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General Instructions:

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. This question paper has 13 questions. All questions are compulsory.
2. This question paper contains three sections - Section A : Reading Skills, Section B : Creative Writing Skills and Section C : Literature.
3. Attempt all questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number and part thereof in your answer sheet.
4. Separate instructions are given with each question/part, wherever necessary.
5. Adhere to the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

Section A – READING SKILLS

1. Read the passage given below:

(12)

What do we typically do when we find our children doing something we don't approve of? We become reactive parents. Often, we pepper our reactions with lectures. When it doesn't work and predictably so; we end up screaming and dole out a punishment. And our children react with anger, resentment or 'can't-bebothered' attitude.

2. Buddhist Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh put it beautifully when he described how each child has both negative seeds- of anger, despair, hatred, fear and violence- and wholesome seeds- of love, happiness, compassion and forgiveness. According to him, what will blossom depends on the seeds we nurture.

3. A parenting and educational approach that's gaining a large following internationally, called the Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) by Howard Glasser, is very much in keeping with this Zen approach. The three main aspects of this approach are:

- Refuse to energize negativity.
- Relentlessly energize their positives.
- Reset: Do not react negatively and stay calm when the child does something wrong.

Parents following this approach commit to not saying or doing anything that may fuel negativity in the child.

But the parent has to make sure she/he does this very calmly, without any anger or resentment.

4. While on a mission to cut the negative, the parent looks for every opportunity to energize the positive in the child. This is done through persistently appreciating the goodness in the child in the smallest of ways: You were really generous about sharing your pizza with your sister; I appreciate the hard work you have put in your project; It takes courage to stand up to a bully. If you observe, the appreciation is not about saying "excellent", "amazing" or "good", which is really an empty praise and does not speak much to the child.

Qualifying a praise, on the other hand, gives the child direction and she/he begins to understand what qualities, values and strengths are appreciated. These are also necessary ingredients of life skills and success.

5. This approach is not merely about noticing when the child is being good, it is about recognizing the child's worth at every step. It's about aligning his energy in believing that he has great qualities, which are being identified and validated by the parents at every step. He realizes that there is no point choosing negativity, as there are no pay-offs in it. So, start building your child's inner wealth - there is nothing to lose.

Answer the following questions, based on the given passage:

- i. Complete the following sentence with an appropriate word:
"- we end up screaming and dole out punishment."
In the above sentence, the author criticizes the _____ approach of the parents. **(1)**
- ii. Explain in about 40 words, when and how do parents become reactive. **(2)**
- iii. In the line 'what will bloom will depend on the seeds we nurture' - what seeds does the author refer to? **(1)**
A. Seasonal seeds B. Societal news C. Parental attitude D. Values and emotions
- iv. Explain in about 40 words why does NHA focus on reforming parents to reform children. **(2)**
- v. Share evidence from the text, to support the view that parents appreciate the goodness of the child at every opportunity. **(1)**

- vi. In paragraph 5, in what way does 'This approach' differ from the earlier approach? (1)
- vii. Select the option that can be classified as qualifying a praise as explained in the passage: (1)
 A. You can be more helpful. B. You demonstrated patience while teaching your junior.
 C. Use your skill to be an excellent sportsman. D. You have to be amazing in your work.
- viii. The phrase 'to cut the negative' in para 4 most nearly means: (1)
 A. to reduce wasteful expenditure B. to stop criticizing
 C. to eliminate challenges D. to humiliate someone
- ix. Read the five headlines (a) - (e) given below: (1)
 a. New Age Parenting b. Children - A Rebellious Generation
 c. Channelizing Energy d. Teacher - A Nation Builder e. Skill Development - Careers Ahead
- Identify the option that displays the headline/s that Does/Do not correspond with the occurrences in the text
 A. (a) and (e) B. (c) and (e) C. (b) only D. (a) and (c)
- x. What determines what blossoms in a child, according to Thich Nhat Hanh? (1)

2. **Read the following passage carefully :** (10)

