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ENGLISH
(Language and Literature)

Time allowed : 3 hours *Maximum Marks : 80*

General Instructions :

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them :

(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.*

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SECTION A
Reading Skills

20 marks

1. Read the following passage carefully : *10*

(1) If they go unaddressed, life's annoyances can affect your well-being. Scientific studies have found that people who rate high on tests for anger are at an increased risk for high blood pressure and heart disease. To process anger in a healthy way, Todd Kashdan, a psychology professor at George Mason University in Virginia, recommends you attempt to understand why you feel upset. Without pinpointing why you're angry, he says, "You can't get a foothold to figure out what your body is mobilizing to do."

(2) When harnessed properly, anger can be a motivator. Frustration can drive us to choose a novel path while problem-solving or to become focused and committed — taking up a new cause, for example. Frustration may also be useful in negotiations. But watch, how you express it : raising your voice during a debate may be helpful, but the same tactic could potentially undermine collaborative work.

(3) Vexation has limits. Kashdan recommends thinking of anger as a speedometer, where 10 kilometres per hour is irritation and 100 kilometres per hour is blind rage. Speed limits are a measure of effectiveness : momentary annoyance during a negotiation might be useful, but rage seldom is. If you use anger as a tool too often, people will learn to avoid you. While others may offer small amounts of time and effort to keep your temper from erupting, you'll miss out on their best contributions.

(4) If you get into a disagreement with someone, pause for a moment and try to understand that person's point of view, then look for a mutually beneficial solution. Once you become angry, your thinking gets too

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narrow. To bring anger down a notch, psychologists recommend practising deep breathing. Focus on inhaling and exhaling, and picture your breath travelling to your diaphragm. Create a playlist of music to help relax when you feel agitated. Different genres work for different people.

(5) Keep disagreements from turning into fights by improving your communication skills. Avoid cutting others off or using accusatory adverbs like 'always' and 'never'. "Unhealthy anger, the inability to cool down when upset, can be a symptom of mental health disorders such as depression," says Darin Dougherty of the Harvard Medical School. Speak to your doctor if this feels familiar : medication and cognitive behavioural therapy help.

(6) After anger runs its course, let go. Experts offer three steps for decompressing after you've been hurt : make sense of the wrongdoing with a loved one or a therapist; avoid dwelling after you've processed the issue; and, finally move on — find humour in the situation or leave the environment if it has become toxic.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

(i) Complete the following statement :

According to the passage, it is important to understand the reason for your anger because _____. *1*

(ii) According to the author, which of the following is an effective way to bring down anger ? *1*

(A) practising deep breathing

(B) playing a musical instrument for others

(C) travelling to different places

(D) going for a physical workout

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

If you get into a disagreement with someone, pause for a moment and try to understand that person's point of view. (Paragraph 4)

(A) denial

(B) conviction

(C) reflection

(D) compassion

(iv) Select the option which is closest in meaning to 'undermine'. (Paragraph 2) *1*

(A) collective

(B) emphasize

(C) unilateral

(D) weaken

(v) Explain this statement from Paragraph 2 – "Frustration can drive us to choose a novel path while problem-solving." *2*

(vi) How can communication skills help in anger management ? *1*

(vii) Complete the sentence appropriately :

If your anger remains uncontrolled, *1*

(A) decisions will get delayed resulting in losses.

(B) you will not receive the best contributions.

(C) there can be momentary annoyance during a negotiation.

(D) people will respond equally aggressively.

(viii) How can you unwind after letting go of your anger ? Give two suggestions from the text. *2*

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2. Read the following passage carefully : *10*

(1) Monsoon is the most delightful season : dark clouds adding drama to the skies, air fragrant with the unmatched scent of wet earth getting drenched in the rains.

(2) This one is for nostalgia. Though recently a neighbouring small town called Mawsynram has overtaken it, Cherrapunji is forever etched in our memories as the wettest place on earth. It may be officially the second wettest place, but that's still a lot of rain to revel in ! The best part about Sohra, as it is locally called, is that unlike other hill stations in the northeast, the roads are in good condition and driving in the rain is not a hazard. There are several waterfalls and viewpoints, including the milky white Nohkalikai Falls, which at 340 metres, is among the tallest waterfalls in the country.

(3) Kochi in Kerala is the city that welcomes the monsoon into the country and is at its greenest this time of the year. A nice breeze makes the walk around the old Fort Kochi area more enjoyable. Slow boat rides on the backwaters become more magical when rain starts to fall on the placid waters.

