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General Instructions:

- 1 This paper is divided into two parts A and B . All questions are compulsory.
- 2 Separate instructions are given with each section and question wherever necessary. Read These instructions very carefully and follow them.
3. Do not exceed the prescribed word limit while answering the questions.

PART A : (40 Marks)

READING

[20 Marks]

1. Read the passage given below

[1× 10 = 10]

We often make all things around us the way we want them. Even during our pilgrimages we have begun to look for whatever makes our heart happy, gives comfort to our body and peace to the mind. It is as if external solutions will fulfil our needs, and we do not want to make any special efforts even in our spiritual search. Our mind is resourceful works to find shortcuts in simple and easy ways.

2. Even pilgrimages have been converted into tourism opportunities. Instead, we must, awaken our conscience and souls and understand the truth. Let us not tamper with either our own nature or that of the Supreme.

. All our cleverness is rendered ineffective when nature does a dance of destruction. Its fury can and will wash away all imperfections. Indian culture, based on Vedic treatises; assists in human evolution, but we are now using our entire energy in distorting these traditions according to our convenience instead of making efforts to make ourselves worthy of them.

4. The irony is that humans are not even aware of the complacent attitude they have allowed themselves to sink to. Nature is everyone's Amma and her fierce blows will sooner or later come and force us to understand this truth. Earlier, pilgrimages to places of spiritual significance were rituals that were undertaken when people became free from their worldly duties. Even now some seekers take up this pious religious journey as a path to peace and knowledge. Anyone travelling with this attitude feels and travels with only a few essential items that his body can carry. Pilgrims traditionally travelled light, on foot, eating light, dried chickpeas and fruits, or whatever was available. Pilgrims of olden days did not feel the need to stay in special AC bedrooms, or travel by luxury cars or indulge themselves with delicious food and savouries.

5. Pilgrims traditionally moved ahead, creating a feeling of belonging towards all, conveying a message of brotherhood among all they came across whether in small caves, ashrams or local settlements. They received the blessings and congregations of yogis and mahatmas in return while conducting the dharma of their pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is like penance or sadhana to stay near nature and to experience a feeling of oneness with it, to keep the body healthy and fulfilled with the amount of food, while seeking freedom from attachments and yet remaining happy while staying away from relatives and associates.

6. This is how a pilgrimage should be rather than making it like a picnic by taking a large group along and living in comfort, packing in entertainment, and tampering with environment. What is worse is giving a boost to the ego of having had a special darshan. Now alms are distributed, charity done while they brag about their spiritual experiences!

7. We must embark on our spiritual journey by first understanding the grace and significance of a pilgrimage and following it up with the prescribed rules and rituals this is what translates into the ultimate and beautiful medium of spiritual evolution. There is no justification for tampering with nature.

8. A pilgrimage is symbolic of contemplation and meditation and acceptance and is a metaphor for the constant growth or movement and love for nature that we should hold in our hearts.

9. This is the truth! On the basis of your understanding of the above passage answer the questions that follow with the help of the given options:

(a) How can a pilgrim keep his body healthy? **1 x 2 = 2**

- (i) By travelling light
- (ii) By eating a small amount of food
- (iii) By keeping free from attachments
- (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

(b) How do we satisfy our ego?

- (i) By having a special darshan
- (ii) By distributing alms
- (iii) By treating it like a picnic
- (iv) Both (i) and (ii)