1. Educational technology is the combined use of computer hardware, software, educational theory, and practice to facilitate learning. When referred to with its abbreviation EdTech, it points to the industry of companies that create educational technology. With education growing online, India's EdTech market size is expected to grow 3 7 times in the next five years.
2. Education in both rural and urban India is expected to be supported by technology in the near future.
3. As per a 2019-2020 report, only 22 3 percent of schools had an internet connection. Moreover, 61 percent of schools in the country didn't even have computers.
4. With the internet rate estimated to reach above 55 percent by the end of 2025 in India, digitisation of education will impact the country's development and become one of the topmost priorities for the government.
5. Budget 2021-22 allocated ₹ 93,224 31 crore to the Ministry of Education. It was an increase of over ₹ 8,100 crore from the revised estimates for the current fiscal year and the Department of Higher Education was allocated ₹ 38,350 65 crore.
6. The role of technology in education is more critical now than ever in addressing educational disparity. It has already made learning affordable and accessible. In particular, the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times.
7. With help from apps and software, teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide information about the most recent developments. Students can enjoy an interactive learning experience. Teachers can employ animation, power-point slides and graphs to catch the interest of their pupils. Gamification lends interest in the subject.
8. The online education system is a sector in which growth and development will work for the betterment of many sectors which include educating learners and increasing job opportunities for educators and technical teams.

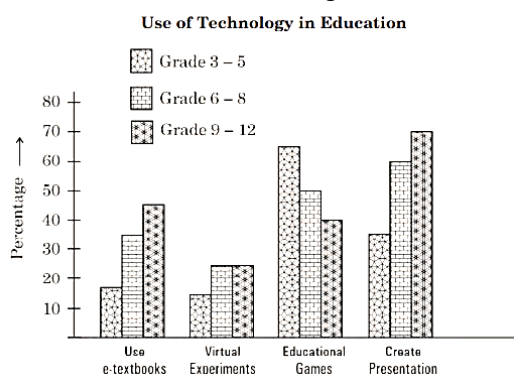


TABLE I.

REASONS FOR BOOM IN EDTECH

1. Lower cost involved in the dissemination of online education
2. Convenient, flexible and affordable
3. Initiatives by the Government which include programmes like SWAYAM and DIKSHA
4. Increasing number of education-based startups
5. Increment in the internet user base
6. Increasing penetration of mobile devices
7. Inflow of investments and acquisitions in this sector
8. It overcomes the geographical barriers

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in para 1? (1)
Education technology is the practice of introducing information and communication technology tools into the classroom.
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
- ii. What are the two essentials for digitization of education? (2)
- iii. Select the option that displays that the use of technology in education in rural India is one of the biggest boons of recent times. (1)
a. Frees up the teacher to be able to concentrate on farming.
b. Teachers can enhance their teaching ability and provide more value to the students.
c. It understands what is needed and technology is subsequently developed effectively.
d. Simplifies assignment management with user-friendly methods.
- iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement: (1)
The role of EdTech is more critical now _____.
- v. The word critical in para 6 most nearly means (1)
a. difficult b. crucial c. complementary d. causative
- vi. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option: (1)
Technology in education works for the betterment of many sectors such as _____.
a. farmers, educators and businessmen
b. educating learners, job opportunities for educators and technical teams
c. doctors, engineers and technocrats
d. banking, construction workers and software technicians
- vii. Digital education will become a top priority for the government because _____. (1)
- viii. Based on the reading of the passage, state a point to challenge the given statement: (2)
India's EdTech market size is expected to double in the next five years.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. As the Principal, National Public School, Ramnagar, write a notice in about 50 words informing the students that with effect from 20th of January the school shall start at 9 AM instead of 8 AM. Give reasons for the change. (4)

OR

You are the Anuj/Anu, Secretary of Saket Kunj, Saket, Navi Mumbai, Resident Welfare Association. Write a notice in 50 words to be circulated to all the residents informing them that there will be no water supply in your colony for two days due to necessary repair and maintenance work. Mention dates, and the timings that tankers will be available in the R.W.A. premises.

