

General instructions to the examinees –

1. Candidates must first write their Roll Nos. on their question paper compulsorily.
2. All the questions are compulsory.
3. Write the answer to each question in the given answer book only.
4. For the questions having more than one part, the answer to those parts are to be written together in continuity.
5. Write the correct serial no. of each question as mentioned in the question paper.

Section ‘A’ Reading

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Q. 1. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

About 400 years ago the Greek began to move across from their home in the mountain of Asia towards the western Mediterranean Sea. At this time they were wandering shepherds, living in groups of families called tribes. They had no real government. Such a thing was unnecessary because there was no public business, there were no taxes and nobody owned any land, since the tribes moved from place to place the whole time looking for grass for its sheep and goats. There were also no law cases and no lawyers and men were controlled by a few customs, such as the one that said that if one man killed another, one of the dead man’s relations had to find and kill the killer.

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| (i) | How did the Greek live 400 years ago ? Where did they migrate to ? | 1 |
| Ans. | The Greeks lived as wandering shepherds in groups of families called tribes. About 400 years ago they started migrating from their home in the mountain of Asia towards the western Mediterranean Sea. | |
| (ii) | Why did they not have any government ? | 1 |
| Ans. | They did not need any government because there were no public business, no taxes and no land property | |
| (iii) | Why did the tribes move from place to place ? | 1 |
| Ans. | They move from place to place in search of grass for their sheep and goats. | |
| (iv) | What did the Greeks have in place of laws ? | 1 |
| Ans. | They have certain customs in place of laws. | |
| (v) | What penalty was fixed for a killer among the Greek tribes ? | 1 |
| Ans. | A killer had to be found out one of the dead man’s relations and be killed by him. | |
| (vi) | Persons qualified for legal practice are called | 1 |
| Ans. | lawyers. | |
| (vii) | Find out from the passage the word which means
“A person whose job is to take care of sheep.” | 1 |
| Ans. | Shapherd. | |

Q. 2 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow.

A pleasing personality is a combination of a person’s attitude and behaviour. And you can develop a pleasing personality anytime, anywhere, age no bar, sex no bar, designation no bar. Let me share with you some techniques of people’s skills which have a huge impact on my life. I have always admired my mentor for his skill to connect with people so well. All his

employees, customers and vendors believe that he is a charismatic leader. The reasons for his success dealing with people are many but the one thing that strike me most about him is his ability to make others talk.

He is an attentive listener. He asks questions that other people will enjoy answering. He encourages them to talk about themselves and their accomplishment. As a result after every conversation with him a person leaves his cabin with a great feeling. He is a friend and a sympathetic listener. Even in times of difficulty every one wants to reach to him not because they believe that he will have solutions to all the problems but that they feel easy after a talk with him.

- (i) What is a pleasing personality ? 1
Ans. A pleasing personality is combination of a person's attitude and behaviour.
- (ii) Are there any conditions for developing a pleasing personality ? 1
Ans. No, there are not any conditions for developing a pleasing personality.
- (iii) What has made the writer's mentor a charismatic leader ? 1
Ans. Among other things his ability to make other talk has made him a charismatic leader.
- (iv) How do people feel after a talk with him ? 1
Ans. People feel easy and satisfied after a talk with him.
- (v) Who can develop a pleasing personality ? 1
Ans. Any one can develop a pleasing personality without any bar of age, place or time.
- (vi) Mention two qualities of a man with pleasing personality. 1
Ans. A man with pleasing personality is an attentive listener and make people answer.
- (vii) Pick out from the passage the word which means 'giving joy and satisfaction'. 1
Ans. Pleasing.
- Find out from the passage the word which is opposite of 'condemned' 1
Ans. admired.

Section 'B' Reading

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Q. 3 Imagine that you are Nitya living in Govt. Hostel, Bikaner. Write a letter to you father telling him about your hostel life. You may touch upon the following points.

A. The facilities in the hostel. B. Daily routine C. Study hours. D. Room partner and warden's behaviour.

Ans. Room No. 8
Govt. Hostel
Bikaner.
12 March 2015

My dear father,

I am very happy to inform you that finally I have got admission in the Govt. Hostel on account of my good marks in the previous class. I have been allotted best room of the hostel. It is airy, clean and spacious. My room partner is kind, gentle and intelligent. The behaviour of our warden is very nice. We have to follow the time table. We take tea and bread for breakfast, rice, dal and chapattis for lunch, vegetables and chapattis for dinner. Special dishes are served on Sundays.

