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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)

1. Overweight and obesity are affecting many countries in the world; more than 300 million people are overweight or obese. In India, some people tend to be overweight because of their high-calorie diet and lack of physical activities. In the United States, obesity is more prevalent in lower economic groups. Obesity is now well recognized as a disease in its own right. Though obesity commonly means very overweight, it is defined as an excess amount of body weight that includes muscles, bone, fat, and water. 'Obesity' specifically refers to an excess amount of body fat. Some people, such as bodybuilders or other anthracitic with a lot of muscle can be overweight without being obese.
2. Women have more body fat than men. Usually, men with more than 25% body fat, and women with more than 30% of body fat are regarded as obese. Obesity occurs when a person consumes more calories than he or she burns.
3. Obesity tends to run in families, suggesting a genetic cause. Environmental factors mean lifestyle behaviours such as what a person eats and his or her level of physical activity. Although you cannot change your genetic makeup, you can change your eating habits and levels of activity. You can learn how to choose more nutritional meals which are low in fat and become more active.
4. Then there are the psychological factors. Negative emotions such as boredom, sadness, or anger, respond to people who overeat. There is also 'binge eating' when people eat a large amount of food thinking that they cannot control how much they are eating. Those with the most severe binge eating problems are also likely to have symptoms of depression and low self-esteem.
5. Obesity is a health hazard. Several serious medical conditions have been linked to obesity, including type-2 diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, and stroke. Obesity is also linked to higher rates of certain types of cancer. Other diseases and health problems linked to obesity include gall bladder disease and gallstones, liver disease, and deterioration of joints.
6. The benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Not only does exercise help you to lose weight but it also improves your fitness and flexibility and improves skin texture. Exercises also free one from the harmful side effects of crash dieting, slimming capsules, and the heat treatment used by slimming centres.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. (MCQ) **(1)**
Obesity is _____.
 - i. High-Calorie Diet and Lack of Physical Activities
 - ii. Low-income results in Poverty
 - iii. Combine muscle, bone, fat, and water
 - iv. Excess amount of body fat
- ii. Comment on the writer's description of women being obese as explained in paragraph two. **(1)**
- iii. List the two environmental factors which cause obesity. **(2)**
(Clue: Think about the human habits and schedule)
- iv. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'inactive', from words used in paragraph three. **(1)**
 - i. genetic
 - ii. behaviour
 - iii. activity
 - iv. lifestyle
- v. Tick out of the following diseases linked to obesity. **(1)**
 - A. Cancer
 - B. Low Blood Pressure
 - C. Gallstone
 - D. Type 1 Diabetes
 - i. Only A and B
 - ii. Only C and D
 - iii. Only A and C
 - iv. All of these

- vi. There are some psychological factors that can cause obesity. Based on your understanding of paragraph four, explain about the problem of binge eating. (2)
- vii. Obesity is a genetic problem still there are ways to control its damage. How can one become active in life? (1)
- viii. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following: (1)
The benefits of exercise are much more than any other way of losing weight. Such as (paragraph six) _____.
- ix. What are the psychological factors leading to over-eating? (1)
i. Stress ii. Happiness iii. Excitement iv. Peacefulness
- x. What are the benefits of exercise compared to other methods of losing weight? (1)

