

GENERAL ENGLISH

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

SECTION - A (READING COMPREHENSION)

(15 Marks)

Q.1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow.

When you are old and grey and full of sleep,
And nodding by the fire, take of the soot book,
And slowly read, and dream of the soft look
Your eyes had once, and of their shadows deep;
How many loved your moments of glad grace,
And loved your beauty with love false or true,
But one man loved the pilgrim soul in you,
And loved the sorrows of your changing face.

Questions:

(1 × 5 = 5 Marks)

- i. This poem is written in the

A. first person	B. second person
C. third person	D. first person plural
- ii. in line two the word 'book' refers to

A. memories	B. portrait
C. an album	D. a diary
- iii. The poem is addressed to

A. a young woman	B. an old woman
C. a young woman the poet loved	D. the poet's wife
- iv. The theme of the poem is

A. Sympathy	B. Empathy
C. Jealousy	D. Love
- v. What does the poet mean by 'pilgrim soul'? (Answer in one or two sentences)

* Read the extract given below and select the right option for the MCQs given at the end.

*Look there, in that smithy;
Its red oven, fierce flames,
The padlocks are already opening their mouths
And each fetter is skirting around.*

Answer the following questions:

- (a) The literal meaning of the word 'smithy' here is:

(i) Smiths	(ii) Blacksmith	(iii) Oven maker	(iv) none
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- (b) Padlocks have metallic bar of shape

(i) U	(ii) V	(iii) I	(iv) T
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- (c) What word means 'a chain or shackle for feet'

(i) Smithy	(ii) padlock	(iii) fetter	(iv) skirting
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- (d) Synonym of fierce is
 (i) Fearful (ii) bold (iii) ferocious (iv) none
- (e) The oven is red because of
 (i) the metal (ii) red cloth (iii) blood (iv) flames

* **Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.**

*But presently up spoke little dog Mustard,
 I'd have been twice as brave if I hadn't been flustered,
 And up spoke Ink and up spoke Blink,
 We'd have been three times as brave, we think,
 And Custard said, I quite agree
 That everybody is braver than me. (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)*

Answer the following questions:

- (a) The dog feels lack of confidence because
 (i) of the entrance of the pirate (ii) of the confusion
 (iii) of the other animals' bravery (iv) of the dragon's bravery
- (b) Who spoke after Mustard?
 (i) Custard and Ink (ii) Ink and Blink
 (iii) Custard and Blink (iv) Ink and Mustard
- (c) According to Custard, he was:
 (i) unheroic (ii) brave
 (iii) crazy (iv) bold
- (d) Total number of animals mentioned in this stanza are:
 (i) Two (ii) Three
 (iii) Four (iv) Five
- (e) Who is Mustard?
 (i) Confident dog (ii) brave dog
 (iii) both (i) & (ii) (iv) None of the above

* **Read the extract from the poem and answer the questions that follow:**

*Lord ! you are my hope and trust lead me to the way of truth.
 How long shall I dwell in ignorance ! Pour me the nectar of Knowledge.
 Lend ear to my wailing and pleas, cure me of ills and pains;
 Be kind each moment to me, let me never feel in want.
 Save me from Sloth, infirmity and doubt.
 Surcharge my heart with passion, Zest and hope.*

Questions:

- (a) Which way the poet implores his lord to lead him to?
 (b) Name the three blessings that the poet prays for.
 (c) The poet calls his hope and trust.
 (d) Match the correct combination:-
 (i) Dwell ____ to live
 (ii) Wail ____ to cry
 (iii) Zest ____ to eager
 (iv) All of these
- (e) Name the poem and the poet.

* **Read the extract from the poem and answer the questions that follows:**

*Driving from my Parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning,
I saw my mother, beside me,
Doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that
Of a corpse and realized with pain
That she was a old as she looked but soon
Put that thought away, and looked out at young
'Trees sprinting, the merry children spiling
Out of their homes, but after the 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*

Questions:

- (a) Who was sitting beside her?
- (b) What did the poet notice about the mother?
- (c) The poet compares her face ashen like
- (d) Match the correct combination:

(i) doze — to sleep	(ii) spill — to move
(iii) wan — colourless	(iv) All of these
- (e) Smile and smile and smile is a poetic device. What is called?