I study for two hours at night. In the evening we play games. My school is close to my hostel. I am enjoying my hostel life.

Please convey my best regards to mother and love to Alpi.

Yours loving Son

Nitya

Or

Suppose you are Sakshi, student of class X. Your board exams are at hand. Write an application to the Collector requesting him to ban on loudspeakers.

Ans,

Mohan Colony

Banswara

The Collector

District Banswara

Subject : To ban on the use of loudspeakers till the exam ends.

Sir

Respected Sir, I want to bring the issue to your kind notice that the examinations of the Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan are going on. Students are feeling the pressure of the exam. At the same time, the frequent use of loudspeakers producing loud noise disturbs them. Some people use loudspeakers all day and night. They let the students neither study nor sleep. It is the matter of grave concern.

I hope you will take my application sympathetically and take necessary action to stop the nuisance.

Yours Faithfully

Sakshi

Q. 4 Write a paragraph in about 60 words with the help of the outline given below.

..... visit the zoo various birds and animals fearful wild beasts visitors were forbidden to poke a large number of snakes fish throw fruits

Ans.

A Visit to a Zoo

One day I, along with my father, visited the zoo. There were different kind of birds and animals. Lions, tigers, monkeys, wolves, bears and other fearful wild animals were kept in the cages. Many visitors were watching them dumb struck. There were notice boards which forbade the visitors to poke the wild animals. There were many varieties of snakes in the zoo. There were many colourful fishes. Many visitors were throwing fruits and sweets at the apes and bears. I enjoyed the visit.

Or

Write a paragraph on the topic 'Children's day' in about 60 words.

Every year children's day is celebrated on 14th November. It is the birth day of the first Prime Minister of our country Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru. He loved children very much. On this day fancy dress competition, cultural and sports activities are conducted in our school. The

children's day of 2014 was devoted to cleanliness. All children eagerly looked forward to it because it is the day of merry-making for them. I also like it very much.

Q. 5 Write a paragraph/ picture composition using the details given below in about 75 words.

Environmental Pollution in the City

The picture depicts that environmental pollution is on rise. Buildings are being made on places which were full of greenery earlier. The number of vehicles on road has increased. The smoke emitted by vehicles and chimneys of factories is very harmful for health. Mounds of garbage are seen everywhere which are breeding places of many harmful disease. The health of public is in danger. The government along with public should take firm action to stop it

Or

Write a paragraph on the topic 'The Independence Day' in about 60 words.

The Independence Day is a red letter day in the history of our country. India got freedom on August 15, 1947. We celebrate this day with great pomp and show. All the teachers and students gather on the school ground in the morning. Our principal unfurls the national flag. We sing the national Anthem. There is a march past by N.C.C. boys and girls. Cultural programmes are presented by the students. The principal delivers a short speech on the importance of independence. He inspires us to be ready to sacrifice our lives for the sake of our motherland. Thus the Independence day is celebrated with great enthusiasm and zeal. It is the day of great pride.

Section 'C' Grammar

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Q. 6 Fill in the blanks with correct form of the verbs given in brackets.

8 X ½ = 4

- (i) It is high time we (start) now.
- (ii) Look ! an aeroplane (fly) in the sky.
- (iii) The girl jumped off the bus while it (move) .
- (iv) We can not use the lift. It (break) down.
- (v) Ravi (go) to temple with his mother everyday.
- (vi) If it is fine tomorrow, I (play) tennis.
- (vii) When I reached home, the post man parcel. (already deliver)
- (viii) Rohit (learn) Urdu for five years.

Ans. 1. Started 2. is flying. 3. was moving 4. has broken 5. goes 6. will play
7. had already delivered 8. has been learning

Q. 7 Rearrange the following words and phrases in meaningful sentences.

2 x ½ = 1

- (i) Prefer to go / on foot / to Vaishno Devi / most people.
- (ii) will / please / you / down / sit / ?

