

Set - A

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General Instructions:

1. The Question Paper contains THREE sections - READING, GRAMMAR & WRITING and LITERATURE.
2. Attempt questions based on specific instructions for each part. Write the correct question number in your answer sheet to indicate the option/s being attempted.

SECTION – A (READING SKILLS) (26 Marks)

Q. 1. Read the following passage carefully.

1. Panchayati Raj goes a long way in accomplishing community participation and empowering the marginalised and vulnerable in the hinterland through grassroots administrative institutions.

2. Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) play a predominant role in the delegation of power and resources to villages. The role of PRIs acquires crucial significance in the attainment of cherished ideals of good governance including Gram Swaraj and localisation of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

3. Mahatma Gandhi deserves special mention for conceptualising Panchayat Raj in India. He envisioned panchayats as a small self-sufficient republic that entails total participation of the people and equal opportunities for all.

4. The 1993 amendment has proved to be a catalyst in bringing more than 14.5 lakh women into leadership roles in the country's local governance. At present as many as 20 states have 50% seats reserved for women in their PRIs. States such as Karnataka are giving the much-needed impetus to women into governance with more than 50% women representation in PRIs. Since ages, the prerogative of men in politics and governance is slowly and steadily changing at the grassroots and women are at the forefront making their way in a field from which they have historically been excluded. To top it all, while the Covid crisis had disproportionate impact on women, in terms of increased vulnerability to job and income losses, and heightened burden of care work, women have shined through as being the first responders in their roles as frontline health workers, and local leaders in PRIs and Self-Help Groups.

5. Panchayat Palli in Jammu was selected for the Panchayati Raj Diwas event this year and an exhibition showcasing latest innovations was put up enabling farmers, sarpanchs and village heads to advance their income and their produce.

6. The need and demand for good governance is fuelled with the rapid expansion of the economy as well as the growing awareness for proclamation of rights by the populace. PRI engagement is possibly the only existing mechanism to accomplish large-scale community participation and empower the marginalised and vulnerable, particularly women, children, and the poor. While the centre and the state government are together implementing various development programmes, it all boils down to PRIs to have a definite mandate for realisation of the goal towards improving the quality of life in rural areas. To sum up in the words of Mahatma Gandhi, "When the Panchayat Raj is established, public opinion will do what violence can never do."

1 (A)

On the basis of your reading the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options: (1x5)

(5)

(i) Panchayati Raj Institutions have been formed for-

- a. assigning excess power to villages
- b. assigning power and resources to villages
- c. taking away power and resources from villages
- d. converting villages into metropolitan cities

(ii) According to para-3, which of the options most appropriately describes the impact of Covid crisis on women in villages?

- a. drastic fall in job opportunities
- b. increased stress of care work
- c. outshined as first responders in roles as frontline health workers
- d. All the above

(iii) Select the most suitable title for the above passage-

- a. Gandhiji's vision for PRIs
- b. Role of Women in PRIs
- c. Flagbearers of Participative Democracy
- d. Central government Vs PRIs

(iv) Statement-A: Panchayat Palli in Jammu was selected for the Panchayati Raj Diwas event this year.

Statement-R: Exhibition showcasing latest innovations was put up to advance their income and their produce.

- a. Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.
- b. Both A and R are true but R is NOT the correct explanation of A.
- c. A is true but R is false.
- d. A is false but R is true.

(v) Select the option that conveys the opposite of 'catalyst'.

- a. adjuvant
- b. agitator
- c. stimulant
- d. hindrance

1(B) Answer the following questions in short: (1x5)

(5)

(i) In what way did Mahatma Gandhi try to attain localization of SDGs while conceptualising Panchayat Raj in India?

(ii) Comment on the role of women in the country's local governance after the amendment of 1993.