* **Read the extract from the poem and answer the questions that follow:**

*Belinda lived in a little white house
With a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,
And a little yellow dog and a little red wagon,
And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon.
Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink,
And the little grey mouse, she called him blink,
And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,
But the dragon was a coward and she called him custard.
Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,
And spikes on top of him and scales underneath.
Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,
And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.*

Questions:

- (a) Where did Belinda live?
- (b) Match the correct combination:

(i) underneath-above	(ii) coward-fearful
(iii) fireplace-gateway	(iv) All
- (c) The rhyme scheme of the poem is :

(i) aabb	(ii) abab
(iii) abba	(iv) None of these
- (d) Write down a simile from the above extract.
- (e) Name the poem and the poet.

Q.2. Read the following poetic passage and answer the questions that follow:

Increasing traffic congestion every year is causing air pollution, wasting time and productivity and diverse respiratory diseases. Moreover, the cost of solving or reducing traffic congestion is enormous. However, neglecting the traffic jam problem would increase the social problems among citizens. The number of vehicles has increased considerably in the city in the past five years. Due to this increase, the city roads witness frequently traffic congestions, but above all, the vehicles emitting pollutants are affecting the environment adversely. The capital's vehicular population saw an addition of more than five lakh vehicles last year, registering an increase of over 4% according to the Delhi Economic Survey 2020-2021. In spite of the largest road network, through metro and bus services in major cities the transport system is not being able to keep pace with the growing demand. Consequently, more and more people use their private vehicles, leading to increase congestion on their roads.

In spite of these challenges people in India prefer road travel over air and other means of travel. Citizens of Delhi/ NCR have, time and again, pondered over the possibilities of how to reduce the traffic congestion in the city, especially during the peak hours. People should use public transport the government must increase the facilities of public transport, people should avoid the unnecessary collection of vehicles and should use carpool and vehicle sharing.

What is required is proper implementation of corrective measures by citizens to get an organized traffic management system.

Questions:

- Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.**
Reducing traffic congestion is not easy because.....
- The kind of pollution pointed out in the passage refers to**
A. Water B. Noise
C. Air D. Both (B) and (C)
- The vehicles emit pollutants which affect badly.**
- There are consequences of increasing vehicular congestion.**
A. Beneficial B. Adverse
C. Implicit D. Explicit
- The synonym of ponder is**
A. Consider B. Communicate
C. Request D. Take

1 × 5 = 5 Marks

*** Read the following passage and the answer the questions that follow:**

The deadliest virus of the 21st century was identified in China in December 2019. It is basically a respiratory virus which mainly affects the lungs. But the recent research shows that it has the potential to affect any body part. Covid-19 affects different people in different ways. Many critical care patients end up lying in ICU because of shortness of breath, low oxygen level and pneumonia. Most of the people who suffer from this virus develop mild to moderate illness and recover without hospitalization. The common symptoms of corona virus are fever, dry cough and shortness of breath whereas some of the less common symptoms of this virus are aches

and pains, sore throat, diarrhoea, conjunctivitis, loss of taste or smell, a rash on the skin, etc. The virus generally enters the human body through breathing an air containing the virus. To stop the spread of this virus, people have been advised to wear masks, sanitise their hands and maintain social distance.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Choose the correct option.
The corona virus was first identified in
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| (i) China | (ii) India |
| (iii) America | (iv) Brazil |
- (b) Name the countries most affected by Covid-19.
- (c) State true or false.
Loss of taste or smell is one of the more common symptoms of corona virus.
- (d) What is the synonym of 'colossal'?
- (e) Give a suitable title to the passage.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

Animals are great builders, using simple materials but employing sound engineering principles. Man has long used suspension bridges made of ropes of steel and concrete, which bear loads in tension. The webs of spider provide the most vivid examples of animal structures built entirely in tension. Spider web silk is so strong that many species of birds use it to build their nests. It has a stiffness index which is 30 times less than that of steel, yet has a tensile strength one and a half times as much as that of steel. Unlike steel, silk stretches to more than twice its original length before breaking. These qualities, it is now known, are owing to silk being a protein polymer composed of crystalline regions interspersed with regions of randomly arranged chains. Beavers are natural engineers. They use tree branches to construct dams, the divided end being pressed into the walls; this apparently serves to collect stress from a broad area and to focus it into a single trunk embedded in the substrate of the stream. The dams of the beaver have an angle of 45 degree on the downstream side. This enables the structure to resist the lateral pressure of water acting upstream. Constructing a very thick wall is uneconomical. Strength could also be provided to a thin wall by buttresses or by making the base wide. The nest of the termite is more than 2 metres high with a wide base which tapers at the top. This ensures greater resistance to shear forces.