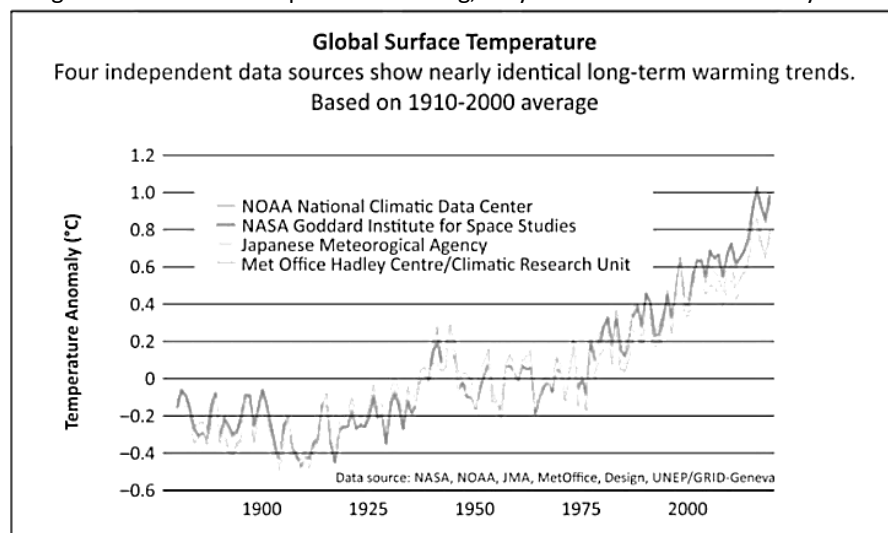
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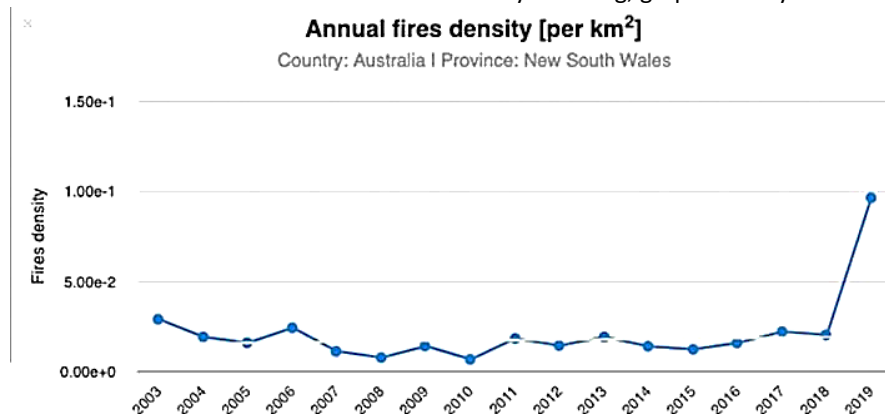
Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal

1. Data from satellite sources assembled by the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) World Environment Situation Room confirms that the wildfires in Australia in the last two months of 2019 and the first six weeks of 2020 were far from normal. 2019 was the second hottest year on record since 1880, and Australia recorded its warmest temperatures ever in December 2019.

2. "Rising temperatures continue to melt records. The past decade was the hottest on record. Scientists tell us that ocean temperatures are now rising at the equivalent of five Hiroshima bombs a second. One million species are in near-term danger of extinction. Our planet is burning," says United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres.



3. "The trend is very clear: 37 of the last 40 years were the warmest recorded since 1880, and the six warmest years recorded were the last six years," says Pascal Peduzzi, Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database in Geneva. "For those who think Australia is always burning, graphs clearly show that these fires were exceptional."



The number of fires in New South Wales remained fairly constant from 2003 to 2018, but more than trebled in 2019 (Fires recorded by MODIS (NASA), trend analysis, UNEP/GRID-Geneva).

4. "This service, accessible via the UNEP's World Environment Situation Room, is provided for all countries at national and provincial levels. It identifies trends in wildfire activity since 2003, when the data first became available and monitoring began. We have sliced and diced the satellite-based data on wildfires worldwide from 2009 to the present day. We analyse the wildfires' data by month, type of land cover, protected area, province and nation to produce information products," Peduzzi adds. (Source: UN Environment)

