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SAMPLE PAPER

M.M: 80

General Instructions:

- 1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections-READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.**
- 2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.**

SECTION A
READING SKILLS

Q1. Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow. 10 Marks

Read the following passage carefully.

(1) Happiness lies within the mind of an individual. No amount of external wealth may be helpful in making him happy. Our forefathers led lifestyles based mainly on the concept of 'simple living and high thinking'. Excessive material wealth did not mean much to them.

(2) The structural framework of our forefathers' families was different from those of ours. The bond of love which they shared cannot be easily found today. The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress. However, in today's nuclear family, we are detached from feelings towards our kith and kin. This may finally destroy the family psyche.

(3) The joint family system provided a proper environment for the child to grow up. The values of respect, tolerance, responsibility, and integrity were internalised in the child. In the long run, they became better human beings, compared to those in the present generation. Our forefathers felt happiest, if their children became honest human beings. But today, we are happy only if we attain our coveted material ends and are ready to resort to any means to attain that end.

(4) Our forefathers had a vision to make India the best. To attain their ambitions, they were ready to make all sorts of personal sacrifices. On the other hand, today people are ready to migrate to the west, to enjoy a comfortable life. Often, they become successful in foreign lands. But, in the process, they become alienated from their motherland. Also, distance from their ailing parents is a worrying factor and keeps them perturbed. It is not easy for them to return, as their children will not be able to adjust to the Indian environment and way of life. Thus, this is a crisis and a frame of mind worse than their forefathers.

(5) In our generation, tradition and modernity have intermingled to form a special system. We are happier than our forefathers in being able to lessen evils like the rigid caste system, untouchability, and child marriage, but we have failed to totally eradicate them. In fact, electoral politics has made use of the caste system, through the issuance of party tickets on the basis of caste, community, and religion.

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(a) How are our forefathers different from us? **2**

(b) What impact does a joint family system have on a child? **2**

(c) Fill in the blanks.

In our generation, _____ and _____ have intermingled to form a special system. **1**

(d) Based on your reading of the passage, choose the INCORRECT statement from the following.

(i) Our youngsters had a vision to make India the best. **1**

(ii) Happiness lies within the mind of an individual.

(iii) The family provided an emotional cushioning effect against tension and stress.

(iv) Our forefathers had lifestyles based mainly on the concept of simple living and high thinking.

(e) Choose the option that correctly states the two meanings of 'cushioning', as used in the passage. **1**

A. Sharpening B. Shielding C. Intensifying D. Softening E. Irritating

(i) A, E (ii) B, D (iii) C, E

(f) Fill in the blank. **1**

The _____ provided a proper environment for the child to grow up.

(g) 'In our generation, tradition and modernity have **intermingled** to form a special system.

Substitute the underlined word with the most appropriate option from the following. **1**

(i) Divided (ii) Blended (iii) Scattered (iv) Detached

(h) Select the option that makes the correct use of 'sorts', as used in the passage, to fill in the blank space. **1**

(i) Policemen have to know all _____ of different things.

(ii) The machine _____ it all out.

(iii) The computer _____ the words into alphabetical order.

(iv) He always _____ the books according to the author's name.

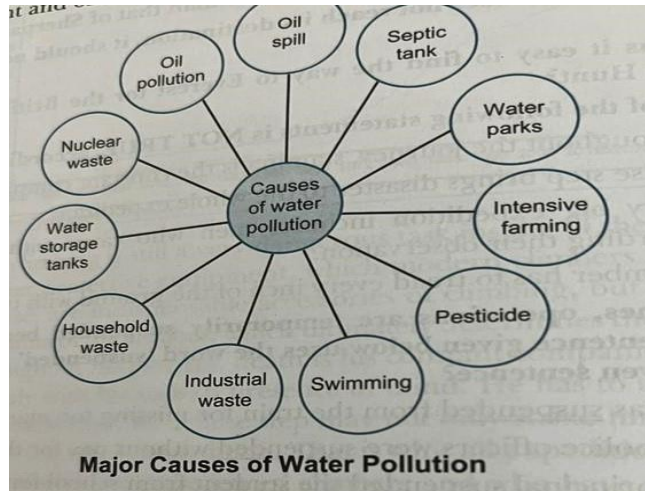
Q2. Read the following passage carefully.

