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## **ENGLISH** **(Language and Literature)**

*General Instructions :*

*Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them.*

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*Time allowed : 3 hours*

*Maximum marks : 80*

**Note :**

- (i) Please check that this question paper contains **12** printed pages.
- (ii) Code number given on the right hand side of the question paper should be written on the title page of the answer-book by the candidate.
- (iii) Please check that this question paper contains **11** questions.
- (iv) Please write down the **Serial Number** of the question in the answer-book before attempting it.
- (v) **15** minutes time has been allotted to read the question paper. The question paper will be distributed at **10.15 a.m.**, From **10.15 a.m.** to **10.30 a.m.**, the students will read the question paper only and will not write any answer in the answer-book during this period.
- (vi) This question paper comprises **three sections - Section-A, Section-B and Section-C.**
  - Section-A - Reading Skills** - **20** marks
  - Section-B - Grammar and Creative Writing Skills** - **20** marks
  - Section-C - Literature** - **40** marks
- (vii) **All questions are compulsory.**
- (viii) There is no overall choice in the question paper. However, an internal choice has been provided in **Section B** and **Section C**. Make your choices correctly.
- (ix) In addition to this, separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary.
- (x) Answers should be in brief and to the point. The prescribed word-limit should be adhered to, as far as possible, while answering the questions.

## SECTION - A

### READING SKILLS (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below :

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#### Rainy Days in Delhi

- (I) Recently, heavy rains caused flooding in Delhi. The rivers, especially the Yamuna, overflowed, leading to waterlogged streets and trouble for the city. This made it hard for people to travel and some areas had to be evacuated.
- (II) But, the good part was that the government and local volunteers quickly came to help. They used boats and provided relief to those who were stuck. Schools and offices had to be closed for a while. Delhiites showed kindness by offering shelter and food to those affected and in need.
- (III) Despite the challenges, many heartwarming stories emerged. People opened their homes to help others, community kitchens provided meals and social media played a big role in coordinating rescue efforts. It showed that when faced with difficulties, the good Samaritans in Delhi come together to support each other. As the floodwaters receded, the focus shifted to long term measures for flood prevention and improved urban planning.
- (IV) The recent experience serves as a lesson, emphasizing the necessity for sustainable development practices. This includes robust drainage system, stricter building regulations and enhanced disaster preparedness to mitigate the impact of extreme weather events on the dynamic cityscape of Delhi.
- (V) Moving forward, the city aims to learn from these challenges, fostering a sense of community strength and implementing measures that ensure Delhi becomes more resilient in the face of future calamities. The recent events have highlighted the importance of unity, compassion and proactive planning for a more resilient and prepared future.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above.

- (i) What role did government agencies, local volunteers and disaster response teams play during the floods. Choose the correct answer (Para II) 1
  - (a) Increased traffic regulations.
  - (b) Delayed responses to complaints
  - (c) Provided swift assistance and relief measures
  - (d) Ignored the situation
- (ii) What acts of Kindness emerged amidst the flood crisis in Delhi ? 2

- (iii) What lesson does the recent flood experience in Delhi teach us about preparation for extreme weather events ? (Para IV) **1**
- (a) learning from mistakes
  - (b) importance of sustainable development practices
  - (c) need for more dams
  - (d) futile urban planning
- (iv) The passage includes some words that are similar to each other. From the sets (a – e), below, identify two sets of synonyms. **1**
- (a) overflowing and receding
  - (b) resilience – endurance
  - (c) challenges – advantages
  - (d) vulnerability – resilience
  - (e) Swift – prompt
- (v) Complete the following sentence suitably **1**
- The role played by social media during recent floods in Delhi was \_\_\_\_\_.
- (vi) How does the tone of the passage about the floods in Delhi contribute to the overall impact of the information presented ? Share your interpretation of the author’s emotional stance. **1+1=2**
- (vii) According to you, what measures should be taken to ensure that Delhi becomes more resilient in the face of future calamities ? **1**
- (viii) Where did the focus shift after the flood water receded ? (Para III) **1**
- 2. Read the passage given below : **10****
- (I) Tourism is a dynamic industry that significantly contributes to global economies and cultural exchange. In recent years, the travel sector has experienced remarkable growth, with the number of international tourist arrivals reaching unprecedented levels. According to the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), international tourist arrivals totalled 1.5 billion in 2019, showcasing the enduring appeal of exploring new destinations.
- (II) This surge in tourism has profound economic implications. The sector generates substantial revenue, provides massive employment opportunities and fosters economic development in both developed and developing countries. In 2019, tourism contributed approximately 10.4% to the global GDP, emphasizing its role as a key driver of economic growth. Popular tourist destinations, such as France, Spain and the United States, continue to benefit from the influx of visitors, stimulating various sectors, including hospitality, transportation and entertainment.
- (III) Technology has played a pivotal role in shaping the tourism landscape. Online booking platforms, travel apps and virtual tours have transformed the way people plan and experience their journeys. Social media platforms contribute to the allure of destinations, influencing travel decisions and promoting a sense of adventure. As a result, previously undiscovered gems are gaining popularity, diversifying the tourism map.

