

CLASS X (2020-21)
ENGLISH (CODE 0184)
SAMPLE PAPER-08

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 80

General Instructions :

- (i) This paper is divided into two parts: A and B. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) Separate instructions are given with each section and question, wherever necessary.
Read these instructions very carefully and follow them.
- (iii) Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART - A (40 Marks)

READING (20 Marks)

1. Read the passage given below. (10×1=10)

Social media has become almost a necessity for us, in today's world. It's become so important and evolved so much, that we carry our social media with us throughout the day, on our phones.

One of the major benefits of social media is that you can connect with people all over the world, for free. This comes in handy if you have friends who have travelled abroad. You can send them messages on Facebook or Twitter or Instagram, and they can respond quickly from wherever they are. Social media helps to fortify and maintain your personal relationships, even with people who are far away from you. If you have a family member that's travelling, you won't have to wait until they return to hear about their adventures. Just hop on Facebook or Instagram and start chatting and exchanging pictures.

This ability to communicate quickly and easily with people overseas is also very convenient for those who do business, in foreign lands. Social media platforms provide a cheap, easy way to quickly communicate your point to your customers or clients, who are across the world. You can send a private message, publicly share something or video chat, for free. Using social media for a company is very cost effective and time efficient. Staying connected to these people is important to improve your business relationship, and keep your company running properly.

Staying connected to your social networks on the platforms that you use can be vital to your professional success. Through social media sites, you can find jobs, inform your community of business opportunities and career openings, and you can even monetize your accounts. Keeping a well-maintained network will help you achieve success in your career. A good site to look at, if you're trying to create a professional network, is LinkedIn. The site is designed specifically to help you advance in your career. You'll open up plenty of new opportunities that you didn't have, before.

Being an active participant in social media is a great way to learn new things. News outlets are constantly using social media, to help keep people in the loop. Social media is the way that news is heard, and it's the way that news is spread. You can make the argument that staying connected to social media is, in fact, staying connected to life. It's not only good for sharing

and spreading news, it's a great place to find out about people's opinions on various topics. For example, if you've built a sports community, you'll learn about the sports that you love. You can build communities around politics, business, cars, family, education and pretty much whatever other topic you'd like. Social media will enhance your life. It will provide you the chance to communicate, connect and be involved like never before. You'll stay connected with news outlets, family, friends and virtually whatever else you'd like to connect with.

On the basis of your understanding of the given passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1×10=10)

- (a) One of the major benefits of social media is that :
 - (i) you can see what is happening all over the world.
 - (ii) you can connect with people all over the world for free.
 - (iii) you can talk to people far away from you easily.
 - (iv) you can connect with people you have never met before.
- (b) Using social media for a company is :
 - (i) very cost effective.
 - (ii) time efficient.
 - (iii) very profitable.
 - (iv) (i) and (ii).
- (c) Being an active participant in social media is a great way to :
 - (i) meet new people.
 - (ii) learn new things.
 - (iii) increase your social circle.
 - (iv) stay connected to life.
- (d) In today's world, social media has become a for us.

(i) necessity	(ii) luxury
(iii) backbone	(iv) support
- (e) Which of the following is NOT a social media platform ?
 - (i) Facebook
 - (ii) Instagram
 - (iii) Google
 - (iv) Twitter

- (f) For whom is the ability to communicate quickly and easily with people overseas very convenient ?
- those who live away from their families
 - those who have connections with people in other countries
 - those who travel to foreign lands a lot
 - those who do business in foreign lands
- (g) Social media platforms that you use can be vital to your professional success because through them you can :
- create a business circle and increase your business connections
 - inform your community of business opportunities
 - find jobs
 - monetize your accounts
 - inform your community of career openings
- 1, 2 and 4
 - 2, 3 and 4
 - 1, 2, 3 and 4
 - 2, 3, 4 and 5
- (h) Which is a good site to look at if you're trying to create a professional network ?
- Twitter
 - Gmail
 - LinkedIn
 - Facebook
- (i) Which of the following is NOT a feature of social media ?
- Social media will enhance your life.
 - Social media comes in handy if you have friends who have travelled abroad.
 - Social media is the way that news is spread, even if it is not heard this way.
 - Keeping a well-maintained network will help you achieve success in your career.
- (j) Which of the following is an appropriate title for the passage ?
- The Beneficial Social Media
 - Social Media— A Necessity
 - Importance of Staying Connected Through Social Media
 - The Revolution of the Whole World Around the Social Media
- (k) Choose an option that clearly states the meaning of the word 'enhance'.
- further improve the quality or value of something
 - highlight a quality that was being ignored before
 - understand the true value of something
 - something that empowers you
- (l) Choose an option that is a synonym of the word 'fortify'.
- barricade
 - strengthen
 - improve
 - boost
- (d) (i) necessity
- (e) (iii) Google
- (f) (iv) those who do business in foreign lands
- (g) (iv) 2, 3, 4 and 5
- (h) (iii) LinkedIn
- (i) (iii) Social media is the way that news is spread, even if it is not heard this way.
- (j) (iii) Importance of Staying Connected Through Social Media
- (k) (i) further improve the quality or value of something
- (l) (ii) strengthen