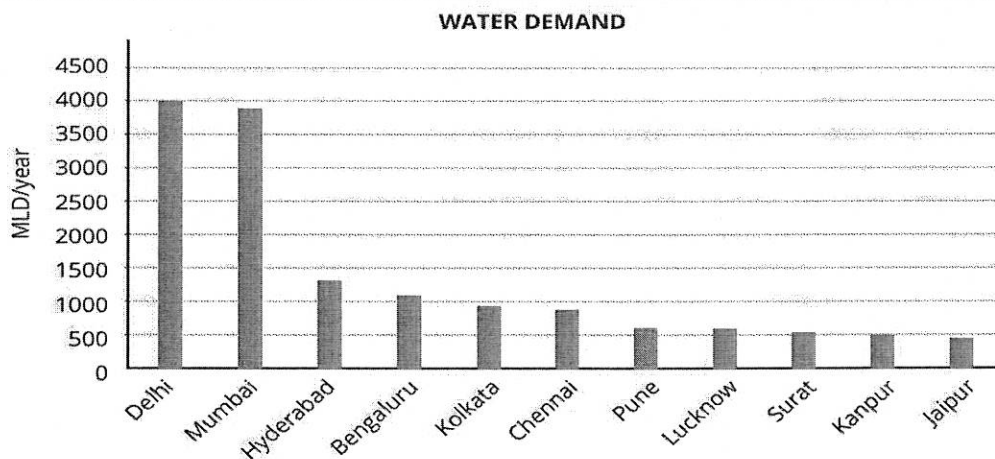
(iii) List two reasons for the requirement of good governance.

(iv) What do you understand by Gandhiji's belief as given in the last paragraph?

(v) Find a word from the last paragraph which means the same as 'inhabitants'.

Q. 2 Read the following passage carefully.

Most cities in India face water shortage problems. According to some reports, 182 cities require urgent attention with regards to water and wastewater management. It is estimated that 35% of water is lost every day in leakages in cities. The effective water supply after this loss is only 125 litres/day per capita. This is considerably lower than the demand of 210 litres/day per capita. The following graph shows the water demand in some major Indian cities in MLD (million litres per day).



Wastewater management is becoming a major challenge in cities. Population growth and urbanisation has put cities under unprecedented pressure. Development of infrastructure and government regulations have not been able to keep pace with this. The other major concern is groundwater exploitation. Many towns and cities still depend on hand pumps for their water supply which depletes the water table.

The way forward – Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM)

The IUWM approach is a completely new way of looking at urban water management. It

encourages cities to align their socio-economic planning to a 'hydrological' context, without losing sight of their developmental priorities. It is based on the following key concepts:
Participation of public, private and social sectors in urban areas in activities that are water related. The participation is needed to reach a common understanding of the challenges to water management and identify a common vision.

Considering the whole urban water cycle as one system. This covers various actions, such as:

- matching water quality with the purpose of use
- using natural systems for water and wastewater treatment
- considering storm water/rainwater as a potential source of water
- preventing leakage
- strengthening urban water systems that often face acute shortage of water or floods
- managing the urban demand and use of water
- Regarding wastewater as a resource. Grey water (used water) can be reused for domestic purposes, urban agriculture and industrial processes.
- Optimum infrastructure design. This implies the selection of correct technology for water supply, wastewater treatment and sanitation. The selection is based on factors such as water quality, economic condition of households, size of population and availability of skilled manpower, land and institutions.

The IUWM is a holistic approach that links urban water management with overall urban planning. If the government wishes to adopt IUWM, it has to adjust some of its policies and regulations, and consider decentralising its activities. It has to also train its technical and managerial staff and be open to sharing information with public.

2(A) On the basis of your understanding of the passage, answer the following questions by choosing the best of the given options: (1x4) (4)

- i) More than a third of the water in cities is lost due to
- a. overuse.
 - b. leakage.
 - c. lack of wastewater management.
 - d. pollution in the water.
- ii) Name two cities which constitute more than 50% of the water demand of all Indian cities put together.
- a. Jaipur and Kanpur
 - b. Mumbai and Delhi
 - c. Surat and Lucknow
 - d. Bengaluru and Chennai
- iii) IUWM approach is a holistic way of looking at urban water management because it
- a. ensures the participation of public, private and social sectors in urban water management.
 - b. supports the use of grey water.
 - c. aligns urban water management with urban planning.
 - d. controls population growth.
- iv). By 'hydrological context' is meant
- a. the context of hydroelectric power
 - b. the scientific study of water
 - c. the correct technology for water supply, wastewater treatment and sanitation.
 - d. a perspective that recognizes issues related to water.

