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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)

It's been said countless times that "breakfast is the most important meal of the day". But not many people seem convinced. Some school-children and office -goers are still leaving home without it and weight- watchers are still giving breakfast a miss. "I am not hungry in the morning" is the commonest explanation. Even if you don't recognize it as hunger, the body does give out signals that it is low on fuel. For instance, studies of schoolchildren (aged 9-11) show that those who skip breakfast have a slower reaction time and more muscle fatigue in school sports. The average scores are lower on written tests, compared to breakfast eaters. To the teacher, such children could look listless, which they maybe because they haven't had the protein that really wakes up the brain. (After an overnight fast, the blood sugar level drops. Strangely it takes protein, not sugar, to build it up again.)

Office workers who skip breakfast are usually big consumers of office tea and coffee- a means of staying alert and suppressing hunger. Adult breakfast skippers may have trouble concentrating on work and show lower work output. They are also likelier to be irritable and impatient at work. Clock-watching frequently for the lunch-hour, fatigue, anxiety, forgetfulness, confusion, and indecision-all these have been linked to low blood sugar levels, usually caused by hunger. If any of that sounds familiar, maybe what you need is breakfast.

Some nutrients like protein and calcium are better absorbed if they are taken in small quantities several times a day. A packed lunch and a big dinner cannot make up for nutrition missed in the 'a.m.'

What goes into a good breakfast? Protein for mental alertness and carbohydrates to give the body some get-up and go. Small amounts of fat and sugar are okay but just enough to tempt the appetite.

Answer the following questions, based on the above passage :

- i. Complete the sentence by choosing an appropriate option. **(1)**
Adult breakfast skippers may face consequences like _____ on work.
 - i. Trouble concentrating
 - ii. High work output
 - iii. Low concentration
 - iv. Both trouble in concentrating and low output
- ii. Comment on writer's take as to why people skip breakfast in the morning. **(1)**
- iii. List the two instances to show how body does give out signals that it is low on fuel. **(2)**
(Clue: Think about the result of skipping meal)
- iv. Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'comfortable', from words used in the given passage. **(1)**
i. Impatient ii. Irritable iii. Indecisive iv. Anxious
- v. Two nutrients that are better absorbed if taken in small quantities are: **(1)**
A. Proteins B. Carbohydrates C. Calcium D. Sugar
i. Only A and B ii. Only A and C iii. Only A and D iv. Only B and D
- vi. Office workers are big consumers of tea and coffee. Based on your understanding of paragraph two, list one major reason behind it. **(2)**
- vii. What happen to the children who do not take breakfast? **(1)**

- viii. Complete the given sentence with an appropriate inference, with respect to the following: (1)
 _____ is the nutrient that must be taken only to tempt the appetite.
- ix. Name some nutrients that are better absorbed if they are taken in small quantities several times a day. (1)
- x. What are some negative effects observed in schoolchildren who skip breakfast? (1)

2. Read the following passage carefully: (10)

- People below the age of 20 and above the age of 50 are more likely to believe fake news. Those relatively new to the use of the internet still do not grasp the concept of fake information over these platforms, reveals a new survey 'Countering Misinformation in India.' This survey has been conducted jointly by Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI).
- At least 40% of the respondents believed in 'misinformation' received over social media if it came with leading backgrounds and evidence, while 34% of them believe the information when it is shared by a trustworthy organization.
- The dominant factor that drives people to forward such information is their belief that it might benefit others and help in their safety. In fact, that was the response of almost 50% of the respondents. This was compounded by the fact that at least 20% of the respondents expressed their lack of trust in conventional media thus their faith in contents shared by common people over social media.
- But even then, newspapers still remain the top source of information for most. At least 53% of the respondents trust what is generally perceived as neutral media and only 29% trust technology and social media platforms.
- However, what was surprising was that almost 45% of the respondents did not even know about the existence of fact-checking organization and most did not even know that journalists had to verify data before they let it out. Only 26% of the respondents believe that it is the responsibility of the media to curb or identify fake news. Many respondents also put the responsibility of identifying such fake news on an individual.
- The survey has found that first time or early users of the Internet platforms are more susceptible to fake news than others. There is a need for building capacities and creating a National Civic Digital Literacy Strategic Plan.