(4) Gopalpur-on-Sea in Odisha, boasts of miles and miles of picturesque and unexplored beaches. One may sit on the golden sand and watch the casuarinas sway in the cool monsoon breeze.

Places in India with Highest Annual Rainfall
(calculated in approximation)

S. No.	Place	State	Rainfall	
			in mm	in inches
1	Mawsynram	Meghalaya	11,871	467·4
2	Cherrapunji	Meghalaya	11,777	463·7
3	Agumbe	Karnataka	7,083	278·5
4	Mahe	Puducherry	6,990	275·2
5	Tuticorin	Tamil Nadu	6,492	255
6	Amboli	Maharashtra	6,250	246
7	Mahabaleshwar	Maharashtra	6,117	240·9

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Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

(i) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from Paragraph 1.

Golden : Sand : : _____ : Land *1*

(ii) Based on the information given in the table, fill in the blanks :

_____ is the wettest place in India and _____ officially stands next to it. *2*

(iii) Infer the reason for the opinion provided below : *1*

Opinion	*Reason*
Driving in the rain is not a hazard in Sohra	

(iv) How can the beauty of Kochi be enjoyed during the monsoon ? (Any two) *1*

(v) Based on the text, which of the following options sums up the theme of the text ? *1*

(A) Nostalgic about the places he has visited in India.

(B) Boastful about the picturesque beaches of Odisha.

(C) Appreciative of monsoon as a delightful season.

(D) Critical of the hill stations situated in the northeast.

(vi) In the line – 'It boasts of miles and miles of picturesque and unexplored beaches, what does 'picturesque' most nearly mean ? *1*

(A) placid

(B) attractive

(C) boastful

(D) serene

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(vii) Fill in the blank by selecting the correct option. *2*

Nohkalikai Falls, which at 340 metres, is located in _____, which is the other name of _____.

(A) Mawsynram, Cherrapunji

(B) Cherrapunji, Sohra

(C) Sohra, Mawsynram

(D) Mawsynram, Sohra

(viii) Replace the word 'reminiscence' with ***one*** word similar in meaning in the following sentence from Paragraph 2.

A wave of reminiscence swept over me when I saw my childhood home. *1*

SECTION B

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills *20 marks*

Grammar

3. Complete any ***ten*** of the following twelve tasks, as directed. *10×1=10*

(i) Given below is the conversation between Sunil and a police officer. Complete the sentence by reporting it correctly. *1*

Sunil : Where is my car, sir ? I parked it here.

Police officer : The car has been towed away as you parked it in the 'No Parking' zone.

Sunil asked the police officer where his car was that he had parked there. The police officer replied that the car had been towed away as _____.

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(ii) Complete the following, by filling in the blank with the correct option : *1*

People who do not recycle items like bottles and cans _____ the world's resources.

(A) will waste

(B) have wasted

(C) waste

(D) are wasting

(iii) The following line has an error, which is underlined. Select the correct option from the choices given below to replace the underlined word. *1*

She may play the piano when she was only eleven.

(A) could

(B) ought to

(C) must

(D) should

(iv) Choose the correct option to complete the statement.

I feel certain that Soham _____ in his new business because he works so hard all the time. *1*

(A) is succeeding

(B) will succeed

(C) has succeeded

(D) will be succeeding

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(v) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets, for the given portion of a letter. *1*

Dear sir,

This is to inform you that our school has _____ (decide) to place an order with your company for computers.

(vi) Report the dialogue between an employer and Raman. Complete the sentence using reported speech. *1*

Employer : Can you manage the post of a public relations executive ?

Raman : I am sure I will be able to do the job competently.

The employer asked Raman _____. Raman assured him that he would be able to do the job competently.

(vii) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the brackets.

Several new species of plants have recently _____. (discover) *1*

(A) discovered

(B) been discovered

(C) being discovered

(D) have discovered

(viii) Identify the error and supply the correction in the given sentence. *1*

I come across this beautiful painting in an antiques store last week.

Error	*Correction*

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(ix) Select the correct option to fill in the blank in the given conversation. *1*

Mother : What were you doing at the bank yesterday ?

Son : I _____ ask my bank manager for a loan, and luckily, I managed to get it.