(1) Unsafe water kills more people each year than do war and all other forms of violence combined. Meanwhile, our drinkable water sources are finite: less than 1 percent of the Earth's freshwater is actually accessible to us. Without action, the challenges will only increase by 2050, when global demand for freshwater is expected to be one greater than it is now e-third

(2) Water is uniquely vulnerable to pollution. Known as a 'universal solvent, water is the release of substances into subsurface groundwater or into lakes, streams, river, estuaries, and oceans to the point where the substances interfere with beneficial use of the water or with the natural functioning of ecosystems. In addition to the release of substances, such as chemicals, trash or microorganisms, water pollution may also include the release of energy, in the form of radioactivity or heat, into bodies of water. The key causatives of water pollution in India are urbanization, deforestation industrial effluents and agricultural run-offs with the use of insecticides and pesticides The other causes are social and religious offerings in water bodies and the use of detergents and fertilizers.

(3) Water pollution can have disastrous consequences on the ecosystem. Furthermore, toxic chemicals can travel through the food chain and get into our bodies, causing diseases and death.

(4) There is no single or simple answer to stop the water pollution crisis. However, there are many solutions to prevent water pollution, both in our daily lives and within industries. They are wastewater treatment, reducing plastic waste and water conservation. In addition to this, we must have water-efficient toilets, stormwater management and ozone wastewater treatment.



Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below.

(a) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in para 1. **1**
Less than 1 percent of the Earth's freshwater is actually accessible to us.

(b) Select the appropriate option to fill in the blank.
Water is uniquely vulnerable to _____
(i) season (ii) pollution (iii) water bodies (iv) extreme weather conditions

(c) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 1. **1**
(i) vulnerable : resilient :: artificial : _____
(Clue: Just as resilient is the opposite of vulnerable, similarly the opposite of artificial is ____)

(d) Mention any two major causes of water pollution. **2**

(e) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option: **1**
One of the solutions of preventing water pollution is _____
(i) building industries near water bodies
(ii) water conservation and reducing plastic waste
(iii) avoiding swimming (iv) reducing farming

(f) Substitute the word 'causative' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence: **1**
The key causative of water pollution in India must be addressed.

(g) What is water pollution, according to the writer? **2**

(h) Select the most suitable title for the passage from the following: **1**
(i) Water Pollution - A Concern
(ii) Unsafe Water - A Menace
(i) Universal Solvent - Water
(iv) Global Concern - An Urgent Need

Section B

(GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS)

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

(10X1=10)

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the following report:
The inspector _____ the group sitting behind the shed and took them by surprise.
(a) walked up (b) walked away (c) walked into (d) walked up on

(ii) Read the conversation between a driver and his passenger.
Complete the sentence by reporting the passenger's reply correctly.
Driver: Do the bus timings suit you?
Passenger: Yes, if I catch the 9 a.m. one, I reach office on time.
The driver was trying to figure out whether the bus timings were convenient to the passenger.
The passenger clarified that _____

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line from a fashion magazine.
The advertisement read, " _____ we dress your day ? Make you special. Pick the perfect look."
(a) Must (b) Can (c) Will (d) Ought to

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a news report.

Yesterday, two man were rescued from a deep sewer by a policeman

Option	Error	Correction
a	man	Men
b	rescued	Rescue
c	from	for
d	By	In

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

The students _____ to participate in the workshop, and submit a report at the end of the day to the English Teacher.

(a) were ask (b) had been asked (c) will have asked (d) were asked

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

Subject: Request for permission to participate in the Meet.

