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as a safe alternative. The world drinks over 150 billion litres of bottled water every year. That is enough to fill 60,000 Olympic-size swimming pools. In the UK people drink 2.1 billion litres or 35 litres per person but Italians drink more bottled water than any other nation— 184 litres per person per year. Bottled water removes billion of litres of underground water while making and transporting the bottles uses huge amounts of energy. Over 2.5 million tonnes of plastic go into the bottles every year and this has to be disposed off. Bottled water may also lack fluoride and other useful minerals found in tap water so may be less healthy than the water in our homes. Bottled or Table water can come from underground springs and wells or taps. It is purified before it is bottled. Natural mineral water and spring water are types of underground water that contain naturally occurring minerals. Sparkling water takes carbon dioxide added to make it fizzy.

honeybee. Many live alone and build their own nests. Wallace's giant bees are the world's largest at up to 4cm long. They were first found in Indonesia in 1858 but were then thought to have become extinct. In 1981 the bees were rediscovered. The smallest bee is the Brazilian *Trigona duckei* at 2-5mm long. Queen bees can lay two or three thousand eggs a day - as many as 2 lakh eggs a year. They may live as long as five years, so can produce a million eggs. Honeybees wings beat 11,400 times a minute. These wing movements make the bees familiar buzz.

1.3 million tonnes of honey are produced worldwide every year. China is the main producer with 2,76,000 tonnes followed by the USA with 82,000 tonnes. (5+5=10)

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow:

In the 19th century contaminated water from taps and pumps spread the killer disease Cholera. Bottled water became popular

(New Course)

Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage make notes and write a summary and give its a suitable title.

Honeybees are the only insects that make food which humans eat. Bees make honey to feed the inhabitants of their hives during winter. The honey they do not eat is harvested by beekeepers. Bees also make beeswax which is used for making candles and furniture polish. One beehive may contain 50,000 worker bees- these are the bees which collect nectar from flowers to make honey. Honeybees visit up to five million flowers to make one kilo of honey. They fly a total distance equal to flying four times round the Earth. There are about 20,000 different types of bee. The best known is probably the honeybee, but not all bees live in colonies like the

Section-B**(Writing Skills and Grammar)**

3. You require the services of a salesman for your stationary shop. Draft an advertisement for the same to be published in the local newspaper (40-50 words).

OR

You are celebrating your grandparents' day next month. Write an invitation to your Uncle and his family for a party at your residence to celebrate with them. (40-50 words).

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4. Feelings of worry and anxiety are common among students these days. Write a letter to your principal asking for the formation of guidance and counselling cell headed by a psychologist to counsel students about the importance of mental well being (120-150 words).

(vii) The word 'Sparkling' in the passage is used as.

(a) A noun

(b) An adjective

(c) An adverb

(viii) What is meant by "Dispose of" ?

(a) Destroy something

(b) Distribute

(ix) Not all bottled water is healthy

(a) True

(b) False

(x) Use the word "Sparkle" in your own sentence. (1×10=10)

Questions :

- (i) What is the synonym of “Contaminated” ?
- (ii) What do you think can be an appropriate title of the passage?
- (iii) Sparkling water has added to make it fizzy
(fill in the blank)
- (iv) Why did bottled water become popular in the Nineteenth Century?
- (v) According to the passage, which country drinks more bottled water than any other nation?
- (vi) What does bottled water lack ?
 - (a) Fluoride
 - (b) Carbon Dioxide.

Seeming boy, with rat's eyes,,The Stunted

Unlucky heir of twisted bones, reciting a

father's gnarled disease. His lesson, from his desk.

Questions:

- (i) Why is the heir mentioned in the poem unlucky?
 - (ii) Name a few expressions used by the poet in the stanza to explain the plight of slum dwellers.
 - (iii) The hair torn around their pallor means?
 - (iv) Name one poetic device used in the stanza. $1 \times 4 = 4$
- (b) Answer any two of the following questions from the poems in your course (40-50 words).

Questions:

- (i) While parting from her mother; why does the poetess have her childhood fear?

OR

Social Media and its impact on Education.

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7. Edit the following passage:

Alice glance rather anxious at the Cook, to saw if she means to take the hint; but the cook is busily stirring the soup, and seemed not to be listening, so she go on again. "Twenty four hours, i think; or is it twelve? I don't no".

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Section-C

(Literature)

8. Read the poetic extract and briefly answer the questions that follow:

(a) Far far from gusty waves these children's faces

Like rootless weeds, the hair torn round their pallor

The tall girl with her weighed down head. the paper

OR

Write a letter to the Regional Transport officer complaining about the nonavailability of checking squad at the thoroughfare of your area resulting in reckless driving of unlicensed minor drivers (120-150 words).

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5. Public Service Commission has advertised for the post of a Mathematics Lecturer. Write your resume with a covering letter (120-150 words).

(4+2=6)

6. Write a newspaper article or a morning assembly speech on any one of the following (200-250 words);

“Multilingualism” in schools to promote understanding between different states and cultures of the country to strengthen unity and integrity of India undertaken by your institution under the slogan “Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat” campaign.

(Old Course)

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Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes and write a summary with a suitable title. 5+5=10

I remember my childhood/ as being generally happy and can recall experiencing some of the most carefree times of my life/ But I can also remember, even more vividly, moments of being deeply frightened. As a child, I was truly, terrified of the dark and getting lost. These fears were very real and caused me some extremely uncomfortable moments. May be it was the strange way things looked and sounded in my familiar room at night that scared me so much. There was never total darkness, but a street light or passing car lights made clothes hung over a chair take on the shape of an

10. Answer any one of the following questions in 150-200 words:

- (i) What kind of people did Charley see at the third level? Did that make the description of the third level realistic?
- (ii) Dr. Sadao did not betray neither the professional loyalty nor the patriotic feelings. How? 6

11. Answer any One of the following questions in 120-150 words:

- (i) There is a feeling of loneliness and alienation in both Derry and Lamb besides being the victims of physical impairment? Discuss.
- (ii) Why does Mr. Lamb leave his gate always open? How does Mr. Lamb react when Derry enters his garden? 5

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(ii) What does the title of the poem “Keeping quiet” Suggest?