Answer the following as briefly as possible: 1 x 6 = 6

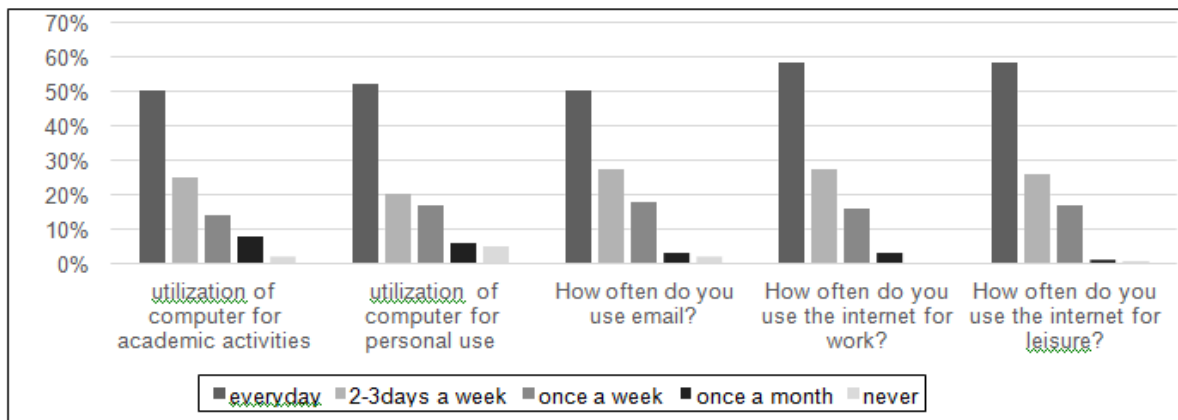
- (c) What change has taken place in our attitude towards pilgrimages?
- (d) What happens when pilgrimages are turned into picnics?
- (e) Why are we complacent in our spiritual efforts?
- (f) How does nature respond when we try to be clever with it?
- (g) In olden days with what attitude did people go on a pilgrimage?
- (h) What message does the passage convey to the pilgrims?

- (i) Find any two words from the passage which mean the same as the following: $1 \times 2 = 2$
- (i) made/turned (para 3)
 - (ii) very satisfied (para 4)
 - (iii) get on (para 7)
 - (iv) donations (para 6)

2. Read the passage given below .

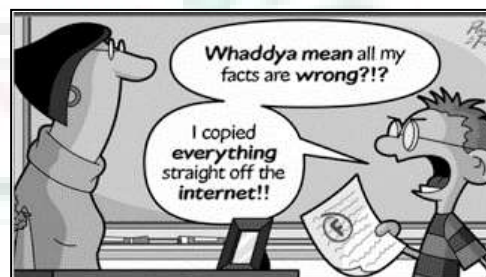
[1×10=10]

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



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

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



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

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

(57%); and allowing content to be transferred between devices (43%) were the varied responses.

On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer any ten of the following questions (1x10 = 10)

i. According to the passage, one of the reasons for the recent transformation of education is the:

- a. techno-efficiency of the present generation
- b. . expande of courses on technology.
- c. simplification of the teaching and learning-method.
- d. easy availability of the internet.

ii. Pick the option that lists statements that are NOT TRUE according to the passage.

1. Internet-based education can only complement familiar methods of education.
2. Net-based learning will replace face-to-face education.
3. The resources that the net provides are a danger to the education system.
4. The current times has seen a rise in the convenience of using the internet for academic purposes.

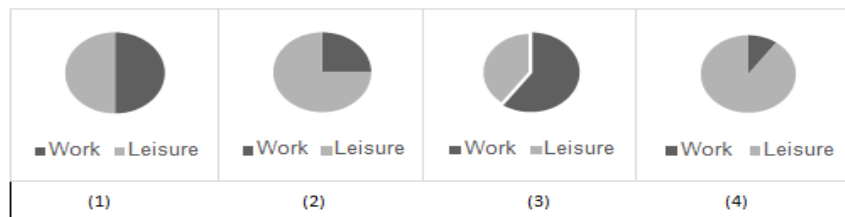
- a. 1 & 2
- b. 3 & 4
- c. 2 & 3
- d. 1 & 4

iii. The word 'tremendous', as used in paragraph 3, means the same as

- a. 'expensive'
- b. 'renowned'
- c. 'innovative'
- d. 'incredible' .

iv. Based on the graphical chart in the passage, choose the option that correctly

states the depiction of internet usage for work and for leisure, for once a month.



- a. Option (1)
- b. Option (2)
- c. Option (3)
- d. Option (4)

v. "... but it must be used carefully and critically." The idea of being *careful and critical* while using the internet, is mainly a reference to

- a. hardware malfunction.
- b. plagiarism.
- c. troubleshooting.
- d. virus threats.

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

1. The everyday usage of email is more than the everyday usage of computer for personal use.
2. About 18% people use email once a week.
3. There are a smaller number of email users using it 2-3 times a week than the ones using it once a month.
4. Less than 5% of people never use the email.

- a. 1 and 3
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 1 and 2
- d. 3 and 4

vii. Based on the given graphical chart, pick the option that lists the area of zero response from respondents.