Answer the following questions:

- (a) Sound engineering principals are used by:
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| (i) humans | (ii) beavers and Spiders |
| (iii) birds | (iv) all of the above |
- (b) Silk is made up of
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| (i) protein | (ii) polymer |
| (iii) protein polymer | (iv) none of these |
- (c) Constructing a very thick wall is economical. (T/F)
- (d) How is a dam different from a web?
- (e) How is tensile strength of silk more than that of steel?

* Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:
 'My father, the most adorable father I've ever seen, did not marry my mother until he was thirty-six and she was twenty-five. My sister Margot was born in Frankfurt in Germany in 1926. I was born on 12 June, 1929. I lived in Frankfurt until I was four. My father immigrated to Holland in 1933. My mother went with him to Holland in September, while Margot and I were sent to Aachen to stay with our grandmother. Margot went to Holland in December, and I followed in February, when I was plunked down on the table as a birthday present for Margot. I started right away at the Montessori Nurse School. I stayed there until I was six. In the sixth form my teacher was, Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year, we both were crying with tears as we said a heart breaking farewell.'

Questions:

- (i) The speaker in these lines is:
 - (a) A woman
 - (b) A girl
 - (c) A man
 - (d) All of these
- (ii) Which word has been used for 'lovable' in the passage?
- (iii) What is meant by 'plunked down'?
- (iv) Margot was elder to her sister by years.
- (v) Give the antonym of 'heartbreaking'.

Q.3. Read the following advertisement and answer the questions that follow.

BOOSTER

A complete health drink ideal for growing children, sportsmen, women and the aged.

- **Growing children:** Booster provides additional protein for growth and health.
- **Women:** Booster helps to counteract weakness and fatigue by providing additional protein, calcium and iron.

- **Sportsmen:** Booster meets the extra requirements inspired by active people like sportsmen.
- **The aged:** Booster prevents under-nutrition, improves vitality and maintains lean tissue mass, booster providing reinforcement for good health.

Contains more than 20 proteins, vitamins, minerals and essential amino acids.


Ingredients: Skimmed milk powder, Sugar, Maltodextrin, acidulants, Vitamins and Minerals.

BEST BEFORE 18 MONTHS FROM MANUFACTURE

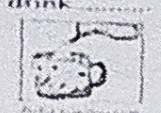
Flavours:
Chocolate, Vanilla, Caramel

NET WEIGHT: 250g

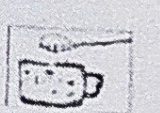
Make your delicious drink



Take 15g of BOOSTER in a cup of water.



Add 10g of BOOSTER to a cup of water.



Add 5g of BOOSTER to a cup of water.

- i. How much Booster powder is required for cup of health drink?
 - A. 1 g
 - B. 10 g
 - C. 15 g
 - D. 250 g
- ii. Growing children need moregrowth
 - A. Vitamins
 - B. Proteins
 - C. Minerals
 - D. Malt dextrin
- iii. Which flavor is NOT available in Booster?
 - A. chocolate
 - B. vanilla
 - C. strawberry
 - D. caramel
- iv. Women need extra calcium and iron to
 - A. improve vitality
 - B. improve stamina
 - C. maintain lean tissue mass
 - D. overcome fatigue
- v. Give two reasons why Booster is a complex drink?

1 × 5 = 5 Marks

SECTION - B
(GRAMMAR)
(10 Marks)

Q.4. Fill in the blanks by using correct forms of verbs given in the brackets.
On a Sunday in the spring of 1981, Douglas Adams wrote a letter to Ken Welsh. In letter he _____ (thanks) Welsh for the book _____ (send) him. He wrote about how he came to _____ (write) his about the universe. (3 Marks)

Fill in the blanks by using correct forms of verbs given in the brackets.
Suddenly, the bushes (rustle). Father wolf dropped to the ground, (prepare) to leap at the predator. "..... (hold) on!" cried mother wolf, "It's a man cub!" It (be) a little baby who was just learning to walk. He (look) into father wolf's face and (laugh). Father wolf (close) his jaws on the child's back and (carry) him to mother wolf and (lay) him down among her cubs.