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Does the following statement agree with the information given in the extract? (1)
When temperatures rise and ice melts, more water flows to the seas from glaciers and ice caps, and ocean water warms and expands in volume.
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. Do you think that ocean temperatures are currently rising at a rate of five Hiroshima bombs every second? Support your answer with reference to the text. (2)
- iii. Select the option that lists the CORRECT statement. (1)
A. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Renaissance Information Database
B. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNO's Global Resource Information Database
C. Pascal Peduzzi is the Manager of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database
D. Pascal Peduzzi is the Director of UNEP's Global Resource Information Database
- iv. Complete the sentence based on the following statement. (1)
In December 2019, Australia experienced its warmest temperatures ever. We can claim that the warmest temperature is because of _____.
- v. The graph compiled with data from four different sources shows that the global surface temperatures have been _____. (1)
A. steady B. falling C. rising D. not changed
- vi. The passage talks about how Australia's 2019-2020 Bushfire Season was not Normal. Concerning the given statement, describe what is highlighted in the first graph. (2)
- vii. Complete the given sentence by selecting the most appropriate option. (1)
For those who believe that Australia is constantly on fire, the graph makes it abundantly clear that these _____.
A. fires were normal B. fires were usual C. fires were exceptional D. fires were steady
- viii. Complete the sentence appropriately with one word. (1)
Since 1880, 37 of the last 40 years have been the _____ on record, and the last six years have been the warmest on record.

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. You lost your wrist watch in your school auditorium. Write a notice in not more than 50 words for your school notice board giving a detailed description of the watch. You are Anirudh/Arundhati of class XII of the Springfields School, Pune.

OR

You are Ravi/Rachna. As President of the Cultural Forum of your school, you have organized an inter-school orchestra competition on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of your school. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of your school about this competition. (4)

4. Write a letter to your friend inviting him on the house-warming-ceremony of your newly constructed house. (4)

OR

The Literary Club of Geetanjali Public School, Prithvi Nagar is putting up the play, **Waiting for Godot**. You have been invited to be the guest of honour at the function. Create an appropriate reply congratulating the students and accepting the invitation. You are Sumita/Sanjay Gupta.

5. After passing the secondary school examination, a candidate has to make a very difficult choice from a number of streams available to him at the senior school level for further studies. There is not a valid mechanism to assess the suitability of a candidate for a particular stream. Write a letter to the Editor of a national daily emphasising the need for educational counsellors for guidance in this matter in each school. You are Vinita/Vinay, 48, Agra Fort, Agra. (5)



OR

Draft an application for the post of accountant in Pioneers (Pvt.) Ltd. Co., Qatar, in response to their advertisement that appeared in The Times of India dated 1st April, 2022. Prepare a biodata to be enclosed. You are Nipun/Aparna.

Immediate Vacancies – Finance and Accounts

A reputed Construction Company in Qatar requires the following candidates, who can start immediately

1. SENIOR ACCOUNTANT:
Post Graduation or above in Accounts with 10 years experience in Construction industry. Should be well versed in all aspects of Construction accounting and reports.

2. ACCOUNTANT (CASHIER)
Degree holder in Accounts with 10 years experience in handling Cash, bank and accounts related transactions.

Both candidates should be locally available with sponsorship transfer. Package will be at par with industry standards.

6. The word **father** is synonymous with strict discipline etc. but it is not completely true. The father fulfils his responsibilities affectionately for the family. Write an article in 150-200 words on the topic, **Role of the father in the family**. You are Dhruv/Deepa. (5)

OR

You are Roshan/Rohini, School Pupil Leader of Meerut Public School, Meerut. Your school joined a campaign organised by various agencies of your city to create awareness among people to conserve water. Write a report in 100-125 words highlighting the activities such as rain water harvesting, etc.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

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

.....I saw my mother,
beside me,
doze, open-mouthed, her face
ashen like that
of a corpse and realised with
pain.....

- Where was the poet driving to?
a. Home to the Cochin airport
b. To Home
c. Cochin airport to home
d. None of these
- Who is I?
a. The poetess
b. A little girl
c. A young boy
d. A doctor
- What did she realise with pain?
a. She had lost their bag
b. She suffered from an injury
c. She had to leave her house
d. Her mother had grown very old
- How did the poetess feel on this realization?
a. Enraged
b. Delighted
c. Sad
d. Enthusiastic

- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.
- (1) Mother's face is pale and pallid.
 - (2) The daughter is struck with the horror and pain of losing her.
- a. (1) can be inferred from the extract but (2) cannot.
 - b. (2) can be inferred from the extract but (1) cannot.
 - c. Both (1) and (2) can be inferred from the extract.
 - d. (2) is the reason for (1) and can be inferred from the extract.
- vi. _____ is the poetic device used in the extract.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"A roadside stand that too pathetically pled,
It would not be fair to say for a dole of bread,
But for some of the money, the cash, whose flow supports
The flower of cities from sinking and withering faint."