2 (B) Answer the following questions in short: (1x4) (4)
v) What for the Grey water can be reused?

- vi) According to passage, which city faced acute water crisis and was about to approach Day Zero in 2018?
- vii) What are the key concepts underlying the Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) approach?
- viii) What adjustments and actions does the government need to consider if it wishes to adopt IUWM according to the passage?

Q. 3 Read the following passage carefully.

In recent years, our way of life and work has undergone a profound transformation due to rapid technological advancements. The integration of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and automation has reshaped industries, introducing efficiencies and unlocking novel possibilities. Despite the unprecedented opportunities these innovations bring, concerns have emerged regarding their impact on employment and privacy.

Automation, particularly prevalent in manufacturing and service sectors, has elevated productivity and diminished manual labor. Yet, the specter of job displacement looms large, with traditional roles fading into obsolescence. The pivotal task at hand is to uplift the workforce through upskilling initiatives, aligning their abilities with the evolving demands of the job market. Education and training programs must evolve to equip individuals with the essential skills for roles demanding creativity, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence—areas where machines currently lag behind.

Moreover, the omnipresence of technology has ignited heightened worries about privacy. The gathering and analysis of extensive personal data pose ethical questions concerning surveillance and responsible information usage. Achieving a delicate equilibrium between technological innovation and safeguarding individual privacy necessitates meticulous regulations and ethical considerations.

In navigating this digital epoch, society must not only embrace the positive facets of technological progress but also confront the challenges it presents. This calls for a collaborative effort among governments, industries, and educational institutions to cultivate a future where technology augments human potential without compromising fundamental values.

(A) On the basis of your reading of the above passage, make notes using headings and sub-headings. Use recognizable abbreviations wherever necessary (4-6). Suggest a suitable title for the passage. (5)

(B) Write a summary of the above passage in not more than 50 words using the notes made by you. (3)

SECTION – B (GRAMMAR & CREATIVE WRITING SKILLS) (23 Marks)

Q. 4 Fill in the blanks with the suitable forms of the verbs given in the brackets. (1x4) (4)

Before she _____ (meet) her husband, she _____ (travel) extensively and _____ (live) in different countries. When they _____ (decide) to get

	married, they _____ (know) each other for only a year.	
Q. 5	<p>Rearrange the words to make meaningful and correct sentences. (Any Three) (1x3)</p> <p>(i) scientific/ made/ groundbreaking/ the/ research/ team/ a/ discovery. (ii) environmental/ the/ actively/ students/ club/ in/ participated. (iii) students/ advanced/ for/ challenging/ courses/ opted/ have. (iv) discussions/ meaningful/ contribute/ actively/ to/ expected/ are/ students.</p>	(3)
Q. 6	<p>(A) You are shifting with family from Delhi to Mumbai due a change in your job and looking for an accommodation on rent near Juhu Beach. Draft an advertisement in 50 words for the classified column 'Accommodation Wanted'. Invent necessary details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) A multinational company requires a Receptionist for their newly opened office at Noida. Draft a suitable advertisement in 50 words for the classified column 'Situation Vacant' giving details of the requirements.</p>	(3)
Q. 7	<p>(A) You are Shankar/ Shalini working with an NGO 'Animal Protection'. Encouraged by the steps taken by the Indian government in bringing Cheetahs to India, your organization deputed you to draft a poster in 50 words to be published in newspapers celebrating the arrival of cheetahs which was declared as extinct from India in 1952. Also include a message sensitizing people against exploiting and destroying the beautiful grasslands, the natural habitat of cheetahs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) On the occasion of the Annual Science Exhibition in your school, you are inviting Dr. Rajesh Karkoon, a distinguished scientist and educationist, as the Chief Guest. Create a poster in 50 words, highlighting the event's significance and key details.</p>	(3)
Q. 8	<p>(A) "Our school is a melting pot of diverse cultures and backgrounds." Write a Speech that you are going to deliver in the morning assembly of your school, speaking about the beauty of embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity, and creating an environment where everyone feels valued and accepted. (in 120-150 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) Young minds are the future of our nation. Write a Speech in 120-150 words, highlighting the responsibilities and potential of the youth in contributing to the development and progress of the country.</p>	(5)
Q. 9	<p>(A) In sports, aggression is a characteristic that can have many negative as well as positive effects on performance. Write a debate on the topic- 'Aggression is a Vital Part of Sports'. You are Asim/Asima of class XI. (in 120-150 words)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>(B) Explore the arguments for and against the mandatory use of school uniforms. Discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks. You are Riddhima/ Rudresh of Class XI.</p>	(5)
<u>SECTION – C (LITERATURE) (31 Marks)</u>		
Q. 10	<p>Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x3)</p> <p><i>"Now she's been dead nearly as many years</i></p>	(3)

