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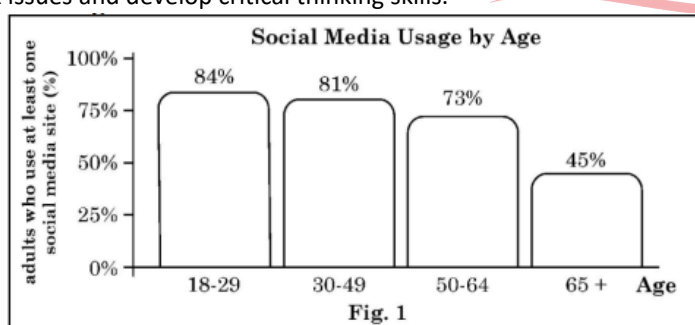
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- viii. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following: (1)
The phrase "Thou shalt climb mountains" means _____.
- ix. A word similar in meaning to "section" in paragraph two is (1)
i. narrow ii. outskirts iii. extinguished iv. broken
- x. What tragedy struck the narrator's family in 1975? (1)

2. Read the following passage carefully :

(10)

- News - If you can't remember the last time, you saw a teenager reading a book, newspaper or magazine, you're not alone. In recent years, less than 20 percent of teens report reading a book, magazine or newspaper daily for pleasure. More than 80 percent say they use social media every day, according to research published by the World Psychological Association.
- "Compared with previous generations, teens in the 2010s spent more time online and less time with traditional media, such as books, magazines and television," said lead author of the book *yGen* and professor of psychology at ABC University. "Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching TV."
- Swaner and her colleagues analysed data concluded from an ongoing study of a nationally representative sample of approximately 50,000 eighth, tenth and twelfth grade students annually. They looked at survey results from 1976 to 2016, representing more than 1 million teenagers. While the study started with only twelfth-graders in the 1970s, eighth- and tenth-graders were added in 1991.
- Use of digital media increased substantially from 2006 to 2016. Among twelfth-graders, internet use during leisure time doubled from one to two hours per day during that period. It also increased 75 percent for tenth-graders and 68 percent for eighth-graders.
- "In the mid-2010s, the average twelfth-grader reported spending approximately two hours a day texting, just over two hours a day on the internet - which included gaming - and just under two hours a day on social media," said Swaner. That's a total of about six hours per day on just three digital media activities during their leisure time."
- In comparison, tenth-graders reported a total of five hours per day and eighth-graders reported four hours per day on those three digital activities. Consequently the spent time in the digital world is seriously degrading the time they spend on more traditional media such as print book and newspapers.
- The decline in reading print media was especially steep. In the early 1990s, 33 percent of tenth-graders said they read a newspaper almost every day. By 2016, that number was only 2 percent. In the late 1970s, 60 percent of twelfth-graders said they read a book or a magazine almost every day; by 2016, only 16 percent did. Twelfth-graders also reported reading fewer books each year in 2016 compared to how much they read in 1976, and approximately onethird did not read a book (including e-books) for pleasure in the year prior to the 2016 survey.
- There's no lack of intelligence among young people. However due to over dependence on digital media they find it difficult to focus for long periods of time and to read long-form text. Subsequently they find it challenging to understand complex issues and develop critical thinking skills.



Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- Does the following statement agree with the information given in paragraph 1? (1)
The writer believes that very few teens indulge in reading as a pleasurable activity.
Select from the following:
True : if the statement agrees with the information.
False : if the statement contradicts the information.
Not given : if there is no information on this.
- Select the option that displays the most likely reason for this research. (1)
In order to find out _____.
a. reading choices of teenagers. b. digital competency of teenagers.
c. speed of reading text. d. the decline of time spent on traditional media.

