

SECTION – B : WRITING SKILLS and GRAMMAR (20 marks)

GRAMMAR

3. Attempt **ANY TEN** of twelve of the following tasks as directed. (1 x 10 = 10)

3.1 Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option.

The package _____ tomorrow at nine in the morning.

- A. will arrive
- B. would arrive
- C. arrive
- D. cannot arrive

3.2 Read the conversation between Vipin and Vikas. Complete the narration correctly.

Vipin: Where are you going?

Vikas: I am going to Mumbai to attend a seminar.

Vipin asked Vikas where he was going. Vikas informed that _____.

3.3 There’s never _____ petrol left after Rehaan uses the car.

- A. much
- B. many
- C. little
- D. some

3.4 Select the correct option to complete the narration of the dialogue between Ananya and Maanya:

Ananya: Why ask so many questions, Maanya?

Maanya: I believe that if you don’t know the answer, keep asking till you do!

Ananya asked Maanya the reason for the many questions she was asking. Maanya exclaimed good humouredly that in the event of not knowing the answer one should _____ .

- A. keep asking till one does
- B. kept asking till one does
- C. keep asking till one do
- D. kept on to ask till one do

3.5 Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the verb in the bracket.

I _____ (write) the letter before he arrived.

3.6 Select the correct option to fill in the blank for the given line.

The boy _____ under the bed when his parents came.

- A. has been hiding
- B. was hiding
- C. have hid
- D. had hidden

3.7 Identify the error in the given sentence:

Clean air was vital to human health and fitness.

| ERROR | CORRECTION |
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3.8 Select the option which identifies the error and supply the correction for the following line:

She told him that she will meet him later.

| OPTION | ERROR | CORRECTION |
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| A | later | latest |
| B | will | would |
| C | told | told to |
| D | that | if |

3.9 Change the following sentence into indirect speech.

Ashu said to Amit, “Do not go to the park today.”

3.10 Fill in the blank by choosing the correct option to complete the conversation.

By the time we reach the school the bell _____.

- A. will be ringing
- B. will have rung
- C. would have been ringing
- D. would have rung

3.11 Fill in the blank by using the correct form of the word in the bracket.

Has dinner _____ (prepare) by the cook?

3.12 Rice and curry _____ (is/are) my favourite dish.

WRITING

NOTE: All the names and addresses used in the questions are fictitious. Resemblance, if any, is purely coincidental.

- 4A. Read the cues and write a descriptive passage of the person in 100-120 words: 5

HINTS: Thomas Edison - February 11, 1847- October 18, 1931 - inventor and businessman - America's greatest inventor - developed electric power generation, mass communication, sound recording and motion pictures - established the first industrial research laboratory - married twice - six children - died 1931 - complications of diabetes.

(OR)

- 4B. You are Neha/Naitik. You recently watched the successful landing of 'Chandrayaan-3' on the moon on the television. You are really proud and inspired by the success of your country. Write a diary page expressing your feelings in 100-120 words. 5

- 5A. Write a short story in 100-120 words by using the following hints. Give a suitable title to the story. 5

One day Rohit was playing in the garden - an old woman fainted - sought help - called ambulance - used first aid - saved her life.

(OR)

- 5B. Complete the given story in 100-120 words. Also give a suitable title to the story. 5

It was a freezing cold night. Sneha and her elder brother were alone at home. The doorbell rang. When Sneha opened the door she found two young homeless boys standing at the doorstep ...

SECTION – C : LITERATURE (40 marks)

6. Read the two given extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the two. 5

- A. "I just can't come to terms with the artificiality and glamour of the film world," he says with emphasis. Award and recognition come thick and fast. Bismillah Khan became the first Indian to be invited to perform at the prestigious Lincoln Centre Hall in the United States of America'.
(Sound of Music)

- i) Select the option that correctly captures the application of the word 'thick and fast' as used in the extract. 1

- A. The games are coming thick and fast.
B. My mind is growing thick and fast.
C. The invitations are coming thick and fast.
D. She picked up the language thick and fast.

- ii) Explain, 'I just can't come to terms with the artificiality and glamour of the film world.' 2

- iii) Replace the underlined word with its right synonym contextually. 1

Reena won one of the most esteemed awards in her field of creativity.

- A. minor B. prestigious C. humble D. lowly

- iv) From the given extract we can infer that Bismillah Khan was a great _____. 1

(OR)

- B. "Actually, the overall pattern of her progress is quite satisfactory."

And he patted Margie's head again. He said that Margie was learning at a good pace.

He again patted Margie's head in order to cheer her up. Margie was disappointed.