2. Read the passage given below.

Dried fruits are basically fresh fruits that have been dried. Fruits are dehydrated by conventional sun-drying or other drying techniques. They shrivel up and the pulpy remains are the dry fruits that you enjoy at breakfast or during those mid-meal breaks. As the water content is removed, the fruits become energy-bombs with concentrated nutrients.

Some of the most common dry fruits and nuts are raisins, cashew nuts, almonds, walnuts, dates, figs, prunes and apricots. Some varieties of dried fruits like mangoes, pineapples, cranberries, etc., are also available in sugar-coated candied versions. Of these, dry fruits devoid of any additives are the best for your body.

Walnuts and almonds for the brain, cashews to fight migraine, apricots for healthy eyes and raisins for digestion — these are only a few benefits of dried fruits and nuts. Dry fruits also help the body in the following ways :

Loaded with essential nutrients, the benefits of dry fruits and nuts for health cannot be overlooked. Dry fruits increase your nutrient intake as they are rich in potassium, iron, folate, calcium and magnesium. The antioxidants boost your immunity, keeping you healthy and free from diseases and other illnesses.

People who include nuts and dried fruits in their diet are well-aware of dry fruits' benefits for weight loss. When consumed in moderation, they help you reduce weight and stay fit. Those who swear by dry fruits are known to take in lesser fats, sugar and more essential nutrients for proper metabolism.

Raisins and prunes are rich in iron and are beneficial for those who are anaemic. Dry fruits are packed with nutrients like Vitamin B, minerals like phosphorous and copper, and unsaturated fats that boost the regeneration of blood cells and haemoglobin in the body. Almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts also give energy and build stamina. Raisins play a significant role in lowering systolic blood pressure. They control cholesterol and reduce inflammatory markers in the body. Almonds contain Vitamin E and monounsaturated fatty acids that prevent spikes in cholesterol levels and maintain it at a healthy optimum. Brazil nuts keep a check on blood pressure as they are a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium. As you can see, dry fruits and nuts reduce the risk of heart diseases, stroke and heart attacks.

Dry fruits are a rich source of beta carotene, an antioxidant that battles anxiety and depression in people. These antioxidants also improve memory. Dry fruits help to improve sleep and enhance learning and

Ans :

- (ii) you can connect with people all over the world for free.
- (iv) (i) and (ii)
- (ii) learn new things.

performance.

Are There Any Side Effects of Eating Dried Fruits?

Since dried foods do not contain water, they are packed with concentrated sugar and are high on calories. They also have reduced Vitamin C and lesser antioxidants than fresh fruits. This may pose a threat to our health if not consumed in moderation. Some of the side effects of eating dried fruits are:

- The high sugar content increases the risk of diabetes.
- Dried fruits with the extra calories can be a major reason for weight gain.
- They are also known to augment heart-related issues if consumed in unhealthy quantities.
- Sulphites found in dried fruits can cause asthma attacks and also trigger allergies, rashes and stomach cramps in some cases.

