

Class 12
English
Set 3 with Solutions

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

General Instructions:

15 Minute prior reading time allotted for Q-paper reading.

The Question Paper contains THREE Sections-Reading, Grammar & Writing and Literature.

Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Section - A
Reading Skills (20 Marks)

Question 1.

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

(1) "Who doesn't know how to cook rice? Cooking rice hardly takes time." said my father. So, I challenged myself I switched from news to YouTube and typed, 'How to cook rice?' I took one and a half cup of rice. Since I didn't have access to a rice cooker, I put the rice in a big pot. Firstly, the rice has to be washed to get rid of dust and starch.

I thought I won't be able to drain the rice and that it will fall out of the pot. I observed the chef as I swirled the rice around and used my dexterous hands to drain it not once, not twice, but three times. I looked down at the sink and saw less than 50 grains that made their way out of the pot. Suffice to say, I was up to the mark.

(2) The video stated that the key to perfect rice is equal amounts of rice and water. I have heard that professionals don't need to measure everything: they just know what the right amount is. But as this was my first time in the kitchen, I decided to experiment by not measuring the water needed for boiling the rice.

I wanted the rice to be firm when bitten, just like pasta. I don't enjoy the texture of mushy rice. It has to have that chutzpah: it has to resist my biting power just for a bit before disintegrating.

(3) After what seemed like 10 minutes, all the water disappeared. I went in to give it a good stir. To my surprise, some of the rice got stuck to the pot I tried to scrape it off but to no avail. At the same time, there was a burning smell coming from it. I quickly turned the stove off 'What have you done to the kitchen?' shouted Mother, while coming towards the kitchen. I managed to ward her off.

(4) Finally, when the time came to taste my creation, I was surprised! It wasn't bad at all. The rice had the desired consistency. Sure, a little more salt would've been better, but I just added that while eating. The experience was fairly rewarding and memorable.

It taught me a new sense of respect for those who cook food on a regular basis at home or engage in gourmet creations professionally. Based on your reading of the passage, answer the questions by choosing correct option.

(A) Father's question to the narrator, about knowing how to cook rice, was intended to [1]

Answer:

make the process sound simple.

(B) "I switched from news to YouTube ..." Pick the option in which the meaning of 'switched' is NOT the same as it is in the passage.

(a) He switched on the radio to listen to the news while having dinner.

(b) "Forget these diet supplements and switch to yoga, if you want a true sense of well-being."

- (c) Mom switched to reading fiction recently because she was bored with cook-books.
(d) The company will switch the trucks to other routes to bring down city pollution. [1]

Answer:

- (a) He switched on the radio to listen to the news while having dinner.

Explanation: In the passage, 'switched' is used to mean a change in interest or choice. Options b, c, and d all show the same

(C) Based on your understanding of the passage, choose the option that lists the correct sequence of the process.

- (1) Use water to wash the rice.
(2) Repeat the process three times.
(3) Drain the water off.
(4) Put rice in a utensil.
(5) Swirl the water in and around the rice.

- (a) (4), (2), (1), (3), (5)
(b) (1), (3), (2), (5), (4)
(c) (4), (1), (5), (3), (2)
(d) (5), (1), (2), (4), (3) [1]

Answer:

- (c) (4), (1), (5), (3), (2)

Explanation: As given in the passage, first we need to put the rice in a utensil (point 4). Therefore, options b and d are not correct. Rice is washed in the second step (point 1). Hence, option a is also ruled out.

Therefore, option c is the correct answer.

- (D) The narrator says that he has dexterous hands. He would have had a problem had it been the opposite. NOT BEING dexterous means, being [1]

Answer:

clumsy

Explanation: One who is dextrous is good with his/her hands. If the author had not been dextrous he would have been clumsy, which refers to someone who is awkward in handling things.

- (E) How did Mother react to the burning smell? [1]

Answer:

The mother enquired about it.

- (F) According to the passage, the fact that the narrator risked experimentation, on his maiden attempt in the kitchen, shows that he was [1]

Answer:

presumptuous

Explanation: The narrator was conscientious (aware of one's duties). She was not at all courteous as she didn't ask anyone for help. We can definitely say she was presumptuous as she took the risk of experimenting during his very first attempt at cooking.

- (G) Pick the option showing the CORRECT use of the word 'chutzpah'.

- (a) It is the court's duty to dispense chutzpah to everyone irrespective of caste or creed.
(b) The speaker may not have much of a stage presence, but you've got to admit she's got chutzpah.
(c) I could crack the code easily which proved me to be a chutzpah and I was the only one who could do so.
(d) After his father's demise, the daughter took over the family's chutzpah to save it from disaster. [1]

Answer:

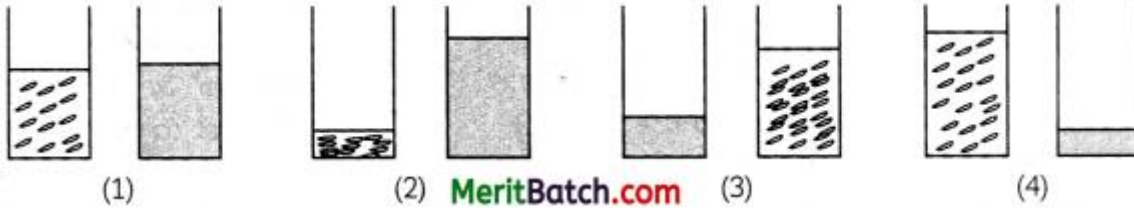
- (b) The speaker may not have much of a stage presence, but you've got to admit she's got chutzpah.

