

ENGLISH

(202)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Note :

- (i) There are **35** questions in all divided into **two** parts.
 - (ii) **All** questions are compulsory.
 - (iii) Marks for each question are indicated against it.
 - (iv) Q. No. **1 to 16** and **24 to 28** are Objective type questions carrying **1** mark each. Some of them are in sub-parts that include MCQ, Fill in the blanks, True/False. Match the column and One-word answer type questions.
 - (v) Q. No. **17 to 20, 23** and **30 to 35** are short answer questions carrying **2** marks each. Answers to these questions should not exceed **30** words each.
 - (vi) Q. No. **29** carries **3** marks. Answer to this question should not exceed **40** words.
 - (vii) Q. No. **22** carries **4** marks. Answers to this question should not exceed **100** words.
 - (viii) Q. No. **21** is a long answer question carrying **6** marks. Answer to this question should not exceed **150-200** words.
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PART - A

Note : All questions are compulsory.

SECTION - A : READING

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

The Kashmir Valley is a large valley in the Himalayas and a part of Jammu and Kashmir in northern India. Spring is the time when Kashmir bursts into a riot of colours and millions of flowers carpet the landscape. A good idea would be to visit the "Tulip Garden", one of the largest of its kind in Asia. The Tulip Garden is opposite the main Boulevard Road on the shores of the Dal Lake. Summer brings a lot of tourists to the valley, especially those from the Indian plains which experience unbearably hot temperatures during the summers.

Gulmarg is a favourite place of all times. Gulmarg means 'the meadow of flowers' and is 56 km southwest of the city centre, Srinagar. Due to its unique geographical location, Gulmarg gets some of the heaviest snowfall in the Himalayan region. This hill resort is served by a cable car that goes all the way to Apharwat peak. The skiing season in Gulmarg, the world-famous ski resort in Kashmir, lasts for about four months, skiers can thrill themselves for a longer period.

Pahalgam or the village of shepherds is a very popular resort 90 km south of Srinagar. It has some magnificent plains where horse riding can be indulged in. Sonamarg lies in the valley carved by River Sindh, surrounded by towering snow-capped mountains. Sonamarg literally means 'Meadow Of Gold'. Sonamarg has a certain "raw" unspoiled beauty about it. The mountains look tall and haughty and the vista whichever way looked at consists of meadows, imposing mountains and streams. Sonamarg is the gateway to Ladakh. Kashmiri handicrafts, shawls and carpets are world-famous. Kashmiris are considered very hospitable people.



- 1 Answer the following questions in **ONE** word: **3×1=3**
- (i) Which place literally means 'Meadow of Gold' ?
- (ii) In which season does Kashmir burst into colours?
- (iii) Sonamarg is the _____ to Ladakh.
- 2 Choose a word from the passage which means 'friendly and welcoming'. **1×1=1**
- (A) riot (B) hospitable
- (C) literally (D) imposing
- 3 Based on your understanding of the passage, write True or False. **3×1=3**
- (i) Winter brings a lot of tourists to Kashmir valley.
- (ii) Gulmarg is the world-famous ski resort in Kashmir.
- (iii) Sonamarg gets some of the heaviest snowfall in the Himalayan region.

SECTION - B (WRITING)

- 4 Answer the questions below with reference to the context below: **4×1=4**
- You are Sheela, the Secretary of the Motivation Club of your school. Draft a notice inviting students of class 10 to join a trip to Naval Base, Mumbai. Include all relevant details and the need to join the armed forces.
- (i) The suitable title for the notice can be _____.
- (A) Motivational Tour
- (B) Indian Navy
- (C) Serve the Nation in Uniform
- (D) Path to Success



