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(Language and Literature)

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General Instructions :

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(i) *This question paper comprises **11** questions. **All** questions are compulsory.*

(ii) *The question paper contains **THREE** sections –*

***Section – A :** Reading Skills*

***Section – B :** Grammar and Creative Writing Skills*

***Section – C :** Literature*

(iii) *Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.*

Section – A 20

Reading Skills

1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow :

(1) Mankind's fascination with gold is as old as civilization itself. The ancient Egyptians held gold in high esteem gold had religious significance for them, and King Tutankhamen was buried in a solid gold coffin 3300 years ago. The wandering Israelites worshipped a golden calf, and the legendary King Midas asked that whatever he touched be turned into gold.

(2) Not only is gold beautiful, but it is virtually indestructible. It will not rust or corrode. Gold coins and products fabricated from the metal have survived undamaged for centuries. Gold is extremely easy to work with. One ounce, which is about the size of a cube of sugar, can be beaten into a sheet nearly 100 square feet in size, and becomes so thin that light can pass through it. An ounce of gold can also be stretched into a wire 50 miles long. Gold conducts electricity better than any other substance except copper and silver, and it is particularly important in modern electronic industry.

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(3) People have always longed to possess gold. Unfortunately, this longing has also brought out the worst in human character. The Spanish conquerors robbed palaces, temples and graves and killed thousands of people in their ruthless search for gold. Even today, the economy of South Africa's gold mines depend largely on the employment of black labourers who are paid about 40 pounds a month, plus boarding and lodging. They work in conditions that can only be described as cruel. About 400 miners die in South Africa each year.

(4) Much of the gold's value lies in its scarcity. Only about 80,000 tons have been mined in the history of the world. All of it can be stored in a vault 60 feet square, or a super tanker. Great Britain was the first country to adopt the gold standard, when the Master of the Mint, Sir Issac Newton, established a fixed price for gold in 1717. The discovery of gold in the last half of the nineteenth century in California, (1848) and later in Australia and South Africa changed everything. Before the discovery, there wasn't enough gold around for all the trading nations to link their currencies to the precious metal.

(5) An out-of-work prospector named George Harrison launched South Africa into the gold age in 1886 when he discovered the metal in a farm near what is now Johannesburg. Harrison was given 12 pounds as a reward by the farmer. He then disappeared and was eaten by a lion.

(6) One of the biggest gold mining areas in the Soviet Union is the Kolyma River region, once infamous for its prison camp. The camp has gone, but in a way nothing has changed. Many ex-prisoners have stayed on to work in the mines and are supervised by ex-guards.

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(7) Despite the current rush to buy gold, 75 percent of the metal goes into making jewellery. Italy is the biggest consumer of gold for this purpose, and many Italian jewellers even tear up their wooden floors and burn them to recover the tiny flecks of gold. Historically, the desire to hoard gold at home has been primarily an occupation of the working and peasant classes, who have had no faith in paper money. George Bernard Shaw defended their instincts eloquently, "You have to choose between trusting the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the government," he said "and with due respect to these gentlemen, I advise to vote for gold."

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions given below. **10 × 1 = 10**

(i) When was King Tutankhamen buried ?

(a) 1717 (b) 1886

(c) 3300 years ago (d) 1848

(ii) Why did Egyptians hold gold in great esteem ?

(a) because it is a good conductor of electricity.

(b) because of its religious significance.

(c) for lovely gold ornaments.

(d) because it is indestructible.

(iii) According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true ?

(a) Gold is the best conductor of electricity.

(b) Apart from gold, copper and silver are good conductors of electricity.

(c) Gold can be easily beaten, hence it is easy to work with.

(d) Gold plays an important role in the modern electronics industry.

(iv) Select the option that displays what the writer projects, with reference to the following.

The wandering Israelites worshipped a golden calf _____.

(a) importance of religion (b) importance of the metal gold

(c) good conductor (d) gold can replace money

(v) How were the black Labourers exploited ?

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(vi) Complete the following with the phrase from paragraph.

Opinion	Reason
	King Tutankhamen was buried in a solid gold coffin 3300 years ago.

(vii) Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that.

Not only is gold beautiful but it is virtually indestructible.

(viii) _____ launched South Africa into the gold age.

(a) Issac Newton (b) George Harrison

(c) George Bernard Shaw (d) A farmer

(ix) Select the option that corresponds to the following.

The ancient Egyptians and the modern electronic industry both hold gold in high esteem.

(a) The hardworking student came first because of his diligent practice.

(b) Honesty is underrated whereas strategy is appreciated

(c) The vibrant colours made the interiors look luminous.