Explanation: Chutzpah means self confidence. A court of law cannot dispense self-confidence to anyone so

- (a) is not the answer. Expertise in something is not chutzpah, so (c) is not the correct answer. No one can

take over someone's confidence to help them emotionally/financially, so (d) is incorrect. Option (b) is the correct answer because it shows the self-confidence of the speaker.

(H) Which option represents the correct ratio of water to rice for cooking 'perfect rice'?



- (a) Image 1
- (b) Image 2
- (c) Image 3
- (d) Image 4 [1]

Answer:

- (a) Image 1

Explanation: The narrator tells us that there should be equal amounts of rice and water. This is shown in image 1. Hence, option a is the correct answer.

(I) Pick the option that correctly states what DID NOT happen after the writer checked on the rice.

- (a) Turning the stove off.
- (b) Being taken aback at the condition of rice.
- (c) Forgetting to scrape the stuck rice.
- (d) Smelling the delicious aroma of cooked rice. [1]

Answer:

- (d) Smelling the delicious aroma of cooked rice

Explanation: When the narrator checked on the rice, he turned off the stove option (a). He was shocked to see the rice sticking to the bottom of the pan (option b). As he found that some of the rice was stuck, he scraped them off (option c). As the rice was a little burnt, he couldn't smell the aroma of the cooked rice, so (d) is the answer.

(J) Does the following statement agree with the information given in the passage. The narrator's creation was almost perfect to taste.

True: if the statement agrees with the information.

False: if the statement contradicts with the information.

Not Given: if there is no information on this. [1]

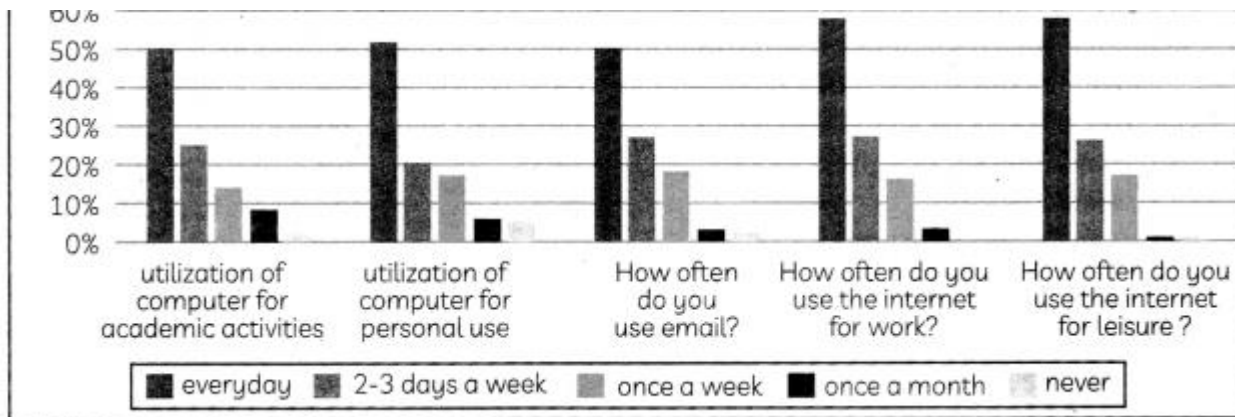
Answer:

True.

Question 2.

Read the passage given below. 1 x 10 = 10

(1) The present generation is well updated in the use of internet and computers. The rapid development in computer technology and increase in accessibility of the internet for academic purposes has changed the face of education for everyone associated with it. Let's look at the data arising out of a recent survey that was done to ascertain the time spent on utilisation of the computer and internet:



(2) At present, many schools and universities have been implementing internet-based learning, as it supplements the conventional teaching methods. The internet provides a wide variety of references and information to academics as well as scientific researchers. Students often turn to it to do their academic assignments and projects.

(3) However, research on the Net is very different from traditional library research, and the differences can cause problems. The Net is a tremendous resource, but it must be used carefully and critically.



(4) According to a 2018 Academic Student e-book Experience Survey, conducted by LJ's research department and sponsored by EBSCO, when reading for pleasure, almost 74% of the respondents said they preferred print books for leisure, whereas, 45% of respondents chose e-books rather than the printed versions, for research or assignments.

(5) When asked what e-book features make them a favourite for research, the respondents were clear. Having page numbers to use in citations, topped the list (75%); followed by the ability to resize text to fit a device's screen (67%); the ability to bookmark pages, highlight text, or take notes for later reference (60%); downloading the entire e-book (57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

On the basis of your reading of the passage, answer the following questions.

(A) According to the passage, one of the reasons for the recent transformation of education is

[1]

Answer:

The easy availability of the Internet

(B) Pick the option that list statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.

(1) Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods of education.

(2) Net-based learning will replace face- to-face education.

(3) The resources that the net provides are a danger to the education system.

(4) The current times have seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes.

(a) (1) and (2)

(b) (3) and (4)

(c) (2) and (3)

(d) (1) and (4) [1]

Answer:

(c) (2) and (3)

Explanation: Point 1 is true as given in para 2. Point 2 is not true as the author has not given any citations to support this. As the author says that the students use the Internet to do their assignments and projects, point 3 is also not true. Point 4 is true as we can see from the survey data. Hence (c) is the correct answer.

