

Max. Marks - 80

2. Attempt questions based on the specific instructions for reach part.

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ii. Select the option that does not correspond to the following relationship below. 1

Detachment and discrimination are interdependent.

- a. Both have a correlative relationship. b. Both condemn each other.
c. Both are locked in an inequitable equation. d. It is a non-reciprocal relationship.

iii. Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following:1

Just remove the lid from the Pandora's Box and allow them all to spill out freely.

- a. encouragement b. caution c. provocation d. honesty

iv. Complete the following with a word or phrase from paragraph 1:

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| WORD | PHRASE |
|------|--------------------|
| | ability to give up |

v. Describe the process to be followed to strengthen discrimination? (Paragraph 3). 1

vi. Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer implies that human mind is full of trash. 2

vii. What advantage does the writer says we will earn if we are meticulous in making the lists of goals we wish to achieve in our lives? 1

viii. The writer asks us to pen down our personal goals in the second list and label it to the Pandora's Box. (Para 4) 1

Select the point of comparison between the two.

1. both aid in survival
2. both contained all kinds of life experiences
3. both contained demonic wishes
4. both contained divine desires
a. only 2, 3 and 4 b. 1 and 2 c. 3 and 4 d. all of these

Q2. Read the passage given below.

(10M)

- It's a proven fact that the content posted online has become less receptive from the audience as compared to, say, over 10 years ago. The viewers are merely interested in 20 percent of what you post and that too for a mere 8 seconds. This has decreased from 12 seconds in the year 2000. This could have been due to various reasons, like availability of more content, or perhaps people don't really care that much now. Digital marketers are faced with the problem of producing new and innovative ideas to get the viewers hooked to the page in all this chaos of tons of content being posted for similar topics on a daily basis.
- Digi Life has produced an interesting infographic regarding this issue and it illustrates the pattern along which people watch the content online. According to Time Magazine, as much as 55 percent of American visitors only give a brief skim of 15 seconds on average to a page that they opt for. Some of the smaller movies have beaten those with megastars and emerged as the popular choice of the masses. Hence, you get an extremely limited time frame to impress the viewer before they close the tab. 69% of these spend their time viewing the left half of the page and 30% viewing the right..
- Videos are another matter altogether. In fact, the majority of videos published on YouTube aren't even in English. The same survey also found that even though there were significantly fewer videos in English, English-language videos tend to receive around four times more views than videos in other languages. You Tube content in the US outperforms even the country's biggest news sites as the most popular channels. YouTube's billions of active users watch

4. What's interesting is that Reels is now the heartthrob of the teens, and the young crowd and a clear favourite even over YouTube. The excitement on social media, it seems to never ends!

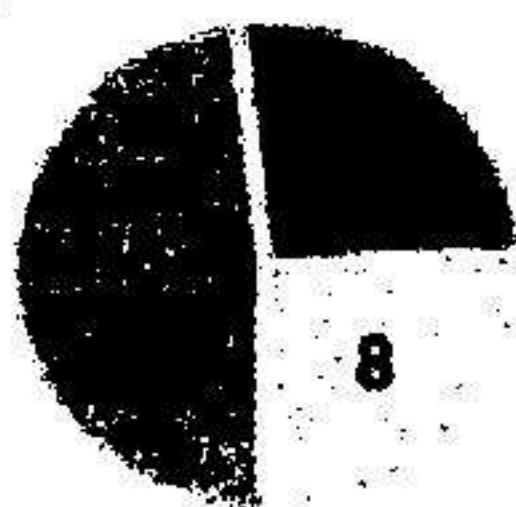
i. Infer a reason for the following, based on information given in para1. 1