- (IV) However, the industry also faces challenges, including environmental concerns and the impact of over tourism. Sustainable tourism practices have become increasingly important to mitigate these issues. Travellers and destinations alike are recognizing the need for responsible tourism that preserves natural ecosystems, supports local communities and minimizes the carbon footprint.
- (V) The COVID-19 pandemic had a profound impact on global tourism, leading to unprecedented declines in travel. Lockdowns, travel restrictions and health concerns disrupted the industry, emphasizing the need for resilience and adaptability. As countries gradually reopen and travel resumes, the tourism sector is poised for recovery, with a renewed focus on safety measures and sustainable practices.
- (VI) In conclusion, tourism is a multifaceted phenomenon that intertwines economic, cultural and environmental aspects. While it brings about economic prosperity and cultural exchange, responsible and sustainable practices are essential to ensure the longevity of the industry and its positive impact on global communities.

Answer the following questions based on the passage above :

- (i) Explain how the growth of tourism industry is comparable to a global economic engine. **1**
- (ii) Fill in the blanks with the appropriate option from those given in brackets, based on your understanding of the passage. **1**
- The statement that Online booking platforms and virtual tours have transformed travel experiences, is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (fact/ opinion) because it is a/an \_\_\_\_\_ (subjective judgement/ objective detail)
- (iii) Justify the importance of sustainable tourism practices in addressing the challenges faced by the tourism industry, as mentioned in the passage. Answer in about 40 words. **2**
- (iv) Identify two challenges faced by the tourism industry highlighted in the passage. **1**
- (v) Analyze the significance of COVID-19 pandemic on global tourism. **1**
- (vi) What are the positive and negative aspects of the key findings that emerge from the passage about tourism ? **2**

- (vii) What is the primary conclusion drawn from the passage ? Choose the best option. 1
- (a) Tourism has negligible effects on the environment and human well-being.
  - (b) Tourism lacks sustainability in urban spaces.
  - (c) Tourism brings significant economic and cultural benefits.
  - (d) Experts from various fields can improve tourism research.
- (viii) Which term from the passage is used to describe the negative impact of massive tourist numbers on a destination, leading to overcrowding and environmental strain ? 1
- (a) ecotourism
  - (b) heritage tourism
  - (c) over tourism
  - (d) cultural exchange

### SECTION - B

#### GRAMMAR AND CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS (20 MARKS)

##### GRAMMAR (10 MARKS)

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following twelve questions : 10x1=10

- (i) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket : 1

She wrote a detailed report that \_\_\_\_\_ (summarize) the key findings of the research project.

- (ii) Identify the error and provide the correction for the given sentence. 1

She prepared a scrumptious dish that will satisfy your taste buds. Use the given format.

error	correction

- (iii) Sonali and Kusum had a conversation about the inauguration of Kusum's coaching centre. Report Sonali's question. 1

Are you receiving assistance from your closest friend for the inauguration of your coaching centre ?

- (iv) Read the dialogue between a mentor and her intern. 1  
 Mentor : What inspired you to take on this challenging project ?  
 Intern : Well, I believe tackling challenges head-on is the best way to grow.

Select the correct option to complete the reporting of the above dialogue.

The mentor asked the intern what inspired her to take on that challenging project. The intern replied that she \_\_\_\_\_ was the best way to grow.

- (a) believe tackling challenges head-on  
 (b) believes tackling challenges head-on  
 (c) believed tackling challenges head-on  
 (d) is believing tackling challenges head-on
- (v) Fill in the blank to complete the closing statement of a company's memo to the employees. 1

The new policy is effective, starting next month, and \_\_\_\_\_ (all/some/none) are required to attend the upcoming training session.

- (vi) Spot the error and suggest the correction for the following sentence extracted from a company's marketing plan. 1

The new product ensures the best quality and is more superior to any other options in the market.

Use the given format for your response :

error	correction

- (vii) Select the appropriate correction for the sentence's error in the following conclusion of a research report : 1

"This research investigate the correlation between caffeine consumption and sleep quality".

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	investigate	investigates
B	between	among
C	and	or
D	quality	quantities

(viii) Fill in the blank with the appropriate option to complete the narrative. 1

The experience of nursing an injured bird left me \_\_\_\_\_ grateful for knowing the importance of being kind to all creatures.

- (a) feeling
- (b) having felt
- (c) felt
- (d) feels

(ix) Report the dialogue between a doctor and his patient by completing the sentence. 1

Doctor : Good afternoon! It's good to meet you for your check-up.