Answer the following questions, based on the given passage:

- Select the option that comes under conventional media: (1)
 A. Instagram B. Newspaper C. Facebook D. E-mail
- Select the correct option: (1)
 One factor that prompts people to believe fake news is that
 A. it supports their point of view B. they are biased
 C. it is from a reliable site D. it has more 'likes' and 'shares'
- What according to the passage are the intentions of people who share information? (1)
- Which reason do you infer from the passage is responsible for journalists spreading misinformation? (1)
- Complete the sentence appropriately: (1)
 The threat faced by the new entrants in social media is _____.
- Explain your understanding of the difference between misinformation and fake news. (1)
- As per your inference drawn from para (1), which category of people fall as victims to fake news? (2)
- What is the blame game that goes on in fixing the onus of identifying fake news? (2)

SECTION B – CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS

3. The local branch of the British Council has agreed to hold a workshop in your school on Writing Skills in English Language. Draft a notice in 50 words inviting students to give their names for participation. Mention relevant details of day, date, time and venue. You are Sohail/Suhina, President of the Literary Society of Rise Public School. (4)

OR

You are Geeta/Gautam, the Head girl/Head boy of Blossom Public School, Khushipur. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of classes XI and XII about an inter-class debate competition to be held in the school in the first week of August. Invite applications for the same. Invent necessary details.

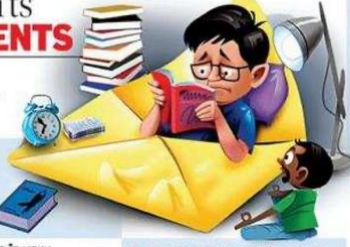
4. You were invited by your friend Shahid to the marriage of his sister, but due to some unavoidable circumstances, you cannot leave station. Write an informal letter of reply in 50 words expressing your inability to attend the function. You are Hamid/Henna of Aliganj, Nashik. Mention day, date, time and venue. (4)

OR

You are Roshan Khara, a resident of Haryana. Invite your friend Hrishit Arora who lives in old Delhi to spend a part of his summer vacation with you at your farm house near Pinjore.

5. You are Rekha/Rakesh, a student of Bharti Public School Class XII. The students are required to cope up with a lot of stress in today's competitive environment. Write a letter to the editor highlighting the increasing stress faced by students and suggesting ways and means to combat it. (5)

Dos and don'ts FOR STUDENTS



- Stress has an inverse correlation with studies. **Try to be your best and set realistic goals.**
- One cannot master a subject in a few days. **Consult your teachers when you feel you lacking in confidence.**
- Taking periodic breaks is very important. Allow yourself a break of at least 15 to 20 minutes after each three to four hours of study. **Use that time to do something that relaxes you – listening to music, watching TV, or taking a walk.**
- Every student has a different method of remembering facts and figures. Some like to read aloud while others write things down. **Stick to what works best for you after consulting your teachers/counsellors.**
- Result of an examination is not the end of the road. **Talk about your aspirations with your parents and peers. Don't allow negative thoughts**
- Proper diet and sleep are crucial before and during the examination period. **Set a schedule and try to follow that. Don't cut down on your sleep**

OR

Apollo International School, Karnal requires sports coaches and some other teachers. Each should be a degree holder in physical education as well as an SAI-certified coach in athletics. You have seen their advertisement and you know that you have these qualifications. Write an application in 120-150 words along with your resume. You are Praveen/Praveena, M-114, Najafgarh, Delhi.

APOLLO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL VILLAGE DADUPUR, KARNAL

Invites application from trained and experienced candidates with bright academic career, proficiency in co-curricular activities, computer literate, comfortable with technology, good communication skills, for the following posts :-

● PRINCIPAL - (Minimum 5 yrs experience required) ● TGT - Science, English, Social Science ● Pre Primary Teacher - Trained nursery teacher with experience in handling children. ● Counselor - M.A / M.Sc in Child Psychology having 2-3 yrs of exp.	● PRT - Science, English, Social Science ● Music Teacher ● Front Desk Executive - Females only ● Librarian ● Part Time Sports Coaches - Boxing, Skating, Lawn Tennis, Basket Ball, Gymnastic
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Eligibility:-

(1). Post Graduate / Graduate, B.Ed. (2). At least two year of experience in their respective subject.

No constraint of salary for deserving candidates. Accommodation available for outstation candidates

6. You are Vinay/Vijaya, the staff reporter of the Times of India. You are sent to cover the flood-hit areas of Assam. Write a report in about 120-150 words to be published in the newspaper. Support your ideas with cues given below. (5)

- Areas of destruction
- Loss of life and property
- Evacuation, Rescue Operations
- Measures taken by the government

OR

The student counselling department in your school put up the following poster regarding an event in the community centre.

Be - Do – Live
WELL.
6th, 7th, 8th February
10 am 6:30 pm
A Wellness Workshop
- sharing common concerns
- reducing stress
- motivation strategies
- joy of living
Theatre in Action

As Rita/Rahul, student editor, write a report on the above workshop for the school magazine.

SECTION C - LITERATURE

(6)

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

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 ...