(C) The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, can be SUBSTITUTED with [1]

Answer:

incredible

Explanation: Tremendous means very huge and in para 3 it refers to the vast source of information that is available on the Internet which is incredible.

(D) Arrange the given e-book features preferred for research from the least favourite to the most favourite, from the following:

(1) downloading the entire e-book.

(2) choosing page numbers in citations.

(3) highlighting text.

(4) resizing text to fit screen.

(a) (1), (3), (4), (2)

(b) (3), (2), (1), (4)

(c) (2), (4), (3), (1)

(d) (4), (1), (2), (3) [1]

Answer:

(a) (1), (3), (4), (2)

Explanation: According to the survey Point 1 is preferred by 57% of the respondents. Point 2 is the preference of 75% of the respondents.

Point 3 has 60% preference.

Point 4 is preferred by 67% of the respondents.

So, the order will be 1,3,4,2. Hence, (a) is the answer.

(E) "... but it must be used carefully and critically." The idea of being careful and critical while using the internet, is mainly a reference to plagiarism. True/False. [1]

Answer:

True.

Explanation: Plagiarism means to present someone else's work as one's own creation. In the passage, the given line is used in context of the research done by students, so here it is used to mean plagiarism.

(F) Based on the given graphical representation of data in the passage, choose the option that lists the statements that are TRUE with respect to the usage of email.

(1) The everyday usage of email is more than the everyday usage of computer for personal use.

(2) About 18% people use email once a week.

(3) There are a smaller number of email users using it 2-3 times a week than the ones using it once a month.

(4) Less than 5% of people never use the email.

(a) (1) and (3)

(b) (2) and (4)

(c) (1) and (2)

(d) (3) and (4) [1]

Answer:

(b)(2) and (4)

Explanation: Everyday usage of computers for personal use is more than that of email so 1 is not true.

Statement 2 is true. Statement 3 is not true as more people use email 2-3 times a week than those using it once a month. Statement 4 is true. Hence (b) is the answer.

(G) Based on the given graphical chart, which is the area of zero response from respondents. [1]

Answer:

Never using the internet for work and leisure

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(H) In the cartoon, the student's reaction reveals that he is [1]

Answer:

annoyed

(I) Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4?

- (a) About three-quarters of the respondents preferred print books for recreational reading.
- (b) A little less than a 50% of the respondents voted for e-books for research or assignments.
- (c) More than 50% respondents stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.
- (d) The survey was intended for understanding the e-book experience among students. [1]

Answer:

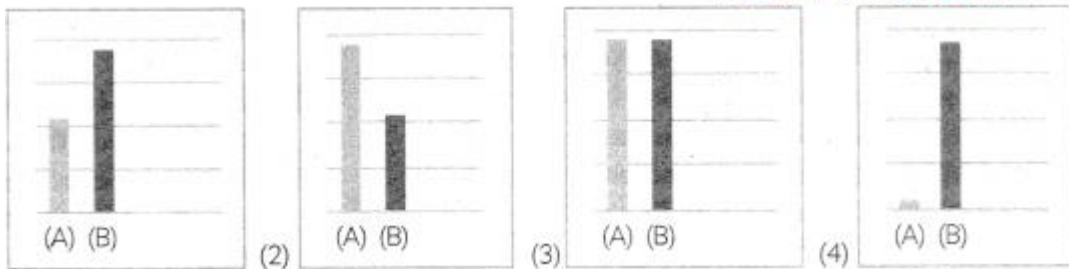
(c) More than 50% stated enjoying both versions of books for leisure reading.

Explanation: The survey was conducted to understand the e-book usage experience so (d) is true, (a) is true as 74% of the respondents preferred printed books for leisure reading, (b) is also true as 45% preferred using e-books for research or assignments. Hence, (c) is the correct answer.

(J) According to the 2018 survey, which is the option that correctly displays the features of:

- (A) page numbers for use in citation and
- (B) content transfer between devices respectively.

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- (a) Graph (1)
- (b) Graph (2)
- (c) Graph (3)
- (d) Graph (4) [1]

Answer:

(b) Graph (2)

Explanation: According to the respondents, page number citation is a favourite at 75% and content transfer preference is 43%, so (b) is the correct answer.

Section - B

Creative Writing Skills (20 marks)

Question 3.

Attempt ANY ONE of the following

You are Nidhi/Naveen Garg, Sports Captain, St. Teresa High School. There is an upcoming basketball tournament in the city. The school decides to keep a meeting to discuss the plans and strategies for the tournament. Draft a notice in not more than 50 words to inform the basketball teams and the members of Sports Club to attend the same.

OR

You are Rachael/Rueben, President of the Wellness Cell of your school. You decide to organise a workshop, to raise awareness of the importance of mental health. This workshop would be conducted by the school counsellor. Write a notice in about 50 words, informing the students of class XI-XII about the workshop. [5]

Answer:

St. Teresa High School

NOTICE

25th October, 20XX

Meeting regarding the City Basketball Tournament

All the members of the school basketball team and the Sports Club are invited to attend a meeting that has been organized to discuss the plans and strategies for the Coming City Basketball Tournament! The members shall report at 10:30 a.m. in the sports room on 26th October, 20XX. For further details, please contact the undersigned. Nidhi/Naveen Garg (Sports Captain)

OR

Notice

(format Name of issuing organisation, the word NOTICE in capitals, date, Title/heading + sign and name of issuing authority/person with designation)

For whom?