Patient : Thank you! Unlike my usual health visits, I've been experiencing some discomfort lately.

The doctor greeted the patient, expressing satisfaction at his meeting him for the check-up. The patient acknowledged the greeting and mentioned that \_\_\_\_\_.

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the live feed on a school news channel. 1

Exciting news, change makers !

The Regional Science Fair results are in, and our school's Robotics team \_\_\_\_\_ the top honours.

- (a) had earned
- (b) clinching
- (c) grabs
- (d) secured

(xi) Complete the following sentence by selecting correct option : 1

I wish I \_\_\_\_\_ go and visit my aunt tomorrow!

- (a) might
- (b) should
- (c) could
- (d) can

(xii) Identify the error and supply correction for the following note in a passenger's flight instruction manual. 1

Note : Please ensure all electronic devices are turned off during take off and landing for passenger safety.

error	correction

## CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS - (10 marks)

4. Attempt ANY ONE from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) The historical year 2023 was applauded world over for the 'Chandrayaan' Landing on the South Pole of the moon. The citizens in general and students in particular were inspired by the print, electronic and digital media appreciating the scientists. Write a letter (in about 120 words) to the Editor of a national daily appreciating the columns and articles and how it inspired the students to develop a scientific bent of mind and follow Experiential Learning. You are Ramit/Ramila of H.No. 642, Adarsh Nagar, Hyderabad.

OR

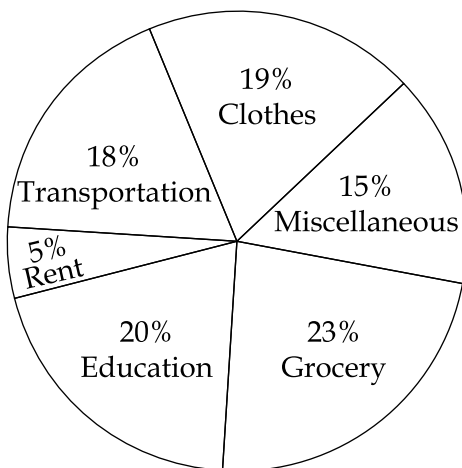
(B) You are Keshav/Kritika a resident of B-45, Sector-42, Ghaziabad. You want to take admission in the National Institute of Fashion Technology, Delhi. Using the hints given below, write a letter of inquiry to the Director of the Institute in about 100-120 words.

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Admission Procedure  | 2. Fee Structure |
| 3. Eligibility Criteria | 4. Timings       |
| 5. Mode of payment      |                  |

5. Attempt ANY ONE from (A) and (B) given below :

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(A) The given pie chart shows the amount of money spent by a family on different items in a month. Write an analytical paragraph, analyzing the monthly expenditure and drawing appropriate conclusion.



**For Visually Challenged Students only.**

<b>Amount of Money spent by a family on different items in a month</b>	
1. Grocery	23%
2. Education	20%
3. Transportation	18%
4. Cloths	19%
5. Miscellaneous	15%
6. Rent	5%

**OR**

- (B) Write an analytical paragraph in about 120 words based on the following data shown in the table below.

<b>Different types of Schools in India</b>	<b>Year-wise Percentage of attendance</b>		
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2010</b>
City Govt. Schools	50%	65%	67%
Village Govt. Schools	30%	35%	39%
General English Medium Schools	58%	55%	60%
Public Schools	75%	77%	79%

**SECTION - C**

**LITERATURE (40 Marks)**

6. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given below :

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- (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

The question he tried to answer was simple :

“What is the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa ?”

“Everyone assumed the spots were just ornamental,” Ebright said. “But Dr. Urquhart didn’t believe it”.

To find the answer, Ebright and another excellent Science student first had to build a device that showed that the spots were producing a hormone necessary for the butterfly’s full development.

This project won Ebright first place in the county fair and entry into the International Science and Engineering Fair. (The making of a Scientist)

- (i) State any one inference about Dr. Urquhart from the given context.

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“Everyone assumed the spots were ornamental.” Ebright said,. “But Dr. Urquhart didn’t believe it.”

- (ii) Which of the terms (a) – (d) below, can be applied to the following question ? 1  
 What is the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa ?
- (a) A hypothesis – a proposal explanation for a phenomenon  
 (b) An assumption – something that is taken for granted or assumed to be true without proof  
 (c) A premise – a proposition that forms the basis of an argument  
 (d) A theory – a well-substantiated explanation for a natural phenomenon
- (iii) Ebright’s approach to finding the purpose of the gold spots on a monarch pupa was highly effective. Elaborate in about **30–40** words, with reference to the extract. 2
- (iv) Which word/phrase would correctly substitute ‘the purpose’ in the given sentence from the extract. 1  
 “What is the purpose of the twelve tiny gold spots on a monarch pupa ?”