(iii) What are the causes of suffering and pain as mentioned by the poet in “A Thing of Beauty”? 3×2=6

9. Answer any three of the following questions in 40-50 words each :

(i) How does taking away language from people help in easily conquering them.

(ii) Mukesh’s attitude to his plight is different from that of his family? How?

(iii) “All we have to/ fear is fear itself” What does the author mean by this statement?

(iv) Why was the stranger given sour expressions when people met him in the chapter “The Rat trap”?

(v) Write about a few qualities of Gandhij’ as a good leader.

(3×3=9)

number of people are increasingly becoming a serious problem for the Internet. Spam is the flooding of the Internet with many copies of the same message, in an attempt to force the message on people who would not otherwise choose to receive it. Spam is basically electronic junk mail or junk newsgroup postings. It is sometimes confused with any unsolicited e-mail. But an old friend may also find your e-mail address on the Net and Send you a message but this could hardly be called spam, even though it is unsolicited. Real spam is generally e-mail advertising for some products send to a mailing list.

In addition to wasting people's time with unwanted e-mail, spam also eats up a lot of network bandwidth. There are many organizations and individuals who have taken it upon themselves to fight spam with a variety of techniques. The problem is that

again to be sure I was in the right bus. On school or family trips to an amusement park or a museum, I wouldn't let the leaders out of my sight. And of course, I was never very adventurous when it came to taking walks or hikes because I would go only where I was sure I would never get lost.

One of the processes of evolving from a child to an adult is being able to recognise and overcome our fears I have learnt that darkness does not have to take on a life of its own, that others can help me when I am lost and that friendliness and sincerity will encourage people to like me. Understanding the things that scared us as children helps to cope with our lives as adults.

2. Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1×10=10)

You would have seen an increased amount of "Junk mail" showing up in your e-mail box. The so-called harmless activities of a small

unknown beast. Out of the corner of my eye, I saw curtains move when there was no breeze. A tiny creak in the floor would sound a hundred times louder than in the daylight and my imagination would take over, creating burglars and monsters. Darkness always made me feel helpless. My heart would pound and I would lie very still so that "The enemy" wouldn't discover me.

Another childhood fear of mine was that I would get lost, especially on the way home from school. Every morning, I got on the school bus right near my home, that was no problem. After School, though, when all the buses were lined up along the curve, I was terrified that I would get on the wrong one and betake to some unfamiliar neighborhood. I would scan the bus for the faces of my friends, make sure that the bus driver was the same one that had been there in the morning and even then ask the others over and over

Questions :

Choose the most appropriate option:

- (i) Email Spam Victimises:
 - (a) Group
 - (b) Individuals
 - (c) Males
 - (d) Females

- (ii) Usenet spam deprives the users of :
 - (a) The utility of the Newsgroups
 - (b) Net facility
 - (c) Actual information
 - (d) Advertising

their systems. E-mail Spam targets individual users with direct mail messages. They typically cost users money out-of-pocket to receive. Most of us read or receive our mail through dial-up accounts while the meter is running, so to speak.

You can ensure your relative safety by creating Internet e-mail accounts like Hotmail and Yahoo which can be easily and frequently changed. Further, these accounts also generally offer the option of blocking senders from whom you get Spam and you can also opt to block e-mail which has been copied to more than 20 people. One can also keep oneself informed about spammers through the Blacklist of Internet Advertisers, a popular report that describes the offending activities of spammers that routinely distribute large mailings via e-mail or post unwelcome advertising on newsgroups.

because the internet is public, there is very little that can be done to prevent spam, just as it is impossible to prevent junk mail.

Most spam is commercial advertising often for dubious products, get-rich-quick schemes, or quasi legal services. It costs the sender very little to send-most of the costs are paid for by the recipient or the carriers rather than by the sender. There are two main types of spam, and they have different effects on internet users.

Cancellable Usenet spam is a single message sent to 20 or more Usenet newsgroups. Usenet spam is aimed at "Lurkers". Usenet spam robs users of the utility of the newsgroups by overwhelming them with a barrage of advertising or other irrelevant posts.

Furthermore, Usenet spam subverts the ability of system administrators and owners to manage the topics they accept on

OR

As a member of Civil Society, you have been invited to speak at back to village function. Draft a reply to the invitation to ask the organisers about the issues/problems you want to highlight. You are Arshu Tabrezi.

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4. Write a letter to the Chief Engineer Power Development Department, highlighting the issue of frequent power cuts in your area. (120-150 words)

OR

You are Hassan/Hareesha, the secretary of your school. Write a letter to a leading Bookseller in Srinagar, requesting him to supply their catalogue. Mention the books that you want for school library, and ask for a discount on the catalogue prices. (120-150 words).

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- (viii) Who describes the offending activities of Spammers?
- (ix) E-mails are mostly read or received through:
- (a) Dial-up-accounts
 - (b) E-mail accounts
 - (c) Yahoo accounts
 - (d) Hotmail accounts
- (x) How can we ensure our relative safety from Spams?

Section-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

3. As a Managing Director of an MNC (Multinational Company), draft a classified advertisement for the vacancy of a sales executive. Mention all the qualification/requirements needed. (50 Words only).

- (iii) The Usenet destroys the ability of:
 - (a) Systems
 - (b) Receivers
 - (c) Dial-up-accounts
 - (d) Administrators
- (iv) Who has to pay most of the costs of spam?
 - (a) Senders
 - (b) Receivers
 - (c) Carriers
 - (d) Users
- (v) What is a Spam
- (vi) Whom does spamming hit – Sender or Receiver?
- (vii) How can one protect oneself against Spam?

Section-C

(Literature)

8. (a) Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×4=4)

Its loveliness increases, it will never

Pass into nothingness; but will keep

A bower quiet for us, and asleep

Full of sweet dreams, and health,

and quiet breathing

Questions:

- (i) Name the poem and the poet?
- (ii) How is a thing of beauty a Joy forever?
- (iii) What do you understand by a 'bower'?
- (iv) What kind of a sleep does it provide?

Write an article highlighting the benefits of morning and evening walks. (200-250 words).