*As that girl lived. And of this circumstance
There is nothing to say at all.
Its silence silences.”*

- (A) Identify the phrase from the extract that conveys the following:
It has been twelve years since the death of the poet's mother.
- (B) The tone of the poet in the above extract is-
- pessimistic
 - optimistic
 - aggressive
 - sentimental
- (C) Which figure of speech has been used in the last line of the extract?

OR

*“When did my childhood go?
Was it the time I realized that adults were not all they seemed to be,
They talked of love and preached of love,
But did not act so lovingly,
Was that the day!”*

- (A) The trait of adults highlighted in the extract is _____
- (B) Which lines justify the following idiom-
- ‘Actions speak louder than words.’
- (C) Choose the poetic device used in the first line of the extract.
- Repetition
 - Transferred epithet
 - Personification
 - Refrain

Q. 11 Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow: (1x3)

“When I went in to comfort the children, Jon asked, “Daddy, are we going to die?” I tried to assure him that we could make it. “But, Daddy,” he went on, “we aren’t afraid of dying if we can all be together — you and Mummy, Sue and I.”

I could find no words with which to respond, but I left the children’s cabin determined to fight the sea with everything I had. To protect the weakened starboard side, I decided to heave-to - with the undamaged port hull facing the oncoming waves, using an improvised sea anchor of heavy nylon rope and two 22-liter plastic barrels of paraffin.”

- (A) An apt title of the above extract could be-
- Power of Words
 - Child is the Father of Man
 - Struggle for Survival
 - Struggle at Sea

(3)

(B) Which group of words from the following options aptly describes the relationship between the father and the son -

- a. Unquestionable, friendly, hesitant
- b. Trusting, strong bonding, unconditional love
- c. Doubtful, feeble bonding, conditional love
- d. Faithful, affable, unpleasant

(C) Choose the word which means the same as 'improvised'.

- a. prepared
- b. planned
- c. rehearsed
- d. devised

OR

A FLAWLESS half-moon floated in a perfect blue sky on the morning we said our goodbyes. Extended banks of cloud like long French loaves glowed pink as the sun emerged to splash the distant mountain tops with a rose-tinted blush. Now that we were leaving Ravu, Lhamo said she wanted to give me a farewell present. One evening I'd told her through Daniel that I was heading towards Mount Kailash to complete the kora, and she'd said that I ought to get some warmer clothes. After ducking back into her tent, she emerged carrying one of the long-sleeved sheepskin coats that all the men wore.

(A) Identify the figure of speech in "Extended banks of cloud like long French loaves".

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

(B) Lhamo's farewell present to Nick Middleton highlights her-

- a. simplicity
- b. friendliness
- c. concern
- d. greed

(C) Choose the option that displays the correct usage of the word 'ducking' in the above extract

- a. This ducking was the very thing he needed.
- b. He walked around to the driver's side, ducking his head as he folded his tall frame into the car.
- c. The slower class of meteors ducking the earth have a velocity of about 8 to 10m.
- d. The movement of traffic was made impossible due to the ducking of tracks.