**OR**

(B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :

I finished my poem, and it was beautiful ! It was about a mother duck and a father swan with three baby ducklings who were bitten to death by the father because they quacked too much. Luckily, Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way. He read the poem to the class, adding his own comments and to several other classes as well.

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

- (i) Anne Frank says that ‘Mr. Keesing took the joke the right way’ What does she mean by this ? Choose the correct option : 1
- (a) Anne had turned the tables on her teacher, however he took it sportingly.  
 (b) The teacher was already tired of her constant jokes in class.  
 (c) Anne Frank had a nasty sense of humour.  
 (d) Students are not supposed to crack jokes on their teachers.
- (ii) What had transpired between Mr. Keesing and Anne Frank for her to feel relieved on seeing his response to her poem ? Answer in about **30–40** words. 2
- (iii) Complete the sentence suitably – Mr. Keesing chose the title – “An Incurable Chatterbox” – for Anne, to write on because he expected that \_\_\_\_\_ . 1
- (iv) What does this extract tell us about Mr. Keesing as a teacher ? 1

7. Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given below : 5
- (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :
- 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.
- (The Ball poem)
- (i) Complete the conversation with what the boy would most likely say. 1  
 Answer in one sentence.  
 John : Oh don’t worry, there are plenty of other balls to play with.  
 Boy : \_\_\_\_\_
- (ii) Which line first indicates that the ball is a metaphor for something else ? 1
- (a) Merrily Over – there it is in the water !  
 (b) An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy  
 (c) All his young days into the harbour where .....  
 (d) I would not intrude on him.
- (iii) Which literary device does the speaker use to describe the boy’s sorrow ? 1  
 Answer in one sentence.
- (iv) Why does the author say, “No use to say ‘O there are other balls’”. Answer 2  
 in about **40** words.

**OR**

- (B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow :
- Some say the world will end in fire,  
 Some say in ice.  
 From what I’ve tasted of desire  
 I hold with those who favour (Fire and Ice)
- (i) Which literary device has been used in ‘I hold with those who favour 1  
 fire’.
- (ii) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE : 1  
 The author thinks that the world is a beautiful place to live in.
- (iii) State which of the terms given below, can be applied to the statement 1  
 taking into account the poet’s belief system ?  
 The above stanza ponders over whether the world will end due to fire or  
 ice.
- (a) It is a true hypothesis  
 (b) It is an irrefutable belief  
 (c) It is a debatable theory  
 (d) It is a scientific fact
- (iv) Comment on the poet’s use of language in these lines, in about 40 words. 2

8. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following **five** questions in about **30-40** words each. **4x3=12**
- (i) Was hunger a good motivation for the young seagull to take his first flight? Explain. (Two Stories About Flying) **3**
  - (ii) The postmaster sends money to Lencho but signs it as 'God'. Why did he do so? Explain. (A Letter to God) **3**
  - (iii) Explain the expression: "The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet." In the context of the poem "Amanda". **3**
  - (iv) Lomov appears to be taking a calculated decision to marry Natalya. Apparently love is not the primary reason for the proposal he intends to make. Do you agree? Give reasons to support your answer. (The Proposal) **3**
  - (v) How does the author create a sense of nostalgia in the story "A Baker From Goa"? Elaborate. **3**
9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions in about **30-40** words each. **2x3=6**
- (i) What did Ebright learn from his failure at the science fair? (Making of a Scientist) **3**
  - (ii) What made the story of the balcony so convincing? Elaborate. (The Midnight Visitor) **3**
  - (iii) Describe how Horace Danby planned his work. (A Question of Trust) **3**
10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions in **100-120** words. **1x6=6**
- (A) Mandela and the Tiger both want freedom. Assume that they meet in Republic Day Parade and have a conversation about transitory and honourable freedom. Write this conversation as per your understanding of the lesson - 'Nelson Mandela - Long Walk to Freedom' and the poem 'A Tiger in the Zoo.'
- OR**
- (B) You have been asked to give a speech on the topic 'The journey is more important than the destination.' Prepare a draft for the speech, in not more than 120 words, with reference to the text 'Madam Rides the Bus and 'The Black Aeroplane.'
- You may begin with this:  
 Good Morning everyone. Today, I would like to talk to you about how the journeys that we experience in life are often more important than their destinations....
11. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following questions in **100 -120** words. **1x6=6**
- (A) "Crime can never be justified. The one who causes harm to anyone, gets caught later or sooner." Examine "A Question of Trust" as a story woven around this code.
- OR**
- (B) "Oh! My poor Matilda! Mine was false."  
 Confession saves you from a lot of trouble and the sense of guilt. Justify the statement-in the light of the above statement. (The Necklace)

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