OR

As a school student leader, write a speech about the excessive use of cellphones resulting in "Isolation and adverse effects on Social relations. (200-250 words)

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7. Edit the following passage:

It was raining since morning, and I had no choice but to stay home, suddenly some one knocked on my door. I opened the door and find my old friend Rakesh standing with a smile. He was full drenched. What the hell forced you to come out in such torrential rain I said smilingly, "Just to play cards with you and to share a cup of coffee with snacks," he said while stepping in.

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5. You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper offering selections for the post of Area Manager in Arise Hyundai Company, Srinagar. Write your Job application and resume to the Managing Director, AHC, applying for the advertised Post. (120-150 words).

OR

You see a classified advertisement in the newspaper inviting applications for the post of Casual Broadcasters in DDK, Srinagar. Write your application and resume to the Director, DDK, Srinagar, applying for the advertised post. (120-150 words) 6

6. The sedentary life style has come with different diseases among our family members.

10. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words: (1×6=6)

Which factors helped the fear-stricken peasants of Champaran to achieve freedom?

OR

What was moral rearmament Army? Describe their visit to the Gemini Studios?

11. Answer the following questions in 120-150 words: (1×6=6)

Draw the character sketch of Jack?

OR

What benefits did Derry reap from his associations with Mr. Lamb?

9. Answer any **Five** of the following questions in 30-40 words each: (5×2=10)

- (i) What is the “Misadventure” that William Douglas speaks about?
- (ii) Why was Douglas determined to get over his fear of water?
- (iii) Did the Deddler expect the kind of hospitality that he received from the crofter?
- (iv) Do you think the Poet, Pablo Neruda advocates total inactivity and death? Why/Why not?
- (v) What was the Plea of the Folk who had put up the roadside stand?
- (vi) What did the Maharaja do to find the required number of tigers to kill?
- (vii) What did Dr. Sadao and his wife do with the man?

- (b) All at once the Church-clock struck twelve, then the Angelus. At the same moment the trumpets of the Prussians, returning from drill, sounded under our windows. M. Hamel stood up very pale, in his chair. I never saw him look so tall.

“My friends,” said he, “I – I –” but something choked him. He could not go on.

Then he turned to the blackboard, took a piece of chalk, and bearing on with all his might, he wrote as large as he could – “Vive La France!”.

(1×4=4)

Questions:

- (i) Which country did the soldiers belong to who passed by the window?
- (ii) Why did M. Hamel stand up?
- (iii) This was M. Hamel’s last lesson in the school. How was he feeling?
- (iv) I never saw him look so tall. Who is ‘I’ in this line?

true internationalism. He was an ardent prophet of world brotherhood. He believed that the distinction of colour, caste and creed or any other discrimination is false, unreal and man-made. He worked for closer contact between the East and the West. He believed that the problems of humanity could be solved if creative ideals of life are developed in the minds of the people, both in the East and the West. Our important purpose should be to fulfill the highest mission of the present age....., The unification of mankind and world peace. According to him God revealed Himself through the various forms, colours and rhythms of nature. Hence, he wishes human beings to have close communication with nature and thereby will all people of the world. Each nation has to respect every other nation and her people.

humanity. It anticipates the coming of the World war II. He offers the Indian moral and spiritual values as a way out from the blind road leading to total destruction to which mankind are being led by scientific and technological civilizations. Tagore was a powerful spokesman of the idealism of the East. He explained his views with a wealth of analogy and illustration marked by realistic touches. The example of Afgan hospitality to the English enemies who were bombarding their villages and causing great bloodshed and destruction is superbly fine. Tagore displayed his learning and extensive study of the world literatures. He wrote on simple topics in a simple way.

Tagore stood for adopting or borrowing truth from all quarters. He sought knowledge from everywhere. He had no prejudice against any faith, nation, religion or language. He believed in

(Old I Course)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 100

Section-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the passage given below and answer the questions that follow: 1×10=10

Tagore delivered a lecture in China in the year 1924, a very forceful and lucid exposition of the Indian philosophy of life. It is a fine illustration of what constitutes western or material civilization and was actuated by the sight of wide spread misery due to the modern European philosophy of life. Tagore was deeply perturbed by the d humanising nature of western civilization. He also felt pained by the growing war, machine with the European countries then had been building up to the utter disregard of the future

(c) Adjective

(d) Adverb

(ix) Use the word 'idealism' in a sentence of your own.

(x) How does Tagore explain his views?

Section-B

(Language Skills)

2. Write any five of the following writing tasks: 5×6=30

(i) Write a paragraph on 'Self confidence' (in 80-100 words).

(ii) Draft a resume that will go along with your application for the post of physical teacher recently advertised by SSRB (in 100-120 words).

(v) Our important purpose should be to fulfill the highest mission of the

(a) Past age

(b) Future age

(c) Present age

(d) Both (A) and (B)

(vi) In 'The unification of mankind', 'unification' means

(vii) According to Tagore, God revealed Himself

(Complete the sentence)

(viii) The word 'Sought' has been used in the passage as:

(a) Noun

(b) Verb

Questions:

- (i) Why was Tagore perturbed and pained?
- (ii) What did Tagore stand for?
- (iii) Tagore delivered a lecture in in the year 1924.
 - (a) The U.S.A.
 - (b) Japan
 - (c) China
 - (d) Russia
- (iv) Tagore was a powerful spokesman of the idealism of
 - (a) The West
 - (b) The East
 - (c) The North
 - (d) The South

Sunlight appeared through crack and fell on the scarecrow. Mirganko Babu saw that scarecrow was wearing a printed shirt. He had seen that torn, red black printed shirt before or, at least, it reminded him someone. Who could it be? Mirganko Babu tried very hard, failed remember.

- (ii) Use the verbs given in brackets in the correct forms:

Shahmal (see) that Jaani the Skinny (drip) with sweat and her face was the colour of the sooty side of fun. But she also saw that Jani (pretend) that she was not in the least interested in the outcome of the fight.

clarified. Write a short dialogue in about 100-120 words on what was exchanged between you and the teacher.

(vii) As the Media in-charge of Srinagar Municipal corporation, design a poster to aware the general public regarding complete ban on polythene bags.

(viii) You have recently gone for a walk in the woods in autumn. You enjoyed the scene especially the falling of leaves. Write a diary entry on the walk you took in a paragraph of 100-120 words.