- iii. Complete the statement based on the following statement: (1)
Traditional media has been replaced by digital media, we can say this because _____.
- iv. Do you think that the researchers of study added tenth and eighth graders to the survey deliberately? Support your answer with reference to the text. (2)
- v. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: (1)
The concluding sentence of the text makes a clear case for _____ by listing it as a core competency for analysis and application.
a. following social media b. reading long texts
c. building focus and concentration d. developing constructive habits
- vi. Complete the sentence appropriately with one/two words: (1)
Teens today hardly read print media for _____.
- vii. Based on the reading of the text, state points to challenge the given statement: (2)
"Time on digital media has displaced time once spent enjoying a book or watching T.V."
- viii. What does the author mean by degrading the time in para 6? (1)
a. spending less time b. waste of time c. consuming more time d. saving time

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You are Sunil/Sunila, Head Boy/Girl of Lotus Valley Public School, Ahmedabad. Your school is planning to organise a theatre workshop for students. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the students about the workshop mentioning day, date, time and venue. (4)

OR

You are Aman/Archana, President of the Drama Club of Oxford Public School, Bengaluru. On the occasion of Children's Day, your club is planning to visit and old-age home. Draft a notice in about 50 words informing the members of the visit and asking them to bring some food items to share with the residents. Mention the day, date, time and venue.

4. You are Sachin Bansal, the Head Boy of Springdales Pubic School, Gurgaon. Your school is holding an interschool T-20 cricket championship from 2 Oct. to 8 Oct, 20XX. Write a formal invitation to Sh. B.S. Bedi, the legendary cricketer, to inaugurate the championship on 2 Oct. 2019 at 10 a.m. at your school premises. (4)

OR

You are Mrs. Krishnamurthi. Your son is getting married. You are throwing a party to celebrate the occasion. On behalf of your husband and yourself draft a formal invitation in not more than 50 words inviting friends and relatives to attend the function.

5. Day by day lavish weddings are becoming more and more fashionable. Hotels, farm houses and banquet halls are booked months in advance. Even lower middle class families are entertaining thousand plus guests. Write a letter to the editor of a national daily advocating simple weddings. You are Rani/Raj, 121 Bank street, Kanpur. (5)



OR

You are Sudha / Sudhir resident of A-7, Shanti Park. You read the following advertisements in a newspaper.

SITUATION VACANT

I wanted a young and experienced graduate with fluency in English and Hindi to work as a receptionist at Customer Care booths of NCR Groups of Hotels, Delhi. Contact Manager along with your complete C.V. within 7 days of this advertisement.

Draft an application in response to the advertisement giving your detailed resume.

6. Rising prices of essential commodities make life difficult for the common man. You are Nalini/Ranbir. Write an article in 150-200 words describing the causes, possible solutions and how students can help their parents to cope with the problem. (5)

OR

REVIVE PLAYTIME

- Shapes better personalities
- Builds physical and mental health
- Develops life skills
- Keeps them in touch with nature

You are Jessica/John, a budding journalist for a local daily. You covered the symposium on 'Play Time - The Vanishing Joy of Childhood'. The event was attended by students and teachers from different schools. The group discussions were on how playing makes children fitter, unstructured playing vs. high-tech toys, and how spontaneous group play helps build life skills. Write a report in 120 - 150 words for the local daily on the event. You may use the above given input.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

7. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

(6)

but after airport's
security check, standing a few yards
away, I looked again at her, Wan,
pale
as a late winter's moon and felt that
old
familiar ache, my childhood's fear
but all I said was, see you soon,
Amma,
All I did was smile and smile and
smile -----

- Choose the correct option:
In the above extract the narrator feels
a. satisfied b. fearful c. nostalgic d. regretful
- Identify the word in the extract that means colourless.
- Complete the following analogy correctly:
She sang like a bird : Simile
All I did was smile and smile and smile : _____
- Read the following statement and choose the correct option:
(1) The poet had gone through the security check.
(2) She did not want to look at her mother.
a. (1) is true, but (2) is false. b. (1) is false, but (2) is true.
c. Both (1) and (2) are true. d. Both (1) and (2) are false.
- What childhood fear is the poet referring to?
- Fill the blank with appropriate words with reference to the extract:
Pale as a winter's moon suggests _____.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"The hurt to the scenery wouldn't be my complaint
So much as the trusting sorrow of what is unsaid:
Here far from the city we make our roadside stand
And ask for some city money to feel in hand
To try if it will not make our being expand,
And give us the life of the moving-pictures' promise
That the party in power is said to be keeping from us."