- (ii) What should the notice compel the participants to do?
- (A) Taking photographs at the Naval Base
 - (B) Buying the souvenirs of the Naval Base
 - (C) Watching the beauty of the sea
 - (D) Following the dress code and behaving properly
- (iii) The notice should advise the participants not to _____.
- (A) use smart phones inside the Naval base
 - (B) bring smart phones to the trip
 - (C) play video games on the smart phones
 - (D) order things online during the trip
- (iv) Permission to enter the Naval Base is granted by _____.
- (A) Principal of the school
 - (B) Naval Headquarters, New Delhi
 - (C) Chairman, Mumbai Local Body
 - (D) Police Commissioner, Mumbai

5 You are Rehman. Write an article to your local newspaper analyzing the street dog menace and offering suggestions to resolve the issue to the satisfaction of the general public as well as the animal lovers. $4 \times 1 = 4$

- (i) The language of the article should not be _____.
- (A) kind and loving
 - (B) harsh and revengeful
 - (C) caring and concerned
 - (D) passionate and thoughtful



- (ii) Which of the following is incorrect?
- (A) The writer of an article should sign at the bottom.
 - (B) The writer of an article should not sign at the bottom.
 - (C) The writer of an article should write his name under the title.
 - (D) From and To addresses not required in an article.
- (iii) Which of the following titles suits this article the best?
- (A) Feeding Animals
 - (B) Mercy Killing
 - (C) Street Dogs: to be or not to be
 - (D) Man is a Social Animal
- (iv) The logical sequence of an article refers to _____.
- (A) The length of the article
 - (B) The organized arrangement of ideas that flow from one point to another.
 - (C) The writer's knowledge about the article
 - (D) The publication of it again and again.

6 You are Pushpa. Write a letter to your cousin advising him to prepare in a relaxed and stress free manner for the forthcoming NEET examination. Include tips on achievable target, diet, exercise and rest. 5×1=5

- (i) Personal letters like the above to relatives must end with _____.
- (A) Yours affectionately
 - (B) Your sincerely
 - (C) Yours faithfully
 - (D) Yours obediently



- (ii) The top of a personal letter must have _____.
- (A) The sender's address
 - (B) The receiver's address
 - (C) The subject of the letter
 - (D) The list of attachments
- (iii) Which of the following must be mentioned in the letter?
- (A) Obtaining a driving license
 - (B) Avoiding fast food
 - (C) Being active on social media
 - (D) Taking a part-time job in a hospital
- (iv) The letter talking about _____ will help the candidates in case of failure in NEET.
- (A) driving cautiously
 - (B) having more professional course options
 - (C) consuming soft drinks
 - (D) wearing expensive clothes
- (v) Which of the following should be the tone of the letter?
- (A) Commanding
 - (B) Challenging
 - (C) Friendly
 - (D) Dominating



SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

7 Fill in the blanks to complete the note:

3×1=3

Gandhi said, "I _____ (i) _____ to the conclusion that we should stop going to the law courts. Taking cases to the law courts _____ (ii) _____ good. Where the peasants are so crushed and frightened, the real relief _____ (iii) _____ is to be free from fear".

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| (i) (A) has come | (B) has came |
| (C) have come | (D) have came |
| (ii) (A) does little | (B) do little |
| (C) did little | (D) done little |
| (iii) (A) for their | (B) for them |
| (C) for they | (D) for theirs |

8 Fill in the blanks to complete the note:

3×1=3

One dark evening as he was _____ (i) _____ (walk) along the road he caught sight of a little _____ (ii) _____ (old) cottage by the roadside, and he knocked on the door to _____ (iii) _____ (seek) shelter for the night.

9 Choose the correct options to fill in the blanks:

3×1=3

- (i) My brother _____ (do / does) not like outdoor games.
- (ii) _____ (Have / Has) she finished her work?
- (iii) I did not harm anybody. _____ (Did / Does) I?



10 Fill in the blanks with the correct prepositions: 4×1=4

- (i) The Sun does not rise _____ 5 am daily.
- (ii) There is a rock _____ his house and mine.
- (iii) She wants to go _____ space.
- (iv) They sleep _____ the floor.