- i. Why is it unfair to say that these people are begging for a **dole of bread**?
 - a. Because they are unreasonably begging for money
 - b. Because they have something to sell
 - c. Because they don't have anything to sell
 - d. As they shamelessly beg for bread
- ii. Identify the phrase that suggests the following:
They plead to the rich city dwellers to buy something.
- iii. The poor people look at the city money for their
 - a. survival and betterment
 - b. sorrow and misery
 - c. growth and opportunity
 - d. well being
- iv. Complete the following analogy correctly. Do NOT repeat from used example.
A roadside stand that too pathetically pled : personification :: Flower of Cities : _____
- v. Fill the blank with an appropriate word, with reference to the extract.
The word which signifies the poor condition of the owner of the stand _____.
- vi. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
 - (1) The poor people are expecting passersby to buy goods from them.
 - (2) They want to earn money for their betterment.
 - 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.

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

I cried aloud, shaking my head all the while until I felt the cold blades of the scissors against my neck, and heard them gnaw off one of my thick braids. Then I lost my spirit. Since the day I was taken from my mother I had suffered extreme indignities. People had stared at me. I had been tossed about in the air like a wooden puppet. And now my long hair was shingled like a coward's! In my anguish I moaned for my mother, but no one came to comfort me. Not a soul reasoned quietly with me, as my own mother used to do; for now I was only one of many little animals driven by a herder.

- i. Then I lost my spirit. Choose the option that DOES NOT refer to spirit. (1)

1. resolve	2. energy	3. determination	4. indifference	5. enthusiasm	6. will power
a. 1, 2 and 5	b. 2, 4 and 6	c. 1, 3 and 6	d. 3, 4 and 6		
- ii. Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below. (1)

Statement 1 The author had been subjected to humiliation when she was separated from her mother.

Statement 2 Nobody was able to ease her distress and empathise with her.

 - 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 cannot be inferred from the passage.
 - d. Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 can be inferred from the passage.
- iii. What is the tone of the given extract?
- iv. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract. (1)
In her community, _____ hair was worn by mourners and cowards wore _____. (1)

OR

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:

The man moaned with pain in his stupor but he did not awaken.

"The best thing that we could do would be to put him back in the sea," Sadao said, answering himself. Now that the bleeding was stopped for the moment he stood up and dusted the sand from his hands.

"Yes, undoubtedly that would be best," Hana said steadily. But she continued to stare down at the motionless man.

"If we sheltered a white man in our house we should be arrested and if we turned him over as a prisoner, he would certainly die," Sadao said.

"The kindest thing would be to put him back into the sea," Hana said. But neither of them moved. They were staring with curious repulsion upon the inert figure.

- i. Based on the conversation between Sadao and Hana in the given extract, write an idiom (related to water) that best describes the situation in which they were. (1)
- ii. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract. (1)
Sadao and Hana cared about the soldier but were _____.
- iii. In which of the following options can the underlined words NOT be replaced with **stupor**? (1)
 - a. She hung up the phone feeling as though she had woken up from a slumber.
 - b. The manager complained about the employee's sluggishness.
 - c. He seemed to be in a trance when the doctor called upon him last week.
 - d. Seeing him in a daze, the lawyer decided not to place him in the witness box.
- iv. In which of the following options can the underlined words NOT be replaced with stupor? (1)
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9. Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow: (6)

Then, as I hurried by as fast as I could go, the blacksmith, Watcher, who was there, with his apprentice, reading the bulletin, called after me, "Don't go so fast, bub; you'll get to your school in plenty of time!"