Q.5. Rewrite the following passage in indirect form
'What if there were two moons?' said Javed. 'That's no wonder. Of course, the Earth has only one,' his friend Aman replied. 'What do you mean?' said Javed. (3 Marks)

Change the direct speech into reported speech.
It is said, "It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy that makes happiness."
Being happy does not require everything to be good but an eye to see good in everything. One day a crow saw a swan.
"This swan is so white," he thought, "and I am so black. This swan must be the happiest bird in the world."

The swan replied, "I was feeling that I was the happiest bird around. But I think the parrot is the happiest bird as it has two colours."

Change the direct speech into reported speech.

Teacher : Why are you late?
Sumit : I missed my school bus.
Teacher : Why didn't you leave in time?
Sumit : Sorry, I will do so from tomorrow.

The teacher asked Sumit why (a) late. Sumit replied that (b) school bus. When the teacher asked him why (c) in time, Sumit apologetically replied that he would do so from the next day.

Doctor : How do your feel now?
Patient : Slightly better.
Doctor : Did you take the medicines regularly?
Patient : Yes.

The doctor asked the patient how (a) The patient replied (b) better. When the doctor asked him (c) the medicines regularly, he replied in affirmation.

Change the reported speech into direct speech.

My friend asked me why I had not attended his birthday party. I replied that I had been in Delhi at that time. He told me that he had missed me so much.
I asked my friend where he was going after the examination. My friend replied that he had not yet decided. I proposed to him that we should go to my village home together.

Q.6. There are four errors indicated by numbers in the brackets in the following passage. Correct the errors and rewrite the corrected passage.

Curiosity is the largest and most capable rover ever sent to Mars on (1) NASA. It set to answer the question: Did Mars ever have the right environmental conditions to support small life forms called microbes! (2) Early in its mission. Curiosities (3) scientific tools found chemical and mineral evidence of past habitable environments in (4) Mars. It continues to explore the rock record from a time when Mars could have been home to microbial life. (4 Marks)

* Use appropriate punctuation marks, spellings, tenses, etc. wherever necessary to edit the passage given below:

In my last summer vacation, I went to a historical place. It was the very beautiful place. (a) Every the members of my family went (b) along with me. Mine father was (c) very fond of visting that place. We didn't have many luggage (d) with us. We didn't face any difficulty their (e) because we had already visited that place.

* Use appropriate articles, tense, spellings etc wherever necessary to edit the passage given below:

Yesterday I go to meet (a)..... my uncle who was feeling unwell. Doctor said that his blod pressure was very high (b) He shall take precautions (c) when I reached there. His family members was also (d) present there. I wish them (e) and asked about his health.

* Use appropriate punctuation marks, spellings, tenses, etc. where ever necessary to edit the passage given below.

I entred the manager's office and sat down. enterd I have just lost five hundred rupees and I felt very upset. (a) "I leave the money in my desk," I said, (b) "and it is not there now". The manger was very sympathetic but he can do nothing. (c) "Everyone loses money theses days," (d) he said. He start to complain about this wicked world, (e) but was interrupted by a knock at the door.

Q.7. Seema appears in an interview for the job of a teacher. Following is the beginning of her interaction with the interviewer. Complete the dialogue in 100-120 words.

Seema: Good Morning.

Interviewer: Good Morning, Please have a seat.

Seema: Thank you, sir.

Interviewer: you are Seema Sharma, MA, BED from Kupwara?

Seema: Yes, sir.

Interviewer : Ok, Seema. Tel me why you applied for the job ofa teacher?

Seema:

(4 Marks)

* The following is a telephonic conversation between Varun and Radha. Complete the dialogue in 100-120 words.

Varun : Hello! This is Varun from Agra. Could I speak to Mr Mohan? I am his cousin.

Radha : Good morning Uncle. I am Radha. Daddy has not yet returned from his mornin walk.

Varun : Well, I have some good news for him. I want to break it to him. When is he likely t return?