(A) had to

(B) need to

(C) used to

(D) ought to

(x) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction in the given sentence :

Air pollution is continuous damaging the whole ecological system affecting the lives of plants and animals as well. *1*

	Error	*Correction*
(A)	is	are
(B)	continuous	continuously
(C)	affecting	effecting
(D)	lives	life

(xi) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the sentence.

It was so dark that I fell down the stairs last night. I _____ fixed the light. *1*

(A) must have

(B) would have

(C) could have

(D) should have

(xii) Sameer and Arun had a conversation about the importance of planting trees. Report Arun's question. *1*

What is the importance of planting trees ?

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Creative Writing Skills

Note : All details presented in the questions are imaginary and created for assessment purpose.

4. Attempt any ***one*** from (a) and (b) given below : *5*

(a) You are Suyash/Suhani Pandey, the Eco-Club Captain of Kendriya Vidyalaya School, Shripur. You are well aware of the hazards of using plastic bags indiscriminately and want the authorities to ban the excessive use of these bags. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily in not more than 120 words, drawing attention towards the harm caused by plastic litter. Express your concern over environmental degradation due to plastic waste and request the public to avoid the reckless use of polybags.

OR

(b) Food wastage is fast assuming a serious dimension. A staggering 1·3 billion tonnes of food is being wasted per annum globally. According to reports from UNEP (United Nations Environmental Programme), 811 million people go hungry every day. You are Sofia/Sohail, a resident of 242, Lajpat Nagar, Vayunagar. On behalf of the residents of your locality, write a letter to the Secretary, RWA of your area, requesting him/her to install a community fridge where people can contribute their excess food which can be accessed by the underprivileged. Write your letter in about 120 words.

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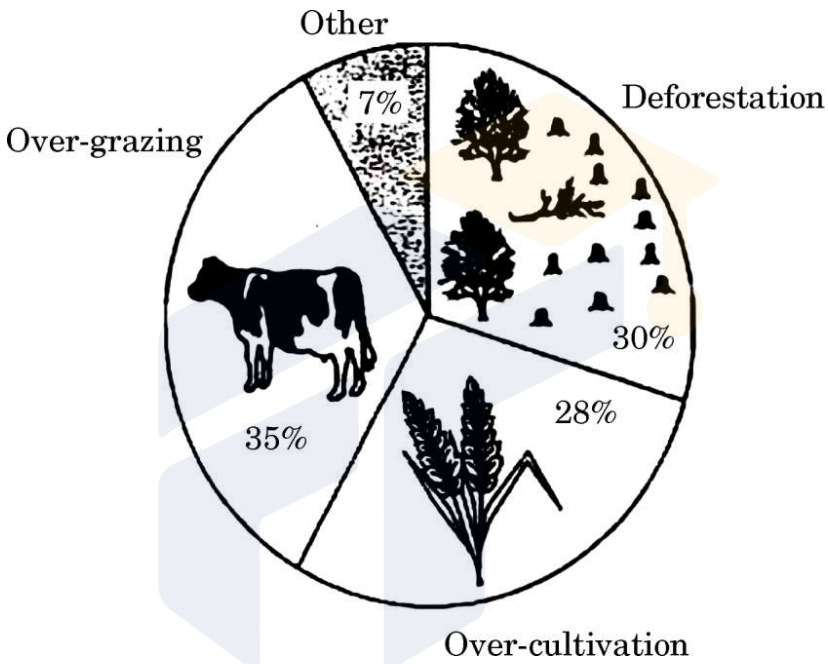
5. Attempt any ***one*** from (a) and (b) given below : *5*

(a) A survey was conducted to find out the main reasons for land degradation in the world. The pie chart below shows the main reasons why agricultural land becomes less productive. On the basis of the pie chart, evaluate the causes of worldwide land degradation and write an analytical paragraph based on it, in 120 words.



For Visually Impaired Students

A survey was conducted to find out the main reasons for land degradation in the world. The table below shows the main reasons why agricultural land becomes less productive. On the basis of the table, evaluate the causes of worldwide land degradation and write an analytical paragraph based on it, in 120 words.