On the basis of your understanding of the given passage, answer ANY TEN questions from the twelve that follow. (1×10=10)

- (a) After the water content is removed, the dry fruits become with concentrated nutrients.
- (i) healthier (ii) energy-bombs
(iii) fatty sugar (iv) unsaturated fats
- (b) Some of the most common dry fruits and nuts are :
- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. mangoes | 2. cashew nuts |
| 3. lychee | 4. walnuts |
| 5. dates | 6. raisins |
| 7. cranberries | 8. apricots |
- (i) 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8 (ii) 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7
(iii) 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 (iv) 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7
- (c) Raisins and prunes are beneficial for those who :
- (i) have high blood pressure.
(ii) are anaemic.
(iii) suffer from anxiety.
(iv) have migraine.
- (d) Dried fruits pose a threat to our health if :
- (i) they are not dried properly.
(ii) they are not soaked in water.
(iii) they are not taken in moderation.
(iv) they are not taken in correct form.
- (e) Brazil nuts keep a check on blood pressure as they are :
- (i) monounsaturated fatty acids that prevent spikes.
(ii) packed with minerals like phosphorous and copper.
(iii) contain nutrients like Vitamin B and C.
(iv) a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium.
- (f) Which of the following is NOT a benefit provided by the antioxidants in the dried fruits ?
- (i) keeping you healthy
(ii) boosting your immunity
(iii) keeping you free from diseases or illnesses
(iv) lowering your systolic blood pressure

- (g) Which of the following dried fruits give energy and build stamina ?
- (i) walnuts, apricots and almonds
(ii) raisins and prunes
(iii) almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts
(iv) cashews nuts, raisins and brazil nuts
- (h) Dried foods are packed with concentrated sugar and high on calories because:
- (i) they are processed foods.
(ii) they do not contain water.
(iii) they are sautéed in watered sugar.
(iv) they are energy boosting foods.
- (i) What does the author mean by the words 'swear by' ?
- (i) to strongly believe that something is effective or useful
(ii) to recommend the good quality of something
(iii) to stand by a thought or opinion
(iv) to share something that is good with others
- (j) Dry fruits are packed with nutrients like Vitamin B, minerals like phosphorous and copper, and unsaturated fats that :
- I. boost haemoglobin in the body
II. boost the regeneration of blood cells
III. boost energy in the body
IV. boost the immunity of the body
- (i) I and IV (ii) II and III
(iii) III and IV (iv) I and II
- (k) If the dried fruits with extra calories are consumed, they can become a reason for :
- (i) stomach cramps. (ii) weight gain.
(iii) heart-related issues. (iv) allergies.
- (l) Beta carotene is an antioxidant that battles :
- (i) systolic blood pressure.
(ii) anxiety and depression in people.
(iii) cholesterol and reduces inflammatory markers in the body.
(iv) weight gain and unsaturated fats.

Ans :

- (a) (ii) energy-bombs
(b) (i) 2, 4, 5, 6 and 8
(c) (ii) are anaemic.
(d) (iii) they are not taken in moderation.
(e) (iv) a source of potassium, magnesium and calcium.
(f) (iv) lowering your systolic blood pressure
(g) (iii) almonds, figs, pistachios and cashew nuts
(h) (ii) they do not contain water.
(i) (i) to strongly believe that something is effective or useful
(j) (iv) I and II
(k) (ii) weight gain.
(l) (ii) anxiety and depression in people.

LITERATURE

(10 Marks)

3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow. (5×1=5)
- Lencho showed not the slightest surprise on seeing the money; such was his confidence—but he became

angry when he counted the money. God could not have made a mistake, nor could he have denied Lencho what he had requested. Immediately, Lencho went up to the window to ask for paper and ink. On the public writing-table, he started to write, with much wrinkling of his brow, caused by the effort he had to make to express his ideas. When he finished, he went to the window to buy a stamp which he licked and then affixed to the envelope with a blow of his fist.

- (a) Why was Lencho not surprised on seeing the money ?
 (i) because he had already expected it
 (ii) because he had no hope
 (iii) because he believed that help would come some way or the other
 (iv) because he had firm faith in the help of God
- (b) Lencho was angry because :
 (i) he did not get the money on time.
 (ii) the money was not the exact amount he had asked for.
 (iii) he did not want to impose his wish on God.
 (iv) the letter was not signed to him by God.
- (c) Why did Lencho ask for paper and ink ?
 (i) to thank God for his help in his desperate time
 (ii) to ask for more money from God as his trouble was not yet gone
 (iii) to tell God that someone had taken a portion of the money he had sent
 (iv) to complain about the postal problem he had faced
- (d) Which word has the same meaning as 'slightest' ?
 (i) least (ii) decent
 (iii) huge (iv) considerate
- (e) Pick the option that correctly classifies fact/s(F) and opinion/s(O) given below.
 I. Lencho had extreme faith in God.
 II. The last letter from Lencho must have disappointed the postmaster.
 III. It was a good act from the postmaster to try to help Lencho.
 IV. The statement that all good actions have a good result is not always true.
 (i) F-I, IV and O-II, III
 (ii) F-I, II and O-III, IV
 (iii) F- I and O-II, III, IV
 (iv) F-IV and O-I, II, III