Radha :

- * You are Arti/Ayan. You had an appointment with your friend Sonam/Rahul to visit a science exhibition at 3 pm. Your mother has asked you to help her as some guests are arriving. Complete the dialogue in 100-120 words.
- * Read the following conversation and write the Complete the dialogue in 100-120 words.
- Anita : Hello, May I speak to Bali?
 Miral : Bali is not at home. May I know who is calling?
 Anita : I am Anita, Bali's classmate
 Miral : Would you like me to convey any message?
 Anita :
- * Complete the given conversations write the Complete the dialogue in 100-120 words.
- Lal meets Rahul at his residence on his way to school.
- Lal : Rahul. How are you?
 Rahul : I'm good. Thank you. ?
 Lal : Fine, thanks. ?
 Rahul : It is only half past eight. By the way, ?
 Lal : No, I haven't finished the assignment. ? I will be ready in about ten minutes.
 Rahul : Sure, with pleasure.
 Lal :

Q.8. You are the Head Boy/ Girl of Public Higher Secondary School, Sonwar. The Principal of your school handed you the following letter from Cancer Society of Kashmir and asked you to draft a notice to be put on the notice board so that students may contribute generously to the organization. Write down the notice in up to 50 words. Do not any extra information. Put the words in a box.

The cancer society of Kashmir
 407-Tulsibagh
 Srinagar
 2nd March 202x

The Principal
 Public Higher Secondary School
 Sonwar
 Dear Sir

The cancer Society of Kashmir is a charitable organization working for eradication of some disease (cancer and haemophilla). The organization helps the people who are suffering from cancer, haemophilla and some other disorders. It even bears huge expenses for treatment of the disease as mentioned. The society is meant especially for those who extremely por. It provides, free medical advice and medicines. We would deem it a gesture of kindness and generosity if student contribute to the cause of rendering help to the people of Jammu and Kashmir who are suffering from these disease. The students may even request their parents to contribute generously towards the noble cause. It hoped that we are helped in the venture. Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely
 DR. A.K. Sawhney

(3 Marks)

- * Write a notice for the school notice-board inviting volunteers for one day 'Blood Donation Camp' to be organised in your school on 5 September, 20..... from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- * Write a notice to be put for students on the school notice board. Write the notice in not more than 50 words, including relevant details from the letter, so that students may contribute generously. Do not give any extra information. Put the words in a box.
- * 'The Hope', an NGO, sent a letter to the principal of your school that they are going to organise an awareness campaign about the dangers and threats of AIDS. They will hold a short documentary show as well as lectures by eminent doctors giving information that will be highly useful. The principal handed over the letter to you. Being the cultural secretary of the school, write a notice to be put for students on the school notice board. Write the notice in not more than 50 words including relevant details so that the students may attend this important programme. Do not give any extra information. Put the notice in a box.
- * You are Sham/Riya of Class X. Being an activity coordinator, draft a notice to all the other Activity Council members to discuss and plan the activities for Teachers' Day Celebration. Put the notice in a box.
- * You are Arun/Varsha. You are the Cultural Secretary of your school. You have been asked to inform students of Class VI to XII about an interschool painting competition. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box.
- * You are Mohan/Meesha School Captain of Hope Public School, Udhampur. Write a notice informing students of Class X about the guest lecture by Mr. Owais, an environmentalist, on the topic "Conservation Of Water". Draft a notice in not more than 50 words. Put the notice in a box.

Q.9. Read the following notes from the notepad of Shri Ram Nath Principal of Secondary School, Ram Nagar about his observations on student attendance. He asks his assistant to draft a message on his behalf for class representatives and the Staff Secretary. Using the information from the notepad, draft the message in up to 50 words. Put the message in a box.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing tendency – absenteeism • Excuses for absence • Creates indiscipline • Call meeting secretary, class reps to attend |
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(2 Marks)

- * You are Mohit. You are going to your friend's home to prepare a class project. You wish to inform your mother who is not at home right now about this. Write a message informing her about your plan. Box the message.
- * You are Sarmad. You receive a telephonic call from Rohit informing you that your Uncle's heart operation is fixed for August 5 at Apollo hospital, Delhi. He wants to inform your cousin Hatim about it and ask him to reach the hospital with some money for use in emergency. Write the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

Q.10. Attempts one of the following:

- i. Write a letter to your parents about your experience of travelling alone by bus from your to your uncle's home who lives in another district.
- ii. Write a letter to an editor about the cleaning a polluted stream that runs through your village and irrigates agricultural land.