- i. What does the phrasal verb Call after imply?
 - a. Call someone by his name
 - b. Call someone by his gender
 - c. Call someone by his surname
 - d. None of these
- ii. Who was reading the bulletin?
 - a. M. Hamel
 - b. Franz
 - c. Blacksmith
 - d. Soldier
- iii. Based on the above extract, choose the statement that is the TRUE reason for the boy being in a hurry.
 - a. Because he was late for school.
 - b. Because an order came from Berlin.
 - c. Because he was not prepared for the test.
 - d. Both (i) and (ii)
- iv. What was Blacksmith's intention when he said: "Don't go so fast, bub; you will get to your school in plenty of time!"
- v. Select the suitable word from the extract to complete the following analogy:
Hurried: Hasty :: _____ : Amateur
- vi. Complete the sentence with the appropriate information, as per the extract.
There was a crowd in front of the _____ in the town hall.

OR

Read the following text carefully and answer the questions that follow:

They have lived here for more than thirty years without an identity, without permits but with ration cards that get their names on voters lists and enable them to buy grain. Food is more important for survival than identity. If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain, say a group of women in tattered saris when I asked them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents. (Lost Spring)

- i. The ragpickers have been living there for _____ decades. (1)
 - A. three
 - B. four
 - C. two
 - D. five

- ii. Why do these people have ration cards? (1)
- iii. What do you infer about their lifestyle from the phrase **pitch their tents**? (1)
- iv. In spite of the hardships, they are not willing to go back to their homeland because _____. (1)
- v. The women had a/an _____ approach towards life. (1)
A. idealistic B. passive C. indifferent D. practical
- vi. What does the term go to bed without an aching stomach indicate? (1)

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

- (a) What happened when 'a big bruiser' tossed Douglas into the YMCA pool? How did Douglas plan to come out? (2)
- (b) How will 'keeping quiet' protect our environment? (2)
- (c) Aunt Jennifer deserves our sympathy? Elaborate. (2)
- (d) Why did Sophie go to a lonely arcade at night? (2)
- (e) Why was the office boy frustrated? Who did he show his anger on? (2)
- (f) What made the American publisher think that the novel **The Name of the Rose** won't sell in America? (2)
What actually happened? (**The Interview**)

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

- (a) How can burning of fossil fuel affect our environment? (Journey to the End of the Earth) (2)
- (b) What confusion does the Dewan have when the Tiger King broaches the topic of his marriage? (The Tiger King) (2)
- (c) The world's geological history is trapped in Antarctica. How is the study of this region useful to us? (2)

12. The tramp had a dream while asleep in deep slumber. (5)

In his dream, Robert Frost (poet of A Roadside Stand') seconds his philosophy of the world being a rattrap citing the miserable condition of the poor people of the countryside.

But **Pablo Neruda** (poet of Keeping Quiet) disagrees with him and emphasizes the significance of mindfulness, introspection, and retrospection which leads to unity and brotherhood.

While Gandhi (Indigo) dissuades him from making wrong choices and explains to him the value of self-reliance even during tough times.

Write a personal account in the form of a diary entry as the peddler and explain the value that he derives from this dream.

You may begin this way:

In a strange dream, I encounter several individuals who enlighten me on...

OR

Sophie, in Going Places, wanted to live that beautiful life that was full of colours and happiness that Geoff lived but she could not. She ignores her reality and believes her own fantasies to be true.

While Keats in his poem A Thing of Beauty says our attachments to the Earthly things are like a flowery wreath.

Evaluate the relationship between dreams, reality, and happiness in an analytical paragraph.

13. Mr. Lamb kept on telling Derry to think of the positive things. You as a grown-up Derry, recount the story narrated by Mr. Lamb to convince him to think positively. (5)

You may begin like this:

My childhood days were surrounded by negativity until I met Mr. Lamb who became my inspiration. I remember once he narrated to me a story of a man who locked himself up in his room...

OR

In the story, The Enemy, Dr. Sadao faced a dilemma. In an attempt to delineate how he was both a patriotic Japanese as well as a dedicated surgeon, Hana, his wife expresses her thoughts in a diary entry. Create this diary entry as Hana.

You may begin:

I have been married to Sadao for many years now after falling in love with him in America and I have always known him to be a man of great intelligence with a complex emotional character. However, the state of dilemma that he faced because of the enemy American POW...