What? – a-mental health workshop to be conducted by the school counsellor.

When – date, month, year (accept all formats of writing date)

Where – (any plausible venue)

Benefits of the workshop-help us increase our understanding about mental health, deal with our problems better, etc (accept relevant inclusions)

Request to attend the same

Any other relevant detail/point shall be accepted.

No marks to be deducted for exceeding word limit

A.V. INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL NOTICE

24 OCT, 20XX

A HEALTHY MIND MATTERS

Given the unprecedented times and the need to create awareness about the importance of mental health, a special workshop for the students of Classes XI – XII will be conducted by the school counsellor.

On: Monday, 27th October 20XX

At: 9:00 am

In: AV room 1

Students must carry a notepad and pen and be seated by 8:45 am. For further queries, contact the undersigned.

Rueben/Rachael

President

Wellness Club

Question 4.

Attempt ANY ONE of the following:

You are Dr. Stanzin, a certified art therapist from Leh. You have been invited by G. D Public School, Jammu, to conduct a seminar for students on 'Art Therapy the Way Forward'. This seminar is to introduce students to the usefulness of art in analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and

tone analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone dealing with personal and social problems. Write your reply, in about 50 words accepting the invitation.

OR

You are Rukmini/ Raja of R-201, Fort Road, Chennai. You have just purchased a new house. You decide to have a house-warming ceremony and invite your cousin Balajr. Write the invitation in 50 words giving all necessary details. [5]

Answer:

XYZ, Smile Zone

Leh

5th November 20XX

The Principal

G.D. Public School

Jammu

Subject: Accepting invitation to conduct seminar

Ma'am

I am grateful for the kind invitation to conduct a seminar on "Art Therapy – the Way Forward" on 15th November 20XX at 9:00 am.

The school is to be commended for the initiative and the effort will help in creating awareness into the therapeutic use of art.

Looking forward to a wonderful interactive session.

Yours sincerely Dr. Stanzin (Art Therapist)

OR

R-201, Fort Road

Chennai

15th December 20XX

Dear Balaji,

Hope you are doing well. I wanted you to be the first one to know that I have bought the house I told you about. We plan to move into the new house soon.

This is to invite you to the house-warming ceremony on 25th December 20XX at 9:00 am, followed by lunch. You must bring your parents with you to attend the ceremony and be a part of the celebrations.

Looking forward to meet
you soon.

Yours lovingly Rukmani/Raja

Question 5.

Attempt ANY ONE of the following:

You are Shubha/Krushna Mohanty, residing in Subhadra Apartments, Bhuvneshwar, Orissa. You have observed, with increasing concern, that garbage collection continues to be done without segregation in your neighbourhood. Write a letter to the editor of The Real Times, Bhuvneshwar, in about 120-150 words, explaining your concern along with the rationale behind the importance of garbage segregation. Suggest ways in which the RWAs can participate in this program.



OR

You are Aami/ Ajoy Sarkar of 83, Model Town, Guwahati, Assam. You are a sports enthusiast. Rangshala School, Guwahati, has advertised the requirement of a Sports teacher, in the local newspaper. You are excited and decide to apply for the post. Write a letter in 100-120 words, responding to the given advertisement, submitting your candidature with a detailed bio-data.

Rangshala School, Guwahati
SPORTS TEACHER NEEDED

A P.T.I needed (B.P.Ed); national level player; coaching experience preferred. Specialisation In volleyball/ hockey – a pre-requisite. Salary inclusive of PF. Apply with bio-data, addressed to the principal at 108, Model Town, Guwahati. [5]

Answer:

Subhadra Apartments

Bhuvneshwar

Orissa

20th October 20XX

The Editor

The Real Times

Bhuvneshwar

SUBJECT: LACK OF WASTE SEGREGATION

Sir,

Through the column of your esteemed newspaper, I wish to draw the attention of the general public and the concerned authorities towards the inept method of garbage disposal. The garbage collectors do not insist on waste segregation and if waste is segregated, they mix it up. People do not bother to segregate waste before handing it to the garbage collectors.

Non-segregation of waste means that more and more waste goes to the landfill, adding to the danger for the environment. Given the importance of waste segregation for the health of the public as well as the environment, strict measures need to be enforced. The municipal department must "work in tandem with the RWAs to create awareness about the issue. Strict guidelines must be shared and the segregation and disposal must be monitored. Your widely circulated daily must carry out campaigns to create awareness. I hope that all concerned work as a united force to achieve this aim.

Yours sincerely

Krushna Mohanty

OR

83, Model Town

Guwahati

Assam

3rd March 20XX

The Director

Rangshala School

Guwahati

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF SPORTS TEACHER

Dear Madam,

This is with the reference to the advertisement published in The Times of India, dated 1st March 20XX, for the post of Sports Teacher. I wish to apply for the same.

My qualifications are as per your requirement. I have done my D.P.Ed from NIS Patiala and I am presently working with DPS Shillong. I am willing to relocate as I am aware that your prestigious institution will provide me with an opportunity to train students using the latest methods.

If I am given the opportunity to serve your reputed organization, I assure you that I would prove to be an asset. My bio-data is attached for your kind perusal.

