed immediately. A rescue team reached the spot and rescued the leopard which was taken away to be released in its natural habitat. It was really an hair-raising experience for all of us.

Or

I have a dream of becoming a doctor in my life. My parents always support me emotionally and financially. It is easy for them as I study in a government school where education is almost free. But higher and professional education costs too much and a normal family cannot afford it. I had only one hope. It was the scholarship only. I started my preparation for National Talent Search Examination. I knew that it was the only gate for my entry to the field of my choice. I told my teachers about my plans. They all motivated me and offered all possible help. My science teacher gave me books to study. I made a good use of my school library. My

English teacher helped me in his free time. I made a timetable for myself and devoted my time to my studies. Finally the day of examination came and I appeared in it with confidence. I had put in my best in my studies. The examination went off well. And finally the result was in my favour. I got a very good rank. Now I get a handsome amount of scholarship which I have been using for my education.

5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options (1×3=3 Marks)

Today a good (a) varieties of tea and tea brands are available in the market. Green tea is popular (b) China and the Far East. In Japan, the tea ceremony is a traditional way of greeting guests, (c) is a social occasion.

- (a) (i) very (ii) many (iii) much (iv) more
 (b) (i) on (ii) at (iii) in (iv) for
 (c) (i) and (ii) it (iii) both (iv) this

Ans. (a) (ii) many (b) (iii) in (c) (i) and

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

(1×4=4 Marks)

	Error	Correction
Most trees has a single woody stem called	e.g. has	have
a trunk who supports a mass of branches	(a) .....	.....
carrying leaves. Trees clean an air	(b) .....	.....
to removing tiny airborne particles. The	(c) .....	.....
leaves of trees give in oxygen.	(d) .....	.....

Ans.

Error	Correction
(a) who	<u>which</u>
(b) an	<u>the</u>
(c) to	<u>by</u>
(d) in	<u>out</u>

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example. (3 Marks)

beach vacations / was / an attraction / coconut water / long ago / during

Example—Long ago coconut water was an attraction during beach vacations.

- (a) these days / of trade / Delhi / for / has become / but / a centre / tender coconuts /
 (b) its demand / value / due to / has increased / of the fruit / the food
 (c) has been fuelled / by growing awareness / the demand / health benefits / coconut water's / of /

Ans. (a) But these days Delhi has become a centre of trade for tender coconuts.
 (b) Its demand has increased due to the food value of the fruit.
 (c) The demand has been fuelled by growing awareness of coconut water's health benefits.

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.**(3 Marks)**

"Don't you want to have a look at the sights, now that you're here ?

"All by myself ? Oh, I'd be much too afraid."

Greatly amused by the girl's way of speaking, the conductor said, "But you weren't afraid to come in the bus."

"Nothing to be afraid of about that," she answered.

- (a) Who is the 'girl' mentioned in the passage ? 1
- (b) Why didn't she get off the bus when she reached her destination ? 1
- (c) Write the meaning of the word, "amused". 1

Or

So I rejoiced one day when they sent me out forty miles in the country, to a town called New Mullion, to serve summons on a man called Oliver Lutkins.

- (a) Who is 'I'? 1
- (b) Why was 'I' sent to New Mullion? 1
- (c) What does the word, 'rejoiced' mean? 1

- Ans.** (a) Valli is the girl mentioned in the passage.
- (b) Valli did not get off the bus as she was afraid of going out all alone.
- (c) Surprised/glad.

Or

- (a) 'I' here is the young lawyer.
- (b) 'I' was sent to New Mullion to serve a summons on a man called Oliver Lutkins.
- (c) happy/enjoyed.

9. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each.**(2×4=8 Marks)**

- (a) Why was Kisa Gotami sad ? What did she do in her hour of grief ?
- (b) What special characteristic of Mijbil did Maxwell learn after he took him to the bathroom ?
- (c) For what unusual reasons was Bholi sent to school ?
- (d) Do you think M. Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball ? Give reasons for your answer.