Section-C

(Grammar)

3. (i) Supply two articles, two conjunctions and two prepositions at their respective places in the following passage: (12×1=12)

- (iii) Write a letter to your father and inform him what you intend to do after passing your 12th Class examination. Convince him by giving solid reasons. (120-150 words).
- (iv) You have recently read in a local daily that drug addiction is increasing in the UT of J&K. You were very upset. You decided to write an article to be published in your school magazine on the topic 'Say no to Drugs and Yes to Life'. Write the article in not more than 150-200 words.
- (v) Write an e-mail to your friend congratulating him/her on passing his Engineering/Medical Entrance Examination in not more than 150 words and advise him/her to study very hard and get success with flying colours.
- (vi) You had certain doubts in English class. You met your English teacher in his/her room and you got your doubts

On the lawn, in clusters sat my schoolmates shipping
Sugarcane, they turned and laughed;
Children are funny things, they laugh
In mirth at other's tears I buried
My face in the sun-warmed hedge,
And smelt the flowers and the pain.
The words are muffled now, the laughing
Faces only a blur. The years have sped along, stopping briefly
At beloved halts and moving
Sadly on. My mind has found
An adult peace – No need to remember
That picnic day when I lay hidden
By a hedge, watching the steel-white sun
Standing lonely in the sky.

- (iii) Confess your fault. We will pardon you. (Combine the two sentences using 'If').

Section-D

(Literature)

5. Read the following poem and answer the questions in 20-30 words that follow: (3×2=6)

Punishment in Kindergarten.

Today the world is a little more my own.

No need to remember the pain

A blue-frosted woman caused, throwing

Words at me like pots and pans to drain

That honey coloured day of peace,

'Why don't you join the others, what

A peculiar child you are!'

(iii) Supply appropriate Modals in the blank space:

(a) If you want to reach school in time you
leave home at seven O'clock.

(b) I speak three languages fluently and I
want to learn some more.

(c) The love of mother earth be shown by
tending to her.

4. Do as directed:

3×1=3

(i) The boy is here. He gave me the news. (Combine the two
sentences using 'Who').

(ii) He said to me, "Do you play cricket?". (Report in indirect
speech).

(c) Najab

(d) Kaley Shah

(ii) 'Alpha of the plough' is the pseudonym of
(The Rule of the Road)

9. Attempt two of the following in 20-30 words each: (2×2=4)

i) Why was everyone tense in the room when they saw Christy attempting to write?

(ii) How are writers and composers different from statesmen?

(iii) Why did the sniper consider it risky to smoke?

10. Attempt two of the following in 60-80 words each: 2×4=8

(i) Why is the story titled 'After Twenty years'?

(c) Symbol

(d) Metaphor

(2×1=2)

7. Attempt two of the following in 40-50 words each:

(2×3=6)

(i) What does the “pane of glass” refer to? What is the poetic device used in this description?

(ii) Who questions the sun ? Why?

(iii) Why does the poet invoke the God of May?

(iv) How can you say that ‘Once upon a Time’ is a satire on modern life.

8. (i) The hero of ‘Love Across the Salt Desert’ is:

(1×2=2)

(a) Zaman

(b) Aftab

Questions:

(i) What hurts more physical punishment or harsh words?

Why?

(ii) Explain the phrase 'the world is a little more my own'.

(iii) (a) Quote an example of simile from the poem.

(b) A blue-frosted woman is an example of
imagery.

6. (i) Give two examples of symbols used in the poem "After
Apple Picking".

(ii) To evade attention of the angry school master is an
example of

(a) Simile

(b) Personification

13. Attempt one of the following in 100-120 words:

1×5=5

- (i) Give the character sketch of John Box on the basis of your study "Box and Cox".
- (ii) What is Farce? How can you say that 'Box and Cox' is a farce.

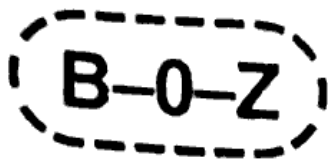
12. Attempt two of the following in 60-80 words each : 2×4=8

- (i) 'After twenty year' like other stories by O' Henry has a surprise ending. Comment.
- (ii) Describe Leh in your own words.
- (iii) How did Christy achieve the impossible?
- (iv) 'It is the little habits of commonplace intercourse that make up the great sum of life and sweeten or make bitter the Journey'. <https://www.jkboseonline.com>
 - (a) What is the journey being referred to here?
 - (b) How can the journey be made sweet?
 - (c) Explain 'Commonplace intercourse'.

- (ii) Abhiram is nothing but the product of Mriganko Babu's imagination. Do you agree with this statement? Why/Why not?
- (iii) What major idea is the writer trying to get across to the readers in the story "The Sniper"? How far has he achieved this?
- (iv) Raman has unusual view about patriotism. What was it?

11. Attempt two of the following in 20-30 words each: 2×2=4

- (i) Why does the writer feel that Leh is different from Antarctica and the Sahara?
- (ii) Why did Shahmal address the window of the neighbouring house in a loud tone?
- (iii) Why had the Department never taken Barnaby seriously?



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ENGLISH

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SECTION-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks) and write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

Many of us believe that 'small' means 'insignificant'. We believe that small actions and choices do not have much impact on our lives. We think that it is only the big things, the big actions and the big decisions that really count. But when we look at the lives of all great

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people, you will see that they built their character through small decisions, small choices and small actions they performed everyday.

They transferred their lives through a step-by-step or day-by-day approach. They nurtured and nourished their good habits and chipped away at their bad habits, one step at a time. It was their day-to-day decisions that added up to make tremendous differences in the long run. Indeed, in matters of personal growth and character building, there is no such thing as an overnight success.

Growth always occurs through a sequential series of stages. There is an organic process to growth. When we look at children growing up, we can see this process at work. The child first learns to crawl, then

to stand and walk and finally to run. Same is true in the natural world. The soil must be tilled, seeds sown, providing water and sunlight to it, and only then it will grow into a plant to bear flowers and fruits at the later stages.

Gandhi well understood this organic process and used the universal law of nature to his benefit and to find himself to be the 'Mahatma'.

In fact there was nothing much in his early life, that showed signs of greatness. But from his mid-twenties, onwards he deliberately and consistently attempted to change himself, reformed himself and grew in some small ways everyday.