(5 Marks)

- * Write a letter to the editor on the health hazards of junk food.
- * Your brother pays more attention towards studies alone and neglects games. Write a letter to him suggesting to take part in games also.
- * Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper complaining against frequent power failure in your locality.
- * Write an application to the Principal for the post of English teacher in a private school.
- * Write a letter to your parents appreciating them for all the little things they do for you.
- * Write a letter to an editor about the need of oxygen cylinders needed for the elderly people in your locality in the light of Covid 19.
- * You are Reshma/Raj of Class X living in the hostel of Girls/Boys Patshala, Reasi. You have recently shifted to the hostel. Write a letter to your mother telling her how you prepared Halwasujji for the first time in your room.
- * Write a letter to your sister congratulating her on getting admission in the MBBS. As you are planning to do the same, also ask some tips about how to succeed in the examination.
- * You are Mohit/Mohita. Write a letter in about 120 words to your friend Mahesh, telling him about the dangers of drug addiction.
- * You are incharge of the science laboratory of Oak Hill Public School Jammu. Place an order to the Evergreen Laboratory Works, Bathandi for various apparatus/equipments needed in your laboratory.
- * Write a letter to your father requesting him to engage a tutor for you as you could not complete your course due to COVID-19.

Q.11. Attempt one of the following:

You may organize your ideas coherently before you begin to write.

- i. Write a speech in 80-100 words Artificial intelligence (AI). You can use the following expressions as cues.**

- computer –controlled robot
- perform tasks
- ability to reason
- associated with human beings
- machines learn from experiences
- self-driven cars & robotic surgeries
- e-payment
- gene mapping

- ii. Write a brief article in 80-100 words on the uses of the internet. Some hint words are given below.**

- network of computers
- worldwide communicate
- global village
- world pocket library
- search engine & e-mail
- you tube & whatsapp
- online classes in Covid 19 & virtual classroom

(5 Marks)

* Do any one of the following. You may organise your ideas coherently before you begin to write. (80-100 words):
Write a short paragraph on the following:

- (a) Corruption– A social evil
- (b) Corruption– Widespread
- (c) Rampant everywhere
- (d) Even IAS and IPS officers indulge in it
- (e) Social fabric affected
- (f) To be eradicated at an earliest

(ii) Write a brief article on uses and abuses of Mobile phones:

- (a) Greatest invention of the 20th century
- (b) Made life easy
- (c) Opened the gateways of knowledge
- (d) Great benefit to students and teachers.
- (e) Misuse can prove destructive
- (f) Students waste time playing games, etc.
- (g) Radiation of mobiles causes cancer
- (h) Used for unlawful activities
- (i) Misuse leads students astray
- (j) To be used judiciously

* Do any one of the following. You may organise your ideas coherently before you begin to write. (80-100 words):

(a) Write a short paragraph on 'The evils of dowry system':

- stigma on our society
- insult to women, shame for men
- girls tortured, many innocent lives lost
- law disallows, yet the evil spreading day by day
- educating girls and making them self-dependent, the only way to end this evil.
- refuse to marry dowry-seekers.

(b) Write a brief article on the uses of internet. The hint words are given below :

- Network of computers
- e-Mail
- WhatsApp
- Students' urge
- Learn from internet
- World Wide Communication
- YouTube
- Online Classes in Covid-19
- Turn Over
- Virtual classroom

* Do any one of the following. You may organise your ideas coherently before you begin to write.

(a) Write a short paragraph on Artificial Intelligence (AI).

- computer-controlled robot
- ability to reason
- machines learn from experiences
- robotic surgeries
- gene mapping
- perform tasks
- associated with human beings
- self driven cars
- e-payment

(b) Write a brief article on the uses of internet. The hint words are given below.

- Network of computers
- global village
- search engine
- You Tube
- audio-visuals
- students urge
- world wide communication
- world pocket library
- e-mail
- What's app
- online classes in Covid 19
- learn from internet

Q.12. Following is the opening of a story. Think of an appropriate plot for the story and complete it in 200-250 words. (6 marks)

The blue ink dried on the yellow table top in his room looked like a pirate hat. Khalid wondered how it had happened. He had not been home for two weeks. He went to the bathroom and put some water on a towel. Back in his room, he tried to wipe the stain. As he picked up the towel from the table, the stain turned red. This perplexed him and he called his mother. She too was wonderstruck and did not a clue.