ii. Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph. 1

iii. Select the correct option to complete the following sentence : 1

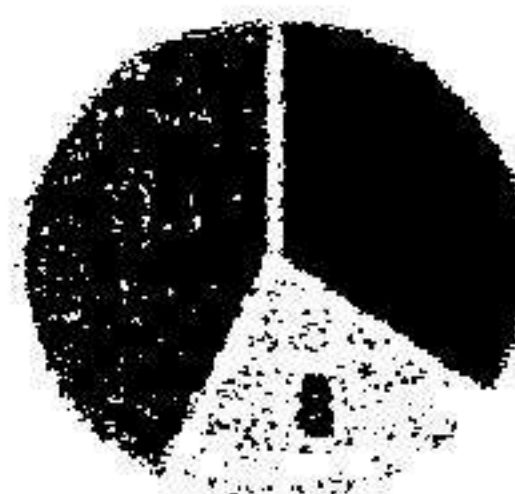
a. comes, gets
b. lands, stumble
c. reaches, trips
d. arrives, falls

(a)



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(b)



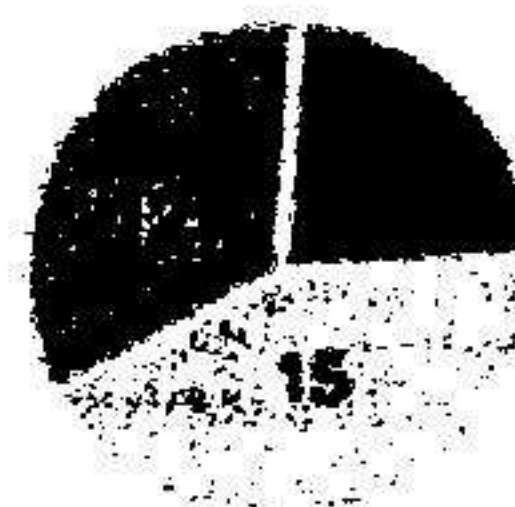
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(c)



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(d)



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Some of the smaller movies have beaten those with megastars and emerged as the popular choice of the masses.

1. _____ 2. _____

SECTION-B GRAMMAR

Q3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. (10M)

i. Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

The mechanic _____ the SUV since the morning.

- a. repaired b. repairing c. has been repairing d. will be repairing

ii. Read the conversation between a policeman and a citizen. Complete the sentence by reporting the policeman's reply correctly.

Policeman : Did you see any suspicious looking man around here?

Neighbor : I saw the thief myself.

When a policeman asked the neighbour if.....the neighbor reported that he had seen the thief himself.

iii. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option :

She..... the curtains to see what was happening outside.

- a. peeped through b. peeped out
c. peeped into d. peeped at

iv. Read the conversation between a customer and a florist. Complete the sentence by reporting the florist's reply correctly.

Customer : Can I have a bouquet of rose flowers?

Florist : Sorry, we only have bouquet of daffodils.

The customer asked the florist if he could have a bouquet of rose flowers, to which the florist apologized and said _____

v. Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given line.

Genius does what it must, and talent does what it _____.

- a. can b. would c. may d. should

vi. Fill in the blanks by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

According to the news, the shower _____ (be) supposed to take place.

vii. Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

There are not some buses because the drivers have gone on strike.

| OPTION | ERROR | CORRECTION |
|--------|-------|------------|
| A | THE | A |
| B | ARE | IS |
| C | SOME | MANY |
| D. | HAVE | HAS |

viii. Read the statement of Nelson Mandela and fill in the blanks by choosing the correct option:

"Never, never, and never again..... it be that this beautiful land will again experience the oppression of one by another."

- a. shall b. must c. can d. may

ix. Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Tanmay and Astha.

Tanmay : How did you spend your vacation?

Astha : I visited Kashmir with my parents.

Tanmay asked Astha how she had spent her vacation. Astha replied that ____

- a. she has visited Kashmir with her parents
- b. she had visited Kashmir with her parents
- c. she have visited Kashmir with her parents
- d. she had been visited Kashmir with her parents

x. Identify the error on the sign board of DOMINO'S outlet and supply the correction for the following festive offer.