4. You are Dr. B. L. Kapoor from Pratibha Kapoor Hospital, Patiala. You have been invited to speak on Health - a dietary journey, for Senior Secondary School students. Draft a reply accepting the invitation in not more than 50 words. Request for the time, date and venue where the meeting has been organised. (4)

OR

You are Akshat/Ankita, living in Palghat. Your cousin from the same city has purchased a new house and he has invited you for a house warming party. Draft a letter of acceptance mentioning date, time, venue. Word limit 50 words.

5. You have realized the necessity of education and financial independence of women for their family, society and in turn for the nation. Write a letter to the Editor, The National Times highlighting your ideas on the importance of education of women leading to a better status for them. You are Tarun/Taruna, B-7/9, Mall Road, Delhi. (5)

OR

You are Chetan Sharma, a commerce graduate from Delhi University. You are seeking for a suitable job. You came across an advertisement in 'The Times of India', inviting young and dynamic fresh graduates as sales executives in a reputed company. Apply for the said job to Box No. 8365, C/o The Times of India, New Delhi.



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6. Rising pollution, fast and competitive lifestyle, lack of nutritious food etc., have caused health woes for a large section of our population. Providing healthcare used to be a charitable and ethical activity. Today it has become commercialised, a money spinning business. Write an article in 150-200 words on 'How to provide proper health care to the common man.' You are Karan/Karuna. (5)

OR

Your school celebrated the Diamond Jubilee year of India's independence. Write a report in 100-125 words for your school magazine, giving details of the celebrations. You are Amit/Anita of Maharani Laxmibai Senior Secondary School, Gwalior.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

Aunt Jennifer's fingers fluttering through her wool
Find even the ivory needle hard to pull.
The massive weight of Uncle's wedding band
sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand
when Aunt is dead, her terrified hands will lie
still ringed with ordeals she was mastered by,
The Tigers in the panel that she made
will go on prancing, proud and unafraid.
(Aunt Jennifer's Tigers)

- i. 'Sits heavily upon Aunt Jennifer's hand.' Through the above expression the poet indicates: (1)

A. Aunt Jennifer is happily married.

B. Aunt Jennifer loves the tigers in the panel.

C. Aunt Jennifer's unhappy married life.

D. Aunt Jennifer's rich and luxurious life.
- ii. Select the option that has the same literary device as used in Still ringed with ordeals. (1)

A. Leopards cannot hide in the jungle as they are spotted.

B. Sun smiled happily on us.

C. Her lovely voice was music to his ears.

D. Life is like a box of chocolates.
- iii. Complete the following sentences with reference to the extract. (1)

The Tigers in the panel symbolize _____.
- iv. State whether the statement given below is True or False: (1)

"Find even the ivory needle hard to pull."
The above expression suggests that Aunt Jennifer is dying.
- v. Based on the rhyme scheme, evident in lines 1-2, which word would rhyme with line 1? (1)

full sand bye
- vi. The use of the word fluttering fingers in the extract suggest that the fingers of Aunt Jennifer are trembling. This creates an image of _____. (1)

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

Therefore, on every morrow, are we wreathing
A flowery band to bind us to the earth,
Spite of despondence, of the inhuman dearth
Of noble natures, of the gloomy days,
Of all the unhealthy and o'er darkened ways
Made for our searching: yes, in spite of all,
Some shape of beauty moves away the pall
From our dark spirits.

- i. In which of the following options can the underlined words be replaced with **despondence**?
 - a. The man paced about the room showing restlessness.
 - b. A chat with a close friend can take away our blues.
 - c. I was in jitters, seeing the boy trapped in the trench.
 - d. Being dogged is what led him to negotiate the challenges.
- ii. Pick the option that is NOT an example of **unhealthy and o'er darkened ways**.
 - a. A person who is egoistic and looks down upon others.
 - b. A person who seeks God's help for all his problems.
 - c. A person who uses evil ways to deceive others.
 - d. A person who is corrupt and manipulative.
- iii. Pick the option that enumerates what noble natures would include.
1. selflessness 2. insensitivity 3. enthusiasm 4. aggression 5. meticulousness 6. Judiciousness
a. 1, 4 and 5 b. 2, 3 and 6 c. 2, 4 and 5 d. 1, 3 and 6
- iv. Based on the poem, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
Statement 1 The earth without the beautiful things is a place full of despair and unpleasantness.
Statement 2 The ornate band created by human beings; ushers hope in their lives.
 - a. Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
 - b. Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
 - c. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred.
 - d. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 cannot be inferred.
- v. What is the message conveyed through the poem **A Thing of Beauty**?
 - a. Nature is the best healer
 - b. We should keep our surroundings clean and green
 - c. Dark and gloomy shades of life
 - d. We should love animals around us
- vi. Answer in one word:
The poet says that we wreath a flowery band that binds us to Earth.
He means to state that nature's beauty fills man with a spirit of _____.