Ans :

- (a) (iv) because he had firm faith in the help of God
 (b) (ii) the money was not the exact amount he had asked for.
 (c) (iii) to tell God that someone had taken a portion of the money he had sent
 (d) (i) least
 (e) (iii) F- I and O-II, III, IV

or

A deep silence met the reading of this letter. Miss Mason took off her glasses, blew on them and wiped them on her soft white handkerchief. Then she put them on again and looked at the class. When she spoke her voice was very low. "I am sure that none of the boys and girls in Room Thirteen would purposely and deliberately hurt anyone's feelings because his name happened to be a long, unfamiliar one. I prefer to think that what was said was said in thoughtlessness. I know that all of you feel the way I do, that this is very unfortunate thing to have happened—unfortunate and sad, both. And I want you all to think about it."

- (a) What did Miss Mason do before reading the letter ?
 (i) blew on her glasses (ii) wiped her glasses
 (iii) took off her glasses (iv) (i), (ii) and (iii)
- (b) Which of the following is NOT an action that Miss Mason did before she spoke to the class ?
 (i) blow on her glasses
 (ii) take off her glasses
 (iii) use a handkerchief to wipe her glasses
 (iv) fold her handkerchief and put it in a pocket
- (c) What did Miss Mason want all the students to do ?
 (i) to think about what had happened
 (ii) to think over their actions
 (iii) to never repeat what had happened
 (iv) to forget about the past actions
- (d) Miss Mason told the class that she preferred to think that the actions of the students were done in :
 (i) anger. (ii) thoughtlessness.
 (iii) jealously. (iv) carelessness.
- (e) Choose an option that is similar in meaning to the word 'unfortunate'.
 (i) regrettable. (ii) appropriate.
 (iii) satisfactory. (iv) incomprehensible.

Ans :

- (a) (iv) (i), (ii) and (iii)
 (b) (iv) fold her handkerchief and put it in a pocket
 (c) (i) to think about what had happened
 (d) (ii) thoughtlessness.
 (e) (i) regrettable

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE by answering the questions that follow.
 (5×1=5)

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.

- (a) What had happened before Mustard spoke up ?
 (i) the entrance of the pirate
 (ii) joyful celebration of their survival
 (iii) the death of the pirate
 (iv) praising of the dragon's bravery

- (b) Who had been flustered ?
 (i) Custard (ii) Ink
 (iii) Blink (iv) Mustard
- (c) According to Custard, everyone was than him.
 (i) stupider (ii) braver
 (iii) crazier (iv) bolder
- (d) What does the word 'flustered' mean ?
 (i) agitated (ii) composed
 (iii) calm (iv) settled
- (e) Name the poet.
 (i) Carl Sandburg (ii) John Berryman
 (iii) Robert Frost (iv) Ogden Nash

Ans :

- (a) (ii) joyful celebration of their survival
 (b) (iv) Mustard
 (c) (ii) braver
 (d) (i) agitated
 (e) (iv) Ogden Nash

or

Don't eat that chocolate, Amanda !
 Remember your acne, Amanda !
 Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you,
 Amanda !

- (a) What is Amanda asked not to eat ?
 (i) junk food (ii) chocolate
 (iii) cakes (iv) sweets
- (b) What is Amanda asked to remember ?
 (i) that she has acne
 (ii) that she is not healthy
 (iii) that she slouches
 (iv) that she disbehaves
- (c) Who is speaking the above lines ?
 (i) Amanda's grandmother
 (ii) Amanda's mother
 (iii) Amanda's sister
 (iv) Amanda's aunt
- (d) Amanda is not looking at the speaker because
 (i) she is thinking about something more important.
 (ii) she does not want to hear anything being said.
 (iii) she is bored of the talk already.
 (iv) she is not paying attention to the instructions.
- (e) Which of the following is NOT a synonym of the word 'look' ?
 (i) stare (ii) gaze
 (iii) peep (iv) glow

Ans :

- (a) (ii) chocolate
 (b) (i) that she has acne
 (c) (ii) Amanda's mother
 (d) (iv) she is not paying attention to the instructions.
 (e) (iv) glow