Dear Sir

I would like to request for permission to participate in the forthcoming inter-school Cultural meet. I _____ (interest) in taking part in the dance drama.

(vii) Report the dialogue between a grandson and his grandfather by completing the sentence:
Grandson : Grandpa, can you tell me what inspired you to set up a school in the village?
Grandfather: Seeing the lack of adequate facilities and the children's eagerness to learn.

In response to the question about his reason for setting up of a village school, the grandfather says that _____ .

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence from a school magazine report and supply the correction:

When I was a child, my grandmother often repetition the story of her childhood days. Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

(ix) Sunil shared some information with Sunita about the story he was reading. Report Sunita's question.

What was the theme of the story?

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan by the Animal Welfare Board.

_____ WE CUT TREES AND DESTROY NATURAL HABITAT? STOP! BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE.
(a) MIGHT (b) MAY (c) MUST (d) COULD

(xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Shyam and Shivam :

Shyam: Have you seen this actor's latest film?

Shivam: Yes, I have. The actor has done a marvelous job.

Shyam met his friend Shivam and they began talking. Shyam asked Shivam whether he had seen the actor's latest film. Shivam affirmed and said

- (a) that the actor has done a marvelous job.
- (b) that the actor had done a marvelous job
- (C) that the actor has been doing a marvelous job
- (d) that the actor could have done a marvelous job.

(xii) Fill in the blank with a correct option:

There is something g wonderful waiting _____ her, when she reaches home.

- (i) of
- (ii) about
- (iii) for
- (iv) inside

IV. You are Rahul/Reha. You are disturbed by the effect of advertisements on the young impressionable minds of children. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in about 100-120 words. Use the hints given below: **5 Marks**

*Excessive advertising

*Targeted at the children

*Children begin to view articles as necessities

*Force parents to buy

*Spend more time on thinking about and buying advertised products than on studies *Emphasis on moral, ethical values in school and at home to reduce this effect

V. You are Neha/Nihal Singh, Computer In-charge of Army Public School. Recently you have observed students sitting idle in the computer lab as there wasn't enough equipment to keep them engaged productively. As the in-charge of the department, you discuss the matter with the principal and with his consent reach a positive conclusion to deal with the insufficiency of the

equipment. The school wishes to buy 20 computers and computer accessories from Apple Inc. Nehru Place, New Delhi. Draft a letter placing an order for the same. (100-120 words) **5 Marks**

SECTION : C

LITERATURE

VI. Reference To The Context.

1. Read the given extract and answer the questions.

5 MARKS

Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

Tell me another offered Pranjol "We have an Indian legend too Bodhidharma, an ancient Buddhist ascetic, cut off his eyelids because he felt sleepy during meditations Ten tea plants grew out of the eyelids. The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep" Tea was first drunk in China, Rajvir added 'as far back as 2700 BC! In fact, words such as tea, char and chini are from the Chinese Tea came to Europe only in the sixteenth century and was drunk more as medicine than as beverage"

- (a) The main idea of this extract is _____
- (i) Tea as a popular beverage in Europe and how it spread.
 - (ii) Origin of tea in India and why it became popular in Europe.
 - (iii) Importance of India in popularising tea and influencing Europe
 - (iv) Indian legend on tea and how it travelled from China to Europe.

(b) Why do you think Pranjol 'scoffed'?

(c) Pick the option that includes the tea label information that corresponds to the given sentence "The leaves of these plants when put in hot water and drunk, banished sleep."