11 Fill in the blanks with the correct conjunctions: 2×1=2

- (i) You will be healthy, _____ you play regularly.
- (ii) Bread _____ butter is their breakfast.

SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

12 Identify the following sentences as True or False: 3×1=3

- (i) The poem 'My Only Cry' is written by Leila Ibrahim Semaan.
- (ii) A better world cannot be built without the adults.
- (iii) Right / Left Wing politics matters a lot to the children.

13 Identify the following sentences as True or False: 3×1=3

- (i) The tiger did not have a good stretch of sleep in the headmaster's room.
- (ii) The Chairman did not allow the Master to open the room initially.
- (iii) The Master knew ten languages including Japanese.

(A Tiger Comes To Town - II)



14 Match the characters with the story:

3×1=3

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| (i) Aunt Ruby | (a) Kondiba - A Hero |
| (ii) Arvind | (b) The Last Stone Mason |
| (iii) Salim | (c) The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk |

15 Read the following passage carefully:

3×1=3

At this point of time it was kind providence that brought a young energetic, intelligent and ambitious Indian engineer, trained in America, to work at the dairy research institute, Anand. Tribhuvandas sought this clever young man's assistance. This young man was none other than Verghese Kurien. He helped Tribhuvandas to set up a processing plant. This marked the birth of Amul and the rest is history. Shall we trace the history and the man who made this history? It tells how he strove incessantly in order to expand Amul milk unit. It also tells us about how through his relentless efforts, the dream of Vallabhbhai Patel was fulfilled.

(Co-operate and Prosper)

Based on your understanding of the passage, fill in the blanks given below:

- (i) Tribhuvandas sought this _____ young man's assistance.
- (ii) Verghese Kurien helped Tribhuvandas to set up a _____ plant.
- (iii) Through Kurien's relentless efforts, the dream of _____ was fulfilled.

16 Complete the following sentences:

3×1=3

- (i) Nehru wrote a letter to his daughter Indira on her _____.
- (ii) The message of _____ stole the hearts of millions of Indians.
- (iii) Our great _____ Movement was led by Bapuji.

(A Birthday Letter)



PART - B

SECTION - A (READING)

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

It had happened when I was ten or eleven years old. I had decided to learn to swim. There was a pool at the Y.M.C.A. in Yakima that offered exactly the opportunity. The Y.M.C.A. pool was safe. It was only two or three feet deep at the shallow end; and while it was nine feet deep at the other, the drop was gradual.

I got a pair of water wings and went to the pool. I hated to walk naked into it and show my skinny legs. However, I subdued my pride and did it. From the beginning, however, I had an aversion to the water when I was in it. This started when I was three or four years old and father took me to the beach in California. He and I stood together in the surf. I hung on to him, yet the waves knocked me down and swept over me. I was buried in water. My breath was gone. I was frightened. Father laughed, but there was terror in my heart at the overpowering force of the waves.

My introduction to the Y.M.C.A. Swimming pool revived unpleasant memories and stirred childish fears. But in a little while I gathered confidence. I paddled with my new water wings, watching the other boys and trying to learn by aping them. I did this two or three times on different days and was just beginning to feel at ease in the water when the misadventure happened. I went to the pool when no one else was there. The place was quiet. The water was still, and the tiled bottom was as white and clean as a bathtub. I was worried about going in alone, so I sat on the side of the pool to wait for others.



I had not been there long when in came a big bruiser of a boy, probably eighteen years old. He had thick hair on his chest. He was a beautiful physical specimen; with legs and arms that showed rippling muscles. He yelled, "Hi, Skinny! How'd you like to be ducked?" With that, he picked me up and tossed me into the deep end.