GRAMMAR

(10 Marks)

5. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the note. (3×1=3)
 No one knows when or by whom rockets (a)
 . In all probability the rocket (b) 'invented'
 but (c) over a long period of time, perhaps in
 different parts of the world at the same time.
- (a) (i) was invented
 (ii) will be invented
 (iii) is invented
 (iv) were invented
- (b) (i) was not suddenly
 (ii) is not suddenly
 (iii) were not suddenly
 (iv) will not suddenly be
- (c) (i) evolve gradually
 (ii) evolved gradually
 (iii) will evolve gradually
 (iv) evolving gradually

Ans :

- (a) (iv) were invented
 (b) (iii) were not suddenly
 (c) (ii) evolved gradually

6. Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks to complete the narration. (3×1=3)

Robin : It is said that if you wish for anything
 in front of this statue it will come true.

Matt : That cannot be true. Who came up
 such an idea ?

Robin : It's not a lie. My sister's wish really
 did come true.

Matt : What did she wish for ?

Robin : True love.

Robin took his best friend to the statue he had heard
 so much about from his sister. There, he informed
 Matt that whatever anyone (a) front of that
 statue always comes true. Matt said that it cannot
 be true and exasperatedly asked him who (b)
 . But Robin told him that his information (c)
 because his sister's wish had really come true. When
 Matt asked what his sister's wish was, Robin told him
 that it was true love.

- (a) (i) wished for in
 (ii) wishes for in
 (iii) wishing for in
 (iv) wish for in
- (b) (i) had come up with such an idea
 (ii) came up with such an idea
 (iii) got such an idea
 (iv) had such an idea
- (c) (i) cannot be a lie
 (ii) could not be a lie
 (iii) was not a lie
 (iv) is not a lie

Ans :

- (a) (ii) wishes for in
 (b) (i) had come up with such an idea
 (c) (iii) was not a lie

7. Fill in the blanks by choosing the correct options for ANY FOUR of the six sentences given below.

(4×1 = 4)

- (a) The river Ganga through Haridwar.
 (i) is flowing (ii) has been flowing
 (iii) flows (iv) has flowed
- (b) My family at the airport tomorrow but I have forgotten at what time the plane get in.
 (i) is arriving (ii) will be arriving
 (iii) will arrive (iv) arrives
- (c) Damini is an expert on monuments, but she knows about physics.
 (i) a lot (ii) few
 (iii) little (iv) many
- (d) employees prefer a competent manager to a dumb one.
 (i) Each (ii) Many
 (iii) Little (iv) Most
- (e) Be polite ! You be rude to you elders.
 (i) cannot (ii) shouldn't
 (iii) don't have to (iv) couldn't
- (f) One drive too fast in narrow lanes.
 (i) mustn't (ii) shouldn't
 (iii) couldn't (iv) can't

Ans :

- (a) (iii) flows
 (b) (i) is arriving
 (c) (iii) little
 (d) (iv) Most
 (e) (ii) shouldn't
 (f) (i) mustn't

PART-B (40 Marks)

WRITING (2×5=10)

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 Marks)

You are Samkit/Samriddhi of Eureka Forbes, Noida. You have received the reply to your inquiry letter from Woodcutters Inc. dated 22nd May 2019. You feel positive about the company's terms and conditions. Write a letter placing order for the furniture that you have mentioned in the previous communication.

Ans :

Eureka House
 Gandhi Road
 Noida-223344
 22nd May, 20...
 The Sales Manager
 3/C, Woodcutters Inc.
 Janakpuri, Delhi-112233

Subject : Placing order for furniture

Sir/Ma'am,

In reference to the follow-up of our previous communication. We are truly grateful for your timely response and concern. Through this letter, we would like to place an immediate order for the following sets of furniture.

Code No.	Name of Article	Material	Quantity
2290	Chairs	Steel and Wood	40
2898	Sofa	Steel and Wood	08
2245	Conference Table	Wood	05

As per our communication, we are sending a demand draft of Rs. 30,000 as an advance payment. The rest of the money will be paid at the time of delivery. Kindly comply with our agreement statements. We hope to receive the purchase in three working days.

Yours truly
 Samkit/Samriddhi

or

Woodcutters Inc. could not deliver the furniture to Eureka Forbes in working condition. Write a letter of complaint with immediate effect to the Delivery Department, Woodcutters Inc. Janakpuri, Delhi 112233 to redress your grievances.