- a. Never using the internet for work and leisure
- b. Daily use of the computer for academic activities
- c. Writing and receiving emails once a week
- d. Using the internet for personal tasks once a month

viii. In the cartoon, the student's reaction reveals that he is _____.

- a) indignant
- b) apologetic
- c) obedient
- d) inquisitive

ix. Which of the following statements is NOT substantiated by information in paragraph 4?

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

x. According to the 2018 survey, which is the option that correctly displays the features of –

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



- a. Option (1)
- b. Option (2)
- c. Option (3)
- d. Option (4)

xi. Arrange the given e-book features preferred for research from the least favourite to the most favourite, from the following –

1. downloading the entire e-book.

2. choosing page numbers in citations.
 3. highlighting text.
 4. resizing text to fit screen.
- a. 1, 3, 4, 2
 - b. 3, 2, 1, 4
 - c. 2, 4, 3, 1
 - d. 4, 1, 2, 3

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3. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY TWO of the three given by answering the questions that follow. (4+4=8)

(A)

Food is more important for survival than an identity. “If at the end of the day we can feed our families and go to bed without an aching stomach, we would rather live here than in the fields that gave us no grain,” say a group of women in tattered saris when I ask them why they left their beautiful land of green fields and rivers. Wherever they find food, they pitch their tents that become transit homes. Children grow up in them, becoming partners in survival. And survival in Seemapuri means rag-picking. Through the years, it has acquired the proportions of a fine art. Garbage to them is gold. It is their daily bread, a roof over their heads, even if it is a leaking roof. But for a child it is even more.

i. The phrase ‘transit homes’ refer to the dwellings that are

- a. unhygienic.
- b. inadequate.
- c. fragile.
- d. temporary.

ii. Identify the figure of speech used in the sentence “Garbage to them is gold”.

- a. hyperbole
- b. simile
- c. synecdoche
- d. personification

iii. Choose the term which best matches the statement ‘Food is more important for survival than an identity.’?

- a. immorality

- b. necessity
- c. obligation
- d. ambition

iv. What does 'acquired the proportions of a fine art' mean?

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

(B)

They had merely heard that a Mahatma who wanted to help them was in trouble with the authorities. Their spontaneous demonstration, in thousands, around the courthouse was the beginning of their liberation from fear of the British. The officials felt powerless without Gandhi's cooperation. He helped them regulate the crowd. He was polite and friendly. He was giving them concrete proof that their might, hitherto dreaded and unquestioned, could be challenged by Indians. The government was baffled. The prosecutor requested the judge to postpone the trial. Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors.

i. The officials felt powerless because

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

ii. The demonstration proved that the

- a. policies of the British had failed.
- b. dread instilled in the hearts of Indians had begun to lessen.
- c. dealings with the Indian citizens had

been unsuccessful.

d. might of the British had not been understood by Indians.

iii. Which style, from those given below, is being used by the author, when he says, "Apparently, the authorities wished to consult their superiors."?

- a. humorous
- b. dramatic
- c. sarcastic
- d. persuasive

iv. Gandhiji's behaviour towards the British prior to the proposal of postponement of the trial was that of

- a. indifference.
- b. calm acceptance.
- c. ignorance of consequences.
- d. polite helpfulness.

(C)

Jo was starting to fuss with her hands and look out of the window, at the crack of day that showed under the shade. She thought the story was all over. Jack didn't like women when they took anything for granted; he liked them apprehensive, hanging on his words.

"Now, Jo, are you listening?" "Yes."

"Because this is very interesting. Roger Skunk's mommy said, 'What's that awful smell?' "Wha-at?"

“And, Roger Skunk said, ‘It’s me, Mommy. I smell like roses.’ And she said, ‘Who made you smell like that?’ And he said, ‘The wizard,’ and she said, ‘Well, of all the nerve. You come with me and we’re going right back to that very awful wizard.’”

i. Choose the option that best demonstrates the relevant traits of Jo and Jack respectively, based on the extract provided.

- a. curious and irritable
- b. patient and irritable
- c. curious and lethargic
- d. patient and lethargic

ii. “Jo was starting to fuss with her hands”. This means

- a. feeling anxious.
- b. getting restless.
- c. feeling lazy.
- d. fighting sleep

iii. Jo’s “Wha-at?” indicated what she was feeling. Pick the option that correctly states these feelings.