Yours sincerely

Aami Sarkar

Bio-Data

Name : Aami Sarkar

Father's Name : Niranjan Sarkar

Date of Birth : 02-12-19XX

Contact Address : 183, Modern Town, Shillong

Email : xyz@gmail.com

Educational qualification :

| S.No. | Class/ degree | Board/ university | Institution | Year | % scored |
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| 1 | Class X | CBSE | SDA School | 19XX | 84 |
| 2. | Class XII | CBSE | SDA School | 20XX | 94 |
| 3 | MA Phy. Edn | Assam University | Mt Carmel College | 20XX | 88 |
| 4 | D.P.Ed | Sports Authority of India | NIS Patiala | 20XX | 80 |

Prior Work Experience : PGT Physical Education at DPS Shillong, from March 2015 to present.

References : Mr K Ali, Addtl Director, DPS Shillong 9925XXXXXX

Ms Kavya, Tennis Coach, Ace Academy 7654XXXXXX

TESTIMONIALS ENCLOSED HEREWITH

The information given above is true to the best of my knowledge.

Aami Sarkar

3rd March 20XX

Question 6.

Attempt ANY ONE of the following:

While reading about new places and searching for them online has its merits, the advantages of actually travelling to various destinations far exceed them. Write an article in 120-150 words for the magazine Travel Times, evaluating both these options. You may use the cues given below along with your own ideas. You are Amrit/ Amrita.

Builds confidence

Make friends and memories

Experience new cultures

Expands knowledge

OR

Ranikhet district, Uttarakhand, on the occasion of Basant Panchami celebrations had organized a three-day cultural festival. You are Bhupinder/ Priyanka Bhisht. Your newspaper had deputed you to cover the inaugural event of this festival. As a newspaper reporter, use the given cues along with your own ideas to write a report about the same in 120-150 words.

Big crowds -main grounds of the marketplace

Colourful decorations

Inauguration-local panchayat member to inaugurate.

Folk dance and songs

Speeches [5]

Answer:

Travel to Understand the World

By Amrita Class XII D

“Travel makes one modest, you see what a tiny place you occupy in the world.”

Gustave Flaubert

If school builds and expands our academic horizons, then travel teaches us about people and life. We learn from the people we meet, things we see and experience. Reading about a place or seeing pictures cannot match the . real-life experiences.

When we start to travel and see new places, we realize that there is much more in this world than our comfort zones. In our daily routines, it is not always possible to appreciate the nature surrounding us or the richness of cultures in different countries. Travelling teaches us how to manage time and also manage within the . resources available to us, thus making us more independent and more confident.

In addition to this, we also learn about new “ cultures and languages. People should try to ledrn at least some important’ foreign words in order to communicate! It also helps us to develop people skills and enhance our communication skills. When we come back home from our travels, we are not tired or spent, rather we come back enriched with memories of wonderful people and places.

OR

Ushering In Spring

Priyanka Bhisht, Reporter.

Ranikhet district was decorated in vibrant colours to usher in spring and celebrate Basant Panchami. The annual festival draws large crowd each year and this year was no different.

The ground was overflowing with large crowd dressed in the state costume and the sky was filled with beautiful kites. The market and the entire district was decorated and the people waited eagerly for the festivities to begin. At 9:00 am the chief guest arrived and the inauguration ceremony began with the lighting of the lamp. This was followed by a special prayer seeking the blessings of Goddess Saraswati. Roul, a tourist from Spain, spoke to us, “I am so glad that I decided to come here. This is India at her best. The amazing colours and dances are spectacular.”

The folk dancers and singers from the neighbouring districts kept the spectators enthralled. Gayathri, a folk dancer from Nainital said, “The interest of the crowd and their applause keeps us motivated and we come

here every year to entertain them.” Festivals like this serve a reminder of our rich heritage. More such festivals should be organized in the cities to showcase the vibrant culture of our country.

Section – C

Literature (40 marks)

Question 7.

Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1 x 6 = 6)

“Aunt Jennifer’s tigers prance across a screen,
Bright topaz denizens of a world of green.
They do not fear the men beneath the tree;
They pace in sleek chivalric certainty.

(A) ‘Aunt Jennifer’s tigers prance across a screen’. The ‘screen’ here indicates:

- (a) window
- (b) television screen
- (c) computer screen
- (d) embroidery panel [1]

Answer:

- (d) embroidery panel

Explanation: The ‘screen’ refers to the embroidery panel or a piece of cloth on which Aunt is embroidering the tigers. Hence, (d) is the right answer.

(B) List the poetic device used in the line ‘Bright topaz denizens’. [1]

Answer:

metaphor

Explanation: The given phrase is a metaphor with the help of which, the poet compares the bright colors of the tigers to a yellowish-orange stone called ‘topaz’. The term ‘denizens’ means citizens of the forest.

(C) A ‘world of green’ represents a [1]

Answer:

Forest

(D) ‘The tigers do not fear men beneath the tree’. Identify the characteristics of the tigers in the given phrase.

- (a) ferocious
- (b) sharp
- (c) witty
- (d) courageous [1]

Answer:

- (d) courageous

(E) The given extract represents a between the Aunt and her tigers.

- (a) similarity
- (b) discrepancy
- (c) contrast
- (d) reflection [1]

Answer:

- (c) contrast

Explanation: In the extract, there is a huge contrast between the aunt and the tiger as the former is timid and dominated by her husband while the latter is brave and independently fierce. Hence, (c) is the right answer.

(F) Pick the correct rhyme scheme of the extract.