Ans :

Eureka House
 Gandhi Road
 Noida-223344
 27th May, 20

The Delivery Manager
 Woodcutters Inc, Janakpuri
 Delhi-112233

Subject : Complaint regarding furniture delivery

Sir/Ma'am,

This is with reference to Bill No-2323H17/G regarding the furniture delivered by your company on 26th May 20.... against the part payment of Rs. 30,000.

We appreciate the timely delivery, but we are sorry to inform you that we will not be maintaining any transactions with your showroom. The delivered furniture is in a very sorry condition. The cushion padding of the sofa is deeply torn for a stretch of three feet and is irreparable. The polishing of the chairs suffered terrible damage and the conference tables went shaky.

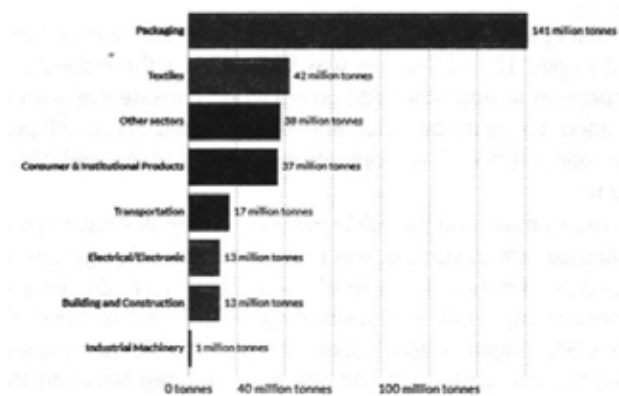
We have returned the complete delivery by the same truck after assessing the repairable damage. Kindly repay the amount received by you at the earliest.

Yours sincerely
 Mohan/Manju Bhagat
 Assistant Manager

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5 Marks)

The following data shows the global plastic waste

generation by the industrial sector in the year 2015. Write an analytical paragraph describing the given data.



Ans :

Plastic Waste Generated by the Industrial Sector

Industrial sector is one of the main culprits in the large amount of plastic waste being generated globally every year. The given bar graph shows the global plastic waste generation by the industrial sector in the year 2015.

As seen in the bar graph, packaging is the dominant generator of plastic waste, with 141 million tonnes of plastic waste generated in the year 2015. This amount is more than double the amount of plastic waste generated by any other in the industrial sector. Second responsibility of generation of plastic waste lies with textiles with 42 million tonnes of waste. Even more plastic waste is generated by consumer and institutional products which is around 37 million tonnes. At the same time, transportation, electronic and building and construction generated plastic waste is 17, 13 and 13 million tonnes respectively. Industrial machinery generated 1 million tonnes of plastic waste and various other not mentioned sectors generate about 38 million tonnes of plastic waste.

In conclusion, we can say that in the industrial sector packaging generates the most plastic waste while industrial machinery is responsible for the least.

or

The following data shows global literacy rates by age group and sexes in the year 2016. Write an analytical paragraph describing and analysing the given data.

Indicator	Adults (aged 15 years and older)	Youth (aged 15-24 years)	Population aged 25-64 years	Elderly (aged 65 years and older)
Global literacy rate (%)				
Both sexes	86	91	86	78
Men	90	93	90	83
Women	83	90	82	73

Ans :

Global Literacy Rate in 2016

The given data shows the global literacy rates by age groups and sexes as seen in the year 2016.

When talking about population as a whole, the data shows that the global literacy in youths aged 15 to 24 years, was 91%. This is the highest rate of literacy seen in comparison to any other age group when considering both sexes. Meanwhile, adults aged 15 years or older and people aged 25 to 64 years had the same literacy rate of 86%. The population aged 65 years and above had only 78% literacy rate.

In the case of male and female literacy rates, females have never had an equal or more literacy rate in comparison to males under any age group. Highest literacy rate is seen under the age group of youths aged 15 to 24 years, with males having 93% literacy rate while females having 90%. In adults aged 15 years and older and population aged 25 to 64 years, the literacy rate maintains a similar difference between the two sexes. We can see a known gap between the literacy rates of males and females in the data, but the biggest difference can be seen in the age group of elderly aged 65 years and older. The literacy rate of this group in males is 83% while in females is 73%, which is quite low.

Hence, we can say that population as a whole does not have much literacy rate differences in age group, except when considering the elderly. But the difference in literacy rate in males and females can be seen very clearly.