People have always marvelled at the effortless ways in which Gandhi could accomplish the most difficult task. He displayed great deal of self-mastery, discipline, in facing all struggles, fears, doubtlets and obstacles. We see the victory only but not the struggle by him.

This is a common factor in the lives of all the great people. They exercised their freedoms and choices in small ways that made great impact on their lives and their environments. Each of their small decisions and actions added up to have a profound impact in the long run. So, when our 'ideal goal' looks far from us; We should not be discouraged and disheartened but we need to grow in small steps, small ways to make it easy and thus finally achieved.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

Parasites have to pay for their readymade victuals by losing the power of assimilating food in its natural form. In the history of man, the same sin of laziness has always entailed degeneracy. Man becomes parasitical, not only when he fattens on other's toil, but also when he becomes rooted to a particular set of outside conditions and allows himself helplessly to drift along the stream of things as they are; for the outside is alien to the inner self, and if the former be made indispensable by sheer habit, man acquires parasitical characteristics; and becomes unable to perform his true function of converting the impossible to possible.

In this sense, all the lower animals are parasites. They are carried along by their environment; they live or die by natural selection; they progress or retrogress as nature may dictate. Their mind has lost the

power of growth. The bees, for millions of years, have been unable to get beyond the pattern of their hive. For that reason, the form of their cell has attained a certain perfection, but their mentality is confined to the age long habits of their hive-life and cannot roar out of its limitations. Nature has developed cautions, timidity in the case of her lower types of life; She keeps them tied to her apron strings and has stunted their minds, lest they should stray into dangerous experiments.

But providence displayed a sudden accession of creative courage when it comes to man; for his inner nature has not been tied down, though outwardly the poor human creature has been left naked, weak and defenceless. In spite of these disabilities man in the joy of his inward freedom has stood up and declared; I shall achieve the impossible. That is to say, he has consistently refused to submit to the rule of the things, as they always have been, but is determined

to bring about happenings that have never been before. So when in the beginning of the history, man's lot was thrown in with monstrous creatures, tusked and taloned, he did not, like the deer, simply take refuge in flight, nor, like the tortoise take refuge in hiding, but set to work with flints to make even more efficient weapons. It was sheer man's will not to fall a prey to the parasitical web but to rise, fight all odds to achieve the best which often seemed impossible to him. He knew his limitations but he knew his inner strength and power, which ever prompted him to accept and face every challenge and risk to unsolve the mystery and obstacles around his goal, step by step and learning through hit and trial, experience and wit and wisdom. It is why now he explores space and then lands on moon and planning to conquer other planets also. So remember, we have to escape from becoming a parasitical being but to rise to achieve and win with our wit and wisdom and hardwork.

Questions :

- (i) When does man acquire a parasitical characteristics ?
- (ii) As per this paragraph, whose cells have attained a certain perfection ?

(A) Man's

(B) Bee's

(C) None of these

(Choose the correct one)

- (i) 'Victuals' means :

(A) Supplies of food

(B) Existing place of parasites

(C) Man's power and strength

(Choose the correct one)

(iv) What quality has helped man to rise to the high level of life in comparison to other animals ?

(v) What advice does the narrator give to escape being a parasitical being ?

(vi) What is synonym of 'Retrogress' ?

(vii) The lower animals are parasites because they are carried along by their environment and live or die by natural selection.

(True/False)

(viii) Which word in Para (1) mean; 'Urgently necessary' ?

(ix) Give the antonym of 'degeneracy'.

~~(x)~~ Give an appropriate title to this passage.

1×10=10

SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

β. As the Principal of a public school, you need the services of a computer teacher on ad hoc basis for teaching the students of class 11th and 12th. Write an advertisement for the same to be published in a local Newspaper. (40-50 words)

Or

Your family is celebrating the success of your elder brother in securing M.B.B.S. seat in a Medical College. Invite your close friends on the occasion at a hotel. (40-50 words)

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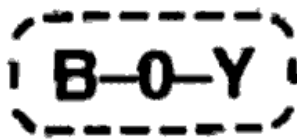
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[Maximum Marks : 80

SECTION-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks) and write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

Tourism has emerged as the world's largest industry. Growing rapidly in the last two decades, today it accounts for 6% of the world output and employs some 100 million people around the globe. Since the end of the Second World War, it has developed revenue and development potential and stands today as a unique renewable source of industry.

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Tourism the travel based recreation provides people with change of place and a break from the monotony of daily life. It brings peoples of different nations together, allowing them to come into close contact with each other's customs and other aspects of life. It reveals the scenic beauty and past heritage of a country to people belonging to other nations. The knowledge and experiences gained in the process can lead to greater understanding and tolerance, and can even foster world-peace.

The contribution of tourism can be nowhere seen clearly than on the economic front. A study conducted by the United Nations has shown that developing countries, in particular, can reap handsome benefits out of tourism which greatly boosts national income. Tourism also generates employment and adds to the entrepreneurial wealth of a nation. While tourism's advantages are many, its undesirable side-effects have raised fresh problems also.

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Tourism can cause social, cultural and environmental disruptions. Of the greatest concern is damaging the environment. In order to attract more tourists, sprawling resorts are built which take neither the local architectural styles nor the ecology into consideration. Natural systems come to be destroyed as a result of indiscriminate construction to provide water and waste disposal facilities and recreational arrangements to tourists. Thus, overuse of environmental wealth disturbs the ecological balance.

Damage is most in wild-life parts which remains the foremost sites of tourists attraction. Tourists vans and the visitor's feet destroy the ground vegetation, thus affecting the feeding habits of the animals and the landscape as well. Over-crowding brings about congestion, leading to environmental and health hazards. The Taj Mahal, one of the seven wonders of the world, has suffered a lot of wear and tear from trampling feet of the tourists.

Some social and cultural effects to tourism have been very damaging. Tourism often ushers in new life-styles; arrangements as desired by the tourists are provided in order to make them feel at home. The emergence of the 'other' culture in various places has caused dissatisfaction among the local people. The local people tend to imitate the foreign styles and values, breaking away from their own traditions. Again to promote safe tourism and to keep it a profitable industry, it is imperative to understand the factors that hamper the growth of tourism. Some factors which damage the tourism prospects are political disturbances, growing national violence, terrorism and international disturbances, etc. In spite of all known or unknown disadvantages of tourism, no nation can afford to put a check on tourism. It is why, India must work hard to reap the benefits from this industry, for the country has everything to attract tourists from far and near.