- Ans.** (a) Kisa Gotami had lost her only son. He was dead. She loved him very much and wanted him to be alive. But she could not find any medicine. So she was sad. In her hour of grief, she went to the Buddha for a solution.
- (b) Maxwell took Mijbil to the bathroom and noticed that he loved water. He went wild with joy in the water, plunging and rolling in it. Shooting up and down the length of the bathtub under water.
- (c) Bholi was sent to school to set an example for other villagers to send their daughters to school. Her mother was confident that due to her ugly face and lack of intelligence, there was no fear of the society as there was no chance of her getting married.
- (d) Yes, M. Loisel had an enjoyable evening at the ball. At the ball she was in the high world. She was looking absolutely beautiful. She smiled all the time and was full of joy. She danced with pleasure almost the whole night. She was noticed by everyone present there.

10. Answer the following question in 80–100 words each.

(4 Marks)

“Never mind,” she said, “I can get on by myself.” “You don’t have to help me,” said Valli to the conductor. She shows extraordinary courage in making the bus journey all alone. Taking inspiration from Valli’s character, write how ability and courage to take risk are essential to fulfill one’s dream.

Or

“Put the fear out of your heart and you will be able to speak like anyone else.” These words of encouragement from the teacher highlight that change of social attitude and encouragement can help a child like Bholi to become confident and face the world bravely. Taking help from the lesson, ‘Bholi’ write how the social attitude towards Bholi made her an introvert. What should be done to help such children to face the world bravely?

Ans. Valli has a deep desire to visit the town and experience a bus journey. It was her dream for which she planned meticulously. She took the bus and posed to be very confident in front of the conductor when he offered her help to ride the bus. She shows extraordinary courage in making the bus journey all alone. Being aware that she was travelling for the first time, she took all the precautions. It was a big risk for a small girl of her age. But she had a dream to fulfil. There is no doubt that we cannot fulfil our dreams if we do not have the courage to take risks. We learn from Valli’s experience that without taking a risk we cannot fulfil our dreams. It was Valli’s courage and risk taking ability that she could fulfil her dream of visiting the city and taking ride on the bus. Courage and ability to take risks are essential for fulfilling one’s dreams.

Or

Bholi is an example for all of us. She was an introvert girl due to social attitude towards her. She was the totally ignored youngest daughter of Ramlal. She was mentally a slow child, had pock marks on her face. She stammered and everybody made fun of her. She was sent to school not for the reason that she would be educated there but for the simple reason that she was a useless girl and would never get married. She was completely ignored as her family thought her to be useless.

But when she went to the school, her teacher changed her world. She was encouraged by the motivating words of her teacher. She became confident and rebelled against the social norms. She refused to marry an old man. She faced the society bravely. If the social attitude towards children like Bholi change they can also come in the mainstream and face society and other challenges bravely. Bholi is an example.

11. Answer the following question in 120–150 words.

(10 Marks)

What happened when the Nazis found Anne and her family hiding in the Secret Annexe ? Give a brief description of Anne and her family after the arrest.

Or

Anne wrote, ‘One day we’re laughing at the comical side of hiding, and the next day we’re frightened and the fear, tension and despair can be read on our faces.’

Give two examples of each — laughter and fear from the diary entries of May 1944.

Or

How did Mr. Keith contribute to the intellectual enrichment of Helen ?

Or

Why did Helen not like examinations ?

Ans. Anne Frank, a German born, Jewish girl was in hiding with her family and four friends in Amsterdam during the German occupation of the Netherlands in World War II. They moved to Amsterdam after the Nazis gained power in Germany but unfortunately they were trapped when the Nazis occupation extended into the Netherlands. As the persecution against the Jews increased the family went into hiding in July 1942 in the hidden rooms in her father Otto Frank’s office. After two years in the hiding, the group was betrayed and transported to a

concentration camp near Hannover (Germany). Her sister, Margot died of Typhus epidemic in the winter of 1944-45. A few days later, Anne also died of Typhus in Bergen-Betsen. Otto Frank was the only one of the eight to survive the concentration camp. He returned to Amsterdam by way of Odessa and Marseille on June 3, 1945. After arrival, he devoted himself to sharing the message of his daughter's diary with people all over the world.