- (a) aabc
- (b) abab
- (c) aabb
- (d) abca [1]

Answer:

- (a) aabc

OR

We have imagined for the mighty dead;
All lovely tales that we have heard or read;
An endless fountain of immortal drink,
Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

(A) The phrase 'immortal drink' refers to:

- (a) the blessings of our ancestors
- (b) the teachings of nature
- (c) a life-giving force
- (d) the beauty of heaven [1]

Answer:

- (c) a life-giving force

Explanation: This poem is about nature's blessing to we, humans. Immortal drink here refers to the nature's teachings that we get when we hear or read the stories of our mighty forefathers. So (c) is the answer here.

(B) 'All lovely tales' evoke the feeling of:

- (a) sadness and nostalgia
- (b) only nostalgia
- (c) inspiration and pride
- (d) only pride [1]

Answer:

- (a) sadness and nostalgia

Explanation: When we hear or read about the mighty tales of our forefathers, we are reminded about our mighty past, but at the same time we feel sad because we learn how they tried to tame the natural resources and in due course disturbed the natural balance. So here, (a) is the right answer.

(C) The rhyme scheme of the above extract is [1]

Answer:

aabb

Explanation: The last words of the first two lines of the paragraph rhyme. The last words of the next two lines rhyme. Thus, the rhyme scheme is aabb.

(D) The literary device used by the poet in the following lines is

An endless fountain of immortal drink, Pouring unto us from the heaven's brink.

- (a) personification
- (b) allegory
- (c) imagery
- (d) synecdoche [1]

Answer:

- (c) imagery

Explanation: Personification is when some non-human object is compared to a human being. So (a) this is not the answer. Option b is also incorrect as an allegory has a hidden meaning which is not present here. There is no representation of a part as a whole here so the expression is also not synecdoche. Hence, (d) is

also incorrect In these lines the poet has drawn an image of a fountain that is flowing continuously from the edge of heaven. This fountain has a constant flow of nature's teachings which is helping us humans to grow Thus, (c) imagery is the correct answer.

(E) We have imagined for the mighty dead. The underlined word means:

- (a) angry
- (b) peaceful
- (c) great
- (d) timid [1]

Answer:

- (c) great

(F) 'Pouring unto us'.

Who are 'Us' here? [1]

Answer:

'Us' here refers to the humankind

Question 8.

Read the extracts given below and attempt * ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1 x 4 = 4)

MR LAMB : Mind the apples!

DERRY : What? Who's that? Who's there?

MR LAMB: Lamb's my name. Mind the apples. Crab apples those are. Windfalls in the long grass. You could trip.

DERRY : I...there....I thought this was an empty place. I didn't know there was anybody here...

MR LAMB : That's all right. I'm here. What are you afraid of, boy? That's all right.

DERRY : I thought it was empty...an empty house.

MR LAMB : So it is. Since I'm out here in the garden, it is empty. Until I go back inside. In the meantime, I'm out here and likely to stop. A day like this. Beautiful day. Not a day to be indoors.

DERRY : [Panic] I've got to go.

(A) "What? Who's that? Who's there?" What is Derry's emotion in the given line? [1]

Answer:

- (b) shocked

Explanation: The given line shows that Derry was 'shocked' to hear someone as he thought that the place was deserted.

(B) Why did Derry think that the place was empty?

Because the gates of the house were

- (a) old and tarnished
- (b) always closed
- (c) always opened
- (d) rusty and webbed [1]

Answer:

- (c) always opened

(C) Mr. Lamb's reaction to Derry suggests that he was a person. [1]

Answer:

welcoming

Explanation: Mr. Lamb's reaction to Derry suggests us that he was a welcoming person who didn't mind any one entering his home.

(D) From the given extract, you can say that Mr. Lamb was a:

- (a) nature-loving person

- (b) introvert
- (c) reckless man
- (d) freedom lover [1]

Answer:

- (a) nature-loving person

OR

The man moaned with pain in his stupor but he did not awaken. "The best thing that we could do would be to put him back in the sea," Sadao said, answering himself. Now that the bleeding was stopped for the moment he stood up and dusted the sand from his hands. "Yes, undoubtedly that would be best," Hana said steadily. But she continued to stare down at the motionless man. "If we sheltered a white man in our house we should be arrested and if we turned him over as a prisoner, he would certainly die," Sadao said.

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

(A) The man moaned with pain. Who is the 'man' referred to here?

- (a) Sadao Hoki
- (b) General
- (c) An American soldier
- (d) A Japanese intruder [1]

Answer:

- (c) An American soldier

(B) List one characteristic that best describes Sadao in the passage. [1]

Answer:

wary

(C) "If we sheltered a white man in our house we should be arrested". Why would they be 'arrested'?

- (a) As the man was not a Japanese national.
- (b) As the man was an American enemy at the moment for them due to the war.
- (c) As the man was a criminal
- (d) As they weren't allowed to treat any soldier. [1]

Answer:

- (b) As the man was an American enemy at the moment for them due to the war.

(D) Choose the correct option with reference to the two statements given below.

Statement 1: Sadao and Hana cared about the soldier but were worried about the consequences of being considerate.

Statement 2: Sadao and Hana wanted to shirk their responsibilities of looking after an injured soldier, who could be an American.

- (a) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- (b) Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- (c) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true.
- (d) Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false. [1]

Answer:

- (a) Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false

Explanation: According to the given extract, statement 1 is true and 2 is false. Hence a is the correct answer.

Question 9.

Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow. (1 × 6 = 6)

Food is more important for survival than an identity. "If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no

grain," say a group of women in tattered saris when I ask them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child it is even more.