- i. The poem My Mother at Sixty-Six captures the _____ of the narrator.
I. happiness II. fear III. dismay IV. anxiety
Choose the most appropriate option:
a. Only I b. I and IV c. II and IV d. Only III
- ii. Identify the phrase from the extract that suggests the following:
She was overwhelmed with emotion and could not speak much.
- iii. The word wan in the given context most nearly means
a. pale b. old c. unwell d. anxious
- iv. Complete the following analogy correctly. Do not repeat from the example used.
Trees sprinting : personification :: _____ : simile
- v. On the basis of the extract, study the two statements, I and II given below:
I. The poet accepts the reality of her mother's declining health and old age.
II. She is nostalgic about her childhood days spent with her mother.
Choose the most appropriate option:
a. I is true, but II is false b. Both I and II are true
c. II is the reason for I d. II cannot be inferred from the extract
- vi. Explain the following statement with reference to the above extract:
All I did was smile and smile and smile.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear
The thought of so much childish longing in vain,
The sadness that lurks near the open window there,
That waits all day in almost open prayer
For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a stopping car,"

- i. What can't the poet tolerate?
a. The farmers dashed hopes b. The travellers not stopping at the stand
c. The poor condition of village d. Attitude of the rich people
- ii. Complete the following analogy correctly.
lurk: creep :: _____ : futile
- iii. Answer in ONE word.
When the poet says that 'squeal of brakes', he means the car to _____.
- iv. What is the prayer of the villager sitting at open window?
a. A generous traveller to stop at the stand b. To sell something
c. A good amount to dwindle their distress d. All of these
- v. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to (1) and (2) given below.
(1) The villagers pray for the vehicles to hear a car stop by.
(2) These shed owners want to sell their products.
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. Identify the phrase from the extract, that suggests the following:
The rural folk dreamt of a better life with help from the city dwellers which was like a kiddish desire.

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

(4)

I was walking home from school one day, an old bag hanging from my shoulder. It was actually possible to walk the distance in ten minutes. But usually it would take me thirty minutes at the very least to reach home. It would take me from half an hour to an hour to dawdle along, watching all the fun and games that were going on, all the entertaining novelties and oddities in the streets, the shops and the bazaar.

i. The entertaining novelties as stated in the passage include

- a. A performing monkey b. Stunt performances c. Puppet shows d. All of these

ii. The word dawdle as used in the extract means

- a. To Push b. To walk slowly c. To delay deliberately d. To put off

iii. Complete the sentence appropriately, with reference to the extract.

The distance from the school to the speaker's house could be easily covered within _____ minutes.

iv. What nature of the speaker can be discerned from the given extract?

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"You are to come to the palace," the man said. "The old General is in pain again."

"Oh," Hana breathed, "Is that all?"

"All?" the messenger exclaimed. "Is it not enough?"

"Indeed it is," she replied, "I am very sorry."

When Sadao came to say goodbye, she was in the kitchen, but doing nothing. The children were asleep and she sat merely resting for a moment, more exhausted from her fright than from work. (The Enemy)

i. Seeing the messenger, Hana was apprehensive of _____.

ii. The summons for Dr. Sadao were because

- a. the servants had reported. b. there was a medical emergency.
c. the General wanted to express his admiration. d. the prisoner of war had escaped.

iii. Which of the following summarizes Hana's reason for resting momentarily?

- a. Her physical exhaustion b. Her fear
c. Her infirmity d. Her sadness

iv. Complete the analogy correctly with a word from the extract.

asleep : awake :: rejuvenated : _____

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

(6)

"My children, this is the last lesson I shall give you. The order has come from Berlin to teach only German in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine. The new master comes tomorrow. This is your last French lesson. I want you to be very attentive."

What a thunderclap these words were to me!

Oh, the wretches; that was what they had put up at the town hall!

i. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.

M Hamel wanted the students to be attentive because _____.

ii. On the basis of the extract, choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

(1) M. Hamel wanted his students to pay attention as it was the last lesson.

(2) Nobody except Franz was able to realise the pain in M. Hamel's eyes.

- 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. How would you describe Franz's tone when he says- **What a thunderclap these words were to me?**

- a. Angry b. Gloomy c. Perplexed d. Irritated

iv. In which of the following options can the underlined words not be replaced with **wretche(s)**?

- a. That beggar has broken my car window. b. Items like a stick and grenadier are now variable.
c. He is a lonely and miserable rogue. d. Before the poor knave had time to speak, he was shot.

- v. Henceforth, only _____ would be taught in the schools of Alsace and Lorraine.
- vi. Write another similar word for the underlined word that is used in the extract.
It was startling for Franz to know that he could not learn French any longer.