LITERATURE (30 Marks)

10. Answer ANY TWO questions in 20-30 words each, from (a) and (b) respectively. (2×4=8)

(a) Answer ANY TWO. (2×2=4)

(i) How brave are Belinda, Ink, Blink and Mustard as shown in first part of the poem ?

Ans :

In the first part of the poem, Belinda is described as brave as a barrel full of bears, while Ink and Blink could chase lions down the stairs. Meanwhile, Mustard the dog was as brave as a tiger who was in an angry mood.

(ii) Why would Valli stand in the front doorway of her house ?

Ans :

Valli had no playmates of her own age on her street. So, she would stand in the front doorway of her house and watch what was happening in the street outside, which she found completely enjoyable.

(iii) What does the luppia' worn by the Kodavus indicate ?

Ans :

'Kuppia' or the long, black coat with an embroidered waist-belt worn by the Kodavus indicates that they have an Arabic descent. This is because the coat resembles the 'kuffia' worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.

(b) Answer ANY TWO. (2×2 = 4)

(i) Did Griffin reciprocate when Mrs. Hall wanted to be friendly with him ? How ?

Ans :

No, Griffin was not keen to mix with people in the village of Iping. He told Mrs. Hall that his reason for

coming to Iping was a desire for solitude. He even told her that he did not want to be disturbed by anyone in his work.

(ii) What can Ebright's theory of cell life lead to if it is proved correct ?

Ans :

If Ebright's theory of cell life is proved correct, it will be a big step towards understanding the process of life. It might also lead to new ideas for preventing some types of cancer and other diseases.

(iii) How did Matilda gain time from Mme Forestier for returning her necklace ?

Ans :

When the lost necklace was not found, Matilda wrote to her friend Mme Forestier that she had broken the clasp of the necklace, and it had been sent for repairs. She did so to gain time for arranging the money to buy a similar necklace.

11. Answer ANY TWO questions in 40-50 words each, from (a) and (b) respectively. (3×4=12)

(a) Answer ANY TWO. (3×2 = 6)

(i) How did Rajvir and Pranjol go from Mariani Junction to the tea-garden managed by Pranjol's father ?

Ans :

Pranjol's parents had come to receive Pranjol and Rajvir at Mariani Junction. Together, they drove towards Dhekiabari, the tea-garden managed by Pranjol's father. After an hour drive, the car turned sharply off the main road and later after crossing a cattle-bridge, all of them entered the Dhekiabari Tea Estate.

(ii) What is the central idea of the poem 'Animals' ?

Ans :

The central idea of the poem 'Animals' is the superiority of animals' life over the human beings. The poet, Whitman, compares animals with human beings and finds animals far better than them. The poet finds about the various reasons for human suffering. Human beings are always dissatisfied. All their actions are done with a selfish motive. But animals are far-far away from these bad qualities. So, the poet wishes to turn and live with the animals.

(iii) "My dear fellow, why are you so formal in your get-up !" Why is Lomov so formally dressed ?

Ans :

Lomov, when he came to his neighbour and landowner Chubukov's house, he was wearing a dress-jacket and white gloves. Seeing his attire, Chubukov asked Lomov if he was going anywhere. Lomov told him that he had actually come to see him. It turned out that Lomov was formally dressed because he had come to ask Chubukov for his daughter's hand in marriage.

(b) Answer ANY TWO. (3×2=6)

(i) "Tricki's only fault was greed." How did it get him into trouble ?

Ans :

Tricki's only fault was greed. He had never been known

to refuse food. He would tackle a meal at any hour of the day or night. As a result, he became listless. He seemed to have no energy. He became like a bloated sausage with legs. His eyes, bloodshot and rheumy, stared straight ahead and his tongue lolled from his jaws. He couldn't even walk. Later, he had bouts of vomiting when his sickness increased. He refused even his favourite dishes and spent all his time lying on the rug, panting. He didn't want to go for walks or do anything in general.

(ii) What did the hack driver tell the narrator about Lutkin's mother ?

Ans :

The hack driver told the lawyer that Lutkin's mother was a terror. He mentioned that once when he had taken a trunk for her, she almost took his skin off because he did not treat the trunk like a box of eggs. He also said that she was about nine feet tall and four feet thick and quick as a cat. He added that if Oliver had heard that somebody was chasing him, he would most likely hide behind her skirts. He also said that she was very good at swearing.