- (1) Its calming effects may be attributed to an antioxidant called apigenin, which is found in abundance in chamomile tea Apigenin binds to specific receptors in your brain that may decrease anxiety and initiate sleep.
 - (2) It increases levels of a neurotransmitter called gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) and improves overall sleep quality by shortening the time it takes to fall asleep and decreasing night-time awakenings.
 - (3) It interferes with REM sleep, has some unwanted side effects, keeps sleep away and allows the possibility of inducing hours of sleeplessness and increased night-time awakenings
 - (4) It alleviates anxious thoughts and soothes the spirit before bedtime. It improves energy levels and helps banish stress and result's in a better night's sleep, naturally.
- (i) Option 1 (ii) Option 2 (iii) Option 3 (iv) Option 4

(d) Based on the inference from the extract, which of these is not true about tea drinking in the sixteenth century Europe?

Dr Smith is a doctor of sixteenth century Europe.

- (i) Dr Smith encouraged drinking of green tea whenever available, to reduce chances of tooth loss.
- (ii) Dr Smith prescribed regular tea drinking to all his patients with a weak heart.
- (iii) Dr Smith always served tea as refreshment when he had guests, as they all enjoyed this beverage.
- (iv) Dr Smith usually recommended black tea to reduce inflammation in the body.

- (e) Based on this extract, how do you think Rajvir felt while narrating?
 (i) (A) excited (B) agitated (iii) (A) nervous (B) agitated
 (ii) (A) hysterical (B) nervous (iv) (A) enthusiastic (B) passionate

2. Read the given extract and answer the questions.

5 MARKS

A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now
 He senses first responsibility
 In a world of possessions. People will take
 Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.

- And no one buys a ball back Money is external.
- (i) Why is poet referring to "a dime as worthless?"
 a. Because a dime has hardly any value
 b. Because the boy will not be able to buy a ball in a dime
 c. Because the boy would feel humiliated if he is given a dime
 d. Though another ball can be purchased but a new ball cannot replace the lost ball because of the memories associated with it.
- (ii) List two lessons that the boy learnt after losing his ball.
- (iii) What message is the poet trying to give?
 a. The world is materialistic
 b. That the boy should have been responsible.
 c. Loss is a part of life and one needs to learn how to deal with it
 d. No one can buy the lost ball back.
- (iv) What does he mean by "Money is external" ?
 a. Money is external because it can buy only material things but not memories associated with it
 b. It is acceptance of life's reality which can lessen one's grief.
 c. Money is important in a materialistic world.
 d. Money can compensate loss of objects or material things easily.
- (v) Pick up the line which has alliteration
 a. A dime, another ball is worthless.
 b. Now he senses first responsibility in a world of possessions."
 c. 'Money is external'
 d. And no one buys a ball back."

VI. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each. (4X3=12)

- The poet tells us some methods to tell wild animals. Are these methods practical? Why/Why not?
- Describe the various tricks adopted by the parents of the young seagull to make him fly?
- The crow and hemlock are usually used as negative reference in literature. How is this different in this poem?
- "The tiger never brushed his teeth." Why does the author say so?
- What message does the poet wish to convey through the poem 'Fire And Ice'?
- "I'll take the risk." What is the risk? Why does the narrator take it?

VII. Answer the following questions in 40-50 words. Answer any TWO. 3X2=6 Marks

- Why did Fowler want to meet Ausable? Why was he disappointed?
- Why according to Hari Singh, is it easier to rob a greedy man than a careless person like Anil?
- Describe the 'parting scene' between Tricki and Mrs. Pumphrey's entire household staff.

- d. How can you say that Horace Danby was good and respectable but not completely honest?

VIII. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words. Attempt any ONE.

1X6=6 Marks

- a. Describe the character of Lencho in the light of his faith and attitude towards God and man.
- b. Why was Nelson Mandela overwhelmed with a sense of victory? How did he succeed in ending the apartheid regime in South Africa?

IX. Answer the following questions in 100-120 words. Attempt any ONE.

1X6=6 Marks

- a. "Horace Danby was a meticulous planner but still he faltered." Where did he go wrong and Why? Negative values never pay in the long run: Do you agree?
- b. Love is a basic human attribute that can transform evil into goodness. How did this attribute of Anil changed Hari Singh?