(d) The steaming food was both appetizing and tasty.

(x) Supply one point to justify the following :

The desire to hoard gold at home has been primarily an occupation of the working and peasant classes.

2. Read the passage given below : **10 × 1 = 10**

(1) Starting Monday, the country's low-cost Mars mission with the red planet for an extended period will enter the "blackout" phase snapping communication with the satellite. From June 8 to 22 the Sun will block Mars from the Earth snapping communication with the satellite.

(2) A senior Indian Space Research Organisation official said. "This will be for the first time that there will be a communication break for such a long period of about 15 days. During this period, there will be no communication with the satellite", he added.

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(3) Expressing confidence about regaining control over the satellite once the blackout phase is over, he said, "the scenario has been tested and the line of communication will be established." The spacecraft's life has been extended for another six months in March due to surplus fuel.

(4) Stating that the spacecraft has been "configured" for the blackout, the ISRO official said, "we are not sending any commands to the spacecraft now, till 8th June few hours of signals will be sent by the spacecraft that will be for about two to three hours per day". In May next year, the mission will have to go through a similar phase once again, if there is another extension of mission life when the Earth will come between the Sun and Mars.

(5) Scripting space history, India on September 24 last successfully placed its low-cost Mars spacecraft in orbit around the red planet in its very first attempt, breaking into an elite club of three countries.

(i) Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 1.
The 'blackout' phase is significant _____.

(ii) Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blank.
From paragraph 1 & 2, we can infer that there will be _____
1. no communication with the people.
2. blackout phase.
3. satellite will set no communication.
4. the moon will block the earth.
5. the communication break will be for 15 days.

(a) 1, 2 & 3 (b) 1, 3 & 4
(c) 2, 3 & 5 (d) 3, 4 & 5

(iii) The communication with the satellite will break for approximately _____ days.

(a) 10 (b) 15
(c) 20 (d) 25

(iv) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 2.
aroma : cooking : : _____ : space research
(Clue – just like aroma is integral to coking, similarly _____ is/are integral to space Research.

(v) According to ISRO official till 8th July, when Sun will block Mars, _____ signal / signals per day will be sent to the spacecraft.

(a) no (b) considerable
(c) indefinite (d) only for few

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(vi) Select the correct options to complete the following sentence :

The ISRO officials are _____ about their control over the spacecraft after the blackout phase.

(a) doubtful (b) apprehensive

(c) confident (d) jittery

(vii) The spacecraft's life was extended by six months because of

(a) extra fuel

(b) incomplete work

(c) lack of communication amongst ISRO officials

(d) technical problems in its landing

(viii) Read the following sentences :

(A) The blackout was a sudden development.

(B) Because of this, the officials are very nervous about the success of the spacecraft.

(a) Both (A) & (B) are true. (b) Both (A) & (B) are false.

(c) (A) is true and (B) is false. (d) (A) is false and (B) is true.

(ix) Substitute the word 'nonpareil' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 5.

India managed to get into the nonpareil club of Mars spacecraft in orbit.

(x) The word scarcity in the passage means the opposite of

(a) excess (b) plenty

(c) inadequacy (d) surplus

Section – B 20

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt any **TEN** of the following questions : **10 × 1 = 10**

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :

After many months of research, the scientists _____ the invisible barrier.

(a) break down (b) broke out

(c) broke in (d) broke through

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(ii) Read the conversation between a teacher and a student.
Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly :
Teacher : Would you like to take part in a debate competition ?
Student : Yes, When is the competition ?
The teacher asked whether the student would like to participate in a debate competition to which the student affirmed _____.

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given line :
Don't you have _____ friends in the school ?
(a) much (b) few
(c) little (d) any

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a sports journal :
The captain of the team was accused with not encouraging the team members.

Option No.	Error	Correction
A	the	a
B	with	of
C	encouraging	encouragement
D	members	member

(v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option :
The children _____ better safety procedures after the unexpected fire in the school.
(a) called for (b) called in
(c) called by (d) called out

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket :
The teacher _____ (complete) the preparations for the function before the term ended.

(vii) Report the dialogue between the shopkeeper and customer, by completing the sentence :
Customer : Do you sell battery operated toys for children ?
Shop keeper : Yes, we have a wide range of toys.
The customer asked the shopkeeper if he sold battery operated toys for children. In response, the shopkeeper replied _____.

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction :
The stage performance put up by the students were spectacular.
Use the given format for your response :

Error	Correction

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(ix) Rohina shared some information with Ruchi regarding her summer internship at the bank. Report Ruchi's question.

What was the duration of your internship ?

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option :

You _____ keep your promise.