(iii) The household dogs at the surgery rejected Tricki as "an uninteresting subject." Why ?

Ans :

The household dogs at the surgery were a noisy pack. When Tricki reached there, he was in a pathetic condition and could hardly wag his tail. He looked at the other dogs with dull eyes and when put down, he lay motionless. The other dogs after sniffing round him for a few seconds, found him to be uninteresting object and ignored him. This was because, Tricki did not bark or react in any other way on seeing the dogs at the surgery.

12. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words. (5×1=5)

"The fiercely independent people of Coorg are possibly of Greek or Arabic descent." What are the two theories about their descent ? Which theory about their descent seems more appealing to you ? Why ?

Ans :

The people of Coorg are said to be possibly of Greek or Arabic descent. According to a story, a part of Alexander's army moved south along the coast and settled at Coorg when their return became impractical. After settling down in the region, these people then married amongst the locals and therefore their culture is apparent in the martial traditions, marriage and religious rites, which are quite distinct from what most Hindus follow.

The theory of Arab origin draws support from the long, black coat with an embroidered waist-belt worn by the people of Coorg. Known as 'kuppia', this coat resembles the 'kuffia' worn by the Arabs and the Kurds.

I think the former theory about a part of Alexander's army settling in Coorg, seems more appealing. The Coorg being a martial race and winning laurels in the Indian Army and their marriage and religious rites being distinct from the Hindus, point out favourably to this theory. Because there are more convincing

arguments in favour of this theory, I think, the Greek origin theory is more appealing and believable.

or

Discuss the importance of proper upbringing with reference to the poem 'Amanda' by Robin Klein.

Ans :

Upbringing plays an essential role in the personality development of a child. Whenever we wish to admire or criticise someone, we question the upbringing of that person. Robin Klein's poem Amanda highlights the tension in the 'proper' upbringing of a child. To instil good values and moral principles in a growing child comes as a foremost duty for the parents. However, the poem 'Amanda' shows how a child feels trapped within the cluster of instructions. Amanda is no less than a victim in this travesty. No proper space is given to her creativity. She is instructed for everything. As a result, she feels trapped and seeks an escape. Her imagination proves to be her escape and which is also her defence against her nagging parents. The situation of Amanda is so worse that she wishes to be an orphan, in order to get rid of her parents. She imagines enacting various roles varying from a mermaid to Rapunzel. Amanda wishes to live alone and carefree. It is very important to understand the situation of Amanda where her freedom is cut short by constant instructions and guidelines. Proper balance should be maintained when dealing with such delicate issues. Love and care should always be part of this two-way transaction.

13. Answer ANY ONE of the following in 100-120 words.

(5×1=5)

Education is the basic step required for the development of a better personality in a person.

How did education change Bholi's personality ?

Ans :

Education changed Bholi's personality quite drastically and for good. As a child she struggled with stammering and was too shy to even speak in front of strangers. When she started school, she was barely able to speak her own name in class which left her embarrassed. But after the encouragement and helping hand of the teacher, -she soon gained confidence in herself. She learnt to talk without stammering and could even read and write.

It was because of this confidence, which the teacher had slowly built in her, that she was able to freely speak her mind in front of her father on her wedding day. That day, she gathered her courage and stopped the groom from garlanding her and told her father that she refused to marry a greedy man who did not even think twice before insulting her father. She even commanded her father to take back all the money that he had given to the groom. Had Bholi been the same shy and docile girl, she would not have been able to make such a bold and courageous move. Thus, education played a great role in changing the direction of Bholi's life.

or

Richard Ebright displayed a well rounded personality. Do you agree ?

Elucidate in context of the lesson 'The Making of a Scientist.'

Ans :

Richard Ebright at the age twenty-two, a former 'scout of the year', excited the world with a new theory on how cells work.

This amazing scientist was an all-rounder. He started collecting butterflies when he was just in kindergarten. He was not only fascinated by butterflies, but he also loved to collect rocks, fossils and coins.

He became an eager astronomer, too, sometimes star-gazing all night. Richard always had a driving curiosity and a bright mind. But at the same time, he was an obedient child who was very fond of reading. When his mother gave him a children's book called 'The Travels of Monarch X', he learnt how monarch butterflies migrate to Central America. This book opened the world of science to the eager young collector. He tagged butterflies, he worked on insect hormones while maintaining his other interest, and this shows that he indeed displayed a well-rounded personality.

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