Complete the story using the outline given below. Also give it a suitable title.

Outline: Dark night – quiet jungle – sound of footsteps – followed footprints trail – reached lonely house – hidden behind trees – entered – shocked to see – woke up in bed.

Complete the story using the outline given below. Also give it a suitable title.

Outline: A speedy car hit an old man ... escaped ... the man was injured grievously ... people gathered ... showed sympathy to the man ... spoke about the evils of rash driving ... no one bothered to help the man ... two school boys arrived ... took the injured to the nearest hospital.

Complete the story using the outline given below. Also give it a suitable title.

Outline: The lion, Kings of beasts ... kills many animals ... all animals terrified ... hold a meeting ... decide to send one animal to the lion everyday ... lion agrees ... the turn of the hare ... arrives late ... tells there is another lion in the forest ... wanted to seize and kill him ... hare takes the lion to a deep well ... the lion sees his reflection ... thinks there is another lion in the well ... jumps in.

SECTION – D

(LITERATURE)

(30 marks)

13. Answer three of the following questions: (3 × 3 = 9 marks)

- i. Why does the writer say Griffin had chosen a bad time to be in London without clothes?
- ii. Write down the instances of irony in the prose lesson "An Excellent Father"?
- iii. Enumerate any two reason that justify Mr. Keesing is irritated by Anne's talking in class.
- iv. What impression of Nelson Mandela do you get from 'A Long Walk to Freedom'?
- v. How did Buddha make Kisa Gotami understand that death is common to all?
- * How can you say that the girls have an excellent father?
- * Write down in your own words what Mandela means by freedom and oppression..
- * How did Mandela's understanding of freedom change with age and experience?
- * What will change the discrimination based on race and class end?
- * Describe Nelson Mandela in your own words.
- * How did Buddha make Kisa Gotami understand that death is common to all?
- * Do you think the Buddha's ideas and ways of teaching continue to hold meaning for us? Or have we found better ways to deal with grief?
- * Write a brief biographical sketch of the Buddha.

(3 × 3 = 9 marks)

14. Answer three of the following questions:

- i. In 'Snowdrop' the poet uses the word globe to indicate something different from its literal meaning. What is it?
- ii. What poetic device is used in 'As a late winter's moon'? What does Kamala Das use it to express?
- iii. Explain 'don't abandon me my Lord'
- iv. What does the word destination refer to in the following lines?
There is activity in the houses lit with electric bulbs
Moonlight laughs holding the hem of the moon.
Where is my destination? Where is the hurry?
- v. What according to you is the funniest part of 'The Table of Custard the Dragon'?
- * The landlord's wife was convinced that Griffin was 'an eccentric scientist'. What made her think of Griffin in these terms?
- * Why does Mrs. Bennet think that Mrs. Long is selfish?
- * How does Shylock feel when Antonio asks for some money? Why is he interested to pay the required sum?
- * Pick out the elements of irony in the lesson 'Pappachi's Moth'?
- * The two boys in London were surprised and fascinated. Why?
- * Why does Mrs. Bennet tell her daughters that they have an excellent father?
- * What does Mrs. Bennet tell her husband?
- * Pick out the elements of irony in the lesson 'Papachi's moth'?
- * Write down the humorous incidents in "Papachi's Moth".
- * Write a short Paragraph to justify that the lesson "Papachi's moth" is a reflection of male chauvinism.
- * What is the theme of the play 'The Merchant of Venice'?
- * Comment on the conflict in the play 'The Merchant of Venice'?
- * How did Mandela's "hunger for freedom" change his life?
- * What is a sermon? How is it different from a lecture?
- * How does Antonio help Bassanio?
- * What did Griffin do inside the shop?
- * How does Anne feel about her father, her grandmother, Mrs Kuperus and Mr. Keesing?
- * Why does Mrs. Bennet think that Mrs. Long is selfish?
- * Why does Anne need to give a brief sketch of her family? Does she treat 'Kitty' as an insider or outsider?
- * What does Mandela mean when he says he is simply the sum of all the African patriots who had gone before him?
- * How do you usually understand the idea of selfishness? Do you agree with Kisa Gotama that she was being selfish in her grief?
- * What kind of a woman was Mammachi?
- * How does Portia get back her ring?
- * How would you assess Griffin as a scientist?
- * Lord! you are my hope and trust, lead me to the way of truth; How long shall I dwell in ignorance! Pour me the nectar of knowledge.
Lend ear to my wailing and pleas, cure me of ills and pains; Be kind each moment to me let me never feel in want.