- Who made the roadside stand and where?
a. City people, near their homes b. Villagers, at their courtyards
c. Poor people, far from the city d. Local people, on the mountains
i. option (a) ii. option (b) iii. option (c) iv. option (d)
- Identify the phrase from the extract, that suggests the following:
Rural people want to sell their products for some brisk income.
- Complete the following analogy correctly.
greedy good doers: alliteration :: _____ : metaphor

- iv. In the extract, what does the phrase **hurt to the scenery** indicate?
 a. the mismatching paint of the roadside stand b. harm caused to the natural scenery
 c. the painting of the mountains d. Both (a) and (b)
 i. option (a) ii. option (b) iii. option (c) iv. option (d)
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
 (1) The villagers had little earnings and have not seen much money.
 (2) The government had fulfilled the promise they had made.
 a. (1) is true but (2) is false. b. (2) is true but (1) is false.
 c. (2) is the reason for (1). d. Both (1) and (2) cannot be inferred from the extract
- vi. Fill in the blank with an appropriate phrase from the extract.
 The government had promised dreamy life in the form of _____.

8. Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow: (4)

When I heard this, I didn't want to laugh any more, I felt terribly sad. How could they believe that it was disgusting if one of us held that package in his hands, even though the vadai had been wrapped first in a banana leaf, and then parcelled in paper? I felt so provoked and angry that I wanted to touch those wretched vadais myself straightaway. Why should we fetch and carry for these people, I wondered. Such an important elder of ours goes meekly to the shops to fetch snacks and hands them reverently, bowing and shrinking, to this fellow who just sits there and stiffs them into his mouth. The thought of it infuriated me.

- i. The elder handing snacks reverently, bowing and shrinking to the fellow indicates that the fellow was (1)
 1. condescending 2. unassuming 3. submissive
 4. disdainful 5. aggressive 6. Domineering
 a. 2, 3 and 6 b. 1, 4 and 5 c. 1, 4 and 6 d. 2, 3 and 4
- ii. Based on the given context, choose the option that illustrates when a person can be provoked, out of the examples given below. (1)
 1. The employees organised a peaceful protest outside the firm.
 2. The manager ill-treated one of the employees and wrongfully terminated him.
 3. The employees wrote a letter of complaint against the manager.
 4. The director of the firm scheduled a meeting for reconciliation.
 a. Option 1 b. Option 2 c. Option 3 d. Option 4
- iii. What changed the mood of the narrator? (1)
- iv. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract. (1)
 The narrator of the given extract is a Tamil Dalit woman whose penname is _____.

OR

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

He was flung up out of the ocean - flung, it seemed, to his feet by a breaker. He staggered a few steps, his body outlined against the mist, his arms above his head. Then the curled mists hid him again. "Who is that?" Hana cried. She dropped Dr. Sadao's arm, and they both leaned over the railing of the veranda.

Here are the questions based on the extract from "The Enemy" by Pearl S. Buck:

- How does Hana react when she sees the man outlined against the mist?
 a) She calls for help. b) She drops Dr. Sadao's arm.
 c) She runs towards the man. d) She steps back in fear.
- What is Dr. Sadao and Hana's initial reaction upon seeing the man?
 a) They ignore him. b) They immediately run to help him.
 c) They lean over the railing of the veranda. d) They call the police.
- The man was flung up out of the _____, outlined against the mist.
- What obscures the man's figure after he is flung up and seen by Hana and Dr. Sadao?

9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (6)

M. Hamel went on to talk of the French language, saying that it was the most beautiful language in the world — the clearest, the most logical; that we must guard it among us and never forget it, because when a people are enslaved, as long as they hold fast to their language it is as if they had the key to their prison. Then he opened a grammar book and read us our lesson. I was amazed to see how well I understood it. All he said seemed so easy, so easy

- i. Which of the following can be attributed to M. Hamel's declaration about the French language?
a. subject expertise b. nostalgic pride c. factual accuracy d. patriotic magnification
- ii. Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is a NOT TRUE explanation as to why Franz found the grammar lesson "easy".
a. Franz was paying careful attention in class this time
b. M. Hamel was being extremely patient and calm in his teaching.
c. Franz was inspired and had found a new meaning and purpose in learning.
d. Franz realized that French was the clearest and most logical language.
- iii. Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that Franz was receptive that day. (Clue: a sentence)
- iv. Replace the underlined word with its antonym (phrase) from the extract.
It was advised to disassociate from their mother tongue.
- v. Language is like the _____ to the prison of enslavement.
- vi. Which of the following feature is not ascribed to the French language by M. Hamel?
a. It was the most beautiful language in the world. b. It was a widely spoken language in the world.
c. It was the clearest language in the world. d. It was the most logical language in the world.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Saheb too is wearing tennis shoes that look strange over his discoloured shirt and shorts. "Someone gave them to me," he says in the manner of an explanation. The fact that they are discarded shoes of some rich boy, who perhaps refused to wear them because of a hole in one of them, does not bother him. For one who has walked barefoot, even shoes with a hole is a dream come true. But the game he is watching so intently is out of his reach.