2. Read the following passage and answer the questions given at the end :

When a brave mountaineer is assailing the Everest, he is as great a hero as a cosmonaut rocketing towards Mars in his capsule, and thousands of men and women in different countries back his progress with their good wishes and share the thrills and anxiety of his hazardous journey to the roof of the world, while the scores of anxious scientists wish him success in the hope of obtaining valuable information on atmospheric conditions in the upper region of the earth. Mountaineering, indeed, is a source of pleasure and a mine of useful knowledge which is constantly enriching the scientific vocabulary of geologists, mineralogists and the glaciologists of the world.

Mountaineering is a perennial source of joy to those who have eyes that can appreciate beauties of nature. Nowhere does nature reveal her charms in greater abundance than as green and flowering mountain tops with transparent streams of water flowing down their slopes or snow-clad hills where sunlight weaves its magic colours into their virginal whiteness. To lovers of mountains, the sound of water falls is like the joyful clapping to merry, primitive dancers. All other objects of nature seem calling the mountaineers to listen to its music and songs.

But, mountaineering is an awfully risky venture also, especially for those who wish to conquer such majestic peaks as Annapurna,

Dhaulagiri and the Everest and who would like to be among the

greatest climbers like Sir Edmund P. Hillary and Tenzing Norgay. Dozens of adventurers belonging to different nations wish to conquer the highest peaks in the world, perished in the immortal shows of the Himalayas. Expeditions after expeditions turned back exhausted, frost bitten and utterly disappointed because the snow storms and blizzards forced them to stop it half way not with an end to it but with a hope of coming again to reap the success. Many are buried in the wilderness, the home of the highest peaks, yet others do not deter from making fresh attempts. It is why now most of the highest peaks have got the flags of victory on them. It is the enthusiasm and the determination of man that every peak, small or big bows before, welcomes the brave souls.

Questions :

- (i) Why does the narrator consider mountaineers as heroes ?
- (ii) Give the antonym of 'appreciable'.
- (iii) In 'primitive dancers', the word 'primitive' is :
- (A) Noun
- (B) Verb
- (C) Adjective
- (D) Adverb
- (iv) Pick out the words in the passage, which mean as :
- (A) A blinding storm of wind and snow
- (B) In great quantity

(v) Mountaineering is an adventure full of :

(A) Fun and joy

(B) Challenges

(C) Risks

(D) All of these

(Choose the correct one)

(vi) To whom a brave mountaineer has been compared to in this passage ?

(vii) What are some of the factors which sometimes call for the half way end to a mountain's expedition ?

(viii) Mountaineering, eventually, is a source of pleasure and a mine of great knowledge. (True/False)

(10)

(ix) Use the word 'virginal' in your own sentence.

(x) Synonym of 'Perennial' is (Fill in the blank)
1×10=10

SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

3. You stand in need of the services of a dance teacher for your younger sister. Draft an advertisement for the same to be published in a local Newspaper. (40-50 words)

Or

Your elder brother is selected for the job of a lecturer in (10 + 2) cadre. Your family is celebrating it through a party in a hotel. Invite your close friends for the occasion. (40-50 words)

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SECTION-A

(READING COMPREHENSION)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks) and write a summary (4 marks) and give it a suitable title (1 mark) :

The advancement in medical science has increased the life span of people. Today, people live longer than they used to. But unfortunately where science has provided man with longer and healthier life span, it has not provided many solutions for the problems of the aged. Undoubtedly, there has been a marked interest in the problems and psychology of aging in the last couple of years, but not much has

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been done to make people in their twilight years feel wanted, secure and happy. They feel lonely, bored and unwanted and as a consequence wither away. Love and sense of purpose in life are two things which help man to carry on under most adverse circumstances. Unfortunately, elderly people are devoid of both in the modern society.

Before the advent of industrialisation, people used to live in joint families and as such, even after retirement felt useful, sought after for advice and relived their childhood playing with their grand children. But as the joint family system broke down, and was replaced by nuclear family system, the old people became almost an unwanted lot. The old value system was replaced by a new one bringing about many social and economic changes in the society. Both husband and wife going work for sharing the burden of providing for family. It increased the communication gap and the young could no longer understand or even had time to understand the old people and began to find them interfering, rigid and a nuisance.

Most people do not plan life after retirement or on getting aged, and in Indian context, old people expect to be looked after by their offsprings, as was evident in olden days. Retirement is a period of great psychological, social, economical and physical change and when not provided the proper support, results into the a feeling of a loss of status, identity and social prestige and may take them to confusion and even depression and life seems boring and empty.

In fact it is the time of great social and psychological adjustment for both the young and the old. If they understand and accept it, the problems are fewer.

The new generation is so involved in their work so as to carve out a comfortable life in these competitive time, where everyone seems to be racing against the time. Neither they find time nor seems interested in it, the old are relegated to the position of a housekeeper and baby sitters. They have to be useful to remain in the house and accept whatever comes their way. It effects their health also and virtually

they start awaiting death. Some keeping waiting for their own to die comfortably.

It is in the light of these unhappy circumstances, some organizations began to actively think in terms of opening 'Homes For the Aged'. These homes started in the Western countries for a long but now they exist almost everywhere and in every country of the world. The concept is only now gaining acceptance for the aged.

Schools, colleges and voluntary organisations can play a vital role in making the young aware of the needs of the old people by taking them to these 'Homes' to understand the expectations and psychology of these lonely at heart people. It is no longer to be denied that aged need care and love and if they get it at home, there shall be no need of such 'Homes For the Aged'. They worked for us, they lived for us, they earned for us and in return they only need our small time, whenever available, to feel comfortable and loved to live the remaining few years with dignity.

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2. Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given at the end :

Superstitions have played a unique role in the human life right from the beginning of the civilisation. Even today we find many people superstitious about different things and do not want to give them up for one or other reason. In fact the ancient man was ignorant about and at a loss to explain various natural phenomena like thunder, lightening and climatic changes. He knew a little about the sun, moon, comets and meteors etc., so he formulated his own theories about these celestial bodies and happenings and so devised methods to protect himself against their adverse effects. However with the advancement in science, man came to know and understand many

heavenly bodies and their characteristics. As a result, the old beliefs should have died down but somehow they continue to have their hold on people even now.