Be it getting a 50% discount on an individual pizza orders or 30%+ discount combo offers, the range of discount codes offer by Domino's is quite diverse.

Use the given format for your response.

| Error | Correction |
|-------|------------|
| | |

xi. Priya shared her experience of first day at school with her mother. Report her mother's questions.

"Has anybody been unkind to you today? .

xii. Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

Dorothy's favorite activity in her leisure time is draw sketches of her family and friends.

Use the given format for your response.

| Error | Correction |
|-------|------------|
| | |

Q4. You are Prerna / Puneet, the Sports Secretary of Magnum International School, New Delhi. You have received the parcel of sports articles ordered by you, some of which are defective and old. Write a letter of complaint to M/s New Sports, Meerut, the supplier of the sports articles.(Word limit 100 -120 words) 5 marks

OR

You are Ishaan, of Supertech Apartments, Whitefield, Bangalore. You recently read an article which stated that an average Indian wastes approximately fifty kilograms of food per year. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily, in about 120 words, expressing your concern about the alarming amount of food waste in the country. Share practical ideas and suggestions for reducing food waste at home and encourage the readers to distribute surplus food to those in need.(Word limit 100-120 words)

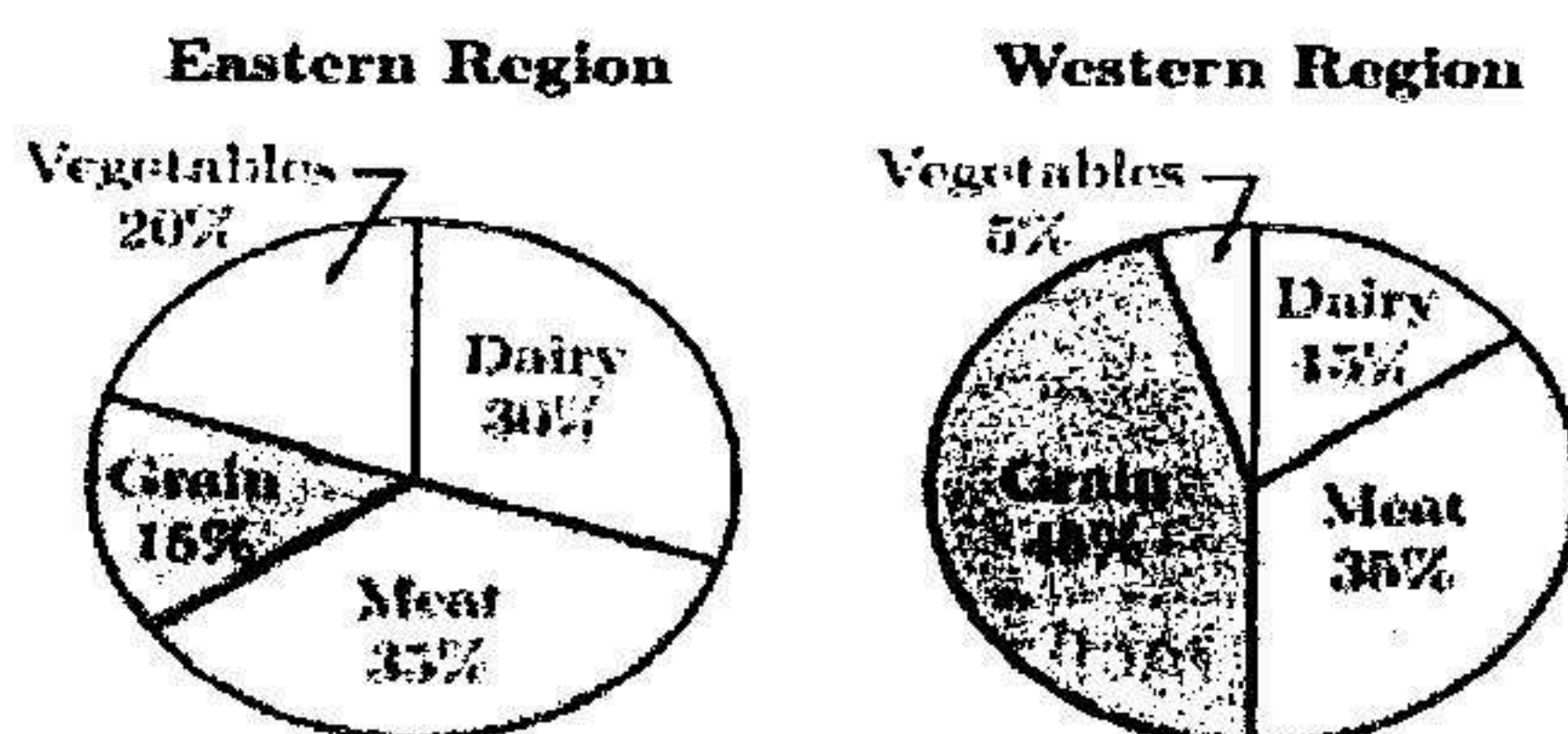
Q5. Read the following excerpt that appeared in the weekend newspaper. 5 marks