(The Fun They Had)

- i) What was the county inspector's observation about Margie's progress ? 2

- ii) "... And he patted Margie's head again." This action indicates that _____. 1
 A. she was disappointed.
 B. he wanted to ensure that Margie should continue to study and play.
 C. he wanted to cheer her up.
 D. he wanted to encourage her pace of learning.
- iii) Why was Margie disappointed? 1
- iv) Complete the analogy by selecting the suitable word from the extract. 1
 progress : deteriorate :: _____ : wicked
7. Read the two given extracts and answer the questions for **ANY ONE** of the two. 5
- A.
- Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
 And sorry I could not travel both
 And be one traveller, long I stood
 And looked down as far as I could
 To where it bent in the undergrowth;
 Then took the other, just as fair,
 And having perhaps the better claim,
 (The Road Not Taken)*
- i) Which option supports the ideas in the extract? 1
 a) The problems of human life.
 b) Common but complex experiences of human life.
 c) The optimistic side of life.
 d) Walking ahead in life.
- ii) Explain the metaphor used in the given extract. 2
- iii) Pick an option that best fits the usage of the word 'diverged' as used in the extract. 1
 a) The two friends diverged due to misunderstanding between them.
 b) The street diverged in a crossing near the main circle.
 c) Students can easily be diverged from their goals through little distractions.
 d) Both the boys diverged in their opinion.
- iv) The synonym of undergrowth is _____. 1
 a) stand still b) dirty c) uncover d) underwood
- (OR)
- B.
- A slumber did my spirit seal-
 I had no human fears.
 She seemed a thing that could not feel
 The touch of earthly years.
 No motion has she now, no force-
 She neither hears nor sees,
 Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
 With rocks and stones and trees.
 (A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal)*
- i) According to the poem, what caused the poet to be numb and how did he feel after that? 2
- ii) Identify the poetic device used in the lines: 1
 'Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
 With rocks and stones and trees'.
1. Alliteration 2. Repetition 3. Simile 4. Anaphora
 a) 1, 2 b) 1, 4 c) 2, 3 d) 3, 4

- iii) State whether the following statement is **TRUE** or **FALSE**: 1
 'Earth's diurnal course' means the rotation of the earth on its axis.
- iv) Identify the option that has the same rhyme scheme as these 4 lines. 1

" A slumber did my spirit seal-
 I had no human fears.
 She seemed a thing that could not feel
 The touch of earthly years."

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| a. The people along the sand All turn and look one way. They turn their back on the land. They look at the sea all day. | b. Behold her, single in the field, Yon solitary Highland Lass! Reaping and singing by herself; Stop here or gently pass! |
| c. I celebrate myself, and sing myself, And what I assume you shall assume, For every atom belonging to me As good belongs to you. | d. Let me fetch sticks, Let me fetch stones, Throw me your bone, Teach me your tricks. |

- 8. Answer **ANY FOUR** of the following five questions in about 40-50 words. (4 x 3 = 12)
 - i) How did the doctor feel when the snake had coiled around his left arm?
(The Snake and the Mirror)
 - ii) State the difference between the scene outside the Hindu temple with that of the outside of the Buddhist shrine of Kathmandu? (Kathmandu)
 - iii) 'Lakshman Shastri reformed the new teacher at the school.' How? (My Childhood)
 - iv) 'Einstein is remembered as a global citizen.' Why? (A Truly Beautiful Mind)
 - v) How does the poet experience complete bliss in his cottage? (Rain on the Roof)
- 9. Answer **ANY TWO** of the following three questions in about 40-50 words. (2 x 3 = 6)
 - i) 'Certain human virtues are the essence of every human life.' What human virtues are highlighted in the story 'The Last Leaf'?
 - ii) What helped the narrator adapt his new life after the fire incident?
(A House is Not a Home)
 - iii) 'Iswaran and Mahendra shared a great bond.' Explain. (Iswaran the Storyteller)
- 10. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. 6
 - A. 'Intelligence, smartness, presence of mind and calmness helps to overcome any situation in life.' Elucidate the statement with reference to 'If I Were You'.
(OR)
 - B. 'On Killing a Tree' is a poem which symbolises values in some ways and also has sarcasm in it. Explain.
- 11. Answer **ANY ONE** of the following two questions in about 100-120 words. 6
 - A. 'Olga's empathy and compassion and not pity for Lushkoff brought a positive change in Lushkoff.' Justify the statement with reference to the character of Olga in the chapter "The Beggar".
(OR)
 - B. 'The guru with his wisdom was able to save his disciple.' Based on the statement given, describe the character of the guru. (In the Kingdom of Fools)