(A) The phrase 'transit homes' refer to the dwellings that are.

- (a) unhygienic
- (b) inadequate
- (c) fragile
- (d) temporary [1]

Answer:

- (d) temporary

Explanation: Transit means to carry things from one place to another. Here "transit homes" mean dwellings that are temporary.

(B) Identify the figure of speech used in the sentence "Garbage to them is gold". [1]

Answer:

hyperbole

(C) Choose the term which best matches the statement "Food is more important for survival than an identity."

- (a) immorality
- (b) necessity
- (c) obligation
- (d) ambition [1]

Answer:

- (b) necessity

Explanation: Immorality, means wickedness which is not connected to survival or food. Option (c) obligation is to which a person is morally bound. Food requirement is not an obligation, Option (d) ambition is a strong desire to achieve something. Food is not an ambition, for survival. Food is a necessity for survival. Hence, (b) is the answer.

(D) What does 'acquired the proportions of a fine art' mean?

- (a) Rag-picking has regained its lost status.
- (b) A segment of ragpickers are skilled in fine arts.
- (c) Rag-picking has attained the position of a skill.
- (d) Only a few people are experts in rag-picking. [1]

Answer:

- (c) Rag picking has attained the position of a skill

Explanation: Fine art is something that requires some sort of skills. Here rag picking has been compared to fine art, that is, it is a skill. So (c) is the correct answer.

(E) 'And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking.' This shows that the people used to rag-pick in Seemapuri. [1]

Answer:

most of

(F) Choose the correct option based on the given statements.

- (1) Children of Seemapuri consider garbage as gold as they would sometimes find some valuable item in it.
- (2) Children of Seemapuri consider garbage as gold as they would sell it for the rates of gold.
- (a) Statement (1) is true but (2) is false
- (b) Statement (2) is true but (1) is false

- (c) Both statements (1) and (2) are true
(a) Both statements (1) and (2) are false

Answer:

- (a) Statement 1 is true but 2 is false

OR

They had merely heard that a Mahatma who wanted to help them was in trouble with the authorities. Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British. The officials felt powerless without Gandhi's cooperation.

He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians. The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

(A) The officials felt powerless because:

- (a) of Gandhi's refusal to cooperate with them.
(b) of Gandhi's polite and friendly behaviour.
(c) the crowd was listening only to Gandhi.
(d) the crowd was getting violent. [1]

Answer:

- (c) the crowd was listening only to Gandhi.

Explanation: As the paragraph states, Gandhiji helped officials control the crowd. Hence (c) is the correct answer.

(B) The demonstration proved that the:

- (a) policies of the British had failed
(b) dread instilled in the hearts of Indians had begun to lessen
(c) dealings with the Indian citizens had been unsuccessful
(d) might of the British had not been understood by Indians [1]

Answer:

- (b) dread instilled in the hearts of Indians had begun to lessen

Explanation: The paragraph states that the demonstrations were proof that the might of the Britishers challenged. Hence, option (b) is the correct answer.

(C) Which style, from those given below, is being used by the author when he says, "Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors"? [1]

Answer:

sarcastic

(D) Gandhiji's behaviour towards the British prior to the proposal of postponement of the trial was that of;

- (a) indifference.
(b) calm acceptance.
(c) ignorance of consequences.
(d) polite helpfulness. [1]

Answer:

- (b) calm acceptance

Explanation: Gandhiji was concerned about the happenings of the country. He was moved by the sequence of events going on in the country. So a, c, and d are ruled out. He calmly accepted the events, hence (b) is the answer.

(E) The Government was baffled. This means that they were. [1]

Answer:

confused

(F) The Prosecutors requested the Judge to postpone the trial as they were unable to

- (a) control the huge angry crowd
- (b) pacify the angry authorities
- (c) arrest Gandhi
- (d) make their mind to take a decision [1]

Answer:

- (a) control the huge angry crowd

Question 10.

Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 40-50 words each. (5 x 2 = 10)

- (A) What does Neruda mean by 'an exotic moment without rush' in his poem, 'Keeping Quiet'? [2]
- (B) Explain the metaphor of the rattrap in context of the story by Selma Lagerlof. [2]
- (C) Kamala Das speaks of 'an old familiar ache...' What do you think is the reason for this feeling? [2]
- (D) Comment on the significance of the villagers sitting at the back in M. Hamel's classroom. [2]
- (E) 'Little has moved with time, it seems, in Firozabad.' State any one reason why the writer says this. [2]
- (F) How does the poet use the image of 'fingers fluttering through the wool' to highlight Aunt Jennifer's victimisation? [2]

Answer:

(A) According to Neruda, that moment when people would stop speaking any Language would be an exotic moment as it would mean that the differences have been resolved and peace can prevail. The moment of silence would forge strong bonds of love.

(B) The rattrap serves as a metaphor for the world. The peddler believed that the world is like a rat trap where man gets lured by the bait and is then trapped in the vicious cycle of desires. The peddler also gets trapped when he gives in to the temptation of stealing the crofter's money.

(C) Kamala Das had always feared of losing her mother and seeing her mother appear old and pale like a corpse. This old fear returned to haunt her. She was also filled with remorse that she hadn't done enough for her mother and that she might lose her mother forever.

(D) The villagers sat at the back of the class as a mark of respect for M. Hamel and also to show how much they regretted their attitude towards learning. They realized their mistake of taking things for granted and not making an effort to learn their language and doing the same with their children.