Which poetic device has been used in this stanza by the poet? Explain it.

* Speak up now, for time's running out,
Before your body and mind fade away.
Tell us, for truth is not yet dead.
Speak whatever you've to say!

Explain before your body and mind fade away.

* Driving from my parent's home to Cochin last Friday morning,
I saw my mother, beside me,
Doze, open mouthed, her face ashen like that
Of a corpse and realized with pain
That she was as old as

Identify the poetic device used in these lines and explain it.

* 'Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,
Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,
But custard cried for a nice safe cage'

Why did custard cry for a safe cage?

* 'You will ask why his poetry
Has nothing of the earth, of the leaves
Of the grand volcanoes of his native country?
Come and see the blood through the street's
Why isn't the poet able to write the Poetry of sweet dreams?

* Look there, in that Smithy
Its red oven, fierce flames.
The Padlocks are already opening their mouths
And each fetter is Skirting around.

Which Poetic device has been used in this stanza by the poet?

* With the other deaths, She, too, pursues her ends.
Brutal as the stars of this month.
Her Pale head heavy as metal.

Explain : 'Her Pale head heavy as metal'.

* Loss of hope has darkened the evening my life too
And clouds gathering in the mind shed tears as they pass
The evening of troubles, my companion, is also depressed
And takes me along, holding me by the arm.

What companion do you see in the above lines.

* I lived in a quarter
in Madrid, with bells
with clocks, with trees,
From there could be seen
the dry face of castille
like a sea of leather.

The poet uses the word 'quarter' to indicate something different from the literal meaning- What is it?

(1 × 6 = 6 marks)

15. Answer one of the following questions:

- i. The necklace changes of the Loisels' life. Comment
 - ii. Ramlal was worried about Bholi as she did not have good looks. Counter the belief that it's important for a girl to be good looking and give a reason for the same.
 - iii. Rama Rao chose shortcut method to succeed but failed miserably. How?
- * The course of the Loisels' life changes due to the necklace. Comment.
 - * If you were caught in a situation like Matilda, how will you deal with it?
 - * Draw a character sketch of Matilda.
 - * Make a character sketch of Loisel.
 - * Comment on the ending of the story 'The Necklace'.
 - * What are the things that are important to you to make you happy in life?
 - * Write a character sketch of Bholi.
 - * Write a character sketch of Bishember.
 - * Draw character sketches of Bholi's Parents.
 - * What is the theme of the story 'Bholi'?
 - * What role can a teacher play in shaping the personality of a student?
 - * Write your answer keeping in view the story 'Bholi'.
 - * How can we remove the gender bias from society?
 - * What are the major themes of the story 'Abhiley'?
 - * Draw a character sketch of 'Abhiley'.
 - * Keeping in view the story of 'Abhiley', write down your views expressing innocence and ignorance of old women.
 - * What is generation gap? How can it be minimized?
 - * How did Rama Rao alternate between hope and despair?
 - * Write a character sketch of Rama Rao.
 - * What is the theme of the short story 'Out of Business'?

16. Answer one of the following questions:

(1 × 6 = 6 marks)

- i. Natalya and Lomov struggle to communicate their true feelings to one another. Which causes the whole trouble in the play? Discuss
 - ii. Write about the instance of irony in 'The Proposal'.
- * What was the cause of Matilda's ruin? How could she have avoided it?
 - * What are the major themes of the short story 'Abhiley'?
 - * Bring out the elements of irony in the short story 'Dusk'.
 - * Draw a character-sketch of Matilda.
 - * Why did Abhiley call Dolma a memsahib?
 - * What did Gortsby imagine about the people who visited Hyde Park?
 - * The course of the Loisels' life changed due to the necklace. Comment.
 - * How did Bholi's teacher play an important role in changing the course of her life?
 - * How does the story 'The Servant' reflect the humility of Gerasim?
 - * What is the theme of the play "The Proposal"?
 - * Comment on the title of the play "The Proposal"?
 - * What was the cause of the first quarrel between Natalya and Lomov?
 - * Write a detailed account of the second quarrel between Natalya and Lomov.
 - * Compare and contrast between the character of Lomov and Natalya.