A superstition is a belief, usually born out of fear, which is contrary to reasoning and cannot be proved by experience or logic. For example, a comet was a mysterious phenomenon and was taken to be a sign of imminent plague or war or some big calamity. People also believed that if one looked at the moon for a long time, he would get 'moon struck'. In fact the word 'Lunatic' has been derived from the Latin Word 'Luna' which means 'moon'. The ancient man also failed to understand the behaviour of animals; they built up superstitions about them. A black cat crossing your path was a sign of bad luck. The hooting of an owl at night was a sign of destruction

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or the approaching death and so on. Over the centuries, superstitions about 'luck' and 'unlucky' numbers also developed. For example, 13 is still considered to be unlucky throughout the world even now.

Scandinavian countries believed that thunder and lightening were caused when their God Thor threw his hammer at his enemies.

Sneezing is considered to be bad omen. It is why on sneezing people often say 'God bless you'. It is how there are numberless superstitions prevailing over human beings. It is funny and amazing to know that not only illiterate or less literate people are in the grip of so many superstitions but also well educated fail to shed off the superstitious behaviour.

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However, with the advancement of Science, a good number of superstitions have definitely decreased, as many people take to rational reasoning, but still there are many of them which continue to have their way into human life and shall remain so even if man has reached moon.

Questions :

- (i) How do you define a superstition ?
- (ii) Give the antonym of 'adverse'.
- (iii) Why did ancient people formulate so many superstitious beliefs ?
- (iv) In 'Mysterious phenomenon', the word 'mysterious' is :

(A) Noun

☒ (B) Verb

(C) Adjective

(D) Adverb

- (v) Give the noun form of 'Ignorant'.
- (vi) "The hooting of an owl at night" is taken as a sign of
..... (complete it)
- (vii) With the advancement of science, superstitions have died down
completely. (True/False[✓])
- (viii) Which number is usually taken to be 'unlucky' ?
- (A) 10
- (B) 13
- (C) 51
- (D) 3

(ix) Which word in Para (2) means : almost certain to happen very soon ?

(x) Give a suitable title for the passage. 1×10=10

SECTION-B

(WRITING SKILLS AND GRAMMAR)

3. You need the services of an Electrician for the repair of some damaged wiring and circuit points. Write an advertisement, to be published in a local newspaper, for the same. (40–50 words)

Or

Your parents are celebrating 'Silver Jubilee Wedding Anniversary' at a hotel next week invite your close friends for the occasion. The invitation should mention venue and time. (40–50 words)

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SECTION-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), summarise (4 marks) it and give it a suitable title (1 mark). (10)

There are many legends with regard to the origin, conservativeness and structure of Kashmiri language. It is said that mankind started to dwell in Kashmir six thousand years ago. This needs to be understood to be at the time when after Kashyap Rishi's efforts people started to settle here. At that time the language of the people here was

Sanskrit. In the times of Mahabharata many languages were spread across India. In Kashmir also, the prevalent language Sanskrit was undergoing deformation and the deformed form of Sanskrit was being used. Despite this, in civilized people mostly Sanskrit was the custom. When Sanskrit did not retain its purity, its new form was called prakrit. Many people are of the view that prakrit was already prevalent before sanskrit, however this is a misnomer. The fact is that what literature we have today in prakrit language, it is in distorted Sanskrit. It may be that before Sanskrit some other language might have been in use and probably that could have been called prakrit. Today what is known as prakrit started after Sanskrit. Not before, but after the period of Mahabharata till the period of Buddhists, there was prevalence of prakrit only, however there was no significant literary work in it. When the Buddhists started to preach their religion in this language common

people started to do some literary work in this language. However, even during this period, Kings, Brahmins and other educated people would speak Sanskrit only.

In 3rd Century Bikrami, only Prakrit language was prevalent in Kashmir and gradually it was becoming the language of the educated people and it started to develop rules and regulations. However the lower classes of people started to distort it as well. We can call this language as 'Apabhramsha language'. However the Apabhramsha language of Hindi is different from such language of ours. Here we call Apabhramsha language one which got distorted from Prakrit and Sanskrit and got cast into the common usage of Kashmiris. The expression of this language too was defined by the mood of Kashmiris. In those days, Kashmir was connected to Kabul, Kandahar, Dardistan and Tibet. Quite obviously these languages also influenced the language of this place.

2. Read the following passage and answer any 10 from the given questions: (1×10=10)

Social media has revolutionized the way we communicate and interact. While it offers numerous benefits, its impact on students, particularly adolescents, is a subject of growing concern. While it can be a powerful tool for learning and connecting with others, excessive use can have negative consequences.

One of the primary concerns is the impact of social media on mental health. Constant exposure to carefully curated images and posts can lead to feelings of inadequacy and low self-esteem.

Cyberbullying, a prevalent issue on social platforms, can have devastating effects on victims' mental well-being. Moreover, the addictive nature of social media can disrupt sleep patterns, leading to fatigue and decreased academic performance.

Another significant concern is the impact of social media on academic performance. Excessive use can divert students' attention from their studies, reducing productivity and focus. Additionally, the constant distractions and notifications can hinder their ability to concentrate and retain information.

However, when used judiciously, social media can be a valuable tool for learning. Educational apps and online platforms can enhance learning experiences, providing access to a wealth of information and resources. Students can collaborate with peers, participate in online discussions and engage in virtual learning communities.

To minimise the negative impacts of social media, it is essential to establish healthy habits. Setting limits on screen time, taking regular breaks and engaging in offline activities can help maintain a balance.

Parents and educators play a crucial role in guiding students to use

social media responsibly. By promoting digital literacy and encouraging critical thinking, they can empower youngsters to navigate the digital world safely and effectively.

In conclusion, while social media can be a powerful tool, it is important to use it mindfully. By understanding its potential benefits and drawbacks, students can maximise its positive impacts and minimize its negative consequences.

Questions :

(i) How can social media be used positively by students?