(E) The author wants to convey that despite the leaps of progress and development across the country, no sign of progress can be seen in Firozabad. People are still caught in a vortex of poverty, illiteracy, and exploitation. There is no visible change in the condition of the bangle makers as no steps have been taken to improve their condition.

(F) The fluttering fingers convey the timidity of Aunt Jennifer, who is burdened by the responsibilities of marriage. She represents the women of a time who were bound by strict gender codes and had no rights. The extent of oppression is evident in the fact that the simple task of plying the needle is onerous one for her.

Question 11.

Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below, in 40-50 words each. (2 x 2 = 4)

- (A) In his letter to Charley, Sam writes, '... then I got to believe you were right.' What could have made Sam begin to believe? [2]
- (B) When he was only ten days old, a prediction was made about the future of the Tiger King. What was ironic about it? [2]
- (C) Sadao's acceptance of the General's plan to assassinate Tom was counterproductive to having put him on the path of recovery. Substantiate with reason/s. [2]

Answer:

(A) Sam always scoffed off Charley's claims of having been to the third level. He was however, taken in by the description of the third level and life of that period. In all probability he decided to look for the elusive third level and had been successful in finding it.

(B) There was a weird prediction made when the crown prince Jung Jung Bahadur was ten days old. It was that he would die one day. The irony in the prediction was that it was not a miraculous prediction as everyone who is born has to die some day or the other.

(C) Sadao was caught in the middle. The doctor in him wanted to save the American and the call of humanity dictated that he protect the American from further torture and sure death. On the other hand his loyalty to his country prompted his acceptance of the General's plan of killing Tom.

Question 12.

Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words.

The story Deep Water talks about Douglas' attempts to overcome his fear of water. The story can also be viewed as a figurative manifestation of life's many challenges. Elaborate with reference to the text.

OR

How does the story, 'Rattrap' highlight the importance of community over isolation? Support your rationale with textual evidence. [5]

Answer:

"Deep Water" provides an insight into the paralyzing fear of water that held Douglas captive. The fear was the result of two near-drowning experiences he had as a child.

First at a beach when he was engulfed under a large wave and was knocked breathless. His father merely laughed without realizing the impact of the experience on the psyche of a five-year-old. This goes to show how other people cannot understand our battles. In life, the person who is undergoing the trauma knows the pain, while others might just brush it off as something trivial.

Douglas's fear was further aggravated when he nearly drowned in the YMCA pool. The fear of water took control of his life. Douglas decided to overcome that fear and worked hard with his instructor. He challenged his fear and finally succeeded in overcoming it. Similarly, life throws many challenges at us, but we must try and face the challenges bravely and defeat them.

OR

The peddler is a lonely man who struggles to make ends meet by selling rattraps and indulging in petty thievery. He is always turned away by people so he derives pleasure by thinking of the world as a trap and people losing their minds in trying to attain material goods.

He is taken by surprise when the old crofter welcomes him warm-heartedly and for the first time in his life he experiences human kindness and companionship. He realizes that human companionship is an integral part of life.

He meets the ironmaster who takes him for a comrade and invites him home. Edla is able to see through the peddler, yet she welcomes him into their home. The ironmaster realizes his mistake and wants to turn him out but Edla reminds him of Christmas being a time for sharing and helping. Her kindness brings about a change in the peddler and he gives up his old ways and decides to lead a reformed life. This goes on to show that human interaction and companionship is more important than isolation.

Question 13.

Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words.

Mr. Lamb calls Derek his friend while Derek refuses his affirmation. Would you consider their relationship with each other as friendship? Support your answer with reference to the instance(s) from the text.

OR

Charley saw a mind-blowing exotic scene at the Grand Central Station. Critically examine the things that Charley saw at the Grand Central Station. 5

meaning. Hence, (a) is the answer as here “switched” means to turn on. [5]

Answer:

The play “On The Face Of It” is about two people who face alienation from the society because of their challenges. Mr. Lamb has an artificial leg while Derry’s face is disfigured. Despite the common challenge, both handle their challenge? differently.

Mr. Lamb does not allow his impairment to cloud his view of people or the world. He is a positive person who welcomes everyone. He speaks plainly and tells Derry that he is a complete person, only a part of his face is burnt He accepts Derry the way he is and calls him a friend because for an optimist everyone is a friend.

Derry, on the other hand, is embittered and has allowed that to cloud his judgment. He believes that like everyone else, Mr. Lamb is also afraid of him or feels sorry for him. He refuses to believe that Mr. Lamb thinks of him as a friend. He also feels that other people might treat Mr. Lamb differently. Despite all his arguments he does come back to help Mr. Lamb, which makes us believe that friendship had developed, between the two.

OR

When Charley entered the third level of the Grand Central Station, he saw a scenario that was completely different from the real-life modern things. Everything seemed to be of the old era. At the wooden ticket booth, there sat a man with green eyeshades and a long black sleeve protectors. When Charley looked around, he saw things like brass spittoons, men keeping pocket watches, wearing black button suits with small lapels, derby hats with a big handlebar moustache.

The fashion sense of people belonged to the 1890s. Men seemed to flaunt their big sideburns, moustache and beards. Women too seemed to follow the old era fashion as they wore leg-of-a-mutton sleeves and skirts. The train on the track was a steam engine and a newspaper named as The World’ was being sold, which stopped publishing long time ago in the present time.