For some of us extra time at home means a chance to try new recipes or improve our home cooking skills, or often time to cook up a creative storm in the kitchen. For others, cooking in confinement involves throwing together quick and nutritious meals for the family. Whatever your style of cooking is what affects both our physical and mental health.

You have been asked to write an analytical paragraph on 'Style of Cooking'. Taking the information from the clipping given above analyze its content. You could think of an alternative that would strengthen or counter the given statement in 100- 120 words.

OR

The charts below show agricultural production in two different regions of the country. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words by selecting and reporting the main features, and making comparison where relevant.



SECTION- C LITERATURE (40 Marks)

Q6. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow :

(5M)

THINK-TANK : Perhaps the Earthlings are not as primitive as we have thought. We must break the code.

NOODLE : Forgive me, your Cleverness, but did not the chemical department give our space people vitamins to increase their intelligence?

THINK-TANK : Stop! A thought of magnificent brilliance has come to me. Space people, our chemical department has given you vitamins to increase your intelligence. Take them immediately and then watch the sandwich. The meaning of the code will slowly unfold before you.

OMEGA : It shall be done, sir. Remove vitamins. (Crew takes vitamins from boxes on their belts.) Present vitamins. (They hold vitamins out in front of them, stiffly.) Swallow vitamins. (They pop the vitamins into their mouths and gulp simultaneously. They open their eyes wide, their heads shake, and they put their hands to their foreheads.)

i. "We must break the code." What code did Think Tank ask to break?

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ii. Complete the given sentence with appropriate reason:

The space probe crew take vitamins to..... 1

iii. Read the following descriptions (a)-(c) and identify which one correctly corresponds to the extract. 1

- A debate is a formal discussion on a particular topic, usually with two or more people presenting different viewpoints and arguments.
- A soliloquy is a speech given by a character alone on stage, which reveals their innermost thoughts and feelings to the audience.
- A dialogue is a conversation between two or more people as a feature of a book, play, or film.

iv. Why does Noodle recommend giving space people vitamins? What does Think-Tank say in this regard? 2

OR

Tenth May dawned bright and clear. For the past few days, I had been pleasantly besieged by dignitaries and world leaders who were coming to pay their respects before the inauguration. The inauguration would be the largest gathering ever of international leaders on South African soil. The ceremonies took place in the lovely sandstone amphitheater formed by the Union Buildings in Pretoria. For decades this had been the seat of white supremacy, and now it was the site of a rainbow gathering of different colors and nations for the installation of South Africa's first democratic, non-racial government. (Nelson Mandela)

i. "The inauguration would be the largest gathering"... inauguration literary means beginning of something. What was the inauguration about and why was it really great ?