Or

The Frank family moved to Amsterdam from Frankfurt, Germany. Otto Frank gained some success as a businessman. When the Germans invaded the Netherlands, they went to a small hiding place in a small area above Otto's office. They were joined by the van Daan family and some of Otto's employees when they were living in hiding in Holland at the Annex. They experienced both pleasurable and sorrowful moments during their secret living. On 13 May 1944, Saturday, there was Otto's birthday and on 19th the wedding anniversary. It was a very special day. All were happy and celebrated the birthday and anniversary with great joy. Everybody gave gifts to Mr and Mrs Frank. He was given a biography of Linnaeus, Canals of Amsterdam, a huge box, by Mr. Kleiman, Kugler, Dussel and van Danna a bottle of beer, a jar of yogurt and a green tie was also given to him. Being together they enjoyed the party very much.

On Saturday May 20, 1945, an accident took place, a lovely vase had fallen over and important papers had been destroyed. Anne became angry and started speaking German language. Father burst out laughing and Mrs. Frank and Margot joined in. They laughed at Frank's reaction.

Or

Monday May 22 1944: They heard the painful news that people had changed their attitude toward Jews. Anti-Semitism had cropped up. There was a feeling of hatredness. Christians made allegations against the Jews that they were blabbing their secrets to the Germans. They were in great sorrow and dismay. They were frightened and in tension.

On 25th May 1944. Mr van Daan was arrested because he was hiding two Jewes in his house. It was a heavy blow to them. It was terrible for Mr. van Daan. Their world had been turned upside down. The most decent people were sent to a concentration camp, prisons and lonely cells. So we can say that they enjoyed pleasure and pain during the period of hiding in the Netherlands.

Or

Helen Keller, being a blind and deaf student, faced a lot of problems in the examination. On the 29th and 30th of June 1899, she took her final examinations for Radcliffe College. Miss Sullivan was a good teacher, she used to help Keller in the examination as a paper reader. The college authorities did not allow Miss Sullivan to read the examination papers to her. Anyhow she managed to do the paper. Examinations were the chief bugbears of Helen's college life, although she had faced them many times and cleared them. Down and made the bite the dust, yet they rise again and menace me with pale looks, until like Bob Acres of feel my courage oozing out at my finger ends. The days before these ordeals take place are spent in cramming your mind with mystic formulae and indigestible dates-unpalatable diets, until you wish that looks and science and you were bored in the depths of the sea. These were the reason, she did not like examinations.

Or

Mr. Merton S. Keith was the tutor of Helen at Cambridge. From February to July 1898, Mr. Keith came to Wrentham twice a week and taught her algebra, geometry. Greek and Latin. Miss Sullivan interpreted his instructions. In October 1898, Mr. Keith gave Helen lessons five times a week, in periods of about an hour. He explained each time what she did not understand in the previous lesson, assigned new work and took home with him the Greek exercises which she had written during the week on her typewriter, corrected them fully, and returned them to her. Keith made Helen's preparation for college very smooth. Mr. Keith had plenty of time to explain to Helen what she did not understand.

He made mathematics interesting to her. He kept her mind alert and eager and trained it to reason clearly, and to seek conclusions calmly and logically, instead of jumping wildly into space and arriving nowhere. He was always gentle and forbearing, no matter how dull Helen might be. Mr Keith, the tutor, gave her confidence in mathematics. She achieved success because of Mr Keith and Miss Sullivan.