Reason	Percentage
Over-grazing	35%
Deforestation	30%
Over-cultivation	28%
Other	7%

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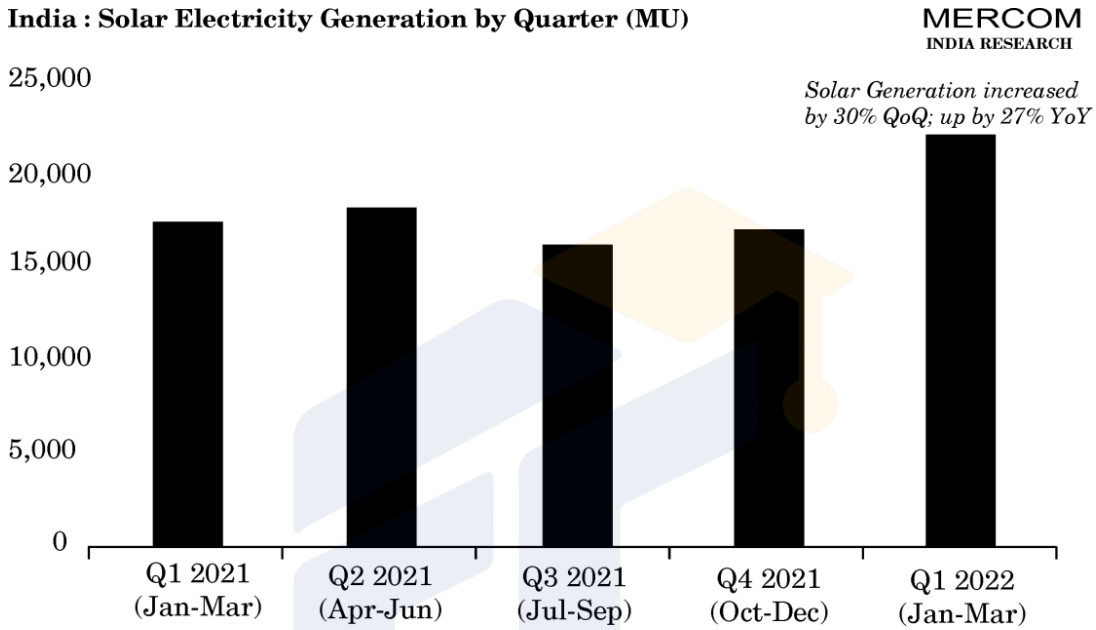
(b) There has been a visible impact of solar energy in the Indian energy scenario during the last few years. Solar energy-based decentralized and distributed applications have benefitted millions of people in Indian villages by meeting their cooking, lighting and other energy needs in an environment-friendly manner. On the basis of the bar graph given below, write an analytical paragraph on Solar Energy in India in 100 – 120 words.



For Visually Impaired Students

There has been a visible impact of solar energy in the Indian energy scenario during the last few years. Solar energy-based decentralized and distributed applications have benefitted millions of people in Indian villages by meeting their cooking, lighting and other energy needs in an environment-friendly manner. On the basis of the table given below, write an analytical paragraph on Solar Energy generation in India in 100 – 120 words.

Quarter	Solar Energy Generation in Million Units
Quarter 1 – 2021 (Jan – Mar)	16,000
Quarter 2 – 2021 (Apr – June)	18,000
Quarter 3 – 2021 (July – Sep)	15,000
Quarter 4 – 2021 (Oct – Dec)	17,000
Quarter 1 – 2022 (Jan – Mar)	22,000

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SECTION C

Literature And Supplementary Reading Text *40 marks*

6. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any ***one*** of the given two, (a) and (b) : *5*

(a) It is from these comrades in the struggle that I learned the true meaning of courage. Time and again, I have seen men and women risk and give their lives for an idea. I have seen men stand up to attacks and torture without breaking, showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination. I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

(Nelson Mandela – Long Walk to Freedom)

(i) Elaborate in about 40 words with reference to the extract : *2*

What does courage mean to the speaker ?

(ii) State any one inference about Nelson Mandela from the given context : *1*

"Courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it."

(A) preserving (B) dogmatic

(C) defiant (D) triumphant

(iii) Which phrase would correctly substitute 'resilience' in the given sentence from the extract ?

"… showing a strength and resilience that defies the imagination." *1*

(A) an ability to defeat the enemy

(B) an ability to keep calm and quiet

(C) an ability to deal with hardships

(D) an ability to conquer the fear

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(iv) State True or False :

All of the terms (A) — (D) can be applied to the following statement : *1*

'The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid …'

(A) One who has never faced fear

(B) One who gives up in face of hardship

(C) One who believes in submitting to fear

(D) One who realizes that fear is part of life

OR

(b) Writing in a diary is a really strange experience for someone like me. Not only because I've never written anything before, but also because it seems to me that later on neither I nor anyone else will be interested in the musings of a thirteen-year-old schoolgirl. Oh well, it doesn't matter. I feel like writing, and I have an even greater need to get all kinds of things off my chest.