- 1. terror
- 2. surprise
- 3. ignorance
- 4. displeasure
- 5. joy
- 6. approval

- a. 1 and 3
- b. 2 and 4
- c. 3 and 6
- d. 4 and 5

iv. Mommy says, ‘Well, of all the nerve.’ This reveals her

- a. approval, surprise and pleasure.
- b. pleasure, hope and approval.
- c. betrayal, disapproval and hurt.
- d. shock, anger and disapproval

4. Read the extracts given below and attempt ANY ONE of the two given by answering the questions that follow.

(1 x 4 =4)

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

- i) Why are the tigers called 'Aunt Jennifer's tigers' ?
- ii) What does the phrase , 'a world of green' mean?
- iii) How are the tigers different from their creator?
- iv) Why are tigers not afraid of the men beneath *the tree* ?

B) On sour cream walls, donations.
Shakespeare's head, Cloudless at dawn,
civilised dome riding all cities. Belled,
flowery, Tyrolese valley.

Open-handed map Awarding the world
its world. And yet, for these Children,
these windows, not this map, their
world, Where all their future's painted
with a fog,

i. What does the expression - sour cream walls – suggest?

- a. Display of donated artefacts on the walls.
- b. Badly maintained walls.
- c. Wall-to wall furniture.
- d. A poor choice of paint for walls.

ii. The map of the world in the classroom

symbolizes

- a. hopes and aspirations of the children.
- b. travel plans of the school authorities.
- c. a world that is unconnected to the

children.

d. interconnectivity within the world.

iii. The expression, Shakespeare's head is an example of

- a. pun.
- b. satire.
- c. parody.
- d. irony

iv. In the extract, '*future's painted with a fog*' suggests that the

- (a) classroom is as foggy as the paint on the walls.
- (b) beautiful valleys are not a part of the children's future.
- (c) life ahead for the slum children is as unclear and hazy as fog.
- (d) fog often finds itself in the classrooms through broken windows.

5. Attempt ANY EIGHT questions from the ten given below.

(1x 8 =

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i. The writer tones down the philosophical load inherent in 'The Rattrap' with the inclusion of

- a. ironical situations.
- b. satirical dialogues.
- c. classical references.
- d. humour and wit.

ii. Choose the statement that is NOT TRUE with reference to Douglas

- a. Douglas's fear kept him away from leisurely activities in water.
- b. The fall in the pool at YMCA taught Douglas a life lesson.
- c. The fear of drowning was the source of Douglas's anxiety and terror.
- d. Douglas decided to practice relentlessly to overcome his fear.

iii. Spender's use of imagery in "His eyes live in a dream, of squirrel game, in tree room, other than this", brings out

- a. the similarity between the frail bodies of a squirrel and the children in the classroom.
- b. the contrast between studying in the dreary classroom and playing outside freely.
- c. the comparison of the dingy home of the squirrel and the dreary classroom.
- d. the difference between the games of the squirrel and those of the children.

- iv. Keats celebrates trees as a “boon” in the poem *A Thing of Beauty*. With reference to this statement, which of the following options is NOT TRUE?
- a. Trees give us sustenance.
 - b. Trees provide relief from heat.
 - c. Trees help keep the Earth clean.
 - d. Trees appear beautiful to the eye.
- v. Concluding his last lesson by writing ‘Vive la France!’ on the blackboard shows that M. Hamel
- a. was overwhelmed with emotions.
 - b. wanted to distract all attending class that day.
 - c. was keen on not leaving the country.
 - d. wanted to teach French participles through it.
- vi. Rajkumar Shukla’s efforts resulted in Gandhiji’s fight for the farmer’s cause. This showcases that he was
- a. meticulous and kind.
 - b. sincere and curious.
 - c. enterprising and persistent.
 - d. respectful and congenial.
- vii. It is clear that the speaker in Aunt Jennifer’s Tigers has an attitude of towards her.
- a. empathy
 - b. wonder
 - c. sympathy
 - d. gratitude
- viii. ‘Keeping Quiet’ uses fishermen to symbolize man’s
- a. persistent pollution of the natural

- environment.
- b. rapid degradation of human values.
- c. limitless exploitation of natural resources.
- d. constant participation in acts of terror.

ix. Saheb's discarded and worn out tennis shoes are

- a. an indication to procure different ones.
- b. a dream come true.
- c. a sign of his poverty.
- d. an insult to the sport itself.

x. In the poem, *My Mother at Sixty-six*, all that the poet did was *smile and smile and smile...*, Her smile is

- a. sudden, in response to her mother's.
- b. meaningful and loaded with love.
- c. accompanied with tears of farewell.
- d. put on to cheer her mother.