Set II – Uncommon Questions to Set I

5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options (1×3=3 Marks)

We are living in a world (a) every girl wants to be a diva and every boy (b) to be called a dude. Today your social acceptance is measured by your friends' list (c) a social networking site.

- (a) (i) by (ii) that (iii) where (iv) the
- (b) (i) desire (ii) desires (iii) desiring (iv) desired
- (c) (i) in (ii) on (iii) at (iv) for

Ans. (a) (iii) where (b) (ii) desires (c) (ii) on

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied.

(1×4=4 Marks)

	Error	Correction
Tourism is one in the biggest businesses	e.g. in	<u>of</u>
in the world generating on least	(a) .....	.....
288 million jobs. It is vital for an	(b) .....	.....
economies of much countries. But	(c) .....	.....
it is a major contributor on climate change.	(d) .....	.....

Ans. Error Correction

- (a) on at
- (b) for of
- (c) much many
- (d) on in

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example. (3 Marks)

Karnatak, / the tender coconut / and Gujarat / comes / West Bengal / into Delhi / from /

Example–The tender coconut comes into Delhi from Karnataka, West Bengal and Gujarat.

- (a) / extremely popular / high / due to / nutritional value / its / has become / the coconut water /
- (b) / market for / coconut water is / about ₹ 20 / selling in the / now fresh
- (c) / the cost / the consumers / coconut water / don't mind / of fresh

Ans. (a) The coconut water has become extremely popular due to its high nutritional value.
 (b) Now fresh coconut water is selling in the market for about ₹ 20.
 (c) The consumers don't mind the cost of fresh coconut water.

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

(3 Marks)

"Mark! while relatives are looking on and lamenting deeply, one by one mortals are carried off, like an ox that is led to the slaughter. So world is afflicted with death and decay, therefore the wise do not grieve, knowing the terms of the world.

- (a) What is the fate of mortals? 1
(b) Why do the wise not grieve? 1
(c) Write the meaning of the word, "lamenting." 1

Or

Little Sulekha could not speak till she was five, and when at last she learnt to speak, she stammered. The other children often made fun of her and mimicked her.

- (a) What did Sulekha later on come to be known as? 1
(b) Why did children make fun of her? 1
(c) What does the word, 'mimicked' mean? 1

- Ans.** (a) The mortals are carried off one by one.
(b) The wise don't grieve because they know that the world is afflicted with death and decay.
(c) grieving

Or

- (a) Bholi
(b) Children made fun of her because she stammered.
(c) Copied her style of speaking in a funny way.

9. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each.

(2×4=8 Marks)

- (a) The people of Coorg have a tradition of courage and bravery. How has it been recognised in modern India?
(b) What guesses did the Londoners make about what Mijbil was?
(c) How did the hackdriver befool the lawyer?
(d) How did the Loiseles react when they realised that the necklace had been lost?

- Ans.** (a) The people of Coorg have a tradition of courage and bravery. Coorg regiment is one of the most celebrated regiments of the Indian Army. The people of Coorg are the only one in India who are allowed to carry firearms without licence.
(b) Mijbil the otter was a new creature for the Londoners. They had never seen such a pet in their life. They guessed that it belonged to a small group of animals called mustellines. Some of them guessed it was a small walrus or a baby seal. Some called it a hippo.
(c) Oliver Lutkins was the hack driver. He impressed the narrator by his simplicity and pleasant appearance. He introduced himself as Bill. The hack driver made a complete fool of the narrator by taking him to all the places where he could find Lutkins. He had a good understanding with his town folks who helped him in befooling the lawyer.
(d) After realising that the necklace had been lost, the Loiseles were shocked. Mr. Loisel went over the track where they had walked on foot. He went to report the matter to the police and to the cab office.

Set III – Uncommon Questions to Set I and II

5. Read the passage given below and fill in the blanks by choosing the most appropriate words from the given options. (1×3=3 Marks)

There are birds and animals that feed (a) dead or injured animals and plants. The moment they get nature’s warning signal—odour—they quickly (b) to the scene. They break down the organic material into smaller pieces, (c) are then broken down into chemical parts.