(Deep Water - William Douglas)

Based on your understanding of the passage, answer the questions:

- 17 Find words from the passage having meanings opposite to those given below: 2
(a) noisy (b) liking
- 18 Why was the Y.M.C.A. pool safe for the author? 2
- 19 What happened to the author at the beach in California? 2
- 20 What did the big bruiser of a boy do to the author? 2

SECTION - B (WRITING)

- 21 Write an article (150 - 200 words) for your school magazine on 'Gender Equality'. You are Arvind of class-X. Use the following clues: 6
- Economic Empowerment.
 - Education and Health.
 - Political and Legal Rights
 - Ending Violence
 - Social Norms and Mindset Shift
 - Constitutional Provisions

OR

Write a report to your school magazine on the international youth festival you attended recently. You are Sridevi of class - X.



- 22 You are Manya of 16, Spring Gardens, Kolkata, W.B. Your friend Aarshi 4
has invited you to the feast planned at her newly built house. Since you have
an interview to attend on the same day, regarding your higher studies abroad,
you can not attend the same. Write a letter to Aarshi expressing your inability
to attend the feast. (100 words) .

OR

You are Sunita, D -14, Brindavan Nagar, Agra, U.P. Your cousin has become
an I.A.S. officer and serving as a District Collector in Odisha. Write an e-mail
congratulating him on his outstanding achievement.(100 words)

- 23 Read the telephone conversation given below: 2

Mahendra : Hello! May I know who is speaking?

Female Voice : Good morning sir. We are calling from Global Solutions,
Chennai. Am I speaking to Mr Kailash?

Mahendra : No mam. I am Mahendra his father. Kailash has gone
out.

Female Voice : Sir, we have shortlisted Mr Kailash for the job of
Marketing Analyst and he has to appear for a written test
and an interview at our office April 6, 2026. He has to
bring all his original testimonials with him. He will not
be paid any TA / DA by the company. Kindly inform
him. Thank you sir.

Mahendra : Oh! That's good news mam. Thank you.

Since Mahendra has to catch his flight he writes a message to Kailash. Write
the message.



SECTION - C (GRAMMAR)

- 24 Change the reported speech: . 3×1=3
- (i) "Are you willing to join?" the manager asked him.
(ii) The old man said "I am feeling well".
(iii) The guide said to the tourists, "Kindly maintain silence".
- 25 Fill in the blanks with appropriate prepositions: 2×1=2
- (i) Vinay is good _____ playing guitar.
(ii) The jar fell _____ when he pulled it.
- 26 Complete the following dialogue by filling the blanks with suitable words: 2×1=2
- Guest : Do you have deluxe rooms in this hotel?
Receptionist : Yes sir. We _____ in this hotel.
Guest : I wish to stay for a week. How much _____?
Receptionist: Sir, we charge Rs. 1000 per day.
- 27 Complete the following sentences by filling in the blanks using the correct form of verbs given in brackets: 4×1=4
- (i) I think, you _____ (know / knows) it better.
(ii) Our troops _____ (have been / has been) protecting our borders.
(iii) They were _____ (catch / caught) in a dust storm.
(iv) How _____ (do / does) it happen?
- 28 Complete the sentences given below using proper conjunctions: 4×1=4
- (i) I failed _____ I did not study well.
(ii) History _____ economics are my favourite subjects.
(iii) They will visit us _____ they finish their work.
(iv) You will be punished, _____ you smoke in public.



SECTION - D (LITERATURE)

29 For whom did the weavers make dress everyday? (Indian Weavers) 3

OR

What does the poem 'A Prayer For Healing' ask all of us to do?

30 What was Bismillah Khan's routine while learning *shehnai* under his uncle? 2

31 How did the boy catch the snake? 2
(Snake Bite)

32 What did Gopal want to sell to the tourists to make more money? 2
(The Last Stone Mason)

33 What did the pet parrots learn from the members of their household? 2
(The Parrot Who Wouldn't Talk)

34 Why did Gandhiji and his relative steal money from the servant's pocket money? 2
(Stealing And Atonement)

35 Why did Jijabai want to pray to Bhawani? Were her prayers answered? 2
(The Return of The Lion)