(a) By avoiding online platforms

(b) By excessive use of social media

 (c) By using educational apps and online resources

(d) By ignoring assignments and focusing on social media

~~(ii)~~ Which of the following is one of the negative impacts of social media on students?

(a) Increased self-esteem

~~(b)~~ Cyberbullying

(c) Improved learning

(d) Better sleep patterns

~~(iii)~~ Excessive social media use can disrupt sleep patterns.

(True/False)

~~(iv)~~ Can individuals take steps to minimize the use of social media?

(Yes/No)

~~(v)~~ Suggest any strategy to limit screen time.

- ~~(vi)~~ How can social media affect a student's self-esteem?
- ~~(vii)~~ How can teachers promote digital literacy among students?
- ~~(viii)~~ Can we use social media for learning? (Yes/No)
- ~~(ix)~~ Parents should monitor their wards' social media use. (True/False)
- ~~(x)~~ Find the antonym of 'benefits' from the passage.
- ~~(xi)~~ Use the word 'digital' in your own sentence.

SECTION-B

(Writing Skills and Grammar)

- 3/ You want a gardener for your spacious lawn at home. Write an advertisement (40-50 words) to be published in the classified columns of a local newspaper. (4)

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OR

You received an invitation from your neighbour who are celebrating their daughter's selection in JKAS. Write a message (40-50 words) of refusal to express your inability to attend it due to your mother's illness.

4. Write a letter (120-150 words) to the SP Traffic, Jammu about the inadequate parking facilities in the commercial areas of City Centre, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the people. You may also offer your suggestions to solve this issue. (6)

OR

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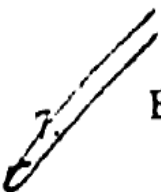
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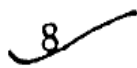
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SECTION-C

(Literature)

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Questions:

(1×4=4)

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SECTION-A

(Reading Comprehension)

1. Read the following passage. Make notes (5 marks), summarise (4 marks) it and give it a suitable title (1 mark) : (10)

Kashmiri language is spoken in the valley of Kashmir and its adjoining areas Kishtwar, Poonch, Gulab Garh, Ramban, etc. nearly in the area one hundred fifty miles long and fifty miles wide. The population speaking and understanding this language is around one crore. There are many legends regarding the formation and substance of this language.

According to one legend, Kashmiri language has originated from Sanskrit, the oldest language of India. Since during the Hindu rule, Kashmir region for thousands of years has remained a religious centre of knowledge, it remained the centre of Sanskrit as well. The region has produced a great many Sanskrit scholars, poets, philosophers, writers, researchers, men of learning and rulers who had developed a script for the Kashmiri language. Books in Kashmiri language used to be written in this very script for a longtime. The knowledge of this script is now confined to few Brahmin families. People from outside Kashmir stayed ignorant about this script. It is said that during the Hindu rule , few rulers gave the status of official language to Sharda script instead of Devanagari script.

According to another legend, Kashmiri language has not evolved from Sanskrit. Its status is that of a different language. It is based on Dardic language and one branch of Shina language, hence some words resemble those of Kashmiri language.

Another legend says that Kashmiri language has evolved from Syriac and Hebrew languages. It is said that in very older times this region was inhabited by Jews. Its language was Hebrew which later on got distorted and was shaped into Kashmiri language. Hence many words of Kashmiri language resemble Hebrew words like Ati (Hebrew) Yeti (Kashmiri). It is said that 2000 years ago, Jews had come from Syria to this place and their language was Hebrew which influenced Kashmiri. It is also said that they found this place quite similar to their country Syria and named it 'Kasheer', meaning "Like Syria". 'Ka' means 'Like' and 'Sheer', 'Syria'.

Many historians say that when Alexander attacked the Punjab, the kingdom of Kashmir broke into many regions and some of these went to the Greeks. Alexander was accompanied by some Jews, some of whom settled in Kashmir. Their language influenced Kashmiri language. Hence many names in Kashmir are suffixed with 'Joo' as a mark of respect which implies Jewish influence.

Q2.

Read the following passage and answer the given questions: (1×10=10)

In today's fast-paced world, characterised by technological advancements and rapid urbanization, social relationships have undergone a significant transformation. The once-strong bonds of kinship and community are gradually weakening, leading to a sense of isolation and loneliness. This deterioration in social relationships has far-reaching implications for individual well-being and societal harmony.

One of the primary factors contributing to this decline is the increasing reliance on technology. While technology has undoubtedly brought many benefits, it has also led to a decrease in face-to-face interactions. People are spending more time on their smartphones and computers, neglecting real world connections. Social media, though intended to

connect people, often fosters superficial relationships and can lead to feelings of inadequacy and envy.

Another factor is the growing emphasis on individualism and self-interest. As societies become more competitive, people are prioritizing their own needs and aspirations over those of others. This can lead to a breakdown in family ties, friendships, and community bonds. The erosion of traditional values and the weakening of social institutions further exacerbate this trend.

The consequences of deteriorating social relationships are manifold. Studies have shown that strong social connections are linked to better mental and physical health. Loneliness and isolation can increase the risk of depression, anxiety and other mental health issues. Moreover, weakened social bonds can lead to a decline in civic engagement and a rise in social problems such as crime and violence.

To address this issue, it is crucial to prioritize human connection. We must make a conscious effort to spend quality time with loved ones, engage in meaningful conversations, and participate in community activities. By fostering strong social relationships, we can create a more compassionate and supportive society.

Questions :

(i)

What is the impact of social media on relationships?

(ii)

How can individuals contribute to improving social relationships?

(iii)

The main idea of the passage is

(a) the impact of urbanization

(b)

the decline of social relationships

(c) the benefits of technology

(d) the rise of global warming

(iv)

What is the impact of social isolation on individuals?

(a) Increased life expectancy

(b) Enhanced creativity

~~(c)~~

Increased risk of mental health issues

(v)

Technology has strengthened social bonds.

(True/False)

(vi)

Can strong social connections improve mental health?

(Yes/No)

(vii)

Social isolation can lead to mental health issues. (True/False)

Q.iii) Which one of the following is mainly responsible for deteriorating social relationships?

- (a) Increased global warming
- (b) Economic prosperity
- (c) Technological advancements
- (d) Improved healthcare

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