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

Anyway, here's what happened at Grand Central. One night last summer I worked late at the office. I was in a hurry to get uptown to my apartment so I decided to take the subway from Grand Central because it's faster than the bus. Now, I don't know why this should have happened to me. I'm just an ordinary guy named Charley, thirty-one years old, and I was wearing a tan gabardine suit and a straw hat with a fancy band; I passed a dozen men who looked just like me. (The Third Level)

- i. List any two details about how Charley was dressed up. (1)
- ii. Charley decided to use the subway because it was: (1)
A. quicker. B. cheaper. C. more fashionable. D. safer.
- iii. Complete the following sentence appropriately. (1)
Landing at the third level was due to Charley's flight of _____.
- iv. Which time frame is represented through the kind of outfit mentioned in the extract? (1)
A. pre world war era B. the present times C. the eighteenth century D. in the future

OR

Read the extract and answer the questions that follow:

DERRY: I hate it here.

MOTHER: You can't help the things you say. I forgive you. It's bound to make you feel bad things....and say them. I don't blame you.

DERRY: It's got nothing to do with my face and what I look like. I don't care about that and it isn't important. It's what I think and feel and what I want to see and find out and hear. And I'm going back there. Only to help him with the crab apples. Only to look at things and listen. But I'm going.

MOTHER: You'll stop here.

DERRY: Oh no, oh no. Because if I don't go back there, I'll never go anywhere in this world again. And I want the world....I want it....I want it....

- i. What does Derry not care about now? What was Mr. Lamb's contribution to this change?
A. She is very understanding
B. She treats him with a sense of pity
C. She treats her son with a sense of dignity
D. She contributes to her son's isolation
a. A and C b. C and D c. B and C d. B and D
- ii. Which of the following characteristics of Derry's mother reflects in this extract?
A. She is very understanding
B. She treats him with a sense of pity
C. She treats her son with a sense of dignity
D. She contributes to her son's isolation
a. A and C b. C and D c. B and C d. B and D
- iii. Which of the following is the correct reason for Derry's mother stopping him to stay with Mr. Lamb?
A. She feared that Mr. Lamb would scold him
B. Because Mr. Lamb was not well and she didn't want Derry to bother him
C. She thought Mr. Lamb would influence her son negatively
D. She was overprotective and didn't want him to stay with a stranger
a. Option (A) b. Option (B) c. Option (C) d. Option (D)
- iv. **And I want the world**, to which **world** Derry wanted to go and why?

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

My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves. My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened.

- i. Rewrite the sentence by replacing the underlined inference with the phrase in the extract.
When William joined the swimming pool at the Y.M.C.A., the fear of water was brought back to his mind.
- ii. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
(1) The author's father laughed to mock his son's inability to swim.
(2) The author gathered confidence by watching and copying other boys' swims.
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).
- iii. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:
mustered: gathered:: copying: _____
- iv. The misadventure that took place right after the author felt comfortable was that
a. the author slipped and fell into the swimming pool
b. a bully tossed him into the pool for the sake of fun
c. his coach forgot to teach him how to handle deep water
d. his father couldn't help him from drowning into the water
- v. Choose the option that describes the equipment used by the author while learning to swim.



(1)

a. Option (1)



(2)

b. Option (2)



(3)



(4)

c. Option (3)

d. Option (4)

- vi. Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that the author began feeling comfortable in the water.
(Clue: a phrase)

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

The news of Gandhi's advent and of the nature of his mission spread quickly through Muzaffarpur and to Champaran. Sharecroppers from Champaran began arriving on foot and by conveyance to see their champion. Muzaffarpur lawyers called on Gandhi to brief him; they frequently represented peasant groups in court, they told him about their cases and reported the size of their fee.