OR

Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow:

"I will learn to drive a car," he answers, looking straight into my eyes. His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets that fill his town Firozabad, famous for its bangles. Every other family in Firozabad is engaged in making bangles. It is the centre of India's glass-blowing industry where families have spent generations working around furnaces, wielding glass, making bangles for all the women in the land it seems.

Mukesh's family is among them. None of them know that it is illegal for children like him to work in the glass furnaces with high temperatures, in dingy cells without air and light; that the law, if enforced, could get him and all those 20,000 children out of the hot furnaces where they slog their daylight hours, often losing the brightness of their eyes. Mukesh's eyes beam as he volunteers to take me home, which he proudly says is being rebuilt.

- i. What big loss do the children face working there?
- ii. The line **dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets** indicates that his dream was:
a. a reality, yet seemed distant b. lost in the sea of dust.
c. illusory and indistinct. d. hanging in the dusty air.
- iii. **I will learn to drive a car**, he answers, looking straight into my eyes. This sentence highlights Mukesh was:
i. determined ii. fearless iii. hopeful iv. valiant v. ambitious vi. Stern
a. i and iv b. ii and iv c. ii and v d. iii and vi
- iv. Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE with reference to the extract?
a. Children work in badly lit and poorly ventilated furnaces.
b. The children are unaware that it is forbidden by law to work in the furnaces.
c. Children toil in the furnaces for hours which affects their eyesight.
d. Firozabad has emerged as a nascent producer of bangles in the country.
- v. Identify the textual clue that allows the reader to infer that majority of the population in Firozabad is involved in bangle-making. (Clue: a sentence)
- vi. Complete the sentence with an appropriate explanation, as per the extract.
_____ is the literary device employed in the line "His dream looms like a mirage amidst the dust of streets..."

10. **Answer any five of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** (10)
(a) How did Douglas' introduction to the YMCA pool revive his childhood fear of water? (2)
(b) There can be life under apparent stillness. Explain. (Keeping Quiet) (2)
(c) What do you understand by "massive weight of uncle's wedding band"? (Aunt Jennifer's Tigers) (2)
(d) Why didn't Sophie like to talk to Jansie about Danny Casey? (2)
(e) How did the people of Madras and those at Gemini Studios respond to the plays staged by the Moral Re-Armament Army? (Poets and Pancakes) (2)
(f) Umberto Eco is an academic as well as a famous novelist. Comment. (2)
11. **Answer any two of the following questions in 40-50 words each:** (4)
(a) Why was Tishani Doshi tilted with relief and wonder when he set foot on the Antarctic continent? (2)
(b) How was the hundredth tiger made available to the king? (2)
(c) What kind of indications do we get while visiting Antarctica to save Earth? (Journey to the End of the Earth) (2)
12. The author of the story The Lost Spring realizes later that she has made a hollow promise to Saheb. (5)
"Is your school ready?"
"It takes longer to build a school," I say, embarrassed at having made a promise that was not meant. But promises like mine abound in every corner of his bleak world.
While Edla in The Rattrap fulfills her promise to let the peddler leave freely.

She looked at him compassionately, with her heavy eyes, and then she noticed that the man was afraid. "Either he has stolen something or else he has escaped from, jail", she thought, and added quickly, "You may be sure, Captain, that you will be allowed to leave us just as freely as you came. Only please stay with us over Christmas Eve."

Create a conversation between the author and Edla with reference to the above extracts.

You may begin the conversation like this:

Author: That day I had asked Saheb jokingly that if I opened a school would he attend it. I was unaware of the fact that I was unknowingly making a hollow promise to the boy. Has something like this happened to you Edla?

OR

Keats presents the idea of beauty as eternal that has a timeless lifelong attraction. According to him,
"...it will never

Pass into nothingness, but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and a sleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health, and quiet breathing."

In the same vein, Neruda manifests the beauty of quietness to obtaining inner clarity.

"Now I'll count up to twelve

and you keep quiet and I will go."

Pen down your thoughts in the form of a descriptive essay by exploring a common connection that runs into the phrases like "pass into nothingness", "quiet breathing" and "you keep quiet and I will go".

13. Derry who was always in search of secluded places, finds one in Mr. Lamb's garden. Although his seclusion did not last for long there as the owner turns up, he ends up being a frequent visitor of this place. Create a diary entry as Derry reflecting on the qualities of Mr. Lamb that attracted you towards him. (5)

You may begin like this:

The moment I noticed that I was not alone as the old man could see me, I wanted to leave. But an interesting rather peculiar conversation kept me glued...

OR

Sadao shared a matured relation with his father. His father had gone through a lot of hardships to bring him up and he was concerned about his education. Therefore, Sadao was sent to America to study surgery and medicine at the young age of twenty-two.

Create a diary entry as a Sadao narrating your experiences in America.

You may begin this way:

I went to America because of my father as his prime concern was my education...

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