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ii. Which word from the passage means the same as 'an occasion when someone is put in an important job or position'?

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iii. 'The site of a rainbow gathering of different colours and nations'.

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The word 'rainbow' refers to:

1. People from different origin.
2. Dignitaries from different countries.
3. High profile dignitaries from different nations and race.
4. Decor of amphitheater with bright hue

a. Only 1 b. 1 and 2 c. Only 1, 2,3 d. only 4

iv. Why does Mandela use the word 'pleasantly besieged' in the given lines?

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Q7. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

(5M)

*Merrily over — there it is in the water!
No use to say 'O there are other balls':
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went. I would not intrude on him;
A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now
He senses first responsibility*

i. Complete the sentence appropriately.

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The poet uses the expression, 'ultimate shaking grief' because.....

ii. Which of the following words is the synonym for 'grief'?

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a. despair b. hopefulness c. gladness d. contentment

iii. Which literary device does the speaker use to describe the boy's sorrow? Why does the speaker use this device? Answer in one sentence.

1

iv. Why does the poet say, "I would not intrude on him"? Why doesn't he offer money to buy another ball?

2

OR

*The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree
Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.*

i. Identify the type of imagery used in the above extract.

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ii. How does the speaker's use of the word "heart" impact your interpretation of the stanza?

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- a. It suggests a deep emotional connection to the snowfall.
- b. It implies that the snowfall had physical effects on the speaker's body.
- c. It adds a romantic tone to the stanza.
- d. It has no impact on the interpretation.

iii. Complete the sentence given below.

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The lines from the poem tell us that the poet's tone is _____

iv. What is the message conveyed by the poet in the above extract. Answer in about 40 words.

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Q8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40- 50 words . (4X3=12)

- a. What, according to the writer, is 'the real play' of the otter?
- b. What are Anne's views on external beauty ?
- c. What happened to the roots and leaves of the trees at night? Explain with reference to the poem 'Trees'.
- d. How did Gautama Buddha begin his life? Discuss on the basis of the text, Sermon at Banaras.
- e. What do you know about the Chinese legend on tea origin?

Q9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40- 50 words .

(2X3=6)

- a. What lesson did Richard Ebright learn from the County Science Fair?
- b. Bholi's father was not in favour of sending girls to the school? Why? Give a reason for your answer.
- c. How did Horace feel after being imprisoned?

Q10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100- 120 words

(1X6=6)

Neighbours must have a cordial relationship between them. Support or counter the statement with reference to Natalya and Lomov's attitude towards each other in the play, 'The Proposal'.

OR

You have been chosen to address your school morning assembly to speak on the topic "**The Power of Exploration is to Lift Our Spirits and Open Our Hearts.**". Both Valli and Rajvir were fascinated to explore the places of their choice. Draft a speech in not more than 120 words, with reference to the commonality of themes in, Madam Rides The Bus and Tea from Assam.

(You may begin this way: Good morning, everyone. Today, I'd like to discuss that exploring new places delight us.....)

You may end this way.

To conclude, I'd like to say that ... Thank you)

Q11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100- 120 words.

(1X6=6)

Imagine yourself as Bholi. Write a diary expressing your feelings and experience on "The first day at school". You may take the help of the hints given below:

- It was a sunny morning and I was getting ready for school.
- I had lot of expectation from my new school
- Also I was very nervous to go as I have no friends.
- My school teacher encouraged me a lot.

OR

Based on your reading of the textual cue given below, write a conversation between the two characters – Mrs. Hall and Griffin.

*"Mrs. Hall, the landlord's wife made every effort to be friendly, but Griffin had no desire to talk."
(Footprints Without Feet)*

You may begin like this:

Mrs. Hall : Hello ! Mr Griffin, welcome to my Inn. How may I help you?

Griffin : (smiles mysteriously) Thank you but I need peace.