- i. Which of the following purpose of Gandhi's mission can be inferred from the given extract?
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| a. To teach self-dependence | b. To start a result |
| c. To help the poor peasants | d. To chide the lawyers |
- ii. Replace the underlined phrase with a word from the extract which conveys a similar meaning.
Sharecroppers started to visit the **vigorous advocater**.
- iii. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
(1) The first phrase is indicative of Gandhi's popularity.
(2) A number of peasants were visiting him.
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| 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). |
- iv. Select the option that list the feelings and attitudes the sharecroppers attached to Gandhi.
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|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|---------|
| 1. Hope | 2. Courage | 3. Accountability | 4. Leadership | 5. Fear |
| a. 1 and 2 | b. 2 and 4 | c. 3 and 5 | d. 1 and 4 | |
- v. Replace the underlined word with its antonym from the extract.
The news of Gandhi's departure and the purpose of his mission spread through Muzaffarpur.
- vi. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.
In the given extract, **their cases** refer to the case that the lawyers were fighting for/against _____.

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

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| (a) What made the Peddler accept Edla's invitation? | (2) |
| (b) What was the thought of the poet when she wrote 'young trees sprinting'? | (2) |
| (c) How does Robert Frost portray the pathetic state of the rural folk in his poem A Roadside Stand? | (2) |
| (d) What was Sophie's ambition in life? How did she hope to achieve that? | (2) |
| (e) Who was Subbu's enemy? (Poets and Pancakes) | (2) |
| (f) What was Lewis Carroll's opinion on interviews and autographs? | (2) |

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

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|---|-----|
| (a) What sort of brightness and silence prevailed in Antarctica during summer? (Journey to the End of the Earth) | (2) |
| (b) What risk did Dr. Sadao run in harbouring the enemy American soldier in his house? (The Enemy) | (2) |
| (c) Describe Gondwana. | (2) |

12. We find different portrayals of young children in the texts **Going Places**, **Lost Spring**, **Deep Water**, and **Last Lesson**, which offer an assortment of diverse experiences of children in society. It ranges from being a ragpicker like Saheb from **Lost Spring** to a truant schoolboy Franz from **The Last Lesson** and romantic dreamer Sophie in the story **Going Places**.

You have been asked to address your peers and share (any three)- (5)

- the ways these portrayals highlight making the optimum use of their constrained opportunities.
- the cause of our sadness due to our imaginary expectations in our minds.
- not giving up and winning over your fear even after an awful experience.
- the importance of understanding the value of our privileges like coming to school, having someone to share your pain with or having a loving family that we already have without making any effort.

Compose this draft, with reference to any three of these prescribed texts listed above.

You may begin this way:

Good morning, everyone.

As I analysed the allotted texts...

You may end this way.

To conclude, I'd like to say that

OR

In the age of the web world, our existence is now judged by how active we are on social networking sites.

Create a conversation between two friends (Rashmi and Rehaan) having different perspectives and trying to establish a relationship between Neruda's reference to total inactivity and Kamala Das's reference to her mother's face like that of a corpse.

Support your response with reference poems **Keeping Quiet** and **My Mother at Sixty Six**.

You may begin the conversation like this:

Rashmi: How can one compare a mother's face to a corpse? And do you really think Rehaan, that in today's world of Instagram story updates one can ever be in a state of total inactivity as urged by Neruda in his poem Keeping Quiet?

13. "Your Majesty, I have two wives already. If I marry you.....

(5)

(Tiger King)

No doubt it adds humour to the story. Humour always captures the mind of readers.

Taking ideas from the story 'Tiger King', write an article on the 'Importance of Humour in Life'.

You may begin like this; Sense of humour helps us deal with problems of life and improves one's mental and physical health.....

OR

Sights of various things were so entertaining for little Bama that it prevented her from going further.

A grown-up Bama recounts her stroll in the marketplace on her way back home from school.

As a grown-up Bama, create a diary entry, describing the sights she enjoyed.

You may begin like this:

I still cherish the stroll from school to home that I enjoyed during my childhood...