Q. 12

Read the given extract carefully and answer the questions that follow:

(1x4)

(4)

I stopped, horrified. I was in a room I knew and did not know. I found myself in the midst of things I did want to see again but which oppressed me in the strange atmosphere. Or because of the tasteless way everything was arranged, because of the ugly furniture or the muggy smell that hung there, I don't know; but I scarcely dared to look around me. The girl moved a chair. I sat down and stared at the woollen table-cloth. I rubbed it. My fingers grew warm from rubbing. I followed the lines of the pattern. Somewhere on the edge there should be a burn mark that had never been repaired.

(A) Which room is the narrator referring to in the given context?

- a. dining room
- b. living room
- c. lobby
- d. attic

(B) Identify the literary device in the given statement- "I was in a room I knew and did not know."

- a. Repetition b. Contrast c. Oxymoron d. Paradox

(C) Ascertain the reason that doesn't correspond to the narrator feeling horrified-

- a. oppressed by the strange atmosphere
b. plagued by the tasteless way everything was arranged
c. upset by Mrs. Dorling's reluctance to acknowledge her
d. dismayed by the ugly furniture or the muggy smell

(D) Select the option which means the same as 'hardly/barely'?

- a. oppressed b. scarcely c. muggy d. midst

OR

"It suddenly dawned on me that he had been taking these early morning rides for some time and had come for me this morning only because he knew how much I longed to ride.

Who said anything about stealing a horse? he said.

Anyhow, I said, how long ago did you begin riding every morning?

Not until this morning, he said.

Are you telling the truth? I said.

Of course not, he said, but if we are found out, that's what you're to say. I don't want both of us to be liars. All you know is that we started riding this morning."

(A) Aram's conclusion about Mourad taking early morning rides was based on-

- a. Mourad's love for the horse
b. Mourad not willing to be caught with the horse
c. Mourad skillfully riding the horse
d. Mourad inviting Aram for a ride

(B) Highlight one trait of Mourad from his statement "I don't want both of us to be liars."

- a. conspiring b. scrupulous c. honesty d. manipulative

(C) What made Mourad visit Aram with a horse?

- a. because he had been taking early morning rides himself
b. because he wanted company
c. because he didn't want to be found out alone
d. because he knew Aram's longing to ride a horse

(D) Statement-(A): Mourad had become adept at riding the horse.

Statement-(R): Mourad had stolen the horse that day only and had come to Aram to offer him a ride.

- a. Both (A) and (R) are true and (R) is the correct explanation of (A).
b. Both (A) and (R) are true but (R) is NOT the correct explanation of (A).
c. Both (A) and (R) are false.
d. (A) is false but (R) is true.

Q. 13	<p>Answer the following questions in 40-50 words each: (3x2)</p> <p>a) The root cause of the generation gap presented in the poem ‘Father to Son’ lies in the fact that it only the father talking to his son rather than hearing or understanding him. Explain.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Draw a parallel between a goldfinch and a lizard as depicted by Ted Hughes.</p> <p>b) Who was Howard Carter? What did he find?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>The grandmother had a divine beauty. How does the author bring it out in the story ‘The Portrait of a Lady’?</p>	(6)
Q. 14	<p>Answer the following question in about 40-50 words:</p> <p>a) What reason did Mrs Dorling give to the narrator’s mother to take her belongings?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) What circumstances led to the execution of the king in the poem ‘The Tale of Melon City’?</p>	(3)
Q. 15	<p>Answer the following question in about 120-150 words:</p> <p>a) An adventure is an unusual, exciting and daring experience. Compare and contrast the element of adventure in the chapters ‘The Adventure’ and ‘Silk Road’.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) Nature plays an important part in human life. To keep it alive, man needs to respect the necessity of rain on earth. Reinforce this idea as reflected in the poem ‘The Voice of the Rain’.</p>	(6)
Q. 16	<p>Answer the following question in about 120-150 words:</p> <p>a) ‘I have done something; oh, God! I’ve done something real at last’. Justify Andrew’s comment with reference to the title of the story. (Birth)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>b) ‘All’s well that ends well’ effectively summarises the essence of the play “Mother’s Day”. Elucidate.</p>	(6)