'Paper has more patience than people.' I thought of this saying on one of those days when I was feeling a little depressed and was sitting at home with my chin in my hands, bored and listless, wondering whether to stay in or go out. I finally stayed where I was, brooding : Yes, paper *does* have more patience and since I'm not planning to let anyone else read this stiff-backed notebook grandly referred to as a 'diary' unless I should ever find a real friend, it probably won't make a bit of difference.

(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

(i) Why did Anne Frank finally decide to write in her diary ? Answer in about 40 words. *2*

(ii) What word best describes Anne ? *1*

(A) rebellious

(B) reflective

(C) flighty

(D) considerate

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(iii) Anne agrees with the saying 'Paper has more patience than people.' What does this show us about her attitude towards people ? *1*

(iv) If the diary were 'a real friend', which one of the following qualities would Anne expect it to have ? *1*

(A) impatience

(B) good listener

(C) confident

(D) energetic

7. Read the following extracts and answer the questions for any ***one*** of the given two, (a) and (b) : *5*

(a) But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
Is also great
And would suffice.

(Fire and Ice)

(i) State whether the following is True or False : *1*
Ice melts the hate and destructive forces present around us.

(ii) What is 'ice' symbolic of in the above extract ? *2*

(iii) What does the poet mean by saying that 'ice would also suffice' ? *1*

(iv) The use of the word 'perish' corresponds best with : *1*

(A) disembark (B) revive

(C) replenish (D) disintegrate

OR

(b) Belinda paled, and she cried Help ! Help !
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.

(The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

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(i) Which animal came out as a real hero in this situation ? *1*

(ii) 'Help ! Help ! is an example of : *1*

(A) personification (B) alliteration

(C) simile (D) repetition

(iii) The phrase 'trickled down' means _____ . *1*

(A) stepped down quickly

(B) ran away fearfully

(C) tricked mercilessly

(D) moved down slowly

(iv) How did Belinda react in the face of crisis ? *2*

8. Answer any ***four*** of the following five questions in 40 – 50 words each : *4×3=12*

(i) The postmaster, experiencing the contentment of a man who had performed a good deed, handed the letter to Lencho. How did Lencho react when he counted the money ?

(A Letter to God)

(ii) Coorg is known as 'the land of rolling hills'. Describe its picturesque beauty and biodiversity. (Glimpses of India)

(iii) Interpret how nature is a living entity as characterized by Carl Sandburg in his poem. (Fog)

(iv) Natalya is obstinate and argumentative. Give two examples from the story highlighting her nature. (The Proposal)

(v) "Not from weeping nor from grieving will anyone obtain peace of mind; on the contrary his pain will be greater and his body will suffer." Validate this preaching of the Buddha with reference to the story, 'The Sermon at Benares'. (The Sermon at Benares)

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9. Answer any ***two*** of the following three questions in 40 – 50 words each : *2×3=6*

(i) Do you think Griffin is a brilliant scientist who degenerated into a lawless person ? Compare him as a scientist and a human being. (Footprints without Feet)

(ii) 'The Necklace' is a lesson in discontent and unreasonable materialism. Discuss the protagonist's greatest failing.

(A Necklace)

(iii) While asking for the job, Hari Singh displays his 'most appealing smile'. This smile is crucial to the story and makes a few more appearances. Explain why and how this 'smile' is a calculated one.

(The Thief's Story)

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

(a) The idea of beauty is a one-dimensional cultural conception or one that has been created by human beings themselves. Comment on the statement with reference to the conventional ideas of beauty viz-a-viz the poet's central idea of the poem 'For Anne Gregory'.

(For Anne Gregory)

OR

(b) Comment on Anne Frank's and Valli's journeys from innocence to self-awareness.

(From the Diary of Anne Frank and Madam Rides the Bus)

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

(a) Bholi manages to break out of her shell and metamorphosize from an underconfident girl to a bold woman, who brimmed with confidence. Analyse the impact of education in her life. How does this story of self-transformation give us hope and encourage us to never compromise on our self-respect and dignity ? (Bholi)

OR

(b) The non-existent balcony plays a crucial role in 'The Midnight Visitor'. How ? Examine the witty strategy used by Ausable in emerging as a super spy.

(The Midnight Visitor)

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