PART B (40 marks)

WRITING
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6. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following.
(1x 3)

analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

(A) You are Suresh /Sunita the owner of *Pink Power*, a café run only by women. You are looking for an interior designer to design the interiors of the café. Draft a suitable advertisement for the same, in about 50 words to be published in the classified columns of the *National Daily*, the local newspaper.

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

7. Attempt **ANY ONE** of the following.
(1x 3)

(A) You are Dr. Stanzin, a certified art therapist from Leh. You have been invited by G. D Public School, Jammu, to conduct a seminar for students

on 'Art Therapy the Way Forward'. This seminar is to introduce students to the usefulness of art in

dealing with personal and social problems. Write your reply, in about 50 words accepting the invitation.

OR

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

8. Attempt ANY ONE of the following.
(1x 5)

analysis, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

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



OR

B) You are Manisha/ Mohit Saini of 83, Model Town, Guwahati, Assam. You are a sports enthusiast. Rangshala School, Guwahati, has advertised the requirement of a Sports teacher, in the local news- paper. You are excited and decide to apply for the post. Write a letter in 100-120 words, responding to the given advertisement, submitting your candi- dature with a detailed bio-data.

Rangshala School, Guwahati
SPORTS TEACHER NEEDED
A P.T.I needed (B.P.Ed); national level player; coaching experience preferred. Specialisation in volleyball/ hockey - a pre-requisite. Salary inclusive of PF. Apply with bio-data , addressed to the principal at 108, Model Town, Guwahati.

9. Attempt ANY ONE of the following.
(1x 5)

evaluation, using appropriate format and fluency, appropriacy of style and tone

(A) While reading about new places and searching for them online has its merits, the advantages of actually travelling to various destinations far exceed them. Write an article in

120-150 words for the magazine *Travel Times*, evaluating both these options.

You may use the cues given below along with your own ideas. You are Ashu/ Anita. • Builds confidence

- Make friends and memories
- Experience new cultures
- Expands knowledge

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

- Big crowds -main grounds of the marketplace
- Colourful decorations
- Inauguration-local panchayat member to inaugurate.
- Folk dance and songs
- Speeches

LITERATURE

(24 marks)

10. Attempt ANY FIVE out of the six questions given below, in 30-40 words each.

(2x5=10)

- a) 'It is a tradition to stay barefoot'. What is the attitude of rag pickers of Seemapuri towards wearing shoes ?
- b) Why was the Y.M.C.A pool considered safe to learn swimming?
- c) Why did peddler derive pleasure from his idea of the world as a rat trap ?
- d) Why did Gandhiji agree to a settlement of mere 25 percent ?
- e) Why has the mother been compared to the late winter moon ' ?
- f) How is the atmosphere inside an elementary slum classroom different from the one outside it?

11. Attempt ANY TWO out of the three questions given below in 30-40 words each. (2 x2=4)

- i. In his letter to Charley, Sam writes, '...then I got to believing you were right.' What could have made Sam begin to believe?
- ii. It was important that the recaptured Evans keep up the façade till the very last moment of his interaction with the Governor. Support this statement with a rationale.
- iii. Sadao's acceptance of the General's plan to assassinate Tom was counterproductive to having put him on the path of recovery. Substantiate with reason/s.

12. Attempt ANY ONE of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- a) . Why and how did Rajkumar Shuklas persuade Gandhiji to visit Champaran ?
- b) Franz's attitude towards the little school as well as Mr. Hamel changes when he comes to know about the takeover of his village by the Prussians?

13. Attempt ANY ONE out of the following questions in 120-150 words (1x5=5)

- a) What purpose did the question paper and the correction slip serve? How did they help both the criminals and the Governor?
- b) How did Mr. Lamb's meeting with Derry become a turning point in Derry's life?