(a) may (b) can

(c) shall (d) must

(xi) Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Raj and his wife :

Raj : I have invited my friends for dinner.

Wife : I'll invite my friends too.

Raj told his wife that he had invited his friends for dinner. The wife added that _____.

(a) she will invite her friends too (b) she would invite her friends too

(c) she can invite her friends too (d) she could invite her friends too

(xii) Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction :

Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

The evil of begging is very common into our country.

4. (a) When you think about your city, you feel proud of its historical monuments, places of cultural interest, shopping centres and beautiful parks. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on 'Your City'. Also suggest ways to increase footfall to these places like the government's recent initiative of free entry to all historical monuments on the occasion 75th Independence Day.

You are Sangeeta / Sanjay, 45 Vijay Nagar, Delhi. (Word limit 100 – 125 words) **5**

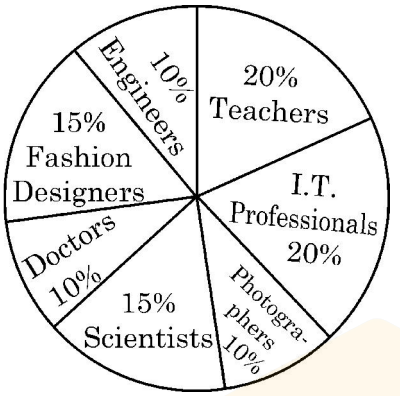
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4. (b) You are Ankit / Ankita of Mahavir Public School, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in 'The Times of India' regarding the starting of new batches of 'Astronomy Club' by the National Science Centre. You wish to join the club. Write a letter to the Director, enquiring about the venue, duration, fee-structure, activities, etc. (Word limit 100-125 words) **5**

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5. (a) In an exclusive survey conducted by a leading daily, students of class X expressed their job preferences. On the basis of the information given in the pie chart, write a paragraph analysing the careers they want to pursue after school. (word limit 100 – 120 words) **5**



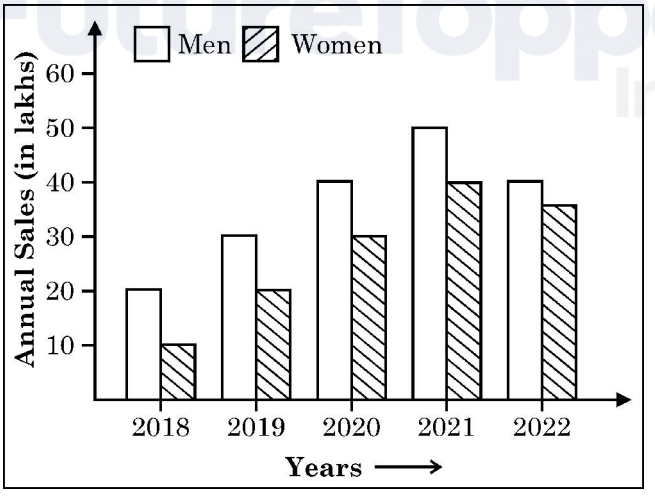
For Visually Challenged Candidates.

5. (a) Junk food can harm our bodies in different ways. It is write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words on Junk Food and its impact on the Body you many use the following cues.

→ They have high level of cholesterol, sugar/salt, calories and more.
→ rising popularity of junk food due to taste, low prices, convenience.
→ Spikes energy levels and then leads to drop in concentration.
→ Consumption leads to density and adverse impact on lives.
→ Impairs cognitive functions
→ Role of decision creating awarders.

OR

5. (b) Given below is a graph comparing the consumption of health care supplements amongst men and women between the age of 25 – 35 from the year 2018-2022 in terms of their sales. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words using the details given : **5**



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For Visually Challenged Candidates.

5. (b) Excessive usage of screen time can cause damage to a growing child. Moreover, it cannot be denied that the child of the digital era cannot be separated from the use of technology. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words on 'Screen Time and the Digital Generation'. You can use the following cues :

→ Technology has changed our lifestyle and has become a part of our lives.

→ Screens refer to mobiles, televisions, laptops, Ipads etc.

→ Many progressive schools encourage the use of laptops.

→ During lockdown – screens came to the rescue of uninterrupted education.

→ Cannot replace face to face, physical interaction between teacher and taught.

Section – C

Literature

6. (a) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow : **5 × 1 = 5**

I started right away at the Montessori nursery school. I stayed there until I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell.

In the summer of 1941 Grandma fell ill and had to have an operation, so my birthday passed with little celebration.