- (a) (i) on (ii) from (iii) among (iv) at
 (b) (i) comes (ii) came (iii) come (iv) coming
 (c) (i) who (ii) whom (iii) which (iv) what

Ans. (a) (i) on (b) (iii) come (c) (iii) which

6. The following passage has not been edited. There is an error in each line against which a blank has been given. Write the incorrect word and the correction in your answer-sheet against the correct blank number as given in the example. Remember to underline the word that you have supplied. (1×4=4 Marks)

	Error	Correction
Health precedes action. There are an	e.g. are	<u>is</u>
undisputed connection among being	(a) .....	.....
fit and being our best. A simple rules	(b) .....	.....
of ‘five’ helps make exercising a most	(c) .....	.....
enjoyable activity. Wake up in 5 a.m., do	(d) .....	.....
five stretches and five yoga asanas.		

Ans.

Error	Correction
(a) among	<u>between</u>
(b) rules	<u>rule</u>
(c) a	<u>the</u>
(d) in	<u>at</u>

7. Rearrange the following words and phrases into meaningful sentences. One has been done for you as an example. (3 Marks)

/ gets / tender coconuts / 10–15 truck loads / Delhi / of / daily /

Example–Delhi gets 10–15 truck loads of tender coconuts daily.

- (a) / its demand / the craze for / during summer / fresh coconut water / pushes up /
 (b) / nutritional value / coconut water / the idea behind / is its high / the popularity of /
 (c) / its sweet water / in the city / that it is sold / is so popular / like any other fruit /

Ans. (a) The craze for fresh coconut water pushes up its demand during summer.
 (b) The idea behind the popularity of coconut water is its high nutritional value.
 (c) Its sweet water is so popular that it is sold like any other fruit in this city.

8. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. (3 Marks)

Early in the New Year of 1956 I travelled to Southern Iraq. By then it had crossed my mind that I should like to keep an otter instead of a dog, and that Camusfearna, ringed by water a stone’s throw from its door, would be an eminently suitable spot for this experiment.

- (a) What 'experiment' did Maxwell think Camusfearna would be suitable for? 1
- (b) Why was it a suitable spot for his experiment? 1
- (c) Write the meaning of the phrase, 'crossed my mind'. 1

Or

The day of the ball approached and Mme Loisel seemed sad, disturbed, anxious. Nevertheless, her dress was nearly ready.

- (a) Why was Mme Loisel sad and disturbed? 1
- (b) Why did she get a dress ready? 1
- (c) What is a 'ball'? 1

- Ans.** (a) Maxwell thought that Camusfearna would be suitable for an experiment of having otter as a pet instead of a dog.
- (b) Camusfearna ringed by water a stone's throw from its door was a suitable spot for that experiment.
- (c) Had an idea.

Or

- (a) Mme Loisel was sad and disturbed because she did not have a suitable jewellery for the party.
- (b) She got the dress ready as she had to go to a party.
- (c) a dance party.

9. Answer the following questions in 30–40 words each.

(2×4=8 Marks)

- (a) What did the Buddha want Kisa Gotami to understand?
- (b) Which season is the best to visit Coorg?
- (c) Why did Bishamber's marriage with Bholi not take place?
- (d) What was the cause of Matilda's ruin?

- Ans.** (a) Buddha wanted Kisa to understand that death is common to all. All mortals have to die. There is no use of lamentation. The person who comes on earth will die one day. This is the truth of life.
- (b) The best season to enjoy Coorg is September to March.
- (c) Bholi had turned into a bold and confident girl. She refused to marry as the groom had demanded dowry. She revolted against the dowry seeker and the marriage did not take place.
- (d) Matilda was not contented with her life. She borrowed a diamond necklace from her friend. During the ball she lost it. She ruined her life while repaying for the lost necklace.