- i. What is Saheb wearing?
a. Jacket b. Pants c. Tennis shoes d. None of these
- ii. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.
The shoes were discarded because _____.
- iii. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:
worry: bother:: faded: _____
- iv. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
(1) Saheb was embarrassed to have torn shoes.
(2) The game of tennis was a distant dream for Saheb.
a. (1) Can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot. b. (1) cannot be inferred from the extract but (2) can.
c. (1) is true but (2) is false. d. (2) is the reason for (1).
- v. What are the writer's concerns about Saheb in the given extract?
a. Education b. Dreams c. Career d. All of these
- vi. Rationalise, to support the given opinion:
Having even shoes with a hole is a dream come true for Saheb.

10. Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each: (10)

- (a) What lesson did Douglas learn when he got rid of his fear of water? (2)
- (b) The poet says 'What I want should not be confused with total inactivity' ? What does he want to convey though he tells us to keep quiet and stay still? (2)
- (c) What does 'ringed with ordeals' imply? (Aunt Jennifers Tigers) (2)
- (d) How does Sophie include her brother Geoff in her fantasy of future? (2)
- (e) Why is the Englishman's visit referred to as unexplained mystery? Answer in reference to the chapter **Poets and Pancakes**. (2)
- (f) What drawbacks of interviews have been pointed out by Lewis Carroll? (2)

11. Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each: (4)

- (a) What makes the author say, **The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica?** (A Journey to the End of the Earth) (2)
- (b) Did the Tiger King shoot the hundredth tiger? (2)
- (c) What was Akademik Shokalskiy? Where was it headed and why? (2)

12. Franz from The Last Lesson and the peddler from The Rattrap demonstrate the importance of learning from our mistakes to evolve into better people. Imagine that Shubhangi, your friend, feels as if she has made a mistake by not taking her academics seriously. Write an essay to Shubhangi in 120-150 words discussing instances from the two texts to give her an insight into the human tendency to make mistakes and learn from them. (5)

You may begin like this:

Shubhangi, all of us have made mistakes at one point or another in our lives. After all, to err is human.....

OR

Imagine you are John Keats, the poet of A Thing of Beauty

What advice might you offer to Kamala Das, the poet of **My Mother at Sixty-Six**, in the context of her pain of separation after her mother's departure, as displayed in the given lines:

...felt that old

familiar ache, my childhood's fear,

but all I said was, see you soon, Amma,

all I did was smile and smile and

smile.....

Pen down a letter as Keats, to soothe her melancholic heart referring to the poem **A Thing of Beauty**.

You may begin this way:

Dear Kamala

I recently read your poem, My Mother at Sixty-Six, and...

You may end this way:

I hope my words would comfort you and help in gulping the bitter reality of the transient life. As I have said earlier, nothing but a thing of beauty can only be a perpetual source of joy.

Warmly,

John Keats

13. Mr. Lamb lives alone and keeps the doors of his garden open for all. Today a teenage boy called Derry entered his garden accidentally. He wanted to leave but Mr. Lamb coaxes him to stay and eventually, they enter into a conversation where he comes to know how Derry is not liked by anyone. (5)

As Mr. Lamb, express the bond that united you with this boy in a diary entry. Also, account for the ways in which he consoled the boy and tried to inspire him to overcome the feeling of loneliness.

You may begin like this:

Today I found a reflection of myself in that lad who had landed in my garden...

OR

In the story, 'The Enemy', Hana plays an important role in saving the life of the injured person.

In an attempt to regard his wife's contribution to his life, Dr. Sadao expresses his gratitude towards his wife in a diary entry.

As Sadao, Hana's husband, write this diary entry. Support your response with reference to the story.

You may begin this way:

Most often I wonder whom I would have married if I had not met Hana. She has been such a great support to me...