(i) The narrator 'I' refers to

(a) Mr. Keesing (b) Mrs. Kuperus

(c) Anne Frank (d) Miss Margot

(ii) The phrase 'right away' in this extract most nearly means

(a) with delay (b) the correct way

(c) immediately (d) overtaking from right

(iii) What does the narrator mean by saying 'we were both in tears' ?

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(iv) Complete the analogy by selecting a word from the text :

dawn : dusk :: mourning : _____.

(v) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'form' as used in the extract.

(a) Raghav was in good form while playing the match.

(b) Saheb was promoted to the next form after the annual exam.

(c) My brother did not know how to form a circle.

(d) Anne saw the form on the headmaster's desk.

OR

6. (b) The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London ? And where was the man ? **5 × 1 = 5**

As they gazed, a remarkable sight met, their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere !

Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated, until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter and at last disappeared altogether.

(i) The boys were surprised to see a barefooted man in London because _____.

(a) everybody in London moved around in shoes.

(b) it was very cold in London to move around barefoot.

(c) the muddy footprints were fresh.

(d) only a homeless person would walk barefoot.

(ii) Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'started' in the above extract.

(a) When I reached the theatre the movie had already started.

(b) The fire started from the kitchen.

(c) On hearing the bell ring, the sleeping Raman started and jumped out of bed.

(d) Taking a deep breath, Ravi started down the stairs.

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(iii) The boys reaction can best be described as

(a) captivated, bored (b) repulsed, absorbed

(c) curious, unhappy (d) captivated, interested

(iv) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text :

Disappeared : Vanished :: Extraordinary :

(v) According to the extract the boys were _____ when they saw the footmark.

1. terrified 2. nervous

3. delighted 4. curious

5. puzzled

Select the correct option :

(a) 1, 2, 4 (b) Only 1

(c) 4 and 5 (d) 2 and 3

7. (a) Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option : **5 × 1 = 5**

If strolling forth, a beast you view,
Whose hide with spots is peppered,
As soon as he has leapt on you,
You'll know it's the leopard.
'Twill do no good to roar with pain,
He'll only lep and lep again.

(i) One can find out that it is a leopard by the way it _____.

(a) leaps (b) eats

(c) looks (d) roars

(ii) State whether the following statement is true or false :

When an animal repeatedly leaps at a person, it is a leopard.

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(iii) Complete the sentence appropriately :

It is clear that repetition is a poetic device used for 'lep and lep again' because _____.

(Clue : explain how repetition is applied here.)

(iv) The Royal Bengal Tiger has black stripes on yellow skin whereas a leopard has _____.

(v) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract : claws : nails :: ? : skin

OR

7. (b) He stalks in his vivid stripes **5 × 1 = 5**

The few steps of his cage

On pads of velvet quiet

In his quiet rage.

He should be lurking in shadow

Sliding through long grass

Near the water hole

Where plump deer pass

(i) 'He' is in a rage because he is

(a) hungry (b) tied

(c) thirsty (d) in a cage

(ii) He is lurking in the shadow because _____.

(iii) The above lines express the tiger's _____.

(a) resignation (b) fear

(c) anger (d) acceptance

(iv) Complete the sentence appropriately :

It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' – because _____. (Clue : explain how metaphor is applied here.)

(v) The contrast in the above extract is between life in the forest and life in the

(a) circus (b) national park

(c) cave (d) zoo

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8. Read the following questions and answer any **four** of the five questions given below : **4 × 3 = 12**

(a) What did Kisa Gotami do after the death of her only son ?

(b) What are the raindrops compared to and why ?

(c) How is the Goan baker still an important part of the life of a Goan village ?

(d) The quarrel over Green Meadows is finally resolved. Explain.

(e) Amanda gets a list of instructions from her mother of dos and don'ts. What do these tell you about the relationship between Amanda and her mother ?

9. Read the following questions and answer any **two** of the three questions that follow : **2 × 3 = 6**

(a) Why did Hari Singh smile in his most appealing way towards the end of the story ?

(b) What excuses did Mrs. Pumphrey make about Mr. Herriot's advice ?

(c) What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at a science fair ?

10. Answer any **one** of the following questions in 100-120 words : **6**

(a) Motivation plays an important role in taking risks in life and in succeeding. Do you agree ? Discuss with reference to the pilot of the old Dakota and the young seagull.

(b) Valli was an extra-ordinary girl who had self-confidence and courage to realise her ambition by planning and drawing on her spirit of adventure. Discuss in reference to the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'.

11. Answer any **one** of the following questions in 100-120 words : **6**

(a) Destiny had been cruel to Bholi yet she made a place for herself in a conservative society. Discuss.

(b) Matilda was very proud of her beauty and charm and this led to her downfall. Elaborate.

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