

CBSE

Solved Paper 2023

ENGLISH LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Time : 3 Hours

CLASS-X

Max. Marks : 80

General Instructions:

Read the instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

- (i) This question paper comprises 11 questions. All questions are compulsory.
- (ii) The question paper contains **THREE** sections—
Section A – Reading Skills.
Section B – Grammar and Creative Writing Skills.
Section C – Literature.
- (iii) Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part.

Delhi Set-I

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SECTION - A

Reading Skills

1. Read the passage given below:

[20 Marks]

1. Hiking is a great source of pleasure to us besides being beneficial for health. Once we leave the crowded streets of a city and go out for a walking tour away from the mad world, we really feel free. The open air has a bracing effect on the mind. The congestion of the city, the uproar and tumult, the intolerable noise of traffic, the hectic daily routine, all these are forgotten and the mind is at ease. We then feel like running, leaping, singing and laughing. We travel merrily mile after mile in the company of friends and associates.
2. Hiking takes us in the midst of nature. The sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing. A connect is established between us and nature. (Various sounds of nature, like the murmur of a brook or the song of a bird, acquire a new meaning and significance to us.)
3. You enjoy the beauty of nature. Minute observations like a snake casting its slough, a mouse peeping out of its hole, a squirrel leaping about on the branches of a tree, a bird flying past us, all these are noticed and they arouse our interest. We have no business worries, no fear of the examination, no anxiety about the home. We have leisure to stand, to walk and talk. It is more thrilling and pleasurable to hike in a mountainous region than in the plains. The excitement of climbing up to the top of a hill, the adventure of coming down a slope, the grandeur of sunset behind a mountain – All these sights lend a rare charm and interest to our journey.
4. We walk along a zigzag motor road or cut across a mountain path in search of adventure. We may have bright sunny weather or might get caught in a shower of rain. We may look below us into the yawning chasm or up at the mountain peak. The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.
5. Hiking is one of the healthiest sports. It ensures a complete escape from the urgent and busy activities of life and therefore gives solace to our brain. It regains its lost energy and is able to do twice as much work as before.
6. The fresh air, beautiful mountains, majestic trees, chirping sound of birds make one's mind and soul at peace with nature.

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

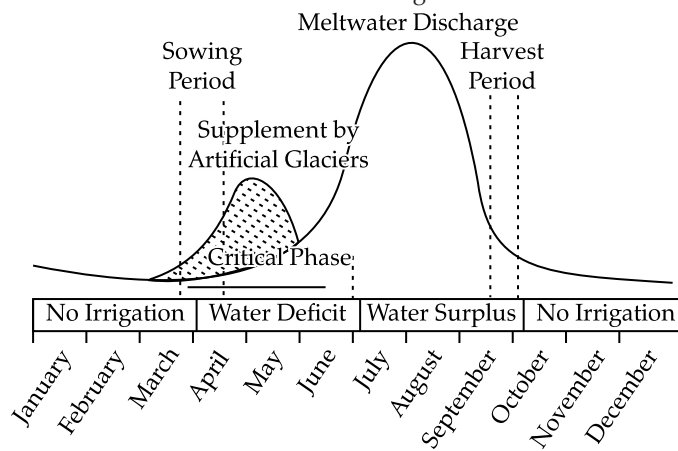
[10×1 = 10]

- (i) To go out for a walking tour is
 - (a) to stroll
 - (b) to ramble
 - (c) to hike
 - (d) to saunter
- (ii) Why does the writer say that the mind is at ease when you hike?
 - (a) because hiking is an inexpensive activity.
 - (b) because it brings families together.
 - (c) because of intolerable noise of traffic.
 - (d) because the depressing daily routine is forgotten.
- (iii) Complete the following with a phrase:
The various sounds of nature acquire

- (iv) Infer one reason for the following based on information in paragraph 2.
A contact is established between us and nature.
- (v) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word from paragraph 2.
aroma : cooking : fragrance :
- (vi) Give one reason why it is a pleasure to hike in the mountains than in the plains.
- because observation is sharpened.
 - because of the excitement of climbing up and adventure of coming down.
 - because it is leisure to stand, to walk
 - because there are no worries.
- (vii) Hiking gives the brain, the rest it needs because
- it is a short time activity.
 - it is one of the healthiest sports.
 - it makes us sleep peacefully.
 - it is an escape from our busy schedule.
- (viii) List any two examples of minute observations you make while on a hike.
- (ix) Supply one point to justify the following:
Hiking gives us a feeling of unlimited joy.
- (x) Substitute the word 'leap with joy' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence form the passage.
The feeling of unlimited freedom makes our hearts leap with joy.

2. Read the extract given below:

- Necessity is indeed the mother of invention. When areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortages, life didn't grind to a halt. Why? Because a retired civil engineer in the Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
- Ladakh, a cold desert at an altitude of 3,000-3,500 meters above sea level, has a low average annual rainfall rate of 50 mm. Glaciers have always been the only source of water. Agriculture is completely dependent on glacier melt, unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India. But over the years, with increasing effects of climate changing, rainfall and snowfall patterns have been changing, resulting in severe shortage and drought situations. Given the extreme winter conditions, the window for farming is usually limited to one harvest season.
- It is located between the natural glacier above and the village below. The one closer to the village and lowest in altitude melts first, providing water during April-May, the crucial sowing season. Further, layers of ice above melt with the increasing temperature, thus ensuring continuous supply to the fields. Therefore, farmers have been able to manage two crops instead of one. It costs about 1,15,000 and above to create a glacier.
- Fondly called the glacier man, he has designed over 15 artificial glaciers in and around Leh since 1987. In recognition of his pioneering effort, he was conferred the Padma Shri by the President of India.
- There are a few basic steps followed while creating an artificial glacier. River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range. At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels. Stone embankments are built at regular intervals which impede the flow of water, making shallow pools which freeze, forming a cascade of ice along the slope. Ice formation continues for 3-4 months resulting in a large accumulation of ice which is referred to as an 'artificial glacier'.



Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions below:

[10×1 = 10]

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.
Areas in and around Leh began to experience water shortage but life didn't grind to a halt.

- (ii) Select from the passage the appropriate option to fill in the blanks:
Agriculture is completely dependent on unlike the rest of river/monsoon-fed India.
- (a) rainfall pattern (b) climate change
(c) glaciers melt (d) extreme winter conditions
- (iii) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phrase from paragraph 3:
icing : cake :: layers :
- (iv) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence:
At the start of winter the diverted water is made to flow
- (a) on sloping hills facing distribution channels. (b) on high altitude
(c) one ice-cold water level. (d) on mountain range.
- (v) From the chart select the months of water surplus.
- (a) January, February. (b) November, December.
(c) July, August, September. (d) March, April.
- (vi) Fill in the blank by selecting from the passage the correct option:
The have been the only source of water in areas in and around Ladakh.
- (a) glaciers (b) rivers
(c) streams (d) water springs
- (vii) The word 'located' in paragraph 3 means:
- (a) found (b) locally found
(c) situated (d) adapted
- (viii) Write any two steps followed while creating the glaciers.
- (ix) List one reason why artificial glaciers seem the best option.
- (x) Select the most suitable title from the following for the passage:
- (a) Water Shortage (b) New Ways to Pool Water
(c) Artificial Glacier (d) River Beds

SECTION - B

[20 Marks]

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions:

[10×1=10]

- (i) **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:**
The mud houses are not the buildings in your city.
- (a) comparable to (b) comparable of
(c) comparable as (d) comparable for
- (ii) **Read the conversation between a policeman and a driver.**
Complete the sentence by reporting the driver's reply correctly.
Policeman: Why did you park your car here?
Don't you see a 'no parking area'?
Driver: Sorry Sir! The engine broke down.
The policeman asked the driver why he had parked the car there and if he didn't see it was a 'no parking area'.
The driver felt sorry and explained
- (iii) **Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence:**
Where were you? You be in the class at the right time.
- (a) shall (b) should
(c) will (d) would
- (iv) **Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:**
More of the fun and excitement in our lives comes from using our imagination.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	More	Most
(b)	Our	The
(c)	From	Of
(d)	Using	Use

- (v) **Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:**
Each of the boys rewarded.
- (a) are being (b) have been

(c) was (d) were

(vi) **Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket:**

Governments are starting programmes (teach) adults how to read and write.

(a) that teaching (b) which taught

(c) to teach (d) were teaching

(vii) **Report the dialogue between Ashish and his interviewer, by completing the sentence:**

Interviewer: Why do you want to be a computer programmer?

Ashish: I have always been interested in computers.

In response to the question of the interviewer about why Ashish wanted to be a computer programmer, he replied

(viii) **Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:**

Latex was a natural polymer found beneath the bark of a mature rubber tree.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(ix) Kabir shared some information with Sahil about his travel plans. Report Kabir's plans.

I will go to Tripura tomorrow.

(x) **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan:**

..... ONLY WEAPON TO FIGHT INJUSTICE IS EDUCATION.

(a) THE (b) A

(c) AN (d) THIS

(xi) **Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between a passerby and a farmer.**

Passerby: Can you tell me the way to Rampur?

Farmer: Drive for four kms and then turn right.

The passerby asked the farmer if he could tell him the way to Rampur. The farmer replied that

(a) he may drive for four kms and then turn right.

(b) he should drive for four kms and then turn right.

(c) he might drive for four kms and then turn right.

(d) he had to drive for four kms and then turn right.

(xii) **Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction. Use the given format for your response.**

Water was vital to human health and fitness.

Error	Correction

4. **Attempt any one from A and B given below:**

(A) Technology today is an effective and convenient means of learning.

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TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

PROS	CONS
– Improves engagement and retention.	– Distracting
– Promotes interactive collaborative learning	– Reduces problem solving skills
– Prepares students for the future	– Reduces direct peer interaction
– Reduces costs	– Expensive to maintain
– Promotes technological skills	– Information may not be authentic
– Provides current information	– Communication

You are Meera/Vaibhav and would like to share your views on the pros and cons of technology in education.

Write a letter to the Editor of a newspaper expressing your views in about 100-120 words.

OR

(B) You are Aruna/Arjun C.C.A. in charge of St. Joseph's High School, Pune Cantt. You have read an advertisement by the National Tourist Corporation, offering excellent prices for group tours.

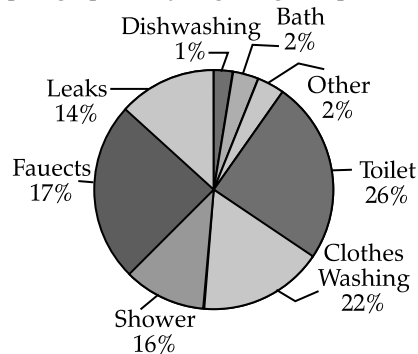
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Write a letter to enquire about the following:

- Duration of tour
- Sight seeing itinerary
- Cost of package discount
- Mode of transport
- Destinations being offered

5. Attempt any one from A and B given below:

- (A) The given pie-chart shows how water is consumed in households in a metropolitan city in India. Study the information carefully and write a paragraph analysing the given pie-chart data. 5



OR

5. (B) The chart below gives the percentage of social media users by age in India in 2020. Write a paragraph analysing the given information in 100-120 words. 5

Internet Activities by Age Group

Activity %	Age Group						
	Teens	20s	30s	40s	50s	60s	70+
Get News	76	73	76	75	71	74	70
Online games	81	54	37	29	25	25	32
Downloads	52	46	27	15	13	8	6
Product research	0	79	80	83	79	74	70
Buying a product	43	68	69	68	67	65	41
Searching for people	5	31	23	23	24	29	27

SECTION - C

[40 Marks]

Literature

6. (A) Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow: [5×1=5]

Inside the clouds, everything was suddenly black. It was impossible to see anything outside the aeroplane. The old aeroplane jumped and twisted in the air. I looked at the compass. I couldn't believe my eyes. The compass was turning round and round and round. It was dead. It would not work. The other instruments were suddenly dead, too. I tried the radio. "Paris Control? Paris Control? Can you hear me?" There was no answer. The radio was dead too. I had no radio, no compass, and I could not see where I was. I was lost in the storm.

- (i) As soon as the pilot was inside the cloud
- (a) his ears got blocked. (b) he was choked with fear.
- (c) his vision was obstructed. (d) he was jumping up and down.
- (ii) The devices in the aeroplane were
- (a) malfunctioning. (b) broken completely.

- (c) giving wrong readings. (d) stopped responding completely.
- (iii) The Paris air control did not reply to the pilot's call because
- (iv) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'twisted' as used in the extract.
- (a) Ragini twisted Raghav's wrist.
 (b) Ragini twisted the story to suit the occasion.
 (c) Ragini did not appreciate Raghav's twisted bent of mind.
 (d) Ragini matched the swimmer as he twisted twice in the air before diving into the water.
- (v) Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only:
 The narrator's comes through clearly when he sees the compass turning round and round.

OR

- (B) Read the extract given below and attempt the questions that follow: [5×1=5]

Lomov: But you can see from the documents, honoured Natalya Stepanovna. Oxen Meadows, it's true were once the subject of dispute, but now everybody knows they are mine. There's nothing to argue about. You see my aunt's grandmother gave the free use of these Meadows in perpetuity to the peasants of your father's grandfather, in return for which they were to make bricks for her. The peasants belonging to your father's grandfather had the free use of Meadows for forty years, and had got into the habit of regarding them as their own, when it happened that

Natalya: No, it isn't at all like that! Both grandfather and great grandfather reckoned that their land extended to Burnt Marsh-which means Oxen Meadows were ours. I don't see what there is to argue about, it's simply silly.

- (i) The subject of dispute was regarding
- (a) free use of Meadows. (b) making of bricks.
 (c) peasants using Meadows. (d) ownership of Meadows.
- (ii) Find the word from the extract which means 'continuance'.
- (a) dispute (b) perpetuity
 (c) belonging (d) reckoned
- (iii) Lomov's aunt's grandmother gave Oxen Meadows to Natalya's father's grandfather in lieu of
- (iv) According to Natalya why did Oxen Meadows belong to them?
- (v) Fill in the blank with ONE WORD only:
 The peasants had free use of Meadows for years.
7. (A) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [5×1=5]
- Don't eat that chocolate Amanda!
 Remember your acne, Amanda!
 Will you please look at me when I'm speaking to you Amanda!
 (I am Rapunzel, I have not a care; life in tower is tranquil and rare, I'll certainly never let down my bright hair)
- (i) The Speaker's tone is
- (a) loving (b) hopeful
 (c) instructive (d) indifferent
- (ii) Complete the analogy with a word form the extract:
 rare : uncommon :: peace :
- (iii) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 Amanda did not want anyone to invade her privacy and silence.
- (iv) Select the appropriate option:
 Amanda's mother is continuously Amanda.
- (a) encouraging (b) reprimanding
 (c) motivating (d) disappointing
- (v) Which word in the extract is opposite in meaning to the word 'dull'?
- (a) dreary (b) shady
 (c) bright (d) angry

OR

- (B) Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow: [5×1=5]

He stalks in his vivid stripes
 The few steps of his cage,
 On pads of velvet quiet,
 In his quiet rage.
 He should be lurking in shadow,
 Sliding through long grass
 Near the water hole
 Where plump deer pass.

- (i) 'Quiet rage' refers to the tigers
 (a) helplessness (b) he has not been able to hurt
 (c) his prey has not come to the water hole (d) he is not free
- (ii) He is lurking in shadows because
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately:
 It is clear that metaphor is the poetic device used for 'pads of velvet' because (clue-explain how metaphor applies here).
- (iv) Find a word from the extract which means-to walk with measured, stiff or haughty strides:
 (a) steps (b) lurking
 (c) pads (c) stalk
- (v) State whether the following statement is TRUE or FALSE:
 The tiger is stealthily waiting for the deer to come to the water hole.

8. Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each: [4×3=12]

- (a) Why did the night after the rains turn sorrowful for Lencho? (A letter To God)
 (b) Describe the young seagull's first flight. (Two Stories About Flying)
 (c) Who are paders and why are they friends of children? (Glimpses of India)
 (d) How did Valli gather the details of the bus journey? (Madam Rides The Bus)
 (e) Describe how Custard the dragon fights with the Pirate. (The Tale of Custard the Dragon)

9. Answer ANY TWO of the following in about 40-50 words each: [2×3=6]

- (a) How did Mrs. Pumphrey treat Tricky? (The Triumph of Surgery)
 (b) How did Ausable get rid of Max without using a weapon? (The Midnight Visitor)
 (c) Why did Richard Ebright raise a flock of butterflies? (Making Of A Scientist)

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words:

- (a) 'As ripe fruits are in danger of falling early, so mortals when born are always in danger of death'. With this statement of the Buddha, find out the moral values that Kisa Gotami learnt after the death of her child. 6
 OR
 (b) 'No one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background or his religion'. Do you agree? Elaborate on the basis of the chapter "Nelson Mandela-Long walk to freedom". 6

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words:

- (a) Contentment in one's life is very important to lead a peaceful life. We should be happy with what we have and should not crave for what we don't have. Matilda suffered in life because she was not content in her life. Her desired led to her disaster. What do you learn from her mistake in life? 6
 OR
 (b) Trust and compassion can reform a person. Justify this statement in the light of the lesson 'The Thief's Story'. 6

Delhi Set-II

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Note: Except these all other Questions are from Delhi Set-I

SECTION - B

[20 Marks]

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions: [10×1=10]

- (i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete a school advisory.
 Parents must their children's leisure activities.
 (a) look at (b) look into
 (c) look away (d) look up

- (ii) Read the conversation between the Chief Guest and the student. Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Chief guest: Who inspired you to learn classical dance.

Student: I was inspired by my grandmother who was a renowned dancer.

The Chief Guest asked the student who had inspired the student to learn classical dance. The student replied

- (iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line on a Save The Environment poster:

Keep the environment clean. Do not litter.

You follow rules.

- (a) should (b) may
(c) must (d) will

- (iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

The sounds of laughter was echoing in the corridor.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	sounds	sound
(b)	laughter	laughing
(c)	was	were
(d)	in	of

- (v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

In times of trouble you can always your parents for help.

- (a) turn in (b) turn to
(c) turn on (d) turn away

- (vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket:

The students, with the help of their teacher (create) a beautiful poster.

- (vii) Report the dialogue between the receptionist and the customer by completing the sentence:

Receptionist: When would you like to check into the hotel?

Customer: I will send you an email and give the details.

In response to the question regarding when he would like to move in, the customer replied

- (viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The children were exciting when they saw the leopard.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- (ix) Samiksha shared some information with Sameer regarding the annual blood donation camp. Report Sameer's question:

How did you feel when you were donating blood?

- (x) The doctor examined the patient when the family arrived.

- (a) was (b) had
(c) had (d) have

4. Attempt any one from A and B given below:

- (A) Stakeholders associated with education of children are concerned about the poor reading habits of students today. There are multiple reasons for this disinterest in students. Academic pressure, technology and distraction, social media, parents don't read, children don't visit libraries, lack of leisure time are some of the reasons.

As a concerned parent write a letter to the editor in about 100-120 words, expressing your concern. Suggest innovative ways in which children can be brought back to books. You are Sahil/Sushila.

OR

- (B) You are Aruna/Arjun C.C.A. incharge of St. Joseph's High School, Pune Cantt. You have read an advertisement in a newspaper regarding admission into a foreign languages institute.

Write a letter in about 100-120 words to the Director of the institute 'Lingua for All' making relevant inquires:

- (a) Eligibility
(b) Duration of Course
(c) Time Schedule
(d) Fee Structure

(ix) Raziya shared some information with Shahid about a tree plantation drive. Report Shahid's question. Did you participate in the tree plantation drive?

(x) **Fill in the blank with the correct option:**

Since he woke up he

- (a) has been study (b) has been studying
(c) had studied (d) is studying

4. **Attempt any one from A and B given below:**

(A) Today the ratio of car to house member is one is to one. This has led to parking issues in colonies. Cars are parked on the road which narrows road space leading to congestion.

You have read about incidents of short-tempered brawls and physical violence in colonies because of lack of parking space.

Write a letter to the editor of 'Times of India' in about 100-120 words, drawing attention to this problem and what measures can be taken to resolve the problem. You are Sharan/Sunita from Maya Nagar.

OR

(B) You are Rita/Rahul, you purchased a T.V. set from Capital Electronics. However after a month the T.V. set stopped working properly. The volume could not be adjusted and the screen kept going dark.

Write a letter of complaint to the Manager of the store asking them to send a technician and if required replace the T.V. set since it was within warranty period.

5. **Attempt any one from A and B given below:**

(A) The reintroduction of cheetah in India has excited the people because it is a step forward in the strategy to conserve threatened species and restore ecosystem functions.

Reasons for extinction:

- hunting, poaching, illegal trade
- diminishing habitat due to deforestation
- Climate change
- increase in human population

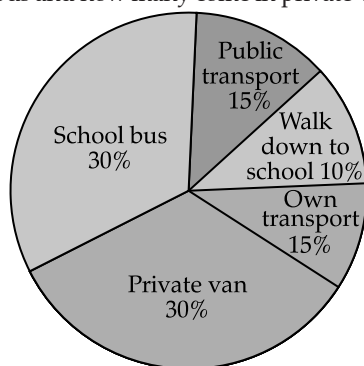
Strategies to conserve wild life

- mapping water bodies
- conserving suitable habitat
- government support-strict laws

Based on the above information write a paragraph in about 100-120 words analysing the status of threatened species in India.

OR

(B) A survey was conducted by your school on how many children walk down to school, how many use their own transport, how many use the school bus and how many come in private vans. The findings are given below.



Based on the pie-chart given above write a paragraph analysing the information of 'Preference of Private vans to school buses'. Think of reasons for this preference by some parents is it more convenient and safer. (100-120 words)

SECTION - C

LITERATURE

8. **Answer ANY FOUR of the following in about 40-50 words each:**

- (d) Why did Valli spend her time all alone and what became her favourite pastime? (Madam Rides The Bus)
(e) Describe the pirate who comes through the window. (The tale of Custard the Dragon)

SECTION - A

Reading Skills

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

1. Mankind's fascination with gold is as old as civilization itself. The ancient Egyptians held gold in high esteem. Gold had religious significance for them, and King Tutankhamen was buried in a solid gold coffin 3300 years ago. The wandering Israelites worshipped a golden calf, and the legendary King Midas asked that whatever he touched be turned into gold.
2. Not only is gold beautiful, but it is virtually indestructible. It will not rust or corrode. Gold coins and products fabricated from the metal have survived undamaged for centuries. Gold is extremely easy to work with. One ounce, which is about the size of a cube of sugar, can be beaten into a sheet nearly 100 square feet in size, and becomes so thin that light can pass through it. An ounce of gold can also be stretched into a wire 50 miles long. Gold conducts electricity better than any other substance except copper and silver, and it is particularly important in modern electronic industry.
3. People have always longed to possess gold. Unfortunately, this longing has also brought out the worst in human character. The Spanish conquerors robbed palaces, temples and graves and killed thousands of people in their ruthless search for gold. Even today, the economy of South Africa's gold mines depend largely on the employment of black labourers who are paid about 40 pounds a month plus boarding and lodging. They work in conditions that can only be described as cruel. About 400 miners die in South Africa each year.
4. Much of the gold's value lies in its scarcity. Only about 80,000 tons have been mined in the history of the world. All of it can be stored in a vault 60 feet square, or a super tanker. Great Britain was the first country to adopt the gold standard, when the Master of the Mint, Sir Issac Newton, established a fixed price of gold in 1717. The discovery of gold in the last half of the nineteenth century in California, (1848) and later in Australia and South Africa changed everything. Before the discovery there wasn't enough gold around for all the trading nations to link their currencies to the precious metal.
5. An out-of-work prospector named George Harrison launched South Africa into the gold age in 1886 when he discovered the metal in a farm near what is now Johannesburg. Harrison was given a 12 pounds reward by the farmer. He then disappeared and was eaten by a lion.
6. One of the biggest gold mining areas in the Soviet Union is the Kolyma River region, once infamous for its prison camp. The camp has gone, but in a way nothing has changed. Many ex-prisoners have stayed on to work in the mines and are supervised by ex-guards.
7. Despite the current rush to buy gold, 75 percent of the metal goes into making jewellery. Italy is the biggest consumer of gold for this purpose, and many Italian jewellers **even tear up their** wooden floors and burn them to recover the tiny flecks of gold. Historically, the desire to hoard gold at home has been primarily an occupation of the working and peasant classes, who have had no faith in paper money. George Bernard Shaw defended their instincts eloquently, "You have to choose between trusting the natural stability of the honesty and intelligence of the members of the government," he said "and with due respect to these gentlemen, I advise to vote for gold."

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

- (i) When was King Tutankhamen buried?

(a) 1717	(b) 1886
(c) 3300 years ago	(d) 1848
- (ii) Why did Egyptians hold gold in great esteem?

(a) because it is a good conductor of electricity.	(b) because of its religious significance.
(c) for lovely gold ornaments.	(d) because it is indestructible.
- (iii) According to the passage, which of the following statements is NOT true?

(a) Gold is the best conductor of electricity.	(b) Apart from gold, copper and silver are good conductors of electricity.
(c) Gold can be easily beaten, hence it is easy to work with.	(d) Gold plays an important role in the modern electronics industry.
- (iv) Select the option that displays what the writer projects with reference to the following.
The wandering Israelites worshipped a golden calf

(a) importance of religion	(b) importance of the metal
(c) good conductor	(d) can replace money

- (v) How were the black labourers exploited?
 (vi) Complete the following with the phrase from paragraph 1:

Opinion	Reason
	King Tutankhamen was buried in a solid gold coffin 3300 years ago.

- (vii) Based on your reading of the text, list 2 reasons why the writer says that.
 Not only is gold beautiful but it is virtually indestructible.

.....

- (viii) Who launched South Africa into the gold age?

- (a) Issac Newton (b) George Harrison
 (c) George Bernard Shaw (d) A farmer

- (ix) Select the option that corresponds to the following:

The ancient Egyptians and the modern electronic industry both hold gold in high esteem.

- (a) The hardworking student came first because of his diligent practice.
 (b) Monesty is underrated whereas strategy is appreciated.
 (c) The vibrant colours made the interiors look luminous.
 (d) The steaming food was both appetizing and tasty.

- (x) Supply one point to justify the following:

The desire to hoard gold at home has been primarily an occupation of the working and peasant classes.

2. Read the passage given below:

- Starting Monday, the country's low-cost Mars mission with the red planet for an extended **period will enter the "blackout" phase** snapping communication with the satellite. From June 8 to 22 the Sun will block Mars from the Earth snapping communication with the satellite.
- A senior Indian Space Research Organisation official said, "That will be for the first time that there will be a communication break for such a long period of about 15 days. During this period there will be no communication with the satellite", he added.
- Expressing confidence about regaining control over the satellite once the blackout phase is over, he said, "the scenario had been seated and the line of communication will be established." The spacecraft's life has been extended for another six months in March due to surplus fuel.
- Stating that the spacecraft has been "configured" for the blackout, the ISRO official said, "we are not sending any commands to the spacecraft now, till 8th June few hours of signals will be sent by the spacecraft that will be for about two to there hours per day". In May next year, the mission will have to go through a similar phase once again, if there is another extension of mission life when the Earth will come between the Sun and Mars.
- Scripting space history, India on September 24 last successfully placed its low-cost Mars spacecraft in orbit around the red planet in its very first attempt, breaking into an elite club of three countries.

Based on your understanding of the extract, answer the questions below:

[10×1 = 10]

- (i) Infer one reason for the following, based on information in paragraph 1.
 The 'blackout' phase is significant
- (ii) Choose the appropriate option to fill in the blank.
 From paragraph 1 & 2, we can infer that there will be
- no communication with the people.
 - blackout phase.
 - satellite will get no communication.
 - moon will block the earth.
 - the communication break will be for 15 days.
- (a) 1, 2 & 3 (b) 1, 3 & 4
 (c) 2, 3 & 5 (d) 3, 4 & 5
- (iii) The communication with the satellite will break for approximately days.
- (a) 10 (b) 15
 (c) 20 (d) 25
- (iv) Complete the following analogy correctly with a word/phase from paragraph 2:
 aroma : cooking : space research
 (Clue - just like aroma is integral to cooking, similarly is/are integral to Space Research.)

- (v) According to ISRO official till 8th July, when some will block Mars signal/signals per day will be sent to the spacecraft.
- (a) no (b) considerable
(c) indefinite (d) only for few
- (vi) Select the correct option to complete the following sentence.
The ISRO officials are about their control over the spacecraft after the blackout phase.
- (a) doubtful (b) apprehensive
(c) confident (d) jittery
- (vii) The spacecraft's life was extended by six months because of
- (a) extra fuel
(b) incomplete work
(c) lack of communication amongst ISRO officials
(d) technical problems in its landing
- (viii) Read the following sentence:
(A) The blackout was a sudden development.
(B) Because of this, the officials are very nervous about the success of the spacecraft.
- (a) Both (a) & (b) are true. (b) Both (a) & (b) are false.
(c) (a) is true and (b) is false. (d) (a) is false and (b) is true.
- (ix) Substitute the word 'nonpareil' with one word similar in meaning in the following sentence from paragraph 5.
India managed to get into the nonpareil club of Mars spacecraft in orbit.
- (x) The word 'fascination' in the opening sentence means the same as:
- (a) enchantment (b) boredom
(c) disinterest (d) ugliness

SECTION - B

[20 Marks]

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions:

[10×1=10]

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

You should your mother for your rude behaviour.

- (a) apologies for (b) apologise at
(c) apologise with (d) apologise to

(ii) Read the conversation between a customer and a waiter.

Complete the sentence by reporting the waiter's reply correctly.

Customer: Waiter, come here. The plate is dirty.

Waiter: I'll change it sir.

The customer asked the waiter to come there. He pointed out that the plate was dirty. The waiter politely offered

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given sentence:

..... you help me cross the road, young man?

- (a) Will (b) May
(c) Shall (d) Might

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following sentence:

Twenty years ago, kids at school had never even heard of the internet.

Option	Error	Correction
(a)	years	year
(b)	at	in
(c)	had	have
(d)	the	an

- (v) **Complete the given narrative, by filling in the blank with the correct option:**
NO NEWS GOOD NEWS.
- (a) HAS (b) HAD
(c) IS (d) ARE
- (vi) **Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket:**
When a satellite (launch) the rocket begins by going slowly upwards.
- (a) is launched (b) are launched
(c) have been launched (d) were launched
- (vii) **Report the dialogue between two friends Seema and Anu by completing the sentence:**
Seema: What brings you here?
Anu: I am going to Dr. Sen's house.
In response to the question about what brought Anu there Anu says
- (viii) **Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:**
Behind every success film there is a lengthy creative process.
Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

- (ix) Ritu met Anita and saw her crying.
Report Ritu's question.
Ritu: "Anita, what is the matter?"
- (x) **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the slogan.**
..... EDUCATED MIND CAN TEACH MANY.
- (a) THE (b) A
(c) AN (d) THIS
- (xi) **Select the correct option to complete the narration of a dialogue between Raj and his wife.**
Raj: I have invited my friends for dinner.
Wife: I'll invite my friends too.
Raj told his wife that he had invited his friends for dinner. The wife added that
- (a) she will invite her friends too (b) she would invite her friends too
(c) she can invite her friends too (d) she could invite her friends too
- (xii) **Identify the error in the statement given below and supply the correction.**
Use the given format for your response.

Error	Correction

The evil of begging is very common into our country.

4. (A) You are Rohit/Rohini of A-45, Pitampura, Delhi. You observed that the subways in Delhi are seldom used by pedestrians who are always trying to cut across traffic. You have decided to write a letter to the editor of 'Hindustan Times' highlighting the dire need of creating awareness about it. Based on the points given along with your own ideas write a letter in 100-120 words.

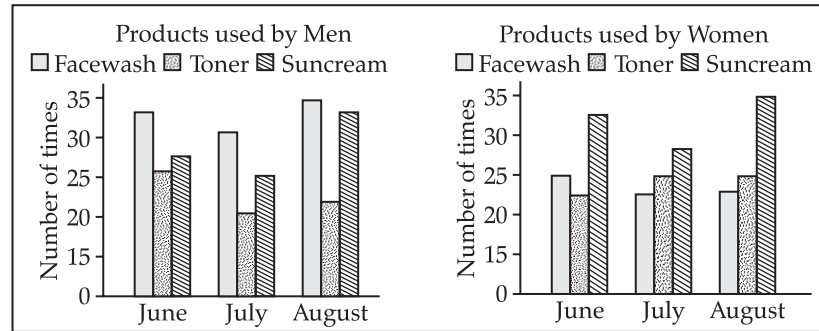
TECHNOLOGY IN EDUCATION

- infrastructure unutilized
- pedestrians prone to accidents
- accumulation of stagnant water/garbage in subways
- need for improvement and regular cleanliness under proper supervision.

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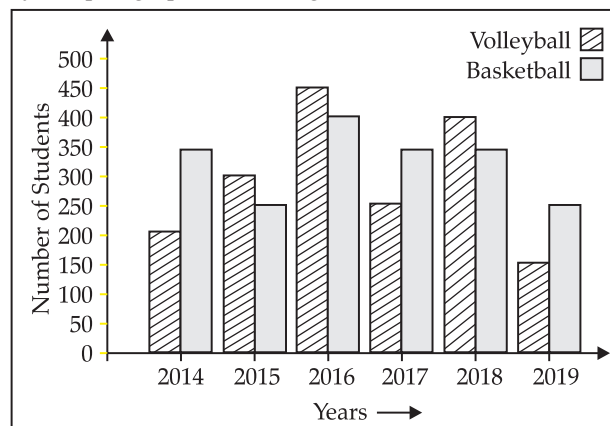
- (B) You are Shivam/Shivani of C-12, Janakpuri, Indore. You wish to make a pilgrimage to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Haridwar with your family of six. Write a letter to R.K. Travels, enquiring about the schedule of their conducted tour by Deluxe buses to these places. Ask about the charges, boarding and lodging arrangements and the total time needed for the tour. (Word limit 100-120 words)

5. (A) The given bar graph shows the increasing use of skin care products by men and women over the period of three months. Write an analytical paragraph elaborating the given information in about 100 words:



OR

5. (B) The given bar graph shows the preferences of children in a school in playing different games over the span of six years. Write an analytical paragraph about the given information in about 100 words:



SECTION - C

Literature

6. (A) Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

I started right away at the Montessori nursery school. I stayed there I was six, at which time I started in the first form. In the sixth form my teacher was Mrs. Kuperus, the headmistress. At the end of the year we were both in tears as we said a heartbreaking farewell. In the summer of 1941 Grandma fell ill and had to have an operations so my birthday passed with little celebration.

- (i) The narrator 'I' refers to
- (a) Mr. Keesing (b) Mrs. Kuperus
(c) Anne Frank (d) Miss Margot
- (ii) The phrase 'right away' in this extract most nearly means
- (a) with delay (b) the correct way
(c) Immediately (d) overtaking from right
- (iii) What does the narrator mean by saying 'we were both in tears'?
- (iv) Complete the analogy by selecting a word from the text:
dawn : dusk :: mourning :
- (v) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'form' as used in the extract.
- (a) Raghav was in good form while playing the match.
(b) Saheb was promoted to the next form after the annual exam.
(c) My brother did not know how to form a circle.
(d) Anne saw the form on the headmaster's desk.

OR

- (B) The two boys started in surprise at the fresh muddy imprints of a pair of bare feet. What was a barefooted man doing on the steps of a house in the middle of London? And where was the man?
As they gazed, a remarking sight met, their eyes. A fresh footmark appeared from nowhere. Further footprints followed, one after another, descending the steps and progressing down the street. The boys followed, fascinated until the muddy impressions became fainter and fainter and at last disappeared altogether.
- (i) The boys were surprised to see a barefooted man in London because
- (a) everybody in London moved around in shoes.
(b) it was very cold in London to move around barefoot.
(c) the muddy footprints were fresh.
(d) only a homeless person would walk barefoot.
- (ii) Select the option that correctly captures the usage of the word 'started' in the above extract.
- (a) When I reached the theatre the movie had already started.
(b) The fire started from the kitchen.
(c) On hearing the bell ring, the sleeping Raman started and jumped out of bed.
(d) Taking a deep breath, Ravi started down the stairs.
- (iii) The boys reaction can best be described as
- (a) captivated, bored (b) repulsed, absorbed
(c) curious, unhappy (d) captivated, interested
- (iv) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the text:
Disappeared : Vanished :: Extraordinary :
- (v) According to the extract the boys were when they saw the footmark.
1. terrified 2. nervous
3. delighted 4. curious
5. puzzled
- Select the correct option:
- (a) 1, 2, 4 (b) Only 1
(c) 4 and 5 (d) 2 and 3
7. (A) **Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow by choosing the most appropriate option:**
- If strolling forth, a beast you view,
Whose hide with spots is peppered,
As soon as he has leapt on you,
You'll know it's the leopard.
'Twill do no good to roar with pain,
He'll only lep and lep again.
- (i) One can find out that it is a leopard by the way it
- (a) leaps (b) eats
(c) looks (d) roars
- (ii) State whether the following statements is true or false:
When an animal repeatedly leaps at a person, it is a leopard.
- (iii) Complete the sentence appropriately:
It is clear that repetition is a poetic device used for 'lep and lep again' because
(Clue : explain how repetition is applied here.)
- (iv) The Royal Bengal Tiger has black stripes on yellow skin whereas a leopard has
- (v) Complete the analogy with a word from the extract:
claws : nails :: ? : skin

OR

- (B) He stalks in his vivid stripes
The few steps of his cage,

On pads of velvet quiet,
 In his quiet rage.
 He should be lurking in shadow,
 Sliding through long grass
 Near the water hole
 Where plump deer pass.

- (i) 'He' is in a rage because he is
 (a) hungry (b) tied
 (c) thirsty (d) in a cage
- (ii) He is lurking in the shadows because
- (iii) The above lines express the tiger's
 (a) resignation (b) fear
 (c) anger (d) acceptance
- (iv) Complete the sentence appropriately:
 It is clear that metaphor is the poetic devices used for pads of velvet-because (Clue : explain how metaphor is applied here.)
- (v) The contrast in the above extract is between life in the forest and life in the
 (a) circus (b) national park
 (c) cave (d) sun

8. Read the following question and answer any four of the five questions given below:

- (a) What did Kisa Gotami do after the death of her only son?
 (b) What are the raindrops compared to and why?
 (c) How is the Goan baker still an important part of the life of a Goan village?
 (d) How did Chubukov react when Lomov asked for the hand of his daughter in marriage?
 (e) Why does Amanda wish to be a mermaid?

9. Read the following questions and answer any two of the three questions that follow:

- (a) Why did Hari Singh smile in his most appealing way towards the end of the story?
 (b) What excuses did Mrs. Pumphrey make about Mr. Herriot's advice?
 (c) What lesson did Ebright learn when he did not win anything at a science fair?

10. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words:

- (a) Motivation plays an important role in taking risks in life and in succeeding. Do you agree? Discuss with reference to the pilot of the old Dakota and the young seagull.
 (b) Valli was an extra-ordinary girl who had self confidence and courage to realise her ambition by planning and drawing on her spirit of adventure. Discuss in reference to the chapter 'Madam Rides the Bus'.

11. Answer ANY ONE of the following in about 100-120 words:

- (a) Destiny had been cruel to Bholi yet she made a place for herself in a conservative society Discuss.
 (b) Matilda was very proud of her beauty and charm and this led to her downfall. Elaborate.

Outside Delhi Set-II

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Note : Except these all other Questions are from Delhi Set-I

SECTION - A

Reading Skills

2. Read the passage given:

For Passage, refer Outside Delhi, Set-I, Q1, given on Page 10

- (x) The word 'scarcity' in the passage means the opposite of
 (a) excess (b) plenty
 (c) inadequacy (d) surplus

SECTION - B**Grammar and Creative Writing Skills**

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions:

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

After many months of research, the scientists the invisible barrier.

- (a) break down (b) broke out
(c) broke in (d) broke through

(ii) Read the conversation between a teacher and a student.

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Teacher: Would you like to take part in a debate competition?

Student: Yes, When is the competition?

The teacher asked whether the student would like to participate in a debate competition to which the students affirmed

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given line:

Don't you have friends in the school?

- (a) much (b) few
(c) little (d) any

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line from a sports journal:

The captain of the team was accused with not encouraging the team members.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	the	a
(b)	with	of
(c)	encouraging	encouragement
(d)	members	member

(v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The children better safety procedures after the unexpected fire in the school.

- (a) called for (b) called in
(c) called by (d) called out

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket:

The teacher (complete) the preparations for the function before the term ended.

(vii) Report the dialogue between the shopkeeper and customer, by completing the sentence:

Customer: Do you sell battery operated toys for children?

Shopkeeper: Yes, we have a wide range of toys.

The customer asked the shopkeeper if he sold battery operated toy for children. In response, the shopkeeper replied

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The stage performance put up by the students were spectacular.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(ix) Rohini shared some information with Ruchi regarding her summer internship at the bank. Report Ruchi's question.

What was the duration of your internship?

(x) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option:

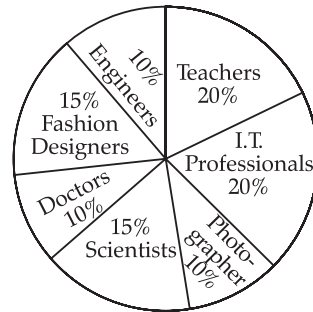
You keep your promise.

- (a) may (b) can
(c) shall (d) must

4. (A) When you think about your city, you feel proud of its historical monuments, places of cultural interest, shopping centres and beautiful parks. Write a letter in 100-120 words to the editor of a national daily expressing your views on 'Your City'. Also suggest ways increase to these places like the government's recent initiative of free entry to all historical monuments on the occasion 75th Independence Day.
You are Sangeeta/Sanjay, 45 Vijay Nagar, Delhi (Word limit 100-120 words)

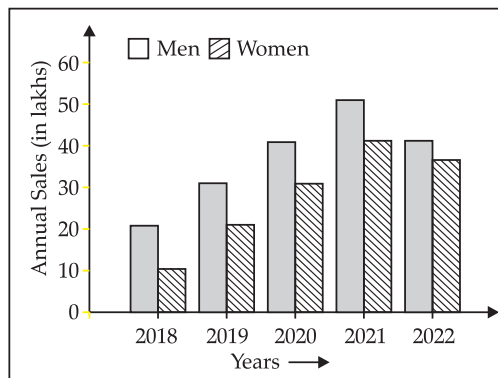
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- (B) You are Ankit/Ankita of Mahavir Public School, Delhi. You have seen an advertisement in 'The Times of India' regarding the starting of new batches of 'Astronomy Club' by the National Science Centre. You wish to join the club. Write a letter to the Director, enquiring about the venue, duration, fee structure, activities, etc. (Word limit 100-120 words)
5. (A) In an exclusive survey conducted by a leading daily, students of class X expressed their job preference. On the basis of the information given in the pie chart, write a paragraph analysing the careers they want to pursue after school. (Word limit 100-120 words)



OR

- (B) Given below is a graph comparing the consumption of health care supplements amongst men and women between the age 25-35 from the year 2018-2022 in terms of their sales. Write an analytical paragraph in about 100-120 words using the details given.



SECTION - C

Literature

8. (a) The quarrel over Green Meadows is finally resolved. Explain.
(e) Amanda gets a list of instructions from her mother of do's and don'ts.
What do these tell you about the relationship between Amanda and her mothers?

Outside Delhi Set-III

Note: Except these all other Questions are from Delhi Set I & II

SECTION - A

Reading Skills

2. Read the passage given:

For Passage, refer Outside Delhi, Set-I, Q1, given on Page 10

- (x) The word 'instinct' in the passage means the same as
- | | |
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| (a) lack | (b) impulse |
| (c) inability | (d) incapacity |

SECTION - B

Grammar and Creative Writing Skills

3. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions:

(i) Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

The coach hoped that in his absence the team would with the practise.

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| (a) carried by | (b) carry into |
| (c) carry on | (d) carry in |

(ii) Read the conversation between a Tourist and a guide.

Complete the sentence by reporting the reply correctly.

Tourist: Where is the exhibit section of the fort?

Guide: In the far corner, on the second floor.

The tourist asked the guide where the exhibit section of the fort was to which the guide replied

(iii) Select the correct option to fill in the blanks for the given line:

The treasurer and secretary left from the bank.

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| (a) have | (b) has |
| (c) are | (d) is |

(iv) Select the option that identifies the error and supplies the correction for the following line:

The children cheers loudly when their captain scored the winning goal.

Option No.	Error	Correction
(a)	cheers	cheered
(b)	when	by
(c)	scored	scoring
(d)	winning	winner

(v) Complete the given narrative by filling in the blank with the correct option:

The teacher is hoping to an art exhibition before the end of the year.

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|--------------|------------|
| (a) put off | (b) put up |
| (c) put down | (d) put on |

(vi) Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket:

The school (Is organise) an educational tour to Kashmir in the summer break.

(vii) Report the dialogue between Lata and Usha by completing the sentence:

Lata: What activity did you enjoy the most in the summer camp?

Usha: I enjoyed art and craft class.

Lata asked Usha what activity did she enjoy the most in the summer camp. Usha replied that the

(viii) Identify the error in the given sentence and supply the correction:

The orchestra performed on the central theatre in front of a huge audience.

Use the given format for your response:

Error	Correction

(ix) Bela shared some information about her visit to her grandmother with Malini. Report Malini's question?
Is your Grandmother feeling better now?

(x) **Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the advisory by the Health Department:**
Schools instruct students to wear full sleeved shirts during monsoon time.

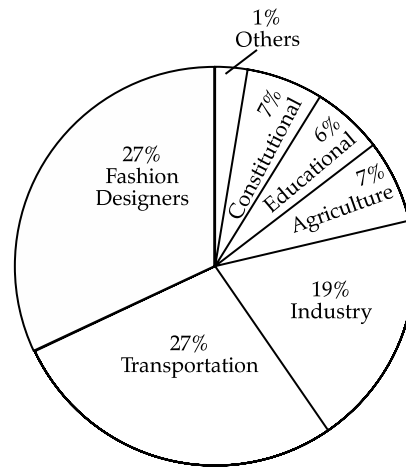
- (a) ought
- (b) would
- (c) might
- (d) ought to

4. (A) You are Anita/Anil of Panday Park. You recently worked on a school project on the powerful impact of media in promoting national integration. Write a letter to the editor of The Hindu, sharing your views on the role of media word limit 100-120 words.

OR

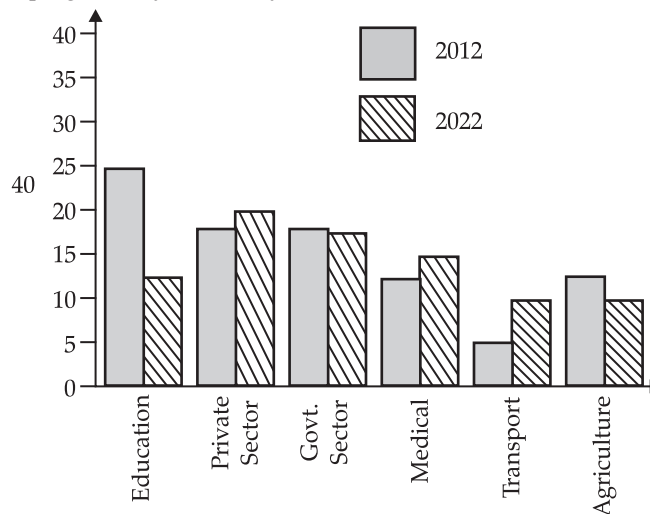
(B) You are Kamal/Kanishka living at G-59 Kirti Nagar. Write a letter to the Principal I.T. I Pune in about 100-120 words enquiring about the diploma course available in the institution the duration of the course the free-structure placement services and the admission process.

5. (A) Global weather has been undergoing a drastic change and global warming is responsible for creating arctic melt downs. Use the given pie-chart to write a paragraph analysing the reason for climate change in about 100-120 words.



OR

(B) Write an analytical paragraph based on the double bar graph showing the percentage growth in different sectors in a developing country from the year 2012 to 2022.



Answers

Delhi Set-I

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SECTION - A

1. (i) **Option (c) is correct**
 (ii) **Option (d) is correct**
 (iii) Acquire a new meaning and significance to us.
 (iv) because hiking takes us in the midst of nature and the sight of waterfalls, flowers, streams, trees and bushes is pleasing.
 (v) flowers
 (vi) **Option (b) is correct**
 (vii) **Option (d) is correct**
 (viii) Two examples of minute observations made while on a hike are: 1. A snake casting its slough
 2. A mouse peeping out of its hole.
 (ix) Hiking gives a feeling of unlimited joy as it gives us unlimited freedom and the sights of nature lend a charm to our journey.
 (x) exult
2. (i) because a retired civil engineer in Jammu and Kashmir Government came up with the idea of artificial glaciers.
 (ii) **Option (c) is correct**
 (iii) ice
 (iv) **Option (a) is correct**
 (v) **Option (c) is correct**
 (vi) **Option (c) is correct**
 (vii) **Option (a) is correct**
 (viii) (1) River or stream water at high altitude is diverted to a shaded area of the hill, facing north, where the winter sun is blocked by a ridge or a mountain range.
 (2) At the start of winter i.e., in November, the diverted water is made to flow on sloping hills facing distribution channels.
 (ix) One reason why artificial glaciers seem like the best option is that they provide a continuous supply of water for agriculture even in areas where the natural glacier has melted.
 (x) **Option (c) is correct**

SECTION - B

3. (i) **Option (a) is correct**
 (ii) that the engine had broken down
 (iii) **Option (b) is correct**
 (iv) **Option (a) is correct**
 (v) **Option (c) is correct**
 (vi) **Option (c) is correct**
 (vii) that he had always been interested in computers.
 (viii) was-is
 (ix) Kabir told Sahil that he would go to Tripura the next day.
 (x) **Option (a) is correct**
 (xi) **Option (b) is correct**
 (xii) was-is
4. (A) A-24, Rajouri Garden
 New Delhi

28 February 20XX

The Editor

The Times of India

New Delhi

Subject: Technology in Education

Sir,

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to bring into kind notice of the concerned authorities about the pros and cons of technology in the field of education.

Technology is a two-sided sword which has been reaching sky heights since nearly a decade. Almost every field or industry uses technology to perform one or the other task as it reduces engagement and retention. Nowadays it is gaining popularity in the field of education for promoting collaborative learning, aiming children too. It has been noticed that the new tech savvy methods of teaching have a greater impact on children than the contemporary old school teaching and prepares students for the future. It can be said that technology in education is beneficial and easily accessible and economical as well. It promotes technological skills in students and provides current information. In this way it prepares them for the future.

However, technology has its own disadvantages too. Children have greater chances to become addicted to technological devices like mobile phones, etc. They may also lose their interest in studies and indulge in other activities. Use of technology also reduces the problem-solving skills in the children by providing them with cooked up solutions. Online teaching may also contribute to inculcating social anxiety among children by denying them with peer-to-peer interaction. Sometimes technology used for teaching can be high tech and expensive to maintain as well due to which it is not accessible by many. Search engines and blogs like Quora, Wikipedia, etc. are not guaranteed to provide us with authentic and correct information all the time.

Use of technology can also be proven to be a big boon too, but only if used correctly. It promotes students to be interactive in teaching sessions by using certain virtual props. Apart from this, it can also prove to inhabit technological literacy among children which can prove to be quite beneficial for them in the nearby future.

I hope my views would find a suitable place in your newspaper and help to spread general awareness.

Thank you

Yours truly

Vaibhav

- (B) St. Joseph's High School
 14 A, Pune Cantt.

Maharashtra
27th February 20XX
The General Manager
National Tourist Corporation
Delhi

Subject: Enquiry about Group Tours

Sir/Madam

This is with reference to your advertisement in The Hindustan Times dated 21st February 20XX offering excellent packages for group tours.

Our school regularly organizes group tours for students and teachers. Therefore, I am interested in receiving the following information in detail from your company:

1. Duration of the tour
2. Sightseeing itinerary with starting and ending point
3. Cost of package discount
4. Mode of transport
5. Any specific Destinations to which reduction being offered

I would appreciate if you let me know the above details at the earliest.

Thank you

Yours faithfully

Aruna/ Arjun

C.C.A In charge

5. (A) **WATER- A NECESSITY**

The given pie chart shows the consumption of water in a city in the form of percentage. It signifies the wastage of water. It is clearly visible that the maximum amount of water is being used in toilets which is very alarming. 26% of the water is used to flush out the wastes of the people from their toilets. The second most water consuming task is washing of clothes. People in the locality use 22% of the water to wash their clothes. The faucets or taps use 17% of the water which provide people with clean and potable water. The locals also use 16% of the water in shower which is not a good measure. They should instead use a bucket which conserves a lot more water. Leaks also seem to be a major water wastage in the locality. They should be taken care of, and people should take steps on personal level to ensure that the leakages don't persist for long. Dishwashing also takes up 1% along with 2% bath usage. Other water usages such as disposal consume 2% of the water. The people of the locality can be seen wasting water quite a lot. They need to take certain steps and measures to ensure conservation of water in a proper way.

OR

(B) **INTERNET- A LIFELINE**

The given table shows the internet activities done by certain age groups. The first age group is teens who do not do any product research. Instead, the teens indulge themselves in other activities more like online games, searching for news, Doing online shopping etc. An average teen tends to look for entertainment on the internet more than something knowledgeable. Then come the people in their 20s. Their

internet activity is drastically different from the teens, and they can be seen being indulged in more product research, news, shopping, searching for people etc. It can be seen through the given statistics that a person's mentality towards internet changes as they grow, and they tend to go for productive things to do there. The people in their 30s have a similar activity status to the 20s people except for a decrease in downloads, searching for people and online games.

The given data also reflects that the usage of internet is the need of the hour. It is not only bound to the age group be it a 10-year-old or an above seventy. Internet is a part and parcel of everyone's life.

SECTION - C

6. (A) (i) Option (c) is correct
(ii) Option (d) is correct
(iii) the radio was dead
(iv) Option (d) is correct
(v) fear

OR

- (B) (i) Option (d) is correct
(ii) Option (b) is correct
(iii) making bricks for him
(iv) because her grandfather and great grandfather reckoned that their land extended up to the burnt marsh
(v) forty

7. (A) (i) Option (c) is correct
(ii) tranquil
(iii) True
(iv) Option (b) is correct
(v) Option (c) is correct

OR

- (B) (i) Option (a) is correct
(ii) he is trying to find a prey
(iii) comparison has been made between the pads of a tiger and the softness of velvet.
(iv) Option (d) is correct
(v) True

8. (a) In the short story "A Letter to God" by Gregorio Lopez y Fuentes, the night after the rains turned sorrowful for Lencho because the hailstorm had destroyed his entire crop, leaving him with no means to provide for his family.

Nothing was left in his fields. He had suffered huge loss due to the hailstorm.

- (b) The young seagull who always underestimated himself; was hungry and thus he dived at the fish. After holding her he fell downwards and outwards into the area. The young seagull thought he would die but suddenly his wings spread outwards automatically. He moved outwards and downwards but landed safely on the sea and now he floated on the water without any fear. Thus he completed his first flight which led him to lead a life of freedom from fear and dependency.

- (c) The bakers of Goa are known as 'Paders'. The thud and jingle of the traditional baker's bamboo are the signal of their arrival in the morning. When the writer was a child, the jingling thud of baker's bamboo used to wake him up. For children, the very sight of the baker was quite exciting. He was their friend, companion and guide. They ran to meet and greet him. It was not so much for the love of the loaf. What they longed for were the bread-bangles. Sometimes they liked the sweet bread of special make. Thus, arrival of Paders brought joy and belongingness among the children.
- (d) Valli found out that the bus journey to the town took 45 minutes and the two-way fare was 60 paise. She found out these details by listening carefully to the conversations between her neighbours and people who regularly used the bus and asked a few questions here and there. This way, she picked up every small detail about the bus journey.
- (e) When the pirate entered, all were scared and ran away and disappeared except Custard who faced him boldly, attacked him, hit him hard with his forceful tail and gobbled every bit of him. All of them later felt obliged to Custard for saving their lives. Custard jumped in front of the pirate to fight him. The pirate fired two bullets at him but missed both of them. Then Custard gobbled the whole of the pirate and left no trace of him. Thus custard proved his worth in front of all the others.
9. (a) Mrs. Pumphrey who was though an extremely rich lady, was foolishly indulgent in pampering her dog, Tricki. She treated Tricki like a pampered child, feeding him gourmet meals and indulging his every whim. Being the mistress of Tricki; because of her loneliness she treated Tricki like her own child. She wanted to comfort him in each way. She gave Tricki all the things to eat. Since Tricki was also very greedy he didn't refuse to eat.
- (b) Ausable was a secret agent who handled Max cleverly. He told Max that he would complain to the hotel authorities. There was a knock and he said it was the police. Max asked Ausable to send the police back and in the meantime, Max would go and wait on the balcony. It was cunning of him to say so as the balcony didn't exist. With the result, he jumped down and died. This is how Ausable got rid of Max and thus used his intelligence and ingenuity to neutralize Max without resorting to violence. He demonstrates that a clever mind can be just as effective as a weapon in solving crimes and bringing criminals to justice.
- (c) When Richard was in the second grade his mother bought him a children's book titled the travels of Monarch X. At the end of the book, readers were invited to help study butterfly migrations by tagging the butterflies for research. Richard attached light adhesive tags to the wings of monarchs. But the butterfly collecting season lasted for only six weeks in readings. So, it was not easy to catch them thus Ebright decided to raise a flock of butterflies as soon as the pupa changed to an adult butterfly, Ebright used to tag it and then let them go.
10. (a) It is a fact that the human life is mortal. It is brief and has pain. Death is a reality which has to be accepted by one and all. As ripe fruits are early in danger of falling, so mortals when born are always in danger of death. Whether it's a young or an adult, fools or wise, all are subject to death.
- After the death of her child, Kisa Gotami learnt that death is inevitable and cannot be reversed. Whether somebody accepts it willingly or unwillingly, it's a fact which needs to be accepted. When she roamed around in the village from house to house, she found that there was no house where the members were immortal. Those who have taken birth are bound to die one or the other day. Just like ripe fruits are likely to fall apart one day, similarly humans also go far away after dying. Fruit once fallen from a tree cannot be stuck back similarly the human life once gone cannot be brought back.
- Thus, Kisa Gotami concluded after the Buddha made her learn indirectly that death is inevitable for all the living creatures on this earth.
- OR**
- (b) No one is truly born hating a person due to their skin, background or religion. It is the society that teaches one to be hateful against someone. The people need to be taught to hate someone. This means they can be taught to love too. In the chapter Nelson Mandela – Long walk to freedom, Nelson Mandela seems to be quite optimistic and says that even when he and his mates were pushed to their limits in the prison, he still could see a ray of goodness and shine in the eyes of one of the guards which was enough to motivate him to keep going in the freedom struggle.
- Love comes more naturally to human heart than hatred. If people are taught to spread love amongst each other then issues like religious riots and other man-made discriminations will surely no longer be persisting in the society. We are all born under the same sky and in the same world. Thus, all of us deserve equal rights and integrity to fulfill our obligations.
11. (a) It is essential for a person to live a contented life. One should believe in simple living and high thinking. Not everyone is born with a golden spoon. However, with honesty and hard work, we can always achieve our best. A person will never be happy if he keeps craving for what he does not have. In this way, he may even ruin his present. Matilda had a loving and craving for a life of luxury and wealth. She immersed herself in glamour when her husband got an invitation to attend the ball. She did not care

for her loving middle class husband, rather she was running after her fantasies. She always thought beyond her limits. She could have gone to the minister's party in the theatre dress, but she insisted on buying a new dress for 400 francs by shattering her husband's dreams. Then she longed for jewellery which was accessorial and unnecessary. She borrowed a diamond necklace and lost it. To repay its sum, she had to sacrifice many years of her life and her husband's income as well. Both lived in utter poverty to repay it. Matilda lost all her charm and became pale and ugly, thus losing her permanent beauty in search of momentary beauty. Her ostentation and vanity landed her in trouble. Thus, it is apt to say that it is better to be satisfied with less rather showing off out of one's limits and Matilda is a good example of this.

OR

- (b) The protagonist in the story Hari Singh is a young thief who has been caught stealing and is being taken to prison. He narrates his story to a fellow passenger on the train and shares his struggles and hardships that led him to a life of crime. The protagonist's life had been marked by poverty, hunger, and neglect, which forced him to take up stealing to survive. However, during his conversation with the kind and

understanding stranger, the thief begins to feel a sense of empathy and compassion from the stranger. This sense of empathy and understanding is something that the thief had never experienced before, and it touches him deeply. Anil listens to the thief's story with a sympathetic ear and tries to understand the reasons behind his actions. A stranger's kindness and compassion towards the thief creates a sense of trust and understanding between them. This trust and understanding leads the thief to realize the wrongness of his actions and he began to see the possibility of a better life. The thief starts to feel a sense of remorse for his past deeds and decides to turn over a new life. In the end, the thief decides to give up his life of crime and starts a fresh, inspired by the kindness and trust shown to him by the stranger and he did not board the train. Anil's compassion and empathy for the thief led to his transformation from a hardened criminal to a reformed person. In conclusion, the story shows that trust and compassion can indeed reform a person. The stranger's kindness and understanding towards the thief created a sense of empathy and trust that ultimately led to the thief's transformation.

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Delhi Set-II

2/4/2

SECTION - B

3. (i) **Option (b) is correct**
Explanation: Look into means to explore or research.
- (ii) The student replied that he had been inspired by his grandmother who had been a renowned dancer.
- (iii) **Option (c) is correct**
Explanation: We use must because it is essential to take the rules seriously and not waver from them.
- (iv) **Option (a) is correct**
- (v) **Option (b) is correct**
Explanation: Turn to means to consult.
- (vi) Created
- (vii) That he would send her an email and give the details.
- (viii) exciting—excited
- (ix) Sameer asked Samiksha how she had felt when she was donating blood.
- (x) had
- (xi) **Option (c) is correct**
- (xii) was—is
4. (A) Examination Hall
28th February, 20XX
The Editor
Dainik Bhaksar
XYZ City
Sir

Sub: Poor reading habits of students

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the readers to the poor reading habits that our children have these days.

These days, most children are unable to read well and this is because they are not friends with books. The main reason for the development of poor reading habits in children can be attributed to the increased use of technology and gadgets. Children are often seen indulging in social media or playing games on their gadgets rather than spending time reading books and newspapers. Moreover, children are not seen visiting libraries and neither do their parents read to them. With more of peer pressure and increasing load of studies and doing well in academics, children are left with no leisure time that they can devote to reading. The development of poor reading habits is a cause of concern as children will lose self-confidence and would not be able to gain knowledge. It is time to take action by organising reading camps, encouraging children to go to libraries and also making them exchange books with friends. Developing healthy reading habits would benefit the children as well as society.

I hope parents, schools, teachers and students will take an action on this issue.

Thank you
Yours truly
Sushila

OR

4. (B) St. Joseph's High School,
Pune Cantt.

2nd March, 20XX

Editor

Lingua For All

Bengaluru

Subject: Enquiry regarding admission

Sir/Madam

With reference to the advertisement published in *The Times of India* dated 25th February 20XX, some of the students from our school are interested in pursuing admission into a foreign Languages Institute.

However, I would like to know the following details related to the course:

- (a) Eligibility
- (b) Duration of Course
- (c) Time Schedule

- (d) Fee Structure along with the hostel facilities if available.

- (e) Experience of the faculty members

- (f) Placement opportunities and name of the statutory body from where the course is recognised.

Kindly send the above details within a week, so that the students seeking admission can take a decision and enroll at your prestigious institution.

Yours Truly

Aruna/Arjun

C.C.A Incharge

SECTION - C

8. (e) Custard accepts that the other animals are braver than him. It clearly depicts that he is very humble. He, in fact, has a low opinion of himself. That is why the other animals made fun of him.



Delhi Set-III

2/4/3

SECTION - B

3. (i) **Option (c) is correct**
Explanation: Brought about means created or caused.
- (ii) That she would like to but didn't think she would be selected.
- (iii) **Option (c) is correct**
Explanation: Must is used when rules need to be strictly followed.
- (iv) **Option (c) is correct**
Explanation: If we use are, there is subject-verb agreement issue. So, the correct sentence would be: Rahul along with his cousins is leaving for sea.
- (v) **Option (d) is correct**
Explanation: To put off means to be repelled.
- (vi) indication
- (vii) he enjoyed the one in which he had to build a remote control car.
- (viii) Error: Has
Correction: Had
Had is used to indicate an action that has already taken place. The correct sentence would be:
The dog had eaten his food before the trainer arrived.
- (ix) Shahid asked Raziya if she had participated in the tree plantation drive.
- (x) **Option (b) is correct**
4. (A) Maya Nagar
XYZ City
28th February, 20XX
The Editor
Times of India
XYZ City

Sir

Sub: Lack of Parking Space

Through the columns of your esteemed newspaper, I would like to draw the attention of the readers and authorities to the issue of lack of parking space.

As we know, the number of cars is increasing every day with every household having at least one car. Moreover, with increasing construction activities, the parking spaces have decreased, and in some cases, it became almost negligible. This leads to most people parking their cars on roads or narrow roads of colonies. These parked cars cause a lot of traffic congestion and make it difficult for commuters to reach a place on time. In many cases, there are brawls and fights leading to injury to people and damage to vehicles. Therefore, this problem needs to be addressed. Authorities should ensure that every colony has enough parking space so that people do not have to park their vehicles on roads leading to congestion. Additionally, it is also the responsibility of the vehicle owner to park their vehicles in the right manner to avoid any sort of parking issues and brawls.

Looking forward to an early action by the concerned authorities as well as the vehicle owners.

Thank you
Yours truly
Sunita

- (B) Examination Hall
26 February 20XX
The Manager
Capital Electronics
XYZ City

Dear Sir,

Subject: Complaint for a recently purchased TV set.

I would like to draw your attention to my complaint regarding a TV set purchased from your store on 1st February 20XX.

The TV was purchased in a functioning condition and was also setup in the correct manner. However, after a few days, the TV stopped functioning properly. The screen often went blank and even the volume could not be adjusted.

I would request you to send a technician to check the TV set and if required to replace it, as it is still in the warranty period. Hoping for a quick action from your end.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

Rita

5. (A) **Saving the Endangered Species**

Maintaining a balance in the ecosystem is of paramount importance for a sustainable environment. It is essential that the environment be preserved and conserved so that we can continue benefitting from it. Within the ecosystem, it is equally important to take care of and preserve the flora and fauna. However, today, the environment and its flora and fauna is being degraded by the activities of humans and this has led to the extinction of many species.

Human activities like poaching and hunting of wild animals are one of the major causes of the extinction of many species, including the tiger, the national animal of India. Increasing human population has led to an increase in the number of houses required and in turn, this has led to deforestation to make way for more construction. However, this also reduces the natural habitat available for the animals to live and survive in, leading to their extinction. Further, climate change is also making the natural environment unfriendly for many animal species to thrive in.

To maintain a balance in the ecosystem, it is very important to preserve and conserve the various species. This can be done by ensuring that enough actions are taken to conserve and protect the natural habitat of these animals and avoiding deforestation. The government must put into action strict laws and policies

that make hunting and poaching of animals a punishable offence.

Efforts by humans and governments can go a long way in maintaining a healthy ecosystem.

OR

(B) **Preference of Private Vans to School Buses**

Commuting to and from school is an activity that is a major consideration for many parents. Whenever a student has to join school, their commuting is a major concern for almost all parents. These days, many schools provide school vans for the transportation of students in a safe and sound manner. There are parents who also consider dropping and picking children on their own.

A recent survey highlighted the fact that most parents prefer private vans to school buses. Almost 30% of students commute using private vans and an equal number uses school buses. But with the number of school buses that schools make available, this number is very low. Many parents consider private vans to be safer as compared to school buses. There are also many parents who are of the opinion that the condition of private vans is much better than school buses and therefore they prefer sending their children in private vans. Moreover, private van owners also provide many facilities that school buses do not. This makes the parents opt for private vans. Many parents are also observed comparing drivers of private vans and school buses and concluding that private van drivers drive better and in a much safer manner and follow traffic rules as opposed to school buses.

Private vans also pick and drop students to their doorsteps which may not be the case in school buses. This makes private vans a more convenient option and therefore a preferred mode of transport.

SECTION - C

8. (d) Valli spent her time all alone because she had no friend. Her favourite pastime was to stand at the gate and watch everything happening in the street. The most fascinating thing for her was the bus that travelled between her village and the nearest town.
- (e) The pirate who comes through the window has a black beard. One of his legs is of wood. He holds a sharp blade in his teeth and pistols in both hands.

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Outside Delhi Set-I

2/6/1

SECTION - A

1. (i) Option (c) is correct
 (ii) Option (b) is correct
 (iii) Option (d) is correct
 (iv) Option (a) is correct

- (v) Black labourers were made to work in gold mines at very low wages and in conditions that were not at all healthy and conducive for them.
 (vi) Gold was held in high esteem and had religious importance.

(vii) Gold is not only beautiful but also virtually indestructible because it does not rust or corrode. Gold has been used to fabricate gold coins and products that remain undamaged for long time periods.

(viii) **Option (b) is correct**

(ix) **Option (b) is correct**

(x) The desire to hoard gold has been an occupation of working and peasant classes because they do not have faith in paper money.

2. (i) The blackout phase is significant because it will lead to snapping all communication with satellite that is on a mission to Mars.

(ii) **Option (c) is correct**

(iii) **Option (b) is correct**

(iv) Satellite

(v) **Option (d) is correct**

(vi) **Option (c) is correct**

(vii) **Option (a) is correct**

(viii) **Option (b) is correct**

(ix) Elite

(x) **Option (a) is correct**

SECTION - B

3. (i) **Option (d) is correct**
 (ii) that he would change that.
 (iii) **Option (a) is correct**
 (iv) **Option (b) is correct**
 (v) **Option (c) is correct**
 (vi) **Option (a) is correct**
 (vii) that she is going to Dr. Sen's house.
 (viii) Error- success, correction- successful
 (ix) Ritu asked Anita what the matter was.
 (x) **Option (c) is correct**
 (xi) **Option (b) is correct**
 (xii) Error-into; correction- in

4. (A) A-45 Pitampura
 Delhi
 1 March 20XX
 The Editor
 The Hindustan Times
 Delhi
 Sir

Sub: Pedestrians not using subways

Through the columns of your esteemed paper, I would like to draw the attention of one and all towards the under-utilisation of subways by pedestrians.

We know that there are subways available across Delhi for pedestrians to use and commute safely when on foot. However, these subways are often not used and these facilities go unutilised, making them an unnecessary burden on the government. The reasons why pedestrians avoid using subways are the poor maintenance of the subways. Often water stagnation and garbage are seen in these subways that may lead to accidents and therefore, subways are avoided. It is important that subways be cleaned on a daily basis and

maintained by painting them and making them amicable for pedestrians to use. This will solve a lot of traffic issues and make commuting safer for pedestrians.

I hope that the concerned authorities will take action soon.

Thank you

Yours truly

Rohini

OR

- (B) C-12 Janakpuri

Indore

1 March 20XX

The Manager

R.K. Travels

Indore

Sub: Enquiry about Pilgrimage Tour

Sir/ Madam

I am Shivani and would like to travel with my family to Badrinath, Kedarnath and Haridwar. I came to know that you arrange for such pilgrimage tours and was given your reference by a friend.

We, a family of six, would like to take this pilgrimage tour and need the details of the tour and the deluxe buses plying to and from these places. Please provide the details of the tour, including the charges for a family of six and also the boarding and lodging arrangements that are provided. I would also like to know the duration of the tour to plan my travel accordingly. Kindly send the details at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Shivani

5. (A) **Increasing Use of Skin Care Products**

Everyone wants a fair and clean skin and most people follow different skin cleansing regimes to ensure that their skin is always fresh and glowing. Many people, including men and women, have also started using a lot of skin care products available in the market from different brands. These skin care products are said to work on all skin types and include ingredients that keep the skin glowing.

Of the various skin care products, toners, facewash and sunscreen are the most popular as they work to protect the skin and keep it hydrated and fresh. An analysis shows that men use facewash and sunscreen the most while their usage of toners is not very significant. On the other hand, women are seen using sunscreen the most in the summer months. The use of facewash and toners is also significant by women.

The use of skin care products does work wonders on the skin and gives a feeling of confidence to men and women both.

OR

(B) Popular Games in School

Games are very important for students as these provide the required physical stimulus for the students. Every student is required to indulge in one sport or another at school because physical health is important to maintain a healthy mind as well.

Two of the most popular games in school are basketball and volleyball. Over a period of six years, the popularity of basketball has increased significantly. Volleyball is also a popular game, but in the year 2019, its popularity decreased as compared to basketball. However, both sports are opted for by a significant number of students.

The bar graph depicts that students preferred playing basketball to volleyball in the year 2014 but the interest gradually shifted to volleyball in 2016 as seen in the graph.

The indulgence in a sport keeps the mind and body fit and healthy and students must be encouraged to play sports.

SECTION - C

6. (A) (i) Option (c) is correct
 (ii) Option (c) is correct
 (iii) The narrator means that the narrator as well as the teacher were crying while bidding farewell to each other.
 (iv) celebration
 (v) Option (b) is correct
 (B) (i) Option (b) is correct
 (ii) Option (c) is correct
 (iii) Option (d) is correct
 (iv) remarkable
 (v) Option (c) is correct
- OR
7. (A) (i) Option (a) is correct
 (ii) False
 (iii) the word lep and lep is used repeatedly to signify the action of a leopard.
 (iv) spots on yellow skin.
 (v) hide
- OR
- (B) (i) Option (d) is correct
 (ii) he wants to hunt and not scare his prey away.
 (iii) Option (c) is correct
 (iv) the soft paddy feet of the tiger have been compared to the softness of velvet.
 (v) Option (b) is correct
8. (a) After the death of her only son, Kisa Gotami went door to door asking for a drug that could cure her son. She was overwhelmed with grief and was unable to come to terms with the death of her son.
 (b) Raindrops have been compared to coins because the raindrops like money helped in harvesting and growing crops. This in turn leads to prosperity like money helps make more money.
- (c) Goan baker is still an important part of the life of a Goan village as the baker keeps up the old Portuguese tradition and culture. The baker also provides the village people with bread, sandwiches and cakes..
- (d) Chubukov was very happy when Lomov asked for his daughter's hand in marriage. Chubukov embraced Lomov and had tears of happiness in his eyes. He also sought blessing of God for Lomov and his daughter.
- (e) Amanda wishes to be a mermaid so that she can carelessly and freely move away in the ocean. She wants to be carried far away by the ocean waves and wants to be at peace.
9. (a) Hari Singh smiled in the most appealing way towards the end of the story as he had now transformed into an honest person. Throughout the story, he was only dishonest and wanted to rob Anil. However, at the end of the story, Hari Singh truly wants to be educated and work for Anil and therefore smiles in the most appealing way to make his way into Anil's life.
 (b) Mrs. Pumphery did not pay heed to advice given by Mr. Herriot. Mr. Herriot had advised that Tricki must be given lots of water and his diet must be cut down for him to stay healthy. The excuse she gave was that Tricki was very weak and she had to relent and give him whatever he asked for to eat and drink.
 (c) When Ebright did not win anything at the science fair, he realised that merely putting up a model of what was learnt in class was not enough. He realised that winners had to work hard and conduct real experiments to show that they had learnt and assimilated the knowledge. He learnt that science was not just about display but could help one learn a lot.
10. (a) Motivation plays a very important role in taking risks in life and succeeding. Motivation is what urges people to take actions or risks to achieve their goals. Without motivation, it is not possible to reach the aims in life and be successful. The pilot of old Dakota is motivated to meet his family and have dinner with them. So, when he sees dark clouds ahead, he does not stop and risks his as well as the life of passengers to reach his destination. The young seagull is afraid of flying. The seagull would go hungry because no one from his family gave him food. He saw others flying and when once risked to jump to take food from his mother, realised that he had to fly to live. Hunger is what motivated the young seagull to fly.
 (b) Valli is an extraordinary girl who is self-confident and has an adventurous spirit that she uses to release her ambitions of seeking different adventures. As a young girl, she is curious and wants to learn a lot from others. She is a keen observer and listens to conversations to gain knowledge from them. She also asks a lot of questions and sometimes about different places and journeying to them. She even

befriends a conductor to get knowledge to fulfil her hunger for adventure. It is through all her planning and ability to know and learn that she is able to achieve her dreams of adventures.

11. (a) Bholi was a weak and timid girl who was not loved and neither cared for. As a young girl, she was ill-treated and never educated formally. Her face was pockmarked and she was slow to understand things. Moreover, she was considered flawed and was engaged to be married to a fifty-years old man for dowry. However, Bholi's teacher shaped her into a confident young girl who was aware of her rights and her needs. As a confident young woman, Bholi refuses to marry when dowry is demanded and decides to remain a spinster all her life. The changes in Bholi and the nurturing and love of her teacher make her stand for

herself and make a place in a conservative society and thrive in it.

- (b) Matilda was very proud of her beauty and charm and wanted more in life than what she could get. She wanted exquisite things in life and always longed for rich things. When she was invited to the ball, she felt on the top of the world and bought a new dress and even borrowed a necklace to present herself as a distinguished lady. At the ball, her dreams were fulfilled as she was the centre of attention. However, she lost the necklace and then was pushed into debts and ten years of poverty. She worked in other people's houses and dressed in ordinary clothes and even saved every penny much unlike what she used to be. Therefore, her pride and beauty and fake charm led to her downfall.

Outside Delhi Set-II

2/6/2

SECTION - A

2. (x) Option (a) is correct

SECTION - B

3. (i) Option (c) is correct

Explanation: Broke through means to achieve success.

(ii) and asked when the competition was.

(iii) Option (d) is correct

(iv) Option (b) is correct

Explanation: Correct- of

(v) Option (a) is correct

(vi) had completed

(vii) they had a wide range of toys.

(viii) Error- were

Correction- was

The use of were leads to subject-verb agreement issue.

The correct sentence is: The stage performance put up by the students was spectacular.

(ix) Ruchi asked Rohini what had been the duration of her internship.

(x) Option (d) is correct

4. (A) 45 Vijay Nagar

Delhi

1 March 20XX

The Editor

The Times Of India

New Delhi

Sir,

Sub: My city, my pride

Through the columns of your esteemed paper, I would like to express the pride I feel as a citizen of Delhi.

Delhi, the capital of India is a great city and boasts of many places that attract a lot of

tourists as well as local people on a daily basis. Delhi is the seat of the rich cultural heritage of India and has many historical monuments. In addition, the shopping centres and beautiful parks add to the interest of the locals as well as tourists. While these places are visited round the year, efforts can be made to increase the footfall at these places. In line with the government's initiative of free entry to historical monuments in Delhi, other places must also be made toll free. Moreover, schools must be encouraged to get educational trips to the places of cultural and historical significance. This would make the youth aware of the places that are important for Delhi and India.

I hope that enough steps are taken to increase the footfall at these places.

Thank you

Yours truly

Sangeeta

OR

- (B) Mahavir Public School

Delhi

1 March 20XX

The Director

National Science Centre

Delhi

Sub: Enquiry About Astronomy Club

Sir/ Madam

I am Ankita and have great interest in astronomy as stars and the universe fascinate me. I read an advertisement in the Times of India about your club starting new batches for the astronomy club. I have heard great reviews about this club of yours and would like to join it.

Please provide the details of astronomy club along with their fee structure, duration, the activities conducted and the venue where the activities are conducted. I would also like to know if any guest lectures are held at the club as I would be delighted to listen to some of the well-known names in the field. Kindly send the details at the earliest.

Thanking you
Yours sincerely
Ankita

5. (A) **Career Choices**

Getting the right career is important for students these days. Students of grade X choose their subjects in higher school with an aim to pursue a specific career in their lives.

There are various career options available to students and students often express their preferences. According to the chart provided, maximum number of students wish to be teachers or IT professionals. Fashion designers and scientists are also career options for a significant number of students. On the other hand, there are only about 10 % who wish to become doctors, engineers and photographers. It is important that students understand their career preferences early so that they can choose the right subjects that would help them in shaping their career in the right manner.

OR

(B) **Healthcare Supplements**

Everyone wants to stay healthy and fit. Men and women not only eat healthy food but also follow exercise routines that can help them maintain a healthy mind and body. These days,

lifestyle changes often do not let everyone get the right diet to maintain a healthy body. In this case, healthcare supplements are often used by men and women.

These healthcare supplements provide the nutrients to the body that diet cannot provide. The graph shows that the sales of healthcare supplements has increased over the last few years. As compared to the year 2018, the sales of these supplements have increased in years 2021 and 2022. Moreover, both men and women contribute to the sales of these supplements almost equally and significantly.

The given graph clearly shows that right from 2018-2022, men had been more conscious about taking health supplements than women.

The healthcare supplements must be taken to provide the required nutrition that the body lacks but these cannot be substitutes for food.

SECTION - C

8. (a) The quarrel over Oxen Meadows was finally resolved when Natalya accepted Lomov's proposal of marriage. Both were fighting over the ownership of Oxen meadows and neither of them relented, both claiming the land to be theirs. This led to them fighting a lot and everyone wanted this quarrel to be resolved.
- (e) Amanda getting a list of instructions of dos and don'ts from her mother says that Amanda was being controlled by her mother who wanted to bring up Amanda in a manner that girls should be brought up. However, Amanda wanted a life of freedom and peace and did not care for the instructions given to her making her rebellious.



Outside Delhi Set-III

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SECTION - A

2. (x) Option (b) is correct

SECTION - B

3. (i) Option (c) is correct

Explanation: To carry on means to continue.

- (ii) that it was on the second floor in the far corner.

- (iii) Option (b) is correct

- (iv) (A) incorrect- cheers

Correct- Cheered

Explanation: The verb scored is used in the past form and therefore cheers should also be used in the past form. The correct sentence would be:

The children cheered loudly when their captain scored the winning goal.

- (v) Option (b) is correct

Explanation: To put up means to display.

- (vi) is organising

- (vii) had enjoyed the art and craft class.

- (viii) Error- on

Correction- at

The correct sentence is: The orchestra was performed at the central theatre in front of a huge audience.

- (ix) Malini asked Bela whether her grandmother was feeling better then.

- (x) Option (d) is correct

Explanation: Ought to means that it is necessary.

4. (A) Panday Park

Delhi

1 March 20XX

The Editor

The Hindu

Delhi

Sir

Sub: Role of Media In National Integration

Through the columns of your esteemed paper, I would like to draw the attention of

media persons to the role that they can play in promoting national integration.

We know that India is a country where diversity is visible in every aspect and it is important for the people of India to stay united for the progress of the country. National integration is what aims to bind the people of India together and also provide them an environment that is conducive to their staying together. In promoting national integration, media plays a very important role. Media is what keeps people in different parts of the country abreast with what is happening in the other parts and therefore acts as the most powerful means of communication. It is the role of media to present accurate information to the people of the country so that they can distinguish between the right and the wrong. With the help of media, the realities of the Indian political and social scene can be known and people can work for the betterment in all fields. It is the media that can help to remove social vices and maintain the required unity and integrity in India by helping people overcome communism and regionalism.

I hope that the media people play a responsible role in advocating national integration.

Thank you

Yours truly

Anita

OR

(B) G-59 Kirti Nagar

Pune

1 March 20XX

The Principal

I.T.I

Pune

Sub: Enquiry about diploma courses

Sir/ Madam,

I am Kanishka and want to pursue industrial training and skill development courses. I am planning to join your institute for the same and would like to know about the diploma courses that are offered for these courses. I came to know that your institute is the best and so would wish to enrol in this institution.

Please provide the details of the courses available along with their fee structure, duration and the admission process. I would also like to know what placement opportunities does your institution provide on the completion of the said courses. Kindly send the details at the earliest.

Thanking you

Yours sincerely

Kanishka

5. (A) **Arctic Meltdown- A Reality**

Climate change has far-reaching impacts on the earth and is fast causing the earth's atmosphere and environment to deteriorate. Climate change and global warming are also giving rise to a phenomenon called Arctic meltdown, which is melting of the glaciers and the rise in sea levels. If this continues to take place, the earth will soon be submerged in water with many cities and places losing their existence.

There are various reasons that are causing glaciers to melt. The major reason for Arctic meltdown is human activities. Industrialisation, disposal of industrial and agricultural waste, use of renewable sources for power generation, increase in the number of vehicles leading to increased carbon emissions and greenhouse gases are the major factors that are leading to increase in temperatures and causing the ice to melt. As a result, coastal erosion is increasing as is the temperature of oceans, making it impossible for aquatic life to survive.

It is therefore essential to take early measures to address the issue of melting glaciers if we want to keep the earth and its ecosystem surviving and thriving.

OR

(B) **Development in Different Sectors**

Development is essential for an economy as it leads to capital generation, employment generation and enhances the living standards of people in an economy. In an economy, there are different sectors that contribute to its overall development.

From the bar graph, it is clear that the leading sector that had led to the development is the private sector. The influx of money in 2022 from the private sector has created many opportunities for growth and development of the country. Medical and transport sector have also greatly contributed to the development of the country in 2012 as opposed to 2022. The government sector continues to contribute significantly to the overall development. However, the education and agriculture sector have not been given the right impetus for development and therefore have been low contributors to the development of the country in the year 2012 as compared to 2022. It is important that every sector of the economy receive the required support to contribute more to the development of the country.