Ans. (i) Most people prefer to go to Vaishno Devi on foot.
(ii) Will you please sit down ?

Q. 8 Join the following sentence using the given relative pronoun. 2 x 1 = 2

- (i) He is Mr. Suresh Verma. He has been appointed as scientist in the ISRO (who)
- (ii) My father was transferred to Kota. I was seven years old. (when)

Ans. (i) He is Mr. Suresh Verma who has been appointed as scientist in the ISRO.
(ii) My father was transferred to Kota when I was seven years old.

Q. 9 Rewrite the following sentences by changing them from direct to Indirect speech.

- (i) Mayank : Would you wait for me ? Manyata : All right.

- Mayanka asked Mayank 1
- (ii) Varsha : Why did you not sell your bike ?
Mahesh : Because it is my father's gift.
Varsa asked Mahesh 1
- (iii) Ram : I plan to leave for USA next week.
Raghav : Please bring a lap top for me.
Ram said that 1
Raghav requested Ram 1

Ans.

- (i) Mayank asked Manyata if she would wait for him.
(ii) Varsha asked Mahesh why he had not sold his bike.
(iii) Ram said that he planned to leave for USA the following week.
(iv) Raghav requested Ram to bring him a lap top.

Q. 10. Complete the following sentences by choosing correct passive form of the verb given.

- (i) Badminton in a small court generally.
(a) is being played (b) was played (c) is played (d) was being played
- (ii) I saw Tom yesterday but he today.
(a) hadn't been seen (b) hasn't been seen (c) was not seen (d) wasn't be seen

Ans. (i) c (ii) b

Q.11 Fill in the blanks with suitable modals choosing from those given in the brackets below.

(can, should, may, might, must, could)

- (i) He swim very well in his youth.
(ii) You are not well at all. You see a doctor at once .
(iii) You are very tired. You go to bed now.
(iv) He is working hard so that he win a scholarship.

Ans. (i) could (ii) should (iii) should (iv) may

Section 'D' Text Book

MM 35

Q. 12 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below: 4

It was only when I began to learn that my boyhood freedom as an illusion, When I discovered as a young man that my freedom had already been taken from me, that I began to hunger for it. At first as a student, I wanted freedom only for myself, the transitory freedom of being able to stay out at night, read what I pleased and go where I choice. Later, as a young man in Johannesburg, I yearned for the basic and honorable freedom of achieving my potential, of earning my keep, of marrying and having a family the freedom not to be obstructed in a lawful life.

- (i) What did Mandela begin to learn?
(ii) What did he begin to hunger for?
(iii) What type of freedom did he want as a student?
(iv) Find the similar word in meaning from the passage for 'desire for'

Ans.

- (i) Mandela began to learn that his boyhood freedom was an illusion.
(ii) He began to hunger for freedom.
(iii) He wanted the freedom of being able to stay out at night, read what he pleased and go where he chose.
(iv) The similar word in meaning for 'desire for' is 'yearn for'

Q.13 Read the passage carefully and answer the questions given below: 4

The baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month. Monthly accounts used to be recorded on some wall in pencil. Baking was indeed a profitable profession in the old days. The baker and his family never starved. He , his family and his servants always looked happy and

prosperous. Their plump physique was an open testimony to this. Even today any person with a jackfruit like physical appearance is easily compared to a baker.

- (i) When did a baker usually collect his bills?
- (ii) What does the writer mean by “any person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance.”
- (iii) Who is easily compared to a baker?
- (iv) Find the word from the passage which means: proof.

Ans.

- (i) A baker usually collected his bills at the end of the month.
- (ii) It means a very fat person.
- (iii) Any person with a jackfruit-like physical appearance is easily compared to baker.
- (iv) Testimony

Q.14 Answer any one of the following questions in about 60 words. 4

- (i) Why and how did the postmaster answer the letter of Lencho?

Ans. When the postmaster read Lencho's letter, he wondered at his firm faith in God. He did not want to shake Lencho's faith. But it was very difficult for him to send hundred pesos as a help. So he decided to send as much money as he could arrange. Somehow he collected seventy pesos and sent them to Lencho. Thus he helped Lencho.

- (ii) What do you know about the family of Anne? (from the Diary of Anne Frank)

Ans. According to Anne Frank, she is thirteen year old and she is not alone. She has loving parents. She adores her family. She has a sixteen year old sister, Margot. She has loving aunt and a good family and a good home. There are about thirty people whom she may call friends. But she admits that they are not her true friends.

Q.15 Answer the following questions in about 30-40 words. 4

Why did Lomov decide to get married? (The Proposal)

Ans. Lomov gives many reasons for getting married. He has reached the critical age 35 and if he looks for an ideal wife, he has to remain unmarried. He wants to live quiet and regular life and Natlya will help her. According to Lomov, she is an excellent housekeeper, educated and not bad looking. Marriage will also end the strange way of his sleep. Thus he makes up his mind for marriage.

Q.16 Explain any one of the following stanzas with reference to the context. 4

He is learning well behind his desperate eyes,
The epistemology of loss, how to stand up
Knowing what every man must one day know
And most know many days.
How to stand up.

Ans. Reference : These lines have been taken from the poem 'The Ball poem' composed by John Berryman.

Context : These lines tell us about the eternal truth of loss.

Explanation : The poet says that the boy is learning the eternal truth of loss. He is also learning how to bear the grief of loss. Every man has to learn it earlier while others learn it in many days.

Or

He should be snarling around houses
At the jungle's edge
Baring his white fangs, his claws
Terrorising the village!

Ans : Reference : These lines have been taken from the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo' composed by Leslie Norris

Context : The poet describes the activity of tiger in the jungle.

Explanation : The poet says that instead of being in the zoo the tiger should be roaring around the houses situated at the edge of jungle. He should be frightening the villagers by showing his white fangs and claws.

Q.17 Answer any two of the following questions in about 30-40 words. 5

(i) What is the central idea of the poem 'Dust of Snow' (Dust of Snow)

Ans. The poet relates the simple incident of dropping of snow particle from the hemlock tree on the poet. This incident changes the poet's mood from pensive to joyful thoughts.

(ii) How are hyenas and crocodiles mentioned in the poem ? (How to tell Wild Animals)

Ans. Hyenas and crocodiles are flesh eating animals. Crocodiles have tears in their eyes when they eat their victim. Hyenas howl like wild laughter.

(iii) Why does Amanda want to be mermaid ? (Amanda !)

Ans. Amanda wants to be mermaid so that she may move calmly in the green sea. There will be no body to stop her. She will be all alone there.

Q. 18. Answer any one of the following questions in about 80 words. 5

(i) What type of person is Anil ? (The Thief's Story)

Ans. Persons like Anil are very few in the world. He is the most trusting person. He keeps the thief as his helper without inquiring much. Hari Sing makes profit of a rupee or two while purchasing days supplies but he does not mind it. He tries to transform him. He even teaches Hari Singh to write and read sentences. Thus he is a very good character in the story.

(ii) Draw the character sketch of Think –tank. (The Book that Saved the Earth)

Ans. Think-tank is the ruler of mars. He likes to be flattered. He is also beauty cautious. He has no knowledge at all. He takes books as sandwiches and order his crew to eat them. He is arrogant and hypocrite. He does not give the credit of good ideas to his juniors Noodle. He misunderstands the nursery rhymes and cancels the invasion on the earth. In short he is comic character.

Q. 19 Answer any one question of the following in about 30-40 words. 3

(i) Why was Bholi sent to school ? (Bholi)

Ans. A new primary school was opened in the village. The Tehsildar asked Ramlal to send his daughter to school. He could not disobey him, on the other hand, Bholi was not good looking and was backward so she had no possibility of getting married. That's why she was sent to school.

(ii) What are the ingredients of making of a scientist ? (The Making of A Scientist)

Ans. The making of a scientist requires a first rate mind, curiosity and a will to win for the right reasons.

Q. 20 Answer any one of the questions of the following in about 20-25 words. 2

(i) Why did the narrator not like his job ? (The Hack Driver)

Ans : His job revealed before him rogue fellows and dirty part of the city. Some times the summoned person beat him up so he did not like his job.

(ii) What new drugs had Grififin made ?

Ans. He had made a rare drug